

GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN



I am honored to join the North Park University family as the new Dean of the School of Music, Art, and Theatre. Together with the school's vibrant faculty and staff, I look forward to continuing the legacy of Dean Craig Johnson as we present the work of our hearts and hands to the community. The School of Music, Art, and Theatre continues a tradition of excellence in presenting our artistic work to the Chicago area and beyond. The fall semester showcases the diverse talents of the School of Music, Art, and Theatre faculty and students.

From the comedic to the creative, our Theatre department presents stories of discovery and imagination, including new works created in just 24 hours. Students and faculty from

our Art Department present an engaging range of work, including the Alumni Triennial exhibition. Music's large ensembles, chamber events and choral concerts promise a semester of inspiration, including works from the Baroque to the present day.

We hope you will join us in this unique artistic journey and we look forward to welcoming you at our events. On a personal note, I look forward to meeting each one of you and hearing your connections to the University I now call home.

Best wishes,
Dr. Natalie Williams
Dean, School of Music, Art, and Theatre

MUSIC EVENTS – FALL 2019

SEP. 19
7:30 pm
Anderson Chapel

Faculty Showcase Recital

The opening program of the year features the multi-talented North Park University music faculty. Join us for this favorite

annual event and celebrate the start of Homecoming weekend activities.

SEP. 29
2:30 pm
Anderson Chapel

Guest Artist: Tiffany Blake, soprano

Associate Professor of Music and Opera Director at Colorado State University, Tiffany Blake presents a program that includes the works of Francis Poulenc, Samuel Barber, Hugo Wolf,

William Bolcom, and Ned Rorem, among others. Nyela Basney is the Collaborative Pianist.

OCT. 5
7:30 pm
Anderson Chapel

Concert Band: Tenth Annual Music for Special Families Concert

Families of children with autism and special needs can freely enjoy the enriching power of music in a safe and welcoming

environment. A *pre-concert "instrument petting zoo"* begins at 7:00 p.m.

OCT. 24
7:30 pm
Anderson Chapel

University Orchestra Concert

Tom Zelle conducts the University Orchestra in a performance of Edvard Grieg's *Holberg Suite*, and Antonio Vivaldi's *Concerto*

for *Two Guitars in G Major*, RV 532, featuring faculty member Julie Goldberg and NPU alumnus An Tran as soloists.

OCT. 27
2:30 pm
Anderson Chapel

Jazz Ensemble Concert

Join us as another season of jazz begins! Featuring the Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combos, directed by Joe Lill.

NOV. 1
7:30 pm
Anderson Chapel

Fall Choral Concert: *Fresh Perspectives*

The North Park Chamber Singers, Women's Chorale, and University Choir, led by Julia Davids and Tom Tropp, are excited to explore fresh musical perspectives! The Chamber Singers will offer a number of contemporary pieces including *Songs of Joy and Refuge* by Chicago composer Stacy Garrop and Tim Corlis' fiendish take on the folksong *Frère Jacques*. They will also present a piece by composer Natalie Williams, the new Dean of North

Park's School of Music, Art, and Theatre. The Women's Chorale will offer Kristina Rasmussen Collins' arrangement of *How Can I Keep from Singing?* The University Choir also combines with students from North Park's jazz program for faculty member Thomas Jefferson's setting of *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* and his *Missa Brevis*.

NOV. 2
7:30 pm
Anderson Chapel

Faculty Recital: You-Seong Kim, soprano and Terree Shofner-Emrich, piano

Faculty chairpersons of the voice and keyboard departments collaborate for an evening featuring works by Hugo Wolf,

Francis Poulenc, and Giovanni Bononcini.

NOV. 8 & 9
7:30 pm
Balsam
Performance Hall
(Hanson Hall,
second floor)

Opera Scenes: *People Who Make a Scene!*

Directed by Michael LaTour and conducted by Nyela Basney, graduate and undergraduate students portray characters in

works by composers including Victoria Bond, William Bolcom, Richard Strauss, Jacques Offenbach, and Pietro Mascagni.

NOV. 10
2:30 pm
Anderson Chapel

Chamber Ensembles Concert

Student chamber music ensembles including strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, and keyboard perform a variety of musical styles.

NOV. 23
7:30 pm
Anderson Chapel

Gospel Choir Concert

This ever-popular performing ensemble returns with a program of traditional and contemporary praise. Directed by Steve Kelly and Helen Hawkins.

NOV. 24
7:30 pm
Anderson Chapel

Concert Band Concert

The Concert Band returns with classics, show tunes, marches, and more!

DEC. 8
4:00 pm
St. Hilary Church
5601 N. California
Ave.

Festival of Lessons and Carols: *Hark!*

Celebrate Advent at North Park with the University Choir, Chamber Singers, Women's Chorale, Gospel Choir Touring Ensemble, and University Orchestra.

For ticket information and a complete listing of music events, including numerous solo student recitals performed each semester, visit www.northpark.edu/music.

ART DEPARTMENT – FALL 2019 CARLSON TOWER GALLERY

AUG. 19–SEP. 21

Reception: Sep. 12
5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Looking at Things Directly:
Elsa Muñoz and Justin Sorensen

SEP. 18–OCT. 18

Reception: Sep. 19
4:30 pm–7:00 pm
Artist's talk 6:00 pm

The Alumni Triennial 2019
A collective presentation of works by North Park University alumni artists.

OCT. 24–NOV. 27

Reception:
October 24
4:30 pm–7:00 pm

Maya Durham—Solo Exhibition
Assistant Professor of Art Maya Durham's featured works.

NOV. 14

Art Extravaganza!
Join us in Wilson Hall for this all-day annual celebration of art! The building will be filled with visual art, performances, collaborative happenings and refreshments. Everyone is invited to explore!

DEC. 5–13

Reception: Dec. 5
4:30 pm–7:00 pm

The Junior Show
An exhibition of art by Junior art majors

Find out more at www.facebook.com/carlsontowergallery/

THEATRE DEPARTMENT – FALL 2019 LECTURE HALL AUDITORIUM

SEP. 13

7:30 pm
to participate.

Project 24 Thirteenth Anniversary

It's our thirteenth year of highly caffeinated creativity! Artists write, direct, act, design, and produce new world premiere short plays in only 24 hours. The results are exhilarating!

SEP. 14

7:30 pm for show

**NOV. 14, 15,
16, 21, 22**

7:30 pm

NOV 23

2:30 pm

**She Kills Monsters, by Qui Nguyen:
Directed by Joseph Schupbach**

A comedic romp into the world of fantasy role-playing games, *She Kills Monsters* tells the story of Agnes Evans as she leaves her childhood home in Ohio following the death of her teenage sister, Tilly. When Agnes finds Tilly's *Dungeons & Dragons* notebook, however, she stumbles into a journey of discovery and action-packed adventure in the imaginary world that was Tilly's refuge. In this high-octane dramatic comedy laden with homicidal fairies, nasty ogres, and 90's pop culture, acclaimed young playwright Qui Nguyen offers a heart-pounding homage to the geek and warrior within us all.

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