MUSIC EVENTS – SPRING 2020

Faculty Recital: Matthew Blanks, tenor

Featuring voice faculty member Matthew Blanks, this program includes a variety of musical styles. Songs of Britten, Leoncavallo, Liszt, and Respighi will be presented, as well as favorites from musical theater, and an original composition by Mr. Blanks.

Hymn Festival: God in our Midst

Join the University Choir, Chamber Singers, and Women's Chorale for the annual Hymn Festival! The theme of God among us will be explored through congregational singing and choral anthems. Dr. Greg Clark and Dr. Sumie Song will be featured speakers, Dr. David Byrion will lead, and University Organist Dr. John W.W. Sherrer and student organist Nippon “Bobby” Nguyen will elevate our singing of new and familiar hymns. Also featured on the program will be the winner of North Park’s annual Hymn Composition Competition.

Student Performance Awards

Annual competition featuring undergraduate and graduate performers and the presentation of student service awards.

Jazz Ensemble Concert

Fresh from their appearance at the Elmhurst College Jazz Festival, Dr. Joe Lill directs the Jazz Ensemble featuring music of Horace Silver, Cedar Walton and more! The Jazz Combos will also perform.

Faculty Recital: Richard Brasseale, saxophone

Featuring instrumental faculty member Richard Brasseale, in a program offering a variety of works for the saxophone. Sharon Rich Peterson is the collaborative pianist.

University Orchestra Concert: Zero Carbon Footprint

Conducted by Dr. Tom Zelle, the program includes Bloch: Concerto Grosso No. 1 with Nguyen “Bobby” Nguyen as piano soloist, Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, Barber: Adagio for Strings, Daniel Crawford: Planetary Bands: Warming World, and Lucy Ioneta: In nomina turris. The orchestra will also perform an original piece based on a theme of global warming, composed by the students from the Englewood El Sistema project “Shift”, under the direction of Ayriole Frost.

Ninth Annual Chamber Ensembles Competition Showcase

Student ensembles perform a variety of musical genres in duos, trios, quartets and combinations.

Spring Choral Concert

Fresh from their tour of Northern California, enjoy an evening of song with the University Choir and Chamber Singers, conducted by Dr. Julia Davids. The Women’s Chorale, conducted by Dr. Tom Tropp, also joins this celebration of Spring for a wide variety of choral repertoire, including “Make Our Garden Grow” by Leonard Bernstein. We welcome singers from Joliet West High School Chamber Choir and their director Timothy DeBoer, and student cellist Mi Ran Choi is a featured guest artist.

Concert Band Concert

Conducted by Dr. Joe Lill, the Concert Band celebrates the 250th birthday anniversary of Ludwig van Beethoven with a performance of his Military March, along with music of Giroux, Sousa and others.

Gospel Choir Concert

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

Opera: Dialogues of the Carmelites

One of the few canonical 20th Century operas, Francis Poulenc’s Dialogues of the Carmelites follows the destruction of a cadre of nuns at the hands of the French Revolution, examining the intersection of faith, heroism, and politics. James Setapen conducts a new production directed by George Cederquist, and performed in French with English supertitles. Tickets will be available via The Athenaeum Theatre box office at 773-935-6875 or www.athenaeumtheatre.org.

Bach Week Festival Concert

The Bach Week Festival and Chorus, directed by Richard Webster, will be joined by the North Park University Chamber Singers and members of Bella Voce in a program that includes Bach’s Motets, cantatas, and choruses from Cantata 147 and Cantata 150, and Telemann’s Cantatas in G Major for Flute, Strings and Continuo, TWV 51:G12. Tickets available at www.bachweek.org.

Jazz Ensemble Concert

Graduating seniors in the band will be featured.
**Quilt: An Art Faculty Exhibition**
Works by Kelly VanderBrug, Emily Lindskoog, Jordan Mortari, Maya Durham Rayner, Cain Baum, Janae Contag, Virian Zapata, and Tim Lowly.
Reception - Thursday January 30, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Senior Art Major Exhibitions**
Carlson Tower Gallery
Feb. 17-21: Christina Psychogios
Feb. 17-21: Ellie Munderfield
Mar. 16-20: Kaja Meyer and Hannah Lewis
Mar. 23-27: Oshabah Paloma and Gabriel Johnson
March 30-April 3: Eden Moer and Daniella Zamora
Apr. 6-9: Ashley Guss
Apr. 13-17: Samantha Kim
Apr. 20-24: Crystal Santiago
Apr. 20-May 1: Tessa Darrib
May 4-8: Rachel Milhor

**Brandel Library**
Mar. 20-May 1: Carolee Patterson
Feb. 24-May 6: Dhalia Solgado
Nolan Van Elk
For more information, including reception dates and times for the Senior Exhibitions, visit www.facebook.com/carlsontowergallery

**Winter One Acts**
Students write, direct, act, design and produce their own festival based on a yearly theme. Check back to see what this year’s theme will be!

**The Shakers at Mount Lebanon Will Hold a Peace Conference This Month**
By Arlene Hutton
Directed by Chad Eric Bergman
Based on a true story, Shakers tells of the struggle it takes to champion peace in a troubled world. NPU is a member of Big Bridge Consortium, a group of schools participating in an interfaith play project supporting the development of a Christian-centered play, a Muslim-centered play, and a Jewish-centered play.
Find out more at www.northpark.edu/theatre

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