

SMARTS!

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota School of the Arts Newsletter

January, 2012

2011-2012 PAGE SERIES, PART TWO

The second half of the 25th season of the Page Series welcomes visitors from across the world, beginning with Mideastern music by the Yuval Ron Ensemble on January 24. For leap year day we have stories for the silly season including *Duck For President* by perennial favorites Theatreworks USA on February 29. This year we explore Celtic connections via French Acadian Canadians when Vishtèn visits on March 21. We end the season with Pushcart Players taking on the classic literary tale *Peter & the Wolf* April 17. There is something for everyone at the Page again this season.

YUVAL RON ENSEMBLE
Tuesday, January 24, 7:30 pm
Adults \$25; Seniors & Students \$20

"Seeker Of Truth"

The Yuval Ron Ensemble includes Arabic, Jewish and Christian artists who come together to unite the sacred musical traditions of Judaism, Sufism (Islamic mystical tradition) and the Early Christian Church into an unusual musical celebration. The concert features the magnificent vocals of Najwa Gibran — acknowledged as one of the finest female Arabic singers living in the West. Oscar-winning composer and world-music record producer Yuval Ron imparts the ancient and deep inter-cultural connection between these three traditions and the musical influences they share. They are joined by the Whirling Dervish Aziz.

PAGE IN HISTORY EVENT

Monday, January 23 • 7:30 pm

Winona County History Center (160 Johnson St.)

The Yuval Ron Ensemble will provide an introduction to the instruments the Ensemble plays. Ensemble members will explain how these instruments differ from or have influenced the development of European-style instruments that came to America with immigrants of the 19th Century.

This event is free and open to the public.

Support for this event is provided by the Xcel Energy Foundation, Winona Community Foundation, and the Winona County Historical Society.

'OFF THE PAGE' series

DANZA ESPAÑOLA: FLAMENCO PURE & STRONG

Friday, February 3 • València Arts Center

Adults \$12; Seniors & Students \$5

Inspired by the powerful and sonorous voice of guest flamenco singer Vicente Griego, director & dancer Deborah Elias explores the intrinsic relationship between time-honored flamenco song and the embodiment of its palpable emotion through the dancer.

Featuring raw, soul-baring solos, lustrous and spirited dances, and driving guitar rhythms, "Flamenco Pure & Strong" connects us to each other and to a more elemental senses of life in the midst of our modern world.

This season we initiated a series of occasional events that don't take place on the Page stage, but occur **Off The Page**. This is the third in the series.



Support provided by:



Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 24 Page Series: Yuval Ron Ensemble, 7:30 pm, Page Theatre

FEBRUARY

- 3 Off The Page: Danza Española Dance, 7:30 pm, València Academy Theatre
- 23-25 SMU Theatre & Dance: *Guys and Dolls*, 7:30 pm, Page Theatre
- 26 SMU Theatre & Dance: *Guys and Dolls*, 3 pm, Page Theatre
- 29 Page Series: Theatreworks USA: *Duck for President*, 6:30 pm, Page Theatre

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- 15 SMU Music: Chamber Singers Homecoming Concert, 7:30 pm, Chapel of Saint Mary of the Angels
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APRIL

- 1 SMU Theatre & Dance: SPLaSH, 3 pm, València Academy Theatre
- 13 SMU Music: Jazz Ensemble & Jazz Combos, 7:30 pm, Page Theatre
- 15 SMU Music: Women's Music Recital, 3 pm, Figliulo Recital Hall
- 17 Page Series: Pushcart Players: *Peter and the Wolf*, 6:30 pm, Page Theatre
- 22 SMU Music : Guest Artist Recital, 3 pm, Figliulo Recital Hall
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- 28 SMU Theatre & Dance: DRC presents *Le Corsaire*, 3 pm, Page Theatre
- 28 SMU Music: Choirs Concerts, 7:30 pm, Chapel of Saint Mary of the Angels
- 29 SMU Music: Chamber Ensemble Recital, 3 pm, Figliulo Recital Hall

Welcome

BOX OFFICE

Phone: (507) 457-1715

E-mail: tickets@smumn.edu

Online: www.pagetheatre.org

The Performance Center Box Office is located in the Ben Miller Lobby on the Winona campus. Event information and tickets are available in person or by phone from 10 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday or online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The box office accepts Visa, Mastercard, Discover, cash, check, and university charge options. Online orders accept Visa, Mastercard and American Express. All sales (online or box office) have a \$1 processing fee per ticket.

CONNECTIONS

Stay informed about *SMarts!* events:

- Like us on Facebook or Twitter.
- Check in at our up-to-date website, www.pagetheatre.org (or buy tickets too).
- Receive our monthly emails by sending us an email at tickets@smumn.edu.
- Call (507) 457-1715 or stop in at the Box Office, M-F, 10 am -6 pm.

VOLUNTEERS

We could not put on a full calendar of arts events at the Performance Center without the valuable assistance of a very important "vested" group of people. You may see a friend or neighbor at the Page wearing our usher's red volunteer vest, taking tickets or assisting people with finding their seats. Please consider joining this group by contacting Tove Wiggs at the Performance Center Box Office, (507) 457-1716. Volunteers help out the community and, in turn, get to see the event they work at for **no cost**.

This past year volunteers donated more than 500 hours to help the Performance Center put on arts events. Please consider joining us. It's a great way to both support and enjoy the arts!

LOBBY ART

The Ben Miller Lobby provides a venue for changing exhibits of regional arts and cultural displays

Timothy Thompson

Jan. 16 – March 2

Artist Reception, Jan. 26, 5:30-7:30 pm

Fifteen years ago, Timothy Thompson developed an interest in watercolors as a way to interpret the world around him. He will share a diverse selection of his work, dedicated to the memory of his late wife Schelly.

Marcia Thompson

March 12 – April 4

A printmaker and educator from West Salem, Wisconsin, Marcia Thompson will present prints from a new series, "Nordic Roots." Most of her work are monotypes, and she is especially interested in the interplay of form and color.

Monta May

April 11 – May 11

Artist Reception, April 26, 5:30-7:30 pm

Recent mosaics of stone, glass and found objects will be presented by this Winona-based interdisciplinary artist who is inspired by the blending of historic techniques to tell stories of the modern world.



Timothy Thompson

Page Series



THEATREWORKS USA: *DUCK FOR PRESIDENT* AND OTHER STORIES

Wednesday, February 29, 6:30 pm
Adults \$12; Seniors & Students \$5

Enjoy an all-new musical revue featuring mini-musicals based on best-selling children's books (including *Duck For President*, *Fancy Nancy*, *Pirates Don't Change Diapers*, *I Have To Go!* and two more stories) sure to bring out the fun for every family member. This is an excellent adventure for families with children in Kindergarten through the 4th grade and is a wonderful way for grandparents to introduce their grandchildren to live theatre based upon favorite children's stories.

Theatreworks USA is celebrating its 50th year of delivering the best in family theatre to theaters across the country. They are frequent visitors to the Page stage, most recently having presented *The Lion*, *The Witch & The Wardrobe*.

Gathering for READ ALOUD Day

Please join us for a Gathering for READ ALOUD Day on **February 25** at 12:30 p.m. at the Winona Public Library. We will be inviting local celebrities to read out loud from their favorite children's literature, including books to be featured at the Page on Feb. 29. We will give away tickets to the Theatreworks USA performance too.

Support for the Gatherings at the Winona Public Library are provided in part by Target, Xcel Energy Foundation, and the Winona Community Foundation.

VISHTÈN

Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 pm
Adults \$25; Seniors & Students \$20

Take twin sisters from Prince Edward Island, Canada, add one male from nearby Magdalen Islands, stir in traditional Acadian culture including its Celtic roots music, let this steep for the better part of two centuries, add talent, passion, and a love for the traditional music they grew up with, and you have Vishtèn.

Sisters Emmanuelle LeBlanc and Pastelle LeBlanc join forces with Pascal Miousse to create anew the music they learned from their parents' generation. Many of the songs are sung in French, but the sound is essentially Celtic. Their work reflects their French Celtic heritage but interprets it in new ways — the sounds and rhythms forged by the musicians who have come before.

The group has been heard at Milwaukee's Irish Fest the past two years, as well as many other traditional folk and Irish music festivals across the continent and the world — performing more than 1000 times in 8 countries.



PUSHCART PLAYERS: *PETER & THE WOLF*

Tuesday, April 17, 6:30 pm
Adults \$12; Seniors & Students \$5

Experience this unique adaptation of the traditional Russian folktale set to music by Sergei Prokofiev. While providing a charming introduction to the world of music and musical instruments, this enchanting tale is all about the adventure of growing up. Danger becomes reality and creative innovation becomes essential as young Peter meets the challenge of survival in the outside world.

This captivating tale, enriched by glorious music and visual effects, will win the hearts of all who view it, while offering a special moment in time for family audiences to share.

Pushcart Players is now in its 38th season of producing theatre and arts-in-education programming for young viewers. All productions are accompanied by comprehensive study guides for parents and group leaders; and meet and greet opportunities with the cast will follow the performance.

Gathering for Peter

Please join us Saturday, **April 14**, at 12:30 p.m. at the Winona Public Library for a Gathering for Peter. Area musicians will play bits of the Prokofiev score to be featured during the performance at the Page on April 17. We will give away tickets to the Pushcart Players performance too.

Theatre & Dance

THERE IS A SONG IN THE AIR

This spring song & dance are featured on the Page stage when the Broadway play *Guys & Dolls* is presented by SMU's theatre & dance students. Later on a full-length ballet *Le Corsaire* is given the DRC (Dance Repertory Company) treatment.

Guys and Dolls

Feb. 23 – 26

Page Theatre

Adults \$10;

Seniors & Students \$5

Written by Frank Loesser

Directed by Dr. Gary Diomandes

Music direction by Judy Myers, M.F.A.

Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, this oddball romantic comedy – considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy – soars with the spirit of Broadway as it introduces us to a cast of vivid characters who have become legends in the canon: Sarah Brown, the upright but uptight “mission doll,” out to reform the evildoers of Time Square; Sky Masterson, the slick, high-rolling gambler who woos her on a bet and ends up falling in love; Adelaide, the chronically ill nightclub performer whose condition is brought on by the fact she's been engaged to the same man for 14 years; and Nathan Detroit, her devoted fiancé, desperate as always to find a spot for his infamous floating craps game.

SPLaSH (Short Play Showcase)

March 28 – April 1

Valência Academy Theatre

Adults \$10; Seniors & Students \$5

This series of student directed plays highlight the depth and breadth of the American theater repertoire. You will be Surprised, Pleased, you may Laugh, or Shout Hurrah by these efforts of the SMU pre-professional thespians.



Dance Repertory Company presents

Le Corsaire

April 27 – 28

Page Theatre

Adults \$10; Seniors & Students \$5

Directed by Tammy Schmidt, M.F.A.

The ballet *Le Corsaire*, loosely based on a poem by Lord Byron, follows Medora, a beautiful slave girl, and Conrad, a dashing pirate, as they journey through a tapestry of captive maidens, rich sultans, swashbuckling abductions, and dramatic rescues — all culminating in a happy ending. Originally choreographed by Marius Petipa to music by Adolfe Adam, *Le Corsaire* continues to delight audiences more than 150 years after its premiere.





Dr. Patrick O'Shea and the Chamber Singers

SMU CHAMBER SINGERS
Homecoming Concert
Thursday, March 15, 7:30 pm
Chapel of Saint Mary of the Angels
FREE

Director: Dr. Patrick O'Shea

Enjoy this welcome home event for the SMU Chamber Singers! The Chamber Singers will be touring March 3 - 11, with performances in Appleton, Wis.; North Bay and Toronto, Ontario, Canada; and Aurora, Ill.

SMU JAZZ COMBO I
Homecoming Concert
Friday, March 16, 7:30 pm
Figliulo Recital Hall
FREE

Directed by Dr. John Paulson

Highlight of the Jazz Combo's tour of Cologne, Germany will be a performance with Stefan Gűsgen, a German Magic Championship winner, as part of a benefit concert for the *Dreifaltigkeits-Krankenhaus* (Trinity Hospital) in Wesseling, Germany. Come celebrate their return.

Jazz Combo I



MUSIC TAKES YOU PLACES

Every spring break the SMU Chamber Singers travel to far off and sometimes exotic places to perform and experience a bit of local color. This spring the Jazz Ensemble will be traveling as well. Enjoy a free "homecoming" concert by each group in March.

SMU CONCERT BAND
Spring Concert
Sunday, March 25, 3 pm
Page Theatre
Adults \$10; Seniors & Students \$5

Guest Director: James Knutson

SMU CHOIRS
Spring Concert
Saturday, April 28, 7:30 pm
Chapel of Saint Mary of the Angels
Adults \$10; Seniors & Students \$5

Choir Directors: Dr. Patrick O'Shea and Lindsay O'Shea



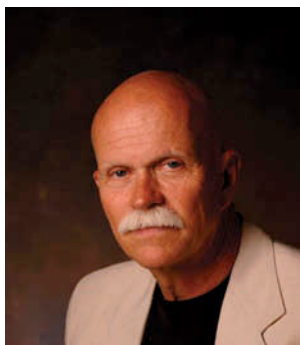
Concert Band

Music



SMU JAZZ ENSEMBLE and JAZZ COMBO
Friday, April 13, 7:30 pm
Page Theatre
Adults \$10; Seniors & Students \$5

Director: Dr. John Paulson



Dr. John Paulson

Please join us for the final concert directed by Dr. John Paulson, who after 30 years will be stepping down as director of the jazz program at Saint Mary's. He is inviting alumni and friends to join him on stage for what promises to be a special evening of jazz, camaraderie, and celebration.

Another full year of classes and performances are planned at the Minnesota Conservatory of Arts at the València Arts Center. Check the back page for new visual arts offerings. Go to their website for more information about all other classes and events: www.mnconservatoryforthearts.org



**MASTER CLASS WITH
DEBRA ELIAS**
Saturday, February 4, 10:30 am
València Arts Center



Deborah Elias

Partake in a masterclass with the Debra Elias of Danza Española. This class is open to students ages 11 to adult. The flamenco dance traditions workshop engages students in the beauty and richness of flamenco, a contemporary art form with ancient roots from southern Spain. The workshop incorporates dance, rhythm play, song, poetry and cultural explorations.

Space is limited and advance reservation is required for this free class. Contact the MCA office at (507) 453-5500 to reserve a spot.

MCA MUSIC DIVISION SPRING CONCERT

Monday, April 23, 7 pm
València Arts Center Recital Hall
\$10 Adults and Seniors, Free to Youth and Students
Payable at the door, cash or check only.

The concert will feature MCA's Winona Area Youth Singers (WAYS), The MCA Flute Choir, and instrumental music division students.



WAYS members are students in grades four through eight from Winona and surrounding areas. The youth choir is now in its fifth season and has been rehearsing a variety of choral material with new and returning members.

The Arts Flute Choir is a community flute choir, formed to provide adults with the opportunity to continue playing the flute and to share their passion of music with others. New members are always welcome!

ART & DESIGN

ART



Lisa Truax
"Residuum," 2011, Ceramic and Mixed Media

EXHIBITS

Lillian Davis Hogan Galleries, Toner Student Center

Verisimilitude

January 19 – March 18, 2012

Opening Reception January 19, 4:30 - 6 pm

This exhibit features the work of the faculty in the SMU Art and Design Department, including Brother Roderick Robertson, Rob McColl, Lisa Truax, Preston Lawing, John Whelan, Charlie Campbell and Tony Calabrese.

When Boundaries Fade

March 24 – April 15

Opening Reception March 24, 4:30 - 6 pm

April 21 – May 12

Opening Reception April 21, 4:30 - 6 pm

This exhibit features SMU student work as part of their senior "capstone" classes.

FSOA



They're majoring in music, theatre, art and design. They're studying dance. They're members of the SMU Concert Band, Jazz Ensembles, Concert Choir or Chamber Singers. They're experiencing the joy of the arts through the Children's Choir and Summer Theatre Camp. They're the emerging artists of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota School of the Arts and they need your support.

Join the School of the Arts at Saint Mary's as we enlighten and inspire gifted young men, women and children who will be the leading performers, artists, musicians and scholars of their generation. The future of the arts is in their hands. Your contributions help us provide a truly exceptional arts experience for our current and future students. Catch a rising star today so they may realize their full potential tomorrow.

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NEW VISUAL ARTS PROGRAMS

Galleria Valencia

education, MCA proudly announces the launch of our Visual Art division — offering a variety of classes starting in January 2012! Classes include: Exploring Sculpture, Fantastic BookArts, Bookbinding — Two Sewn-Boards Bindings, Intro to Mosaic, and Figure Drawing. Classes held are weekly throughout semester in The Monet Room at MCA's Valencia Arts Center.

MCA hosts visual art works from Winona area schools, local artists, and student works from the Minnesota Marine Art Museum in Galleria Valencia, located at the Valencia Arts Center. Throughout the academic year, different schools display works of their student artists. Galleria Valencia is open during the center's hours of operation. Stop by and enjoy the featured talents of local youth artists.

Visual Art Classes

Keeping true to our founder's original vision of encompassing both performing and visual arts in one's overall arts

For more information, visit www.mconserveratorforthearts.org or call (507) 453-5500.

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