Interlude

A NEWSLETTER FOR STUDENTS, ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC



MUSIC NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Norah Duncan IV

his has been a festive year for the Department of Music. The 52nd Salute concert featured alumna Jacqueline Echols, soprano in a



performance of Poulenc's "Gloria." Jazz Big Band I + Strings performed a tribute concert in celebration of the legacy of Matt Michaels, cofounder of the Jazz Studies Program at Wayne State. Professor Robert Conway performed compositions for piano in a solo concert. Our decades-long partnership with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra was never more evident than this year with the performances of the Symphonic Chorus

with this world class orchestra. Our chorus was featured in a performance of the Christmas holiday favorite, "Home Alone" and in the concert version of "Porgy and Bess," under the direction of Leonard Slatkin in February 2019. Wayne State was downstage center at the 41st Annual Classical Roots concert, which featured alumnus Robert A. Harris' "Gloria," with alumna Jacqueline Echols as soprano soloist.

As we move into our 101st year, we say "Goodbye" to Mary Wischusen, who recently retired after teaching both undergraduate and graduate Music History for 30+ years. Mary Wischusen was born in New Jersey and received a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. She received both a Master of Arts and a PhD in Music History and Music Theory from Rutgers University in New Jersey. Dr. Wischusen taught at several colleges in the New York City area.

Mary joined the WSU music faculty in 1986 as Lecturer in Music History. After a national search in 1987, she became a tenue track Assistant Professor. She was promoted to Associate Professor in 1993 and received continuing tenure in 1995.

Dr. Wischusen, was coordinator of the Music History area, oversaw the Bachelor of Arts in music program, and served as departmental graduate officer. As a scholar she presented many papers at musicological conferences, and lectured frequently to general audiences on a variety of musical topics.

Mary has been a valued colleague during her tenure at Wayne State, and has worked tirelessly to uphold the standards of our accreditation and the standards expected of a Research 1 institution. By so doing, she has labored to provide the very best for our students.

Music historians usually have the last work, and this is the case with Mary Wischusen. Her last assignment was to write a history of the last 25 years of the Department of Music. It is available to you free of charge on our website at music.wayne.edu. Thanks, AGAIN, Dr. Wischusen!



VINCENT CHANDLER, MAURICE DRAUGHN, RUSSELL MILLER, MARY WISCHUSEN, CHRIS COLLINS, JEANNINE MILLER, LEAH CELEBI AND KIMWANA DONER-CHANDLER



MARY WISCHUSEN AND NORAH DUNCAN IV

I hope to see you either in the chorus or audience at the department's centennial concluding concert on October 20 and at other events through the coming year. Wayne State University Department of Music: yesterday, today and into the future!

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Norah Duncan IV

Students of Note

Anthony Berardi II, a senior Instrumental Music Education major, was elected President of NAfME State Chapter. Anthony is an accomplished trombonist, an active freelance musician, and a member of the WSU Low Brass Ensemble.

Recent Instrumental Music Education Alumna, **Francesca Florence** (Winter '19) was recently appointed as the new director of the harp program for the Ector County Independent School District in Odessa, Texas.

Ana Jaquim, a junior Music Business major and violinist, received a paid marketing internship this past June with the Chamber Music Society of Detroit.

David Simmons, a senior Vocal Music Education major, won the regional level of the National Association of the Negro and Professional Business Women's Club Vocal Arts Competition.

Seniors Amanda Beaune, violin; Catherine Butler, flute; and Raymond Li, violin were all chosen as 2019 Concerto Competition winners and performed with the University Symphony Orchestra this past February.

The **Low-Brass Ensemble** and **Percussion Ensemble** had the opportunity to participate in oncampus masterclasses with members of the United States Air Force Academy Band ensemble, The Stellar Brass, this past October. The Stellar Brass ensemble is led by Staff Sergeant Quincy Brown ('10), a WSU alumnus and percussionist.

Phillip Sylvester ('18), violinist, composer and Instrumental Music Education alumnus, was recently appointed as the Director of Orchestras at Chelsea High School.

Jonathon Tockstein ('19), who recently graduated with his degree in Instrumental Music Education, recently accepted a position as the Band Director for Carsonville-Port Sanilac Community Schools.

On the cover: Recent Tuba Performance alumnus, **Anthony Flores** ('19)



The CENTENNIAL Campaign

The Centennial Campaign, a goal to raise \$100,000, is an effort to step boldly into the future of the Department of Music at Wayne State—a true cornerstone of music and higher education in Detroit and beyond. Your contribution will enable the department to maintain and enhance the quality of our programs and build on its reputation as a premier training ground for future musicians, scholars, composers and music educators.

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Each contribution to the Centennial Campaign is recognized with a membership in **Friends of Music** —a benefit that includes a membership card that provides free admission for you and a guest(s) to all Department of Music on-campus concerts and half-off Mondays at the Max performances at the Max M. & Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center for one academic year.

CENTENNIAL CLUB

Gifts of \$1000 and above

- 2 free Box Level tickets to the Centennial Closing Celebration on October 20
- Lifetime Membership in Friends of Music
- Friends of Music Membership Card at the Family Level

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Gifts of \$100 to \$999

- 2 free General Admission tickets to the Centennial Closing Celebration on October 20
- Friends of Music Membership Card at the Family Level

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Gifts of \$51 to \$99

- 1 free General Admission tickets to the Centennial Closing Celebration on October 20
- Friends of Music Membership Card at the Family Level

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JOIN FRIENDS OF MUSIC

Donations above \$25 are tax deductible and will be receipted by the WSU Office of Development. Additionally, any donation over \$1,000 will include an engraved name-plate to be placed on the arm of a chair in Schaver Music Recital Hall. To join *Friends of Music* and to contribute to the Centennial Campaign, go to **giving.wayne.edu/donate/cfpca** and designate *Friends of Music* in the drop down menu. Additionally, a *Friends of Music* pdf. registration form can be found at **music.wayne.edu**. We thank you in advance for your generous gift and continued support of the Department of Music.

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DEPARTMENT UPDATES:



Doug Bianchi, Associate Professor and Director of Bands, while on sabbatical Winter 2019, made several distinctive appearances across the globe as a Conductor and Music Director. These musical engagements included the

International Symphony Orchestra, the National Opera and Ballet Orchestra "Oleg Danovski" and a radio broadcast performance with the National Symphony Orchestra "Teleradio Moldova" in Constanta, Romania.



Vincent Chandler, |azz Department Faculty and director of WSU Jazz Big Band II, was recently appointed as the Music Director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Civic Jazz Orchestra beginning this

Jerry Custer, faculty in composition and theory, traveled to Dublin, Ireland for the premier of the newly orchestrated version of his composition I Will Be The Light. The debut was performed by the RTÉ Cor na nOg and Cor Linn choirs with the Irish National Concert Orchestra at Dublin's National Concert Hall. Additionally, this summer,



he continued work to finalize his latest book, Working With Voices: A Choral Methods Primer, which is slated for publication in 2020 by Lorenz Music Publishers.



Maurice Draughn, Academic Advisor III for the Department of Music, will be returning to the classroom as director of the choral program at Cass Technical High School in Detroit. Mr. Draughn received his Bachelor of Harp Performance with teacher certification from Wayne State University and went on to receive

a Master of Church Music from Southern Seminary. During his tenure at WSU, Maurice also served the department as an adjunct instructor directing Men's Glee Club and teaching ear training and piano skills courses.

Music department faculty Kypros Markou, violin, and Stephanie Shapiro, oboe, were featured soloists in an all Bach program titled, Music of Peace and Hope, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church under the direction





of Music director and organist, James Biery.



Joo Won Park, Assistant Professor in Music Technology, was a featured artist in an online article on classical cleveland.com highlighting his collaborative performance at the Re:Sound New & Experimental Music Festival. Additionally, Dr. Park's session proposal: Majoring in Music Technology: An Introduction to Music Technology Programs in

Michigan was approved by the Michigan Music Conference and will be presented at the annual conference in January 2020. Also, the Electronic Music Ensemble, led by Dr. Park, will embark on a multi-city east coast tour this fall after receiving a grant from New Music USA.

NEW FACES

lacek Blaszkiewicz (Music History) holds a Ph.D. in musicology from the

Eastman School of Music (2018). He is a musicologist specializing in nineteenth-century French music, criticism, and aesthetics. Dr. Blaszkiewicz's has



presented his work at major conferences including at meetings of the American Musicological Society and has writings published or forthcoming in several scholarly journals. Dr. Blaszkiewicz has been the recipient of numerous grants, including a Fulbright Fellowship, the Alvin H. Johnson AMS-50 Fellowship, and the M. Elizabeth C. Bartlet award from the American Musicological

John Edwartowski (Music Theory — sabbatical cover for Dr. Karl Braunschweig): John earned a B.A. in Music (2005) and a Master of





included, among other things, the semiotics of improvisation, intertextual elements in the music of Ween, and editorial and adaptation theories as tools for musical analysis. He has worked as a graduate student instructor at the University of Michigan, teaching written and aural theory to music majors and non-majors, as well as an instructor at Washtenaw Community College teaching music theory and functional piano, and directing a student-driven ensemble. The Ad Hoc Orchestra.

Saxophonist **James** Fusik (Athletic Band and Applied Saxophone) has garnered numerous accomplishments worldwide. Fusik has commissioned and/or premiered



works by several composers and has had numerous recent featured performances at venues including the Eastman School of Music, Manhattan School of Music, and at the Contagious Sounds and Permutations series in New York City. Dr. Fusik is a founding member of the Color Field Ensemble, who produced yearly festivals of new music in Madison, WI from 2011-2013. Fusik is renowned for his innovative recital programming and his dedication to expanding the offerings of contemporary music.

John Kennedy (Applied String Bass) is internationally recognized as a bassist, clinician and teacher of young string bassists and was nominated for Orchestra Teacher of the Year for the



state of Michigan. He is Past-President and member of the board of the International Society of Bassists, the largest worldwide organization dedicated to the upright bass. He is

also a regular clinician at the Golden Gate Bass Camp, the Richard Davis Workshop in Madison, Wisconsin, the Michigan Bass Fest, the Oberlin Bass Workshop and the Milt Hinton Bass Workshop. Mr. Kennedy is a regular performer with many local and regional orchestras, was formerly Associate Principal Bass of the Honolulu Symphony, and has performed with the Detroit, Ann Arbor, Flint, Toledo, Kalamazoo, New Mexico, and Cedar Rapids symphonies. He holds a Masters in Music in String Bass Performance from the University of Michigan.

Danielle Wright (Musical Theatre), known for her warmth of tone and passionate commitment to the stage, brings an

impressive breadth

of experience to every production she joins. She moves seamlessly among musical styles, from Baroque to Contemporary, and prides herself in the dramatic portrayals she presents. Most recently seen as Maddie in Three Decembers with Opera

MODO. She has also been seen as Juno in Semele and Paula Deen (one of her favorite roles!) in Opera MODO's Krispy Kremes and Butter Queens as a part of Bon Operatit! and featured in the Diego Rivera Courtyard at the Detroit Institute of Arts, bringing hilarity to Detroit through opera!

Danielle has a private voice and dramatic coaching studio in Detroit, and loves working with incredible undergraduate performers in the Motor City Cabaret at Wayne State University - serving as their vocal director! She is the Executive Director and Founder of Opera MODO.

Johanna Yarbrough (Applied Horn) joins the Department of Music applied



faculty as our newly appointed horn instructor. Ms. Yarbrough joined the Detroit Symphony Orchestra horn section in 2012 after completing a professional studies

certificate at the Colburn Conservatory of Music in Los Angeles. Prior to her time in LA, Johanna attended the University of Alabama, where she graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Music degree. Johanna studied abroad at the Norwegian Academy of Music in Oslo, Norway. Johanna has won many prestigious awards, including first prize of the 2009 University division of the International Horn Competition of America. She has appeared as a soloist with the Detroit Symphony and has presented masterclasses and recitals throughout the country. She is a frequent guest artist with the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings and is a member of the Britt Festival Orchestra, where she performs for 3 weeks in Jacksonville, Oregon each summer.

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ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT



Rick Margitza

The College of Fine, Performing and **Communication Arts** honored jazz saxophonist, Rick Margitza, with a Career Achievement Award in the Field of Music during the 40th Annual Arts Achievement Awards, honoring outstanding alumni and former students. Mr. Margitza is a regarded musician on the international jazz scene and is one of the most respected musicians of his generation. He has

performed and recorded with prominent jazz musicians including Maynard Ferguson, Chick Corea and Miles Davis to name a few. He has also composed a saxophone concerto and two symphonies for orchestra.

Shantanique Moore

Just this past May, The Pittsburgh Symphony announced the appointment of Department of Music Alumna Shantanique Moore, flutist, as the next recipient of the symphony's two-year



fellowship "designed to enable one young African American musician the ability to dedicate him or herself to the pursuit of an orchestral career." Ms. Moore is an accomplished musician, educator, and has performed with several major orchestras including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Toledo Symphony, and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. While at Wayne State, Shantanique's principal teachers were Sharon Sparrow and Laura Larson. She won the WSU Concerto Competition (2012), the Southern Great Lakes Concerto Competition (2013) and the First Prize in the Ervin Monroe Young Artist Competition (2016).

WSU DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC **100 YEARS**

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53rd Salute to Downtown Detroit: Centennial Closing Celebration

Sunday, October 20, 2019

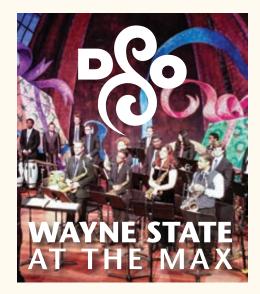
4:00 p.m., The Max M. and Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center

General admission tickets: \$10 Purchase tickets at the DSO Box Office by phone or online: (313) 576-5111 or dso.org

Department of Music Showcase Celebrates 100 Years

This Department of Music showcase features the WSU Wind Symphony, Jazz Big Band, University Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Chorus in a musical extravaganza celebrating 100 years of the department.





Wayne State at The Max

In cooperation with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, The Department of Music is pleased to announce our 2019-2020 season of Wayne State at The Max Performance Series, a concert series featuring premier WSU student ensembles at the Max M. & Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center.

All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in The Cube at the Max M. & Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Friends of Music cardholders, DSO Civic Youth Ensemble families and WSU students (with WSU issued OneCard) receive a 50% discount.

WAYNE STATE AT THE MAX **PERFORMANCES:**

Thursday, November 21 @ 7:30pm **Concert Band and Wind Symphony**

Monday, November 25 @ 7:30pm Jazz Big Band I

Monday, December 9 @ 7:30pm **University Symphony Orchestra** and Symphonic Chorus

Thursday, February 13 @ 7:30pm **Concert Band and Wind Symphony**

Monday, February 24 @ 7:30pm Jazz Big Band I & University **Symphony Orchestra**

Tuesday, April 7 @ 7:30pm

WSU Jazz Night at the Max Join us for a special evening celebrating 40 years of the Department of Jazz at Wayne State University.

Purchase tickets at the **DSO Box Office by phone or online:** (313) 576-5111 or dso.org

Department of Music

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY FALL 2019 CONCERT AND EVENT CALENDAR

Events requiring tickets are marked with a (\$)

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MAX M. & MARJORIE S. FISHER MUSIC CENTER

COMMUNITY ARTS AUDITORIUM, WSU CAMPUS

SCB STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM

AUGUST

8/30 Friday, 11:30am 5 **Department of Music Convocation**



8/31 Saturday, 1:15-2:15pm **WSU Jazz Big Band** Carhartt Amphitheater Stage



8/31 Saturday, 5:45-7:00pm WSU Legacy band: The Music of George Benson Absopure Water Front Stage

SEPTEMBER



9/1 Sunday, 12:15-1:15pm J.C. Heard JazzWeek@Wayne **Jazz All-Star Youth Ensemble** WSU Pyramid Stage

9/13 Friday, 11:30 a.m. **General Lectures and Concerts: Music Education Meeting** (Music Education students required to attend)

9/14-9/15 Saturday-Sunday **American Musicology Society** Fall 2019 Conference See music.wayne.edu for details

9/20 Friday, 11:30 a.m. S
General Lectures and Concerts: Prof. Jacek Blaszkiewicz, **WSU** professor of Music History

9/20 Friday, 7:30 p.m. **WSU Legacy Band:** The Music of George Benson Beacon Park - Detroit

9/21 Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Fall University Open House** Wayne State Campus

9/26 Thursday, 7:30 p.m. S
Gershwin Celebration featuring Frances Brockington, soprano



9/27 Friday, 11:30 a.m. 5 **General Lectures and Concerts: American Romanian Festival**

9/27 Friday, 1:00-1:30 p.m. Fight Song Friday The David Adamany Undergraduate Library

9/27 Friday, 7:30 p.m. 5 **University Symphony Orchestra**

OCTOBER

10/4 Friday, 11:30 a.m. S
General Lectures and Concerts: Faculty Recital featuring Laura Larson, flute, and Stephanie Shapiro, oboe

10/5 Saturday, ALL DAY SCB **Honor Band Day**

10/11 Friday, 11:30 a.m. S **General Lectures and Concerts: Jazz** Lab Band II

cmdetroit 10/11 Friday, 8:00 p.m. (\$) Chamber Music Society of **Detroit: Harlem String Quartet** See chambermusicdetroit.org for details.

10/15 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. 5 Voice Area Recital

10/18 Friday, 11:30 a.m. **S General Lectures and Concerts: American Romanian Festival**

10/18 Friday, 7:30 p.m. S
Men's Glee Club and Women's Chorale

10/19 Saturday, 1:00-8:00 p.m. Surrecordables: Electronic Music

10/20 Sunday, 4:00 p.m. MAX M. & MARJORIE S. FISHER MUSIC CENTER

100 Years @ Wayne: **Centennial Closing Celebration**



10/20 Sunday, 6:00 p.m. WSU JazzJam @ Cliff Bell's

10/25 Friday, 11:30 a.m. S **General Lectures: Collage Concert**

10/28 Monday, 7:30 p.m. (\$)
Concert Band and Wind Symphony

10/30 Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. 5 Piano Studio Recital

NOVEMBER

11/1 Friday, 11:30 a.m. S
General Lectures and Concerts: Women's Work: American Song **Settings of Female Poetry** Featuring Jonathan Lasch, baritone; Caitlin Lynch, soprano and special guest artist Kathleen Kelly, piano

11/6 Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. **S Electronic Music Ensemble**

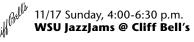
11/7 Thursday, 7:30 p.m. S
Jazz Lab Band III and Guitar Ensemble III

11/8 Friday, 9:00 a.m. 5 **Prospective Student Auditions**

11/11 Monday, 7:30 p.m. **S** String Area Studio Recital

11/14 Thursday, 7:30 p.m. 5 Jazz Guitar Ensembles I & II

11/15 Friday, 11:30 a.m. 5 General Lectures and Concerts: **Detroit Legacy Jazz Band**



11/19 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. 5 Voice Area Recital



11/22 Friday, 11:30 a.m. **General Lectures: Opera Workshop**

11/22 Friday & 11/23 Saturday, 7:30 p.m. 5 (\$) Opera Workshop



11/25 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Wayne State @ The MAX featuring Jazz Big Band I

DECEMBER

12/3 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. **S Chamber Music Recital**

12/5 Thursday, 7:30 p.m. **S** Jazz Big Band II and Jazztet

12/6 Friday, 11:30 a.m. General Lectures: Collage Concert

12/7 Saturday, S

Noel Night See music.wayne.edu for details.



12/8 Saturday, 6:00-10:00 p.m. WSU lazzNight @ CliffBell's Featuring WSU Ensembles and Combos w/ open jam to follow.

12/9 Monday, 7:30 p.m. (\$) Wayne State @ The MAX featuring University Symphony **Orchestra and Symphonic** Chorus

12/13 Friday, 8:00 p.m. (\$) Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Jaap Ter Linden, baroque cello See chambermusicdetroit.org for details.

12/22 Sunday, 7:30 p.m.
Celebrate the Season Featuring WSU Jazz Faculty, Students and Special Guests Hilberry Theatre

Dates, times, venues and artists are subject to change. Up-to-date ticketing and concert information is available at music.wayne.edu. Student degree recitals will be posted online as

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Fall 2019 Concert Calendar and Newsletter

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WSU Department of Music Fall 2019 Performance Venues

Nestled right in the heart of Midtown Detroit, Schaver Music Recital Hall is the primary venue for Wayne State University's Department of Music performances. This 180-seat recital hall is designed to provide students and faculty performers, guest artists and audiences with an intimate musical experience that invites conversation, builds community and echos the energy of the city.

Detailed information for additional performance venues used by the Department of Music during the Fall 2019 semester is below.

SCHAVER MUSIC RECITAL HALL

480 W. Hancock Old Main Building Detroit, MI 48202

COMMUNITY ARTS AUDITORIUM

5351 Cass Avenue Detroit, MI 48202

MAX M. & MARJORIE S. FISHER MUSIC CENTER

3711 Woodward Avenue Detroit, MI 48201

STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM

5221 Gullen Mall Detroit, MI 48202

DETROIT JAZZ FESTIVAL

Hart Plaza and surrounding area 1 Hart Plaza Detroit, MI 48226 Ticket information for on-campus tickets events is available at music.wayne.edu

Dates, times, venues and artists for performances and events are subject to change. Visit **music.wayne.edu** for the most current information.

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