

COLA NEWS

May 16, 2008

1. *Lady, Be Good* opened in the Festival Playhouse last night and runs through June 1. Call the Theatre Box Office at 775-2500 for ticket information and show times.

2. The Department of Music's tenth annual Music Student Honor Recital will be held on May 18 at 3:00 p.m. in the Creative Arts Center Concert Hall. Student performers are selected by a very competitive audition process and represent WSU's very finest music students. Tickets are \$10 adults/\$8 students/faculty/staff/senior/children. All proceeds from this recital will go to support music scholarships for incoming students.

3. Other events taking place in the Department of Music during the upcoming week include:

May 17 – Men's Chorale Alumni Concert, 7:30 p.m., Concert Hall

May 19 – Clarinet Night, 7:30 p.m., Recital Hall

May 20 – Double Reed Studio Night: Raisin' Cane, 7:30 p.m., Recital Hall

May 21 – Percussion Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Concert Hall

These performances are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Victoria Chadbourne at 775-2787.

4. The WSU Senior Exhibition will open in the Robert and Elaine Stein Galleries (A132 Creative Arts Center) on May 18 with a reception from 4:00-5:30 p.m. This exhibit features work from 33 artists and includes paintings, drawings, photography, and sculpture. The exhibit will be on display through June 15.

5. The Social Work Club will hold a bake sale in the Millett Hall Atrium on May 19 and May 20 from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00 . . . lots of great prizes! All proceeds from the bake sale and raffle will benefit children's hunger agencies. Please stop by for a snack. If you have any questions, email sarah.twill@wright.edu.

6. The second strategic planning meetings to identify goals and objectives for the college will be held at the following times:

May 19 – 12:00-2:00 p.m., 035 Medical Sciences

May 20 – 9:00-11:00 a.m., 240 Allyn

May 22 – 3:00-5:00 p.m., 035 Medical Sciences

This work will lay the foundation for the department strategic plans. Please try to attend one of these very important meetings.

7. The spring quarter CoLA faculty meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21 at 3:15 p.m. in 495 Millett. Agenda items include a discussion of "Teaching and Diversity" by the CoLA Diversity Committee and a presentation on Strategic Planning by Jack Dustin.

8. The Department of Communication will hold Mass Comm Alumni Day on May 22. A panel of WSU alums with wide experience in mass media professions will discuss the real world after WSU, their careers, experiences and challenges, at 1:00 p.m. in the TV Center's Studio B. They will offer tips that students cannot get in the classroom. A Meet-and-Greet session for alums and current students will be held at 4:00 p.m. in 495 Millett. This will be an opportunity to network, rub elbows with WSU alumni who have been a success in the world of mass media, and a chance for alums to renew old acquaintances and swap war stories. Students should not miss this day-long opportunity to get their foot in the door of a mass media career. Refreshments will be provided.

9. The Department of English Visiting Writer Series presents Myrna Stone, author of How Else to Love the World and The Art of Loss, Thursday, May 22 at 3:00 p.m. in 302 Oelman Hall. Her poems have appeared in Poetry, Ploughshares, Tri-Quarterly, Massachusetts Review, Nimrod, and River Styx as well as many other journals. She is the recipient of two Ohio Arts Council Fellowships in poetry, a Full Fellowship to Vermont Studio Center, the 2002 Dr. O Marvin Lewis Poetry Award, and the 2001 Ohio Poet of the Year Award. All are welcome to attend.

10. Applications for the College of Liberal Arts Dean's Student Advisory Board are currently available in the Dean's Office and are due by May 21. This is a wonderful opportunity for CoLA students to take a leadership role within their college.

Outstanding Advisor Award nomination form are also available in the Dean's Office. Students wishing to nominate their advisor for this award should submit the forms by May 21.

11. The seventh annual CoLA Graduate Student Colloquium will be held on June 4 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. in the Millett Atrium. The symposium highlights and supports the best research and creative efforts of our CoLA graduate students. This year's presenters include:

Carolyn Stoermer, "An Art Apart: Finding Women's Voices in Contemporary Scrapbooks," Master of English Program, Literature Concentration.

Kathy Hayes, "The Influence of Family on the Preservation of Appalachian Traditional Music: From the Front Porch to Performance," Master of Humanities Program.

Tim Davis and Ryan Gibson, "City of Troy Refuse Collection Study: Comparative Performance Measurement and Cost Analysis," Master of Public Administration

Program.

Rachel Dehart, "Air Technical Intelligence: A Cold War Aerospace Technology Oral History Project," Master of Public History Program.

This event is open to faculty, staff, students, and guests.

12 Congratulations to Dr. Gary Pacernick, Professor of English, who is this year's recipient of the Robert J. Kegerreis Distinguished Professor of Teaching award. He will be recognized at University Convocation in the fall.

13. Dr. Annette Oxindine, Associate Professor of English, and Jeannette Horwitz, Instructor of English, are this year's recipients of the CoLA Outstanding Teaching Awards. They will be honored at the Liberal Arts Awards Ceremony on Friday, June 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the Creative Arts Center Concert Hall.

14 Valerie Lough, a Mass Communication major who graduated in 2005, has received the Best News Writer award in this year's Associated Press Society of Ohio competition. Valerie, a reporter for the Springfield News-Sun, received first place in the News Writing category for mid-sized newspapers in the state. She also took second place in the AP's Best Community Service competition for her articles on Destiny's Law, a legislative effort aimed at toughened penalties in child-abuse cases. Valerie was editor-in-chief of The Guardian in 2004-05.

Jessica Garringer, a 2004 Department of English graduate, earned the Third Place award in the AP's full-page design competition. She also works at the Springfield News-Sun and was the 2004 news editor for The Guardian.

15 Dr. Sarah Twill, Assistant Professor of Social Work, was one of six WSU faculty members who recently received the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education Excellence in Teaching Award. Forty-seven faculty from 13 area colleges and universities were recognized at a luncheon hosted by Wittenberg University. Winners received individual awards and a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble bookstore.

16. The Jodi Fretekin Watts Leadership Assistance Fund was established to provide CoLA students with disabilities the opportunity to participate in leadership activities that will enhance their academic experience and career opportunities. Requests for assistance may be submitted in writing by any eligible student to the College of Liberal Arts Dean's Office at any time. The Dean, in consultation with the department chair of the student's major, will determine appropriate use of and amount of the funds awarded. Please call Jennie Cabrera at X2575 for more information.

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