Welcome...

Welcome to the new season of KU Presents! Performing Artist Series presented at Schaeffer Auditorium, the crossroads of culture, campus and community. This year, we are thrilled to be hosting TONY and GRAMMY award-winning performers, the military’s most traveled musicians, and spectacles of dance and drumming that are sure to amaze you! From our season opener, Broadway’s pre-eminent leading lady Kelli O’Hara, to season closer, the rare and treasured pairing of jazz royalty Branford Marsalis and Kurt Elling, the depth and diversity of our programming will leave you feeling moved, inspired, enlightened, and lifted – we guarantee! Come join us at Schaeffer for yet another season of outstanding entertainment, unique and enjoyable pre- and post-show events, and the warmth of great company who also share a love of the live performing arts.

Robin Zaremski
Director, KU Presents!

See you at Schaeffer!
Kelli O’Hara has equivocally established herself as one of Broadway’s great leading ladies. A 2015 TONY award-winner for her portrayal of Anna in the critically acclaimed revival of the King & I, she has performed in one commercial success after another, receiving TONY, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Award nominations for her starring roles in South Pacific, The Bridges of Madison County, The Light in the Piazza, The Pajama Game, and Nice Work If You Can Get It. Among her film and television credits, she was Mrs. Darling in NBC’s live telecast of “Peter Pan” and appeared in Sex & The City 2, Blue Bloods, NUMB3RS, and All My Children.

Her breathtaking voice can be heard on GRAMMY award-winning cast albums as well as her own solo projects, Always and Wonder in the World. O’Hara has sold out Carnegie Hall, received critical acclaim for her performances as the lead in the New York Philharmonic’s productions of Carousel and My Fair Lady, and recently made her Metropolitan Opera debut in the production of The Merry Widow with Renee Fleming. Don’t miss this rare opportunity to see her in Schaeffer’s intimate setting.

Season Welcome Party
6:00 PM - Schaeffer Lawn
Celebrate Founders Day and the over 150 performances presented by KU Presents during its 28 year history. Pre-show entertainment by The Talisman Players, Genesius Theatre and ACT.
It was a night of journey and recollection, part history lesson and part tribute, woven into a musical landscape that could only be crafted by a master weaver…" ~ Pittsburgh Post Gazette

**Documentary Film**

5:45 PM – Schaeffer Little Theatre
The back story of all country music begins with these two iconic families. Interviews and performances by Johnny Cash, June Carter Cash, John Prine, the Carolina Chocolate Drops, George Jones, Kris Kristofferson, and others contribute to making this a loving and comprehensive tribute to this timeless music.
THE U.S. ARMY FIELD BAND & SOLDIERS’ CHORUS

In Celebration of Veterans

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016 – 7:30 PM

Join the ninety-four member strong U.S. Army Field Band & Soldiers’ Chorus for a memorable night of classical, semi-classical, and popular music selections honoring the members of the armed forces and our local veterans in celebration of Veterans Day. From Boston to Bagdad, Tampa to Tokyo, these Musical Ambassadors of the Army have been thrilling audiences of all ages across the country and around the world for more than half a century, performing a wide variety of music including military marches and patriotic favorites. Guest performers will include outstanding musicians from Kutztown University and local area high schools.

Tickets are complimentary but required.
ELISABETH VON TRAPP WITH THE CAROLIAN BRASS
THE SOUND OF CHRISTMAS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016 – 7:30 PM

For Elisabeth von Trapp, “the sounds of music” are part of her earliest memories. The granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron von Trapp, and inspired by her father Werner von Trapp’s guitar playing and singing, Elisabeth has carried on the legacy of the internationally renowned Trapp Family Singers to a new generation. Performing with the sensational Carolian Brass, her concert repertoire ranges from Bach to Broadway, Schubert to Sting, and will include holiday classics as well as songs from The Sound of Music. Selections “My Favorite Things” and “Do-Re-Mi” will feature Berks County’s own Berks Youth Chorus.

PILOBOLUS - SHADOWLAND
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017 – 7:30 PM

Shadowland is a breathtaking spectacle of masterful dance and storytelling that incorporates multiple moving screens, merging the use of projected images and front-of-screen choreography to create a uniquely stunning performance. Founded in 1971, world-renowned dance company Pilobolus Dance Theatre continually forms diverse collaborations that break down barriers between disciplines and challenge the way we think about dance. The story of Shadowland, a surreal journey of a young girl’s sensational world as she comes of age, does just that. Both intensely dramatic and comedic, Shadowland’s whirlwind creation of versatile characters, shapes and scenes all done through shadows is a universal and intimately emotional experience. Touring for the first time ever in North America, don’t miss this one-of-a-kind theatrical event when it makes its stop at Schaeffer.

Schlag Nei!
A German Christmas Dinner
6:00 PM
Presentation by KU Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center’s Patrick Donmoyer
Christmas Traditions of the Pennsylvania Dutch at 6:30 PM
The world’s most celebrated Japanese drumming sensation, Kodo, continues to break new ground and explore the limitless possibilities of the traditional Japanese drum, the taiko. Kodo, the Japanese word for “heartbeat” and primal source of all rhythm, is “a celebration of music, of physicality, of life,” (The New York Times.) Performing this latest work by renowned Artistic Director Tamasaburo Bando, Dadan 2017 - or “drumming men” - offers a bold new exploration of Japanese drumming traditions, uniquely featuring solely young male performers with unusual percussive instruments like gongs, the O-daiko (big drum) and the Grantang (a bamboo instrument of Jegog from Bali, Indonesia.) On this Kodo’s 35th Anniversary, these performers continue to be that rare combination of supreme artistry and physical endurance which creates a mesmerizing, riveting and spiritual experience enjoyed by millions around the world.
BRANFORD MARSALIS QUARTET
WITH SPECIAL GUEST KURT ELLING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017 – 7:30 PM

GRAMMY award-winner Branford Marsalis is a 21st century mainstay of artistic excellence. From his early acclaim as a saxophonist bringing new energy and new audiences to the jazz art, he has refined and expended his talents and his horizons as a musician, composer, band-leader and educator. His band, The Branford Marsalis Quartet, known for the telepathic communication among its members, has long been recognized as the standard to which other ensembles of its kind must be measured.

Marsalis’ tight-knit working band will be joined by GRAMMY winner Kurt Elling, one of the world’s foremost jazz vocalists, whose accolades include winning DownBeat Critic’s Poll for fourteen consecutive years, being named “Male Singer of the Year” by Jazz Journalists Association eight times, and whose ten albums have each been nominated for a GRAMMY. Elling’s deep jazz vocabulary, technical versatility, and outstanding intonation will enable the Quartet to perform a variety of material in new ways. Energized by the artistic promise of this collaboration – the meeting of jazz’s most intense band and one of jazz’s foremost singers - will prove to be anything but standard.

“Marsalis told stories with his breath and body... making every note count.”
~ The New Orleans Times Picayune

“Elling is the standout male vocalist of our time.”
~ The New York Times
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- Receive the same seats to each performance if you subscribe by **July 29**.
- Receive advance notice of next season, and reserve your seats before the series is announced to the public.
- Prompt replacement of lost tickets.

**Tickets can be purchased 4 ways!**

1 **BY PHONE** Call the Schaeffer Auditorium Box Office at **610-683-4092**. Office hours are Tuesday-Friday 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Credit card orders only.

2 **BY MAIL** Send a check payable to Kutztown University with the order form.

3 **IN PERSON** During fall and spring semesters, stop by the Kutztown University McFarland Student Union Information Desk (CASH OR CHECK ONLY), Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and Sunday Noon-9:00 pm. **Tickets may also be purchased at the Schaeffer Auditorium Box Office one hour before the performance. (subject to availability)**

4 **ONLINE** Tickets for individual performances will be available **online beginning August 2** at www.KutztownPresents.org.

When ordering tickets, remember:

- All children, regardless of age, must have their own ticket and be accompanied by an adult.
- Student prices apply to anyone 17 & younger, as well as full time college students.
- Phone, mail, and online orders include convenience and handling fees.
- **GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE** are eligible for a **DISCOUNT**. Contact the box office for details.
- When ordering tickets, please indicate if you have special seating needs (**assistive listening devices also available for some events**).
- All sales are final; no refunds or exchanges unless the event is canceled.
- All programs, artists, ticket prices, dates, and times subject to change.

**Helpful Information**

- Free parking is available in the university lots near Schaeffer Auditorium. Classes meet on most weeknights; please allow plenty of time to locate a parking space.
- **KU Presents!** provides free shuttle bus service from North Campus Drive. It runs every 10 minutes from 6:45 to 7:30 and after the performance.
- Please arrive in time to be comfortably seated at the start of the performance. Late seating will take place at a point in the performance determined by the artists and staff.
- Pagers and cell phones must be set to silent.
- Photography, audio and video recording, including cell phones, is strictly prohibited in Schaeffer Auditorium.
- Food and drink are NOT PERMITTED inside the auditorium.
KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY presents!

KELLI O’HARA
Thursday, September 15, 2016 – 7:30 PM

ROSANNE CASH
WITH JOHN LEVENTHAL
Saturday, October 22, 2016 – 7:30 PM

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