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2015-2016 Season

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Welcome...

Welcome to the new season of KU Presents! and to the 150th anniversary of Kutztown University!

We are thrilled not only to be starting our third year, and 27th season at the newly-renovated Schaeffer Auditorium, but also to begin celebrating the Sesquicentennial of this great campus. To mark this occasion, KU Presents! will be presenting musicians, singers, and performers who are all boldly unique in their artistry. Whether it be a fresh take on traditional folk fiddling, the most cutting edge humor on contemporary issues, pitch perfect vocalists or harp strings played from the auditorium’s rafters, you will find each performance of the 2015-2016 season to be a cathartic experience! From the brass stylings of New Orleans’ musical prodigy Trombone Shorty, our series opener, to Broadway’s newest leading man, Ramin Karimloo, our series closer, KU Presents! guarantees “wow” moments around every turn.

We invite you to join us, your neighbors, your co-workers and friends as KU Presents! again opens the Schaeffer doors to the breathtaking vibrancy of live performance and the most enriching and innovative cultural performing arts opportunities you will find in all of Berks County. See you at Schaeffer!

Robin Zaremski
Director, KU Presents!

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Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue
Tuesday, September 15, 2015 – 7:30 pm

Join KU Presents! as we open our season with New Orleans native, Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews and his longtime band, Orleans Avenue, with their high energy brand of big brass, funk, and jazz performed “NOLA”-style. This former child trombone and trumpet prodigy from the Tremé neighborhood of the French Quarter started his music career at the age of six (when his trombone was taller than he was!) and has emerged as New Orleans’ breakthrough star. Featured on the New Orleans episode of HBO’s Sonic Highways and Tremé, and with memorable performances at the GRAMMY Awards, the NBA All Star Game Halftime Show, and the White House in honor of Black History Month - Trombone Shorty is hailed as the ambassador of the New Orleans sound. Since 2013, his band has been chosen to play the closing set at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, a prestigious honor in the world of true music lovers.

Along with collaborations with a diverse “Who’s Who” in music – Prince, The Neville Brothers, U2, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, The Foo Fighters, and Mark Ronson - recent projects for Trombone Shorty have included performing the theme song to the new Odd Couple TV show and authoring a children’s book about growing up in the New Orleans musical family. His Trombone Shorty Foundation has been honored for its charitable work in music education and in preserving and perpetuating the unique musical culture of New Orleans through donations of quality instruments to schools in need.

NOLA-Style Celebration Party
on Schaeffer Lawn, 6:30 PM

Join us to celebrate the opening of our 27th season and start of the 1-year countdown to KU’s Founders Day!
Celebrate marimba!
A Clair Omar Musser Marimba Orchestra Tribute Concert
Sunday, November 8, 2015 – 4:30 pm

In celebration of KU’s Sesquicentennial and the 80th anniversary of the International Marimba Symphony Orchestra of 1935, 150 marimbists on over 75 instruments will converge on Schaeffer Auditorium to perform a unique concert you won’t want to miss. Guest conductors include Dr. Willis M. Rapp, KU emeriti; Dr. Frank Kumor, KU Professor of Percussion; and featuring guest artist, Gordon Stout, Percussive Arts Society Hall of Fame Inductee, who will conduct a new work he has written for this special concert.

Tickets are complimentary but required.

Capitol Steps
Thursday, October 22, 2015 – 7:30 pm

Lighten up the long campaign trail with the Capitol Steps, a bold Washington, DC comedy troupe that began as a group of Senate Staffers who set out to satirize the very people who employed them. Providing an uproarious blend of musical and political comedy about our Nation’s Capitol, the show’s tasteful lampooning guarantees to leave both sides of the political spectrum laughing. No candidate or topic is safe! Honored with a “Best of D.C.” award, The Steps have been featured on national TV and radio and have recorded numerous albums, including their latest, “Mock the Vote!” Come and enjoy a little election levity before the results are in!

Mock Campaign Dinner
6:00 PM

No rubber chicken at $100 a plate or long winded speeches, just a bit of fun before the show!
RSVP by October 8th
Seating is limited.
Primitive yet futuristic, at the crossroads of music and art, the Earth Harp melds sculpture, architecture and sound design into a vibrant sonic experience unlike anything you've ever seen or heard before. Inspired by the Frank Lloyd Wright quote “architecture is frozen music,” William Close, an alumnus of the Art Institute of Chicago, built and developed the Earth Harp. Recently named as the world’s largest string instrument by the World Record Academy, the body of the Earth Harp will rest on stage while the strings travel over the audience, to the far corners of Schaeffer Auditorium, turning every space into an instrument. Played with rosin covered gloves, the Harp’s tones and effects give the music a sanctified quality – just perfect for this holiday show. Selections will include Carol of the Bells, Silent Night, Little Drummer Boy, and No More War (So This Is Christmas.) – performed in this cathedral of sound.

An installation artist and musician who has developed over 100 new types of musical instruments, Close has been a finalist of NBC’s America’s Got Talent and has brought his Earth Harp to iconic venues including Rome’s Coliseum, Washington DC’s Kennedy Center, New York’s Lincoln Center, Seattle’s Space Needle, Shanghai’s Grand Theatre, Qatar’s Dhow Harbour, The Burning Man Festival’s Temple of Transition, and now to Kutztown’s Schaeffer Auditorium. An event your family will be talking about long after the holidays!

Bring your family to the KU Planetarium Holiday Show
6:30 or 9:45 PM
Seating is limited.
From the creative mind of a cappella guru Deke Sharon (vocal producer for *Pitch Perfect, Pitch Perfect 2* and *The Sing-Off*) comes this all-new live concert event that celebrates the wonder of the human voice. No genre of music is off limits in the world of a cappella and Vocalosity will explore them all – from tenth century Gregorian chant and classical choral, to barber shop quartet and bouncing doo-wop, all the way to the Beatles and Bruno Mars. Featuring 12 dynamic voices singing chart-topping hits in fresh new arrangements and choreography from *Stomp’s* Sean Curran, you are guaranteed to have an exhilarating evening of song so infectious you’ll want to sing along. It’s the aca-perfect concert experience!
Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy
Masters of the Fiddle
Thursday, March 24, 2016 – 7:30 PM

World-acclaimed fiddler and multiple Juno Award winner, Natalie MacMaster, with her husband Donnell Leahy, bring their spirited soulful style of folk fiddling and step dancing to the Schaeffer stage. Mixing Cape Breton roots with music from Scotland and Ireland, and a touch of American bluegrass, this pair is an extraordinary musical force – their genuine onstage chemistry exploding with energy.

MacMaster’s enthusiastic showmanship and virtuoso talent has landed her star billing on the international folk circuit (Dublin Irish Festival, Canterbury Folk Festival) as well as on tours with The Chieftains, Alison Krauss, and Faith Hill. The couple’s most recent album, ONE, is a collaboration of creative celtic medleys and fiddle mastery, infused with the traditional Cape Breton groove. After three decades of performing and multiple gold albums, MacMaster manages to make traditional Irish-Scottish music sound more alive than ever, intertwining musical life and family by having their children perform with them on stage. An inspiring show that will have you clapping and dancing in the aisles.

Cape Breton Celtic Dinner
6:00 PM
Menu selections will include some of Natalie’s own favorite family recipes!
RSVP by March 10th
Seating is limited.
Ramin Karimloo
Thursday, April 14, 2016 – 7:30 PM

Starring as Jean Valjean in Broadway’s production of *Les Misérables*, the world’s most successful musical, and as The Phantom in *Phantom of the Opera* - 25th Anniversary, renowned actor, singer, and musician Ramin Karimloo has been crowned Broadway’s newest leading man. Performing to critical acclaim around the world, he was personally selected by Andrew Lloyd Webber to originate the role of The Phantom in the London world premiere of *Love Never Dies*, starred in Phantom’s anniversary concert filmed at London’s Royal Albert Hall, and will be headlining *The Prince of Broadway* opening this fall in Japan. Ramin’s uniquely ambitious solo projects, Human Heart and his most recent, The Road To Find Out: East, even further highlight the many dimensions of his stunning voice. Join us as KU Presents! hosts this award winning performer for a rare evening of Broadway favorites, familiar pop classics, and songs from his solo albums, plus experience Ramin’s self-styled genre “broadgrass” (where Broadway meets bluegrass).
Subscribe and enjoy a host of exclusive BENEFITS:

• Save on single ticket prices.
• Receive a discount off all additional single tickets.
• Invitations to special VIP events.
• **Senior Citizens** (65 and older) and **Students** (17 and younger, or full-time college students) receive an **additional discount**.
• Receive the same seats to each performance if you subscribe by **August 1**.
• 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 14** 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 cancelled.
• 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.
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Sunday, 11.8.15 – 4:30 PM

William Close & The Earth Harp Collective
An Earth Harp Holiday - Season of Sound
Friday, 12.4.15 – 7:30 PM

Vocalosity
Wednesday, 2.17.16 – 7:30 PM

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Thursday, 3.24.16 – 7:30 PM

Ramin Karimloo
Thursday, 4.14.16 – 7:30 PM

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By donating to KU Presents! your contribution establishes you as a partner in presenting these great artists and helps offset the rising costs of bringing high-quality performances to you. Your tax-deductible contribution is more important than ever.

Name for program listing __________________________

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