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Singers unite for performance of Handel’s ‘Messiah’

The Heritage Singers men’s chorus, the Voices of Note women’s chorus, the Minot State University Concert Choir and community singers, including high school students, will join in the performance of Handel’s “Messiah” Sunday (Dec. 2) in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 4 p.m. They will be directed by Ken Bowles, Division of Music chair.

“MSU is proud to host the 83rd consecutive performance of ‘Messiah’ in Minot,” Bowles said. “The chorus is comprised of community, church, public school and university singers. Selected soloists are MSU music students and alumni.”

Each year, the three sponsoring choirs present the “Christmas Portion” of the famous oratorio. This year marks the 103th anniversary of Minot’s first performance of “Messiah.” Admission is a freewill offering, and everyone is welcome.

Event proceeds are directed to the Joseph Hegstad Music Scholarship and the John Strohm Music Scholarship funds for MSU music students.

This concert also celebrates the legacies of Hegstad and Strohm, professors emeritus, who were music division chairs.

Hegstad served as choral director for the Concert Choir, Vagabond Male Chorus and the Jazz Madrigal Singers. A founding member and former director of the Heritage Singers, he is credited for continuing the traditional December performance of “Messiah.” In 1992, the Minot Symphony Orchestra and MSU Concert Choir chose not to continue with the piece. Hegstad combined the Heritage Singers and Voices of Note to sustain the perennial favorite.

Strohm directed the MSU Concert Choir and the MSU Women’s Chorus for numerous years. For 24 years, he was instrumental in organizing community performances of the “Messiah,” which were held at the Minot Municipal Auditorium.

For questions about “Messiah,” contact the music division at 858-3185.

‘Make the Call, Win it All’ Thursday

The 14th annual KMSU Auction is set to broadcast live on Channel 19 Thursday (Nov. 29) at 6:30 p.m., with a preshow starting at 5 p.m. The KMSU Auction fundraises for MSU broadcasting scholarships and



equipment in addition to giving 10 percent to a charitable community cause. This year’s selection is the Roosevelt Park.

"We are excited to continue helping Minot recover. Last year, students gave all auction proceeds to flood-impacted individuals," said Janna McKechnie, KMSU Auction coordinator. "This year, they chose to help the community, and Roosevelt Park was their top choice."

The communication arts class has gathered over \$25,000 in donations to be auctioned. This event is a QVC-style auction compiled of 57 packages from area businesses.

To view the full package list, visit <http://www.minotstateu.edu/auction/>.

MSU Symphonic Band celebrates season with ‘Winter Dances’

The Minot State University Symphonic Band is presenting a concert, "Winter Dances," Monday (Dec. 3) in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m. Devin Otto, MSU director of bands, conducts the Symphonic Band, which is comprised of music majors as well as students from other academic programs.



Otto

The concert will contain music celebrating the winter season, including "Winter Dances" by Brian Balmages and "Comets in Winter Sky" by Daniel McCarthy.

"The centerpiece of the concert is a pillar of the wind-band repertoire, Alfred Reed's 'Russian Christmas Music,' which is based on liturgical music of the Eastern Orthodoxy," Otto said. "We will also play a few seasonal favorites along the way!"

This concert is free and open to the public.

For questions, contact Otto at 858-3189 or devin.otto@minotstateu.edu.

Borden-King concludes Brown Bag Book Talks for fall semester

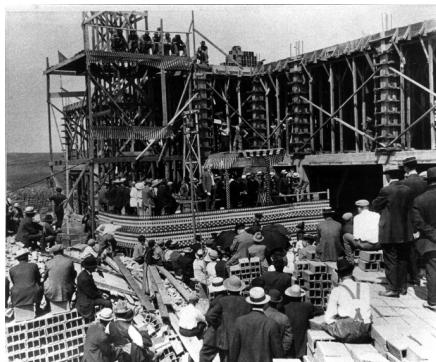
Lisa Borden-King, associate professor of teacher education, will discuss "Reality is Broken: Why Games Make Us Better and How They Can Change the World" by Jane McGonigal Tuesday (Dec. 4) for a Brown Bag Book Talk.

People need not read the featured book ahead of time and are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. The book talks, sponsored by the Gordon B. Olson Library, begin at noon and conclude in time for 1 p.m. classes. All are held in the lower level of the library in Group Study Room 2.

History Club presents ‘Digital Minot’

Minot State University’s History Club will present "Digital Minot: An On-Line Museum of Local History" Tuesday (Dec. 4) in Memorial 114 at 7 p.m. Bethany Andreasen, associate history professor, Amy Lisner, Digital Minot project coordinator, and MSU students, Leah Ronholdt, Matthew Volk and Heath Glenn, will share their work.

"Digital Minot: An On-Line Museum of Local History," an evolving web-based exploratory site, engages student



research more wholly with Minot State University's surrounding communities. Initially, Andreasen proposed that student historical projects and materials be digitized and made accessible to the public rather than stored in closets and boxes.

Ronhold researched the history of Thompson Larson Funeral Home in downtown Minot. Volk studied the foundation of Minot Normal School and how North Dakota conditions were conducive to its establishment. Glenn researched sports at Minot State Teachers College during the 1930s.

Refreshments will be served afterward. Admission is free.

Technology Day showcases students of all ages

Dec. 5 at Minot State University, high school students will compete at the Department of Business Technology's 15th annual Technology Day.

"Technology Day is an excellent event to showcase area high school students in their business and technology skills. Underwood High School has won for the last four years," said Jan Repnow, business information technology instructor. "This event also showcases our business teacher-education students as they plan, organize and manage all aspects of this competition in preparation for their upcoming teaching careers."

High schools select students for competition in accounting, business law, desktop publishing, document

production, business principles, spreadsheet applications and webpage design.

The school with the most points for placements in all competitions will receive a sweepstakes trophy. Participating high schools are Berthold, Bowbells, Des Lacs-Burlington, Kenmare, Max, Powers Lake, Surrey, TGU Granville, TGU Towner, Underwood and Westhope. This is the first year Bowbells has competed.

BIT faculty members and Pi Omega Pi, the business teacher-education honor society, will supervise the competition, which starts at 9:30 a.m. in the Slaaten Learning Center and Old Main 314. A lunch and awards ceremony is scheduled for 12:15 p.m. in the Conference Center.

As part of Technology Day, Ben Berg will present "Facebook Tips." Berg, an MSU business-education student, is student teaching at Minot High School-Magic City Campus. Dan Robert, SRT network operations manager, will also talk about SRT network operations.

Technology Day corporate sponsors include SRT Communications, Grand International Inn, Microsoft Corporation, CompuTech, First Western Bank & Trust, The Computer Store and United Community Bank.

For questions, contact Repnow at 858-3325 or jan.repnow@minotstateu.edu.

MSU Jazz Ensemble celebrates 2012 with Latin and swing music

Dec. 6, the Minot State University Jazz Ensemble will perform in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m. The ensemble will perform a variety of Latin and swing charts that feature the ensemble and soloists. MSU senior Tim Olson will also be a featured vocalist.

For questions, contact Adam Estes, assistant professor of woodwinds, at 858-3193 or adam.estes@minotstateu.edu.

Nursing invites campus to Research Day

The Minot State University Department of Nursing would like the campus to share its Research Day and open house Dec. 7 from 8:15 a.m. to noon. Research Day will highlight research projects, posters and paper presentations developed by nursing students. The event will be held in the Student Center Atrium.

For questions, contact Heidi Benavides, nursing instructor, at 858-3258 or heidi.benavides@minotstateu.edu.

Campus Players present 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever'

Minot State University's Campus Players production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," by Barbara Robinson, will run Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 8 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. in Aleshire Theater.

In this story, the Herdmans are the six worst kids in history. They lie, cheat, cuss, steal, even burn down buildings; their commandeering of the community Christmas pageant dissolves the entire town into chaos. Ultimately, however, the true spirit of Christmas is found.

This will be Grant Johnson's first main stage production as director. Brittany Armstrong is the stage manager.

"Despite the inherent challenges of working with such a large cast, I am very excited about this production," Johnson said. "In particular, I am thrilled that we will be touring the show Dec. 6 to a few local elementary schools, which, due to budget constraints, would otherwise miss out on this opportunity to experience theater."

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students, children and senior citizens. MSU IDs will not be accepted for admission, as this production is a

fundraiser for Campus Players. Reservations can be made by calling 858-3172.

Minot and Fargo SSWO members fight hunger and homelessness

Minot State University Student Social Work Organization members raised \$1,680.00 in monetary donations and collected 2,154.60 pounds of food during Freezin' for a Reason Nov. 17. All donations, monetary and food, went to the Minot Area Homeless Coalition to benefit community members.

"SSWO wants to thank all of the supporters of this event and the community for truly helping those in need this holiday season," said Dionne Spooner, MSU SSWO advisor.

SSWO-Fargo members traveled to



Minot to deliver over \$600, supplies and food, which they collected through two community service projects in connection with National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. They toured MSU and the city's flood-affected areas and participated in Freezin' for a Reason with MSU SSWO.

For more information, contact Spooner at 858-3142 or dionne.l.spooner@minotstateu.edu.

In the galleries

Dec. 4-28 — "Dakotah Series: Monoprints," by C. Robert Schwieger, Library Gallery.

Dec. 4-31 — International Mezzotint Exchange exhibition by 24 IM society artists, Hartnett Gallery.

Faculty and staff achievements

The Office of Public Information proudly shares the many accomplishments of faculty and staff with the campus community in every issue.

Brent Askvig, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities executive director and Minot State University special education professor, and Jan Meyer, Harstad University College professor, Norway, recently edited and released the book, "Proceedings of the U.S.–Nordic International Conference on Intellectual Disabilities." The book contains articles by Askvig and Meyer, along with papers from all 17 presenters at the first international conference on developmental disabilities at MSU in September 2011.

Department of Communication Disorders faculty and students gave several presentations at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association annual convention in Atlanta, Nov. 15-17.

Ann Beste-Guldborg, assistant communication disorders professor, and student **Nicole Campanale** presented "Knowledge, Perceptions & Beliefs of Northern Plains Indians Toward Stuttering," "Eastern American Indian Perceptions of Stuttering" and "Cluttering & Stuttering: Perceptions of Undergraduate Communication Disorders Students."

Kendal Carlberg, student, and **Cheryl Gerard**, communication disorders professor, discussed "Factors Affecting Intensity & Duration of Aphasia Therapy."

Leisa Harmon, communication disorders department chair, **Kristina Thunberg**, student, and **Melissa Herzig**, communication disorders instructor, shared "Effectively Reading

Books with Children: Techniques for Students & Supervisors."

Harmon and Lisa Roteliuk, communication disorders instructor, highlighted "Lessons Learned: Is Your Program Prepared for a Natural Disaster?"

Jordan Hagemeister, student, and **Lesley Magnus**, associate communication disorders professor, presented "Childhood Apraxia of Speech: A Survey of Current Assessment Practices."

Linda Madsen, NDCPD dissemination core coordinator, served on the Aging in America review committee. The committee reviewed workshop and poster session proposals for the annual American Society on Aging Conference which will be held in Chicago.

Mary Mercer, NDCPD community training and technical assistance coordinator, received the 2011-12 Optimist of the Year award from the Optimist Club of Minot for her contribution to the youth of the community and the club.

Tom Seymour, business information technology professor, has been appointed to chair the 2012-2013 Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee. The committee sponsors Minot area legislative forums. The upcoming forums will be at the N.D. State Fair Center from 9 to 11 a.m. on Jan. 19 and 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23, March 16 and April 6.

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