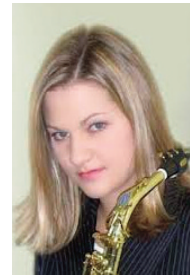




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A Newsletter for Employees & Friends of Minot State University

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From the left, top to bottom: Assembly Saxophone Quartet, Oasis Quartet, Greg Fishman, Eugene Rousseau and Lauren Meccia.

NASA CONFERENCE SET TO MAKE BIG NOISE

Under the direction of Adam Estes, assistant music professor, the Division of Music will host the Region 3 Conference of the North American Saxophone Alliance on Minot State University's campus April 19-21. NASA is a nonprofit organization comprised of saxophone performers, teachers, students, scholars and enthusiasts. Region 3 of NASA includes North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska.

"This is the first time Minot State has hosted a NASA conference. In addition to three marquee concerts, the conference entails master classes, lectures, panel discussions, chamber and two solo competitions, one for high school and one for university undergraduate students," Estes said. "Historically, a NASA regional event attracts from 150 to 300 saxophone professionals, university students and precollege students."

For this conference, the MSU Symphonic Band, the Minot Symphony Orchestra, the MSU Saxophone Studio and the Minot State University Jazz Ensemble will perform with guest artists. Marquee concerts include:

- April 19 — MSU Symphonic Band Concert, an opening gala concert, in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m. The guest soloists are Eugene Rousseau and Lauren Meccia. Tickets are adults \$10, students \$5 and MSU students, faculty and staff admitted free with current ID.
- April 20 — MSU Jazz Ensemble Concert in Nelson Hall at 4:30 p.m. Greg Fishman, Chris Hemingway and Matt Patnode are guest soloists. Tickets are adults \$10, students \$5 and MSU students, faculty and staff admitted free with current ID.

• April 20 — Minot Symphony Orchestra’s “Pops Concert: Saxophone Extravaganza,” directed by Maestro Scott Seaton, in Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m. Guest soloists include the Oasis Quartet, Connie Frigo and Paul Haar. MSU students, faculty and staff are admitted free with a current ID. Ticket prices for adults are \$20 main floor and \$25 balcony; senior citizen is \$15 main floor and \$20 balcony; students 12-18, \$10; children, \$5. Symphony patrons are invited to join Erik Anderson, associate music professor, for a 6:30 p.m. preconcert lecture for an inside look at the symphony program. For more information about MSO, visit www.minotstateu.edu/symphony.

Other concert highlights include a recital April 20 by Estes’ professional chamber ensemble, the Assembly Quartet. The quartet will perform in Nelson Hall at 1 p.m.

“To attract greater precollege student participation, a high school solo competition, judged by a panel of the guest artists, was instituted,” Estes said. “The winners of the solo competitions will perform a recital April 21 in Nelson Hall at 8 a.m.”

The community is invited to attend this NASA conference. Non-performing participants can attend all conference events for \$10. To view the full schedule of events, visit www.minotstateu.edu/nasa/index.shtml or www.facebook.com/groups/284494588330150/.

Meyer outlines Norway’s human services system

Thursday (April 11), Jan Meyer, a professor and past president of Norway’s Harstad University College, will discuss his country’s human services system in a brown-bag-lunch presentation. The presentation is in Memorial 110 at 12:15 p.m.

Norway’s system of human services supports is for all Norwegian citizens, regardless of age, gender or ability.

Meyer will highlight disability and health services issues and how the local townships provide funding and systems to accomplish this national objective.

Meyer completed two U.S. research sabbaticals, with one at Minot State University. Thus, he can compare Norwegian and American systems.

MSU at the Mall Saturday

Get a tattoo. Toss around a bean bag. Swing by the fishpond. It could be a typical visit to the North Dakota State



Fair, but it’s not. It’s the seventh annual “MSU at the Mall” Saturday (April 13) in the Sears court, from noon to 3 p.m.



This interactive venue provides a great opportunity for Minot State University to feature its academic programs, services and student organizations. With over 30 campus groups participating, “MSU at the Mall” will be full of activities for all ages to learn more about the university.

“Each year at Dakota Square, the event gets bigger, better and more entertaining for our audience,” said Teresa Loftesnes, marketing director.

“MSU at the Mall allows the community to visit one on one with Minot State students, faculty and staff to learn more about all the exciting things happening on campus.”

Featured events include science and ceramics demonstrations, air-brush tattoos, face painting, a drawing for College for Kids camps, screen printing and blood-pressure, fasting blood sugar and cholesterol screenings.

SGA selects Geller, Borden-King and Girard as Professors of the Year

The Student Government Association selected Laurie Geller, Lisa Borden-King and John Girard as the 2012-13 Professors of the Year. This award honors three professors, one from each of Minot State University’s three colleges, each year for their dedication to students.

Geller was selected Professor of the Year for the College of Arts and Sciences. Also receiving nominations were Chris Beachy, Mikhail Bobilev, Raymond Screws, Jacob Sowers, Heidi Super, Ryan Winburn and Tiffany Ziegler. Geller was nominated not only for her role as a professor, but also for her role as the Honors Program director.

Students who nominated Geller noted that in addition to teaching math and Honors courses, she teaches First-Year Experience classes to new freshmen.

“Dr. Geller is a great educator as well as an inspiring role model, who uses interactive lesson plans, probing

discussions and evident passion to help students learn the curriculum and life-long critical-thinking skills,” said Honors students Breanna Benson and Rebecca Ryan in their nomination letter.

Borden-King was selected Professor of the Year for the College of Education and Health Sciences. Clarine Sandstrom was also nominated.

SGA members noted that Borden-King has always been a strong student advocate.

“Lisa Borden-King is uncommonly committed to really educating. She’s taught me greatly because she’s always teaching. MSU benefits from her academic mind and presence,” said Senator Max Buchholz. “On top of that, she’s been an important sounding board for SGA throughout the past few years as we’ve moved strategically to foster the things that make MSU a unique university.”

Girard was selected Professor of the Year for the College of Business. Also receiving nominations were Sharon Reynolds and Jay Wahlund.

“Our graduate studies cohort has several international students and his [Girard’s] approach to our class was to have everyone prepare and teach portions of class and lead an open discussion period,” said graduate student Derek Van Dyke. “Coming from different backgrounds and learning about different cultures is what Dr. Girard is all about.”

MSU theatre presents ‘Dead Man’s Cell Phone’

Minot State University’s Program of Theatre Arts will perform “Dead Man’s Cell Phone” by Sarah Ruhl, MacArthur “Genius” Grant recipient and Pulitzer Prize finalist. The play runs April 23–27 and is directed by Carlen Gilseth, assistant communication arts professor.

In this creative comedy, two unlikely worlds collide over a bowl of lobster bisque and an incessantly ringing cell phone. What ensues is a comedic and



Geller



Borden-King



Girard

technologically savvy exploration of love, death and confabulation.

According to critics, this relatively new play is about how the deceased are



memorialized and how that affects people. It is the wildly imaginative journey of a woman forced to confront



her own assumptions about life, death, morality and love, and the need for connection in a world obsessed with technology. This is Gilseth's first MSU main-stage production as a director.

"I am honored to work with all the talented and dedicated MSU students," Gilseth said. "The support staff and creative team are incredible. I hope to live up to the high expectations."

The play will be performed in the MSU Black Box Theater, Hartnett Hall, at 7:30 p.m. The box office opens at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are adults \$6, seniors/students \$5; MSU students, faculty and staff free with current MSU ID. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling the ticket office at 858-3172.

String Ensemble Concert features music faculty

Minot State University's String Ensemble will present a concert April 23 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m.

This concert will feature music faculty Dianna Anderson, harpsichord; Elizabeth Demme, flute; and Jon Rumney, violin; as soloists performing Johann Sebastian Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 5."

"The Bach is a monumental piece. Because the harpsichord part is so extensive, it could be described as the earliest concerto for keyboard," Rumney said. "The students interact with the soloists, and it makes for chamber music playing on a larger scale, rather than in small groups like a string quartet."

The ensemble will also perform works by two American composers, Charles Ives' "The Unanswered Question" and Steve Reich's "Clapping Music." MSU students Sam Buchholz and Rae-Mae Owens will conduct the Ives piece.

As with all Division of Music concerts, the concert is free and open to the public, and parking is unrestricted. For questions, contact 858-3185.

Linnell will answer 'Why brand MSU athletics?'

Michael Linnell, sports information director, will discuss "The Branding of MSU Athletics" April 24 in Aleshire Theater, 10-10:30 a.m. Linnell will describe proper ways to use the Beaver logos and what options are available for student use.

Be in the Know sessions align with "Vision 2013 strategy three: valuing faculty and staff within an engaged community."

In the galleries

April 10-25 — "Put a Bird on It," bird-themed art by Ali LaRock and Paul Noot, Bismarck, Library Gallery.

April 12-May 2 — MSU Juried Student Art Show with juror LaRock, Hartnett Gallery.

A public reception for the MSU Juried Student Art Show will be Friday (April 12), 6:30-8 p.m.

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.

Sarah Aleshire, English instructor, presented a paper, "Never Mind the Paper, Here's the Praxis: Teaching About (From, As, Beside, Despite, Into, Through, With) Punk" at the Pop Culture Association/American Culture Association National Conference in Washington, D.C., March 27-30.

Chuck Barney, Severson Entrepreneurship Academy director, hosted an Innovate ND Boot Camp in the Slaaten Learning Center March 9. Jeff Stamp, UND entrepreneur-in-residence, facilitated the boot camp series, and the boot camp's focus was "Build Your Venture's Value: How to Get More Out of a Business Plan."

Lori Garnes, **Brent Askvig** and **Mary Mercer**, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, served as expert grant reviewers for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. On separate panels, they reviewed University Centers of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities applications supported by the Administration on Community

Living, Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Garnes, Askvig and Mercer studied and scored the applications and made decisions on federal funding for 13 federal centers.

Jean-Francois Mondon, assistant German professor and foreign languages coordinator, has secured a book contract with Routledge Publishing House for "Caesar's De Bello Gallico: A Syntactically Parsed Commentary."

The Future Business Leaders of America held a FBLA State Leadership Conference March 24-26 at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds. **Jan Repnow**, as written test coordinator, coordinated 15 helpers and corrected 1,600 written tests given in four sections with 400 students per section. She also served as a performance events judge with College of Business faculty **Linda Cresap**, **Julianne Eklund**, **JoAnn Linrud**, **Sharon Reynolds** and **Tom Seymour**. Linrud, **Gary Ross** and **Lori Willoughby** were award presenters. **Kevin Harmon** and **Wade Regier**, enrollment services, organized an MSU booth.

Seymour, business information technology professor, reviewed Wayne College of Orville, Ohio, March 7 for the Higher Learning Commission.

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