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Erik Anderson discusses 'Spontaneity in Musical Performance'

Erik Anderson, professor of music, will present "Spontaneity in Musical Performance" Wednesday, (Dec. 3) in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m. He will be assisted by Dianna Anderson and Jon Rumney, who perform with him as the Luminus trio; Scott Seaton, director of the Minot Symphony Orchestra; and other musical guests. The presentation is part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series.

"Musicians don't merely play 'what is on the page' of music," Anderson said. He and his fellow musicians will perform short examples from various musical styles to demonstrate how performers operate "in the moment," inserting spontaneous elements into what listeners might assume is a completely scripted and rigidly rehearsed performance.

Anderson teaches private low strings, music theory, ear training, and beginning composition for the Division of Music. He is MSO principal cellist, MSU String Ensemble co-director and Dakota Chamber Music artistic director.

For several seasons, Anderson has been an MSO lecturer, presenting preconcert talks on the orchestra's music and musicians. As a cellist and bassist, he is active as a chamber musician, recitalist and teacher.



The lecture is free and open to the public. An informal reception will follow the program.

Pictured are, left to right, Erik Anderson, Dianna Anderson and Jon Rumney.

KMSU Auction: 'Make the Call, Win it All!'

The Minot State University Program of Broadcasting will host its 16th annual KMSU Auction Thursday (Dec. 4). The auction will air live on MidContinent Channel 19 at 6:30 p.m., with a preshow starting at 5 p.m. Bids will be accepted by phone at that time at 858-4019.

The KMSU Auction fundraises for scholarships and equipment for the MSU broadcasting program. Past events have raised over \$15,000 with 10 percent given to charitable causes. This year, that portion will be given to Souris Valley Animal Shelter.



"The auction is not only fun, but we're learning future job skills because we are involved in every aspect of the event, from the beginning planning to the actual live show," said Lexi Klein, MSU broadcasting student. "We are also helping animals at the local shelter at the same time. Some animals may even make an appearance on the show!"

KMSU promotes local businesses through various media in exchange for donations and organizes them into packages to be auctioned off in a QVC-style format. Viewers call to place bids on-air during the allotted time, with the highest bid winning the package. This unique television auction is planned, organized, produced and promoted by MSU broadcasting students.

For questions, contact KMSU Auction advisors Janna McKechnie at janna.mckechnie@minotstateu.edu or Audra Myerchin at audra.myerchin@minotstateu.edu.

Singers unite for regional 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. 7) 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 annual 85th consecutive performance of "Messiah" in Minot," Bowles said. "The chorus is comprised of community, church, public school and university singers."

Each year, the three sponsoring choirs present the Christmas portion of the famous oratorio. This year marks the 105th anniversary of Minot's first performance of "Messiah." Admission is free, and everyone is welcome. Proceeds from a freewill offering will go to the Joseph Hegstad Music Scholarship and the John Strohm Music Scholarship funds for MSU music students.

"Messiah" 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 the concert, contact the Division of Music at 858-3185.

Bye to discuss 'Community Planning'

At the Tuesday (Dec. 9) Democracy Café, Donna Bye, Minot city planner, will lead discussion on "Community Planning: Minot Moving Forward." Democracy Café fosters nonpartisan discussion on important civic issues. It meets every three weeks in the Beaver Brew Coffee Shop from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Funded by Minot State University's College of Arts and Sciences, the event is free and open to the public. For questions, contact Jynette Larshus, Sociology Club advisor, at 858-4324 or Jynette.larshus@minostateu.edu.

MSO Holiday! celebrates the season

Join the Minot Symphony Orchestra for MSO Holiday!, a special concert celebrating the holiday season Dec. 11 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m. The concert's first half will feature seasonal favorites including "Sleigh Ride" and a "Christmas Festival." A special collaboration with Rinat Mouzafarov Institute of Dance and Ballet Theater will bring scenes from Tchaikovsky's famous "Nutcracker" in the second half.

All seats for this show are reserved, and the price is \$20 on the main floor and \$25 in the balcony. Seat prices will be the same for all ages. An MSO fundraiser, this event is not included in the season tickets. For questions, contact MSO at 858-4228.

Campus Players presents 'It's a Wonderful Life: a Live Radio Play'

Minot State University's Campus Players presents "It's a Wonderful Life: a Live Radio Play" Dec. 11-13 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. in Aleshire Theater. A toured performance of the production will be held for TGU Granville School students on Dec. 12 at 1 p.m.

It's Christmas Eve on the radio broadcasting set of WBFR in New York City in this American holiday classic. "It's a Wonderful Life: a Live Radio Play" was adapted by Joe Landry from the screenplay by Frances Goodrich, Albert Hackett, Frank Capra and Jo Swerling, and is directed by MSU junior Jason Gaarder and presented by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.

"It's engaging to watch this hilarious and clever holiday classic transform onstage from a feel-good radio station telling a beautiful



story to something a bit more,” Gaarder said. “My wish is that the audience connects with the highs and lows of every character and walks away from the production happier because of it.”

The production is a salute to the broadcast performances of live radio shows from the 1940s, complete with live commercials. An ensemble cast brings to life a few dozen characters as the story of an American dreamer, George Bailey (Joshua Snyder,) unfolds one fateful Christmas Eve. The production is complimented by a sound effects artist (Branden Evans) who blends everything from door slams, car horns and ringing bells to accentuate the action on stage.

George Bailey is a man who has given up on his own dreams in order to help others, and just when he stands at the precipice of throwing in the towel on everything in life, his guardian angel, Clarence (Annika Kraft,) in a bid to get her wings, intervenes. It's up to Clarence to show Bailey how very different life would in Bedford Falls if he had not been born; reminding Bailey, "... no man is a failure who has friends."

A special "benefit night" will be Dec. 13 with donation proceeds going to the Homeless Coalition of Minot. Donations of nonperishable canned goods will be collected at the door and will be redeemable for a discounted \$3 ticket on Dec. 13. However, in the spirit of the season, donations will be collected throughout the run of the production.

For tickets, contact the Aleshire Theater box office at 858-3172. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students under 18. Reservations are encouraged.

New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes new employees, Gary Orluck and Tricia Randall.

Orluck, director of campus security and safety, recently retired as the northwest region commander for the North Dakota Highway Patrol. He completed a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at MSU and continued his education at Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command in Evanston, Ill. His wife, Jolene, is an administrative assistant at the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities.



Orluck

Randall

Randall is the assistant program coordinator for the Minot Air Force Base Center for Extended Learning. Previously, she worked for BTW, a military contractor at the Minot Air Force Base Clinic. She earned associate degrees in marketing and justice administration at Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, and bachelor degree in marketing, management and international business at MSU. Her husband, Jacob, is on active duty with the United States Air Force. Randall volunteers with the Dakota Territory Air Museum's educational programs.

In the galleries

Dec. 3-5 — "What Was – What Is" by Kenneth Andersen, West Fargo, Library Gallery.

Dec. 4-31 — "Military Wife," art education major Leah Freeman's senior capstone exhibit features acrylic paintings portraying thoughts and feelings she has experienced while being married to a military man, Hartnett Gallery.

A public reception for "Military Wife" will be Thursday (Dec. 4), from 6:30 to 8 p.m., in the Hartnett Gallery, from 6:30 to 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.

Brent Askvig, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities executive director, was a panel member of a presentation, "Community-Based Services: the Critical Role of Competitive Employment for Individuals with Disabilities and Full Community Participation" at the Association of University Centers on Disabilities annual conference in Washington, D.C. Askvig was also elected secretary of the AUCD national board of directors and will serve on the AUCD Executive Committee.

Department of Communication Disorders faculty and students presented 12 papers at the 2014 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention in Orlando, Fla., in November. The papers were: **Ann Beste-Guldborg** with "American Indian Perceptions of Stuttering" and "Attitudes Toward Stuttering: A Look at Selected Helping Professions," Beste-Guldborg and **Holly Pedersen** with "Joint Ownership: Interdisciplinary Pre-service Training for Language Intervention," Beste-Guldborg and student **Brittany Diegel** with "Speech-Language Pathologist's Understanding and Use of the Three Components of Evidence-Based Practice," Beste-Guldborg, Pedersen and student **Brynn Villeneuve** with "Collaborative Service Provision by SLPs and TODs in the Prairie Provinces of Canada," Beste-Guldborg, Pedersen and students **Jennifer Heinrichs** and **Rachel Thomas** with "Teacher Understandings of Language Disorders-More of the Story," **Cheryl Gilson** with "The Eyes Have It! Teaching Clinical Decision-Making with EBP" and "Playing for Life: What Transition Students Taught Graduate Clinicians in Communication Disorders," Gilson, **Lesley Magnus** and student **Emily Gordon** with "Parent Satisfaction with Profession Services Received Regarding Cleft Lip &/or Palate," **Leisa Harmon** with "Skills, Learning, Practice: What Your Supervisors Might Not Tell You" and "Improving Pedagogy Through Book Clubs: Let's Do Lunch!" and **Orlene Schroeder** with "Using the MBSimP in a Graduate Dysphagia Course."

Guy Hanley, science assistant professor, presented two research projects at the Entomological Society of America annual meeting Nov. 16-19 in Portland, Ore. One paper, titled "Did the Missoula floods of the Pleistocene affect speciation and distribution of Pacific Northwest *Stenothorax*, a genus of flightless, winter-active aphodiine beetles?" was presented at the SOLA scarab workers meeting. A second project, "Scarabs of San Diego County, California," was presented in the systematics poster session. This poster illustrates 150 species of scarab beetles currently known to inhabit San Diego County. Hanley also went on several beetle-collecting excursions in the area of both Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Hood, bringing back several specimens not represented in the Minot State University entomology collection.

Jean-Francois Mondon, German assistant professor and foreign languages coordinator, is December's Author of the Month for the foreign language section of Routledge Publishing, <http://bit.ly/1vc18RX>.

Tom Seymour, business information technology professor, moderated a panel with the topic, "Providing Telecom Services in Oil Country," Dec. 1 at the North Dakota Association of Telecommunications annual meeting in Bismarck.

Minot State University mission

Minot State University is first and foremost dedicated to the success of all students: their growth and development as educated citizens, their confidence, and their life-long devotion to the common good and the welfare of others.

Be seen. Be heard.