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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Conductor and violinist Joseph Silverstein will present two programs on the campus of Youngstown State University Friday, April 11, as a Schermer Scholar-in-Residence.

The internationally acclaimed musician will perform as guest artist with the Youngstown Symphony on April 12.

During his campus visit April 11, Silverstein will present a lecture during a convocation at 11 a.m. in the Recital Hall of Bliss Hall, Wick Avenue.

At 2 p.m. he will conduct a master class for advanced music students and faculty in Room 2036 of Bliss Hall.

Both presentations are open to the public. They were arranged through cooperation of YSU's Dana School of Music.

Silverstein has been music director of the Utah Symphony since 1983.

He is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia where his violin teachers included Josef Gingold, Mischa Mischakoff and Efrem Zimbalist.

After playing with the Houston Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra and Denver Symphony, he joined the Boston Symphony in 1955 and later was named concertmaster and assistant conductor. During his tenure there he conducted the orchestra on more than 100 occasions.

As conductor and soloist, he has appeared with more than 100 orchestras in this country and abroad.

Silverstein served on the faculties of Yale, Boston University and Tanglewood Music Center and presently is artist-in-residence at Tanglewood, artistic advisor to the Tanglewood Institute at Boston University, and music director of the Musicians' Congress of Strings.

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He has recorded extensively and has been awarded honorary degrees from Tufts University, Boston College and Rhode Island University.

The Schermer Scholar-in-Residence program was established at YSU in 1980 through an endowment from the Frances and Lillian Schermer Charitable Trusts, administered by the Youngstown Zionist District of the Zionist Organization of America and B'nai B'rith Mahoning Lodge 339. It memorializes the Schermer family and seeks to advance their interest in young people, education, the Jewish community and the community at large.

Each year the Schermer residencies bring to the campus notable speakers and performing artists who explore contemporary issues and interests in public presentations, extending the University's academic resources and strengthening the link between the campus and community.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - A Youngstown State University admissions counselor, Geverna C. Levels of Boardman recently returned from Beaufort County School District, Beaufort, South Carolina where she spent five days discussing the Life Planning Program she created specifically for inner city eighth graders.

The program, a personal and career counseling activity, was shared with students at three junior high schools, a total of approximately 1,000 young people.

Ms. Levels also conducted three faculty workshops entitled, "The Role of High Expectations in Motivating Eighth Graders," while sharing with participants highlights of the Life Planning Program.

She has presented her program at various conferences throughout the U.S., including the American Association for Counseling and Development at New York City, National Association for College Admissions Counselors in Cincinnati, and the Pennsylvania Association of College Admissions Counselors in Seven Springs, Pa.

A graduate of Youngstown's South High School, Ms. Levels holds a bachelor's degree from Hiram College and has been a member of the YSU staff since 1980.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - The one-woman play, "The Belle of Amherst," will be presented by Youngstown State University's Program and Activities Council in Kilcawley Student Center at 8 p.m. on April 17, 18, & 19.

The play by William Luce is based on the life of poet Emily Dickinson. It will star Carol Weakland of Canfield under the direction of Craig Duff.

Reservations may be made by calling Kilcawley Information Center at (216) 742-3516 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets for non-students are \$2. YSU students will receive free admission tickets upon making reservations.

The play draws heavily on the poems, letters, and first-hand accounts of the poet from close relatives and friends. Throughout the two-act play, which originally opened on Broadway in 1977, Emily discusses her childhood, her recipes her thoughts, her habits and relationships.

She will be portrayed by Carol Weakland, a speech communications major at YSU and a noted performer in theatrical productions at YSU and the Youngstown Playhouse.

Director Duff is assistant to the coordinator of student activities at YSU and a recent telecommunications graduate. He appeared in many YSU and Playhouse productions.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Emily Dickinson's death.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Two leading saxophonists will conduct a seminar Saturday, April 12, in Bliss Recital Hall at Youngstown State University.

The program, sponsored by the University's Dana School of Music, is free and open to the public.

The guest speakers/performers will be Ryo Noda of Tokyo, who is currently on a concert tour of the U.S., and John Sampen, professor of saxophone at Bowling Green State University.

The seminar schedule is: 10 a.m.-introductions, coffee and doughnuts; 10:30-master class by Sampen; 1 p.m.-lecture by Noda; 2 p.m.-recital by Sampen; 3 p.m.-recital by Noda.

Noda has been very active in Japan and France as a composer and performer of contemporary music, and has had a number of works published. His style is a unique combination of Japanese and Western musical influences.

Sampen, a leading concert saxophonist, is gaining wide recognition for his own work and for commissioning and promoting new saxophone literature.

The seminar was arranged by James Umble of Boardman, Dana instructor of saxophone. The Dana School of Music is part of YSU's College of Fine and Performing Arts.

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