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The Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival, sponsored in part by the YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies, opens this week. Shown above is a scene from *Infidel*, one of featured films.

## **Calendar**

**Monday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m.**

YSU President Cynthia E.

Anderson and Youngstown City Schools Superintendent Wendy Webb kick-off Nonviolence Week in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. The guest speaker is Jeff Steinberg, a leader of Sojourn to the Past, a nationally recognized social justice and civil rights education project. See News Brief below for list of other activities this week.

**Monday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m.** The YSU Dana School of Music presents its Fall Choral Concert in St. Columba Cathedral, 159 West Rayen Ave.

**Tuesday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m.** The Penguins' volleyball squad faces off against Wright State in Beeghly Center. The team also plays Butler **5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 6, 12:15 p.m.** The YSU New Music Society presents a free Music at Noon concert 12:15 p.m. in the Butler Institute of American Art. For details on other New Music Society performances this week, see News Brief below.

**Wednesday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.** The Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival, sponsored by the YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies, starts with the film, *The Little Traitor*, at USA Cinema in Niles. See News Brief below for full schedule.

**Wednesday, Oct. 6, 5 p.m.** Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership and Honors Organization will recognize new members in the Gallery of Kilcawley Center. New members that have completed their membership profiles and submitted the lifetime membership dues are invited to attend. RSVP to Brenda Crouse, chapter advisor, at [bmccrouse@ysu.edu](mailto:bmccrouse@ysu.edu). The organization is collecting non-perishable food items for a local food pantry.

**Thursday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.** Mel Duncan, co-founder of the international organization, Nonviolent Peaceforce, lectures in the McDonough Museum of Art. See News Brief below for more information.

**Friday, Oct. 8, 3 p.m.** YSU women's soccer team plays Detroit in Stambaugh Stadium, the final home game of the season.

**Friday, Oct. 8, 6 p.m.** YSU Dana School of Music's Tuba/Euphonium Recital performs in Bliss Recital Hall as part of Octubafest. See News Brief below.

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8, 9 and 10.** University Theater presents its opening main stage performance of Ken Ludwig's farce "Leading

Ladies" in Spotlight Arena Theater. Friday and Saturday performances begin at **7:30 p.m.**, with the Sunday matinee performance at **3 p.m.** Tickets may be purchased by calling the University Theater Box Office at 330-941-3105.

**Friday and Saturday, Oct. 8 and 9, 8 p.m.** Ward Beecher Planetarium features "Stars," a full-dome show narrated by Mark (Luke Skywalker) Hamill. The planetarium also shows "Little Star that Could" at **1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday.** Free.

**Saturday, Oct. 9, 4 p.m.** YSU takes on North Dakota State in Stambaugh Stadium. All fans will receive a keychain courtesy of McDonald's & 21 WFMJ. YSU Football Alumni Tailgate Blast features music by Guys without Ties. "My Sheetz Card" Buy-One, Get-One Free ticket offer. Members of 1950-54 football teams will be honored. For more information, visit [www.ysusports.com](http://www.ysusports.com).

**Monday, Oct. 11, 5 to 7 p.m.** An open house will be held for the new home of the TheNewsOutlet.org in Smith Hall. The NewsOutlet is an innovative journalism program at YSU that was recently awarded a grant from the prestigious Knight Foundation.

## **Nonviolence Week aims to 'Stamp Out Violence'**

"Stamp Out Violence" is the theme of Youngstown State University's first Nonviolence Week Oct. 4 through 8, featuring various events throughout the week.

"Our university firmly embraces the principles of nonviolence," said Yulanda McCarty-Harris, director of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at YSU. "Nonviolence was instrumental to bringing about change during the civil rights movement, and it is still relevant even more so today. Nonviolence is a powerful way to heal, transform and empower our lives and our communities. We are excited about this initiative on campus, and we are even more excited that our students are involved."



**The Dana School of Music's Octubafest starts this Friday.**

Among the events planned for the week:



**Monday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m.** YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson and Youngstown City Schools Superintendent Wendy Webb will be joined by YSU Student Government President Nick Meditz and Gregory Jones of Youngstown Early College for a kick-off celebration in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. The guest speaker is Jeff Steinberg, a former teacher who travels the country talking about non-violence. He also leads Sojourn to the Past, a nationally recognized social justice and civil rights education project.

**Tuesday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m.** The YSU Greek system, along with YSU Campus Rec and Student Programming, present “Greeks Against Violence” on the campus core.

**Wednesday, Oct. 6, 11:30 a.m.** YSU Housing and Residence Life and representatives of YSU Student Government present a discussion on “Nonviolence and Women” in Christman Dining Commons. The discussion features Lynn Bilal, program director of the Rape Information and Counseling Program at the Family Service Agency, and Constance Collins of Sojourner House Domestic Violence Program.

**Thursday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m.** “Stop the Violence! A Call for Nonviolence: Gangs in Youngstown” will be held in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center, featuring Roland Smith, director of programs for the Mahoning County Juvenile Justice Center.

**Thursday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.** Mel Duncan, co-founder of Nonviolent Peaceforce, speaks at the McDonough Museum of Art.

**Friday, Oct. 8, 4 p.m.** “Long Night’s Journey Into Day,” a 2000 Academy Award nominee and the grand prize winner at the 2000 Sundance Film Festival, will be screened in the Presidential Suites of Kilcawley Center.

All events are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the YSU Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at 330-941-3370.

## **Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival starts Oct. 6**

The 2010 Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival, sponsored in part by the YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies, runs Wednesday, Oct. 6 through Sunday, Oct. 17 at USA Cinema in the Niles Great East Plaza and the Butler Institute of American Art on Wick Avenue in Youngstown.

Five films will be featured in this year’s festival:

- Wednesday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m., USA Cinema: *The Little Traitor*, directed by Lynn Roth, is based on the Amos Oz novel *Panther in the Basement* and follows young Proffy Liebowitz, who plots against the occupying British soldiers in Palestine, 1947, until he becomes friends with one and complicates life for his friends and the entire Jewish community.

- Sunday, Oct. 10, 1 p.m., Butler Institute: *Pigeon* and *Where I Stand: The Hank Greenspun Story*. This double feature includes a short film and a documentary. *Pigeon* shows a rare, startling act of resistance, and *Where I Stand* tells the story of Israel's War of Independence hero Hank Greenspun.
- Thursday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m., USA Cinema: *The Infidel* is a story of Mahmud Nasir, a "relaxed Muslim" who finds out after his mother's death that he was adopted at birth...and is Jewish.
- Sunday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m., USA Cinema: *Saviors in the Night*, directed by Ludi Boeken, tells the true story of the Spiegels, a Jewish family during WWII that finds refuge with Westphalian farmers and escapes death camp deportations.

Single tickets or festival passes can be purchased. The price for single tickets is as follows: \$8 adult, \$7 senior and \$5 student. Festival pass prices include: \$24 adult, \$21 senior, \$15 student. Tickets can be purchased at the Jewish Community Center bursar's office on Gypsy Lane in Youngstown.



A scene from *The Little Traitor*, the first film in the 2010 Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival.

## Co-founder of the Nonviolent Peaceforce speaks at YSU

Mel Duncan, co-founder of the international organization, Nonviolent Peaceforce, lectures 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 in the McDonough Museum of Art on Wick Avenue in Youngstown.

The lecture about "Creating a Nonviolent Peaceforce: Following in the Footsteps of Gandhi" is free and open to the public and sponsored by the YSU James Dale Ethics Center and WYSU-FM.

In addition, Duncan will speaking to two classes taught by Victor Wan-Tatah, YSU professor of philosophy and religious studies: 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 in Room 106 of Beeghly Center, and 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 8 in Room 112 of the Lincoln Building.



Mel Duncan

Duncan, David Hartsough and their fellow founders constituted Nonviolent Peaceforce in the 2002 Convening Event in Surajkund, India, with peace advocates from 49 countries in attendance. One year later, in fall 2003, Nonviolent Peaceforce had its first team in Sri Lanka.

The mission of Nonviolent Peaceforce is to build a large-scale trained, international civilian nonviolent peaceforce. Nonviolent Peaceforce is sent to conflict areas to prevent death and destruction and protect human rights, thus creating the space for local groups to enter into dialogue and to seek peaceful resolution to local conflicts. The NP envisions a world in which large-scale unarmed civilian peacekeeping using proven nonviolent strategies is recognized as a viable alternative in preventing, addressing,

and mitigating violent conflicts worldwide. Their primary strategy for achieving this vision is the creation of space to foster dialogue.

For more information, call 330-941-1778.



### **Faculty recital set for this evening**

Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music presents faculty member Nathan Douds in recital, 8 p.m. today, Monday, Oct. 4, in Bliss Recital Hall.

The recital is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue deck for a nominal fee.

Douds, a freelance percussionist, pianist, and educator, earned a bachelor's degree in percussion performance

from YSU and a master's degree in jazz studies (applied piano) from Bowling Green State University. He is currently teaching adjunct at YSU and Slippery Rock University.

Since the age of 14, Douds has played a variety of music, from jazz, pop, R&B, Brazilian, Afro-Cuban to progressive rock, orchestral, chamber music, musical theater and electro-acoustic. He has worked with many artists and groups, including Joe Lovano, John Hollenbeck, the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra, the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, the Diamonds, the Coasters and the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra.

He is a founding member of the Percussion Art Ensemble, a performance and education-based percussion trio playing music ranging from traditional, contemporary, original, electronic, theatrical, and everything in between.

### **New Music Society concerts this week**

The Dana School of Music announces the New Music Society's 2010-11 season with two fall concerts performed by the Composers Ensemble.

The concert schedule:

- **Wednesday, Oct. 6, 12:15 p.m.** Music at Noon concert in the Butler Institute of American Art.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 6, 8 p.m.** in Bliss Recital Hall.
- **Friday, Oct. 8, 11 a.m.,** Dana School of Music Convocation in Bliss Recital Hall.

The Composers Ensemble, directed by Rollin, will perform new works by area composers. Richard Zacharias, board member of the local New Music Guild Inc., will attend for the first performance of his solo piano piece. Dana School of Music students Carol Smolka, voice and piano and flute and piano; Samantha Hogan, trombone and piano; Brandon Loewit, clarinet duo; and Sarah Kramer, flute ensemble, will premier their pieces.

With the exception of the school programs, all concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, call 330-941-3636.

## October Music at Noon concerts set

The Dana School of Music, in collaboration with the Butler Institute of American Art, presents free Music at Noon performances on Wednesdays throughout the month of October.

Performances are 12:15 p.m. in the Butler Institute of American Art. The concerts are open to the public and parking is free at the Butler.



The performances for October:

- **Oct. 6 - New Music**
- **Oct. 13 - YSU Percussion Ensemble**
- **Oct. 20 - Jazz Combos**
- **Oct. 27 - New Music**

For more information, call 330-941-3636. For a complete calendar of events, visit <http://web.ysu.edu/fpa>.

## October is time for Octubafest

Octubafest, a celebration that honors the rich heritage of the tuba and euphonium, continues throughout the month of October on the campus of Youngstown State University.

Performances include:

**Friday, Oct. 8, 6 p.m.** YSU Dana School of Music's Tuba/Euphonium Recital performs in Bliss Recital Hall. The group also performs **Wednesday, Oct. 20, 8 p.m.**, also in Bliss Recital Hall.

**Saturday, Oct. 23, 4 p.m.** Solo guest artist Anthony Halloin performs in Bliss Recital Hall. Halloin, originally from De Pere, Wisconsin, joined the Navy Band in 2004. Halloin earned a bachelor's degree in music with a teacher's certification at the University of Michigan and a master of music from Indiana University. More recently, he completed his Doctor of Musical Arts at the University of Maryland. He has performed with the Indianapolis Symphony, Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, and Phil Ogilvie's Rhythm Kings.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information about "Octubafest" please contact Dr. Brian Kiser at 330-941-3636 or e-mail him at [bdkiser@ysu.edu](mailto:bdkiser@ysu.edu).

## **Wind Ensemble, Concert Band perform Oct. 11**

The YSU Wind Ensemble and Concert Band open their 2010-11 indoor performance season with a concert entitled, “Monumental Works for the Wind Band” at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, at Stambaugh Auditorium.

The bands will be conducted by Stephen L. Gage, YSU director of bands, and Brandt Payne, assistant professor of music and director of athletic bands. Graduate conducting students, David Blon and Chad Guess, will also be featured. The program will include a number of classic works.



**Stephen L. Gage**



**Brandt Payne**

The YSU Wind Ensemble has garnered critical acclaim for its numerous convention performances, including its Carnegie Hall premiere, and for its six produced compact disc recordings.

This concert is part of the Dana Concert Series and is sponsored by the YSU College of Fine and Performing Arts, the Dana Concert Series, and the Dana School of Music. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens; YSU students and faculty are admitted free with ID. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call 330-941-3636.