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## Calendar

**Thursday, July 1, 9 a.m.** Join Pete the Penguin, the YSU band, cheerleaders, students, faculty, staff, alumni and the entire YSU community in a celebration of Cynthia E. Anderson on her first day as the president of YSU. The event is outside the south entrance of Tod Hall on the YSU campus. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 330-941-3497.

## **YSU Summer Festival of the Arts July 10 and 11**

Nearly 70 artists from Virginia, West Virginia, New York, Indiana and North Carolina, as well as Ohio and Pennsylvania, will participate in Youngstown State University's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Festival of the Arts July 10 and 11 on the YSU campus.



**Phil Gonzalez and the group, Conjunto Riquena, will once again perform at this year's YSU Summer Festival of the Arts July 10 and 11 on campus.**

In addition to the juried Artists Marketplace, the two-day event includes a children's art tent and dozens of activities sponsored by cultural and arts organizations and YSU departments. Also featured is the Festival of Nations, which highlights the Mahoning Valley's diverse ethnic populations through a presentation of food, displays, presentations and musical or dance performances.

"The Summer Festival of the Arts is about making the arts accessible to everyone," SFA Coordinator Lori Factor said. "Both the fine and performing arts are showcased at the event, and we are proud to welcome local artists as well as those who call the Valley 'home' for this weekend. We have become a destination event for artists to promote and sell their artwork and patrons have come to expect a great selection of art year after year."

Participants in the Artists Marketplace have applied to the event and been selected based upon the quality of their work. Jurors were Angela DeLucia, assistant to the director of the McDonough Museum of Art, and Susan Russo, professor emeritus of the YSU Department of Art.

Also featured at this year's SFA is a new public art project called "Three Letters Youngstown Project." Area artists will create banners incorporating the letters Y, S, and U. On the reverse side of the banner, artists will depict Youngstown in their own concept using red, black and white paint. The banners will be hung during the Summer Festival of the Arts with the opportunity for them to be auctioned at the conclusion of the festival.

The Summer Festival of the Arts is part of a series of events July 10 and 11, including the Smoky Hollow 5K Race, Tour of the Valley Bicycle race, Youngstown Jazz Festival, and St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Summerfest.

For more information, visit [www.ysu.edu/sfa](http://www.ysu.edu/sfa)



### **Forte on the Fifty music and fireworks discontinued**

Forte on the Fifty, Youngstown State University's annual music and fireworks celebration in Stambaugh Stadium, will be discontinued due to the construction of the new Watson and Tressel Training Site.

The fireworks extravaganza presented at the event by BJ Alan Company was staged on the site where the WATTS Center is now under construction, said George McCloud, vice president for University Advancement.

"In the interest of the safety of guests and the campus at large, we regret that the event will be discontinued," he said.

McCloud said he and the university appreciate the support of many individuals and sponsors who made Forte on the Fifty such a success over the years. "It was always a great night to celebrate with friends," he said.

In the past, Forte on the Fifty was held in conjunction with the YSU Summer Festival of the Arts. The annual arts festival, featuring the Artists Marketplace, international festival, children's art tent and dozens of activities sponsored by cultural

and arts organizations and YSU departments, will be back for a 12<sup>th</sup> year on July 10 and 11 on the YSU campus core. For more information on the Summer Festival of the Arts, visit <http://www.ysu.edu/sfa/>.



## **YSU faculty/staff awards, publications, presentations**

**Jake Protivnak**, assistant professor of Counseling, made two presentations at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision national conference in San Diego. The presentations were titled, “Finding the Right Slices of the Counselor Education Pie: Balancing Teaching, Scholarship, and Service for Pre-Tenured Faculty” and “The Development of Counseling Skills and Relational Competencies for Pre-Tenured Counselor Educators: How Supportive is the Academy of Junior Counseling Faculty Engaging in Direct Counseling Practice?”

**Melodie Provencher**, administrative assistant in the Office of Student Life and adjunct faculty member in the Department of English, presented a paper, “Sacred Texts, Entitlement and the Meaning of ‘Indigenous’ in Merchant, Jhabvala and Ivory’s *Shakespeare Wallah*,” at the Ohio Valley Shakespeare Conference in Athens, Ohio.

**Becky Varian**, coordinator at the Center for Student Progress, presented “Understanding and Overcoming Math Anxiety” at the Ohio First Year Experience Conference at the University of Cincinnati.

**Jim Andrews**, professor of Physics & Astronomy, co-authored the paper “Continuous melt processing of all-polymer distributed feedback lasers” with research from Case Western Reserve University’s Departments of Physics and Macromolecular Science and Engineering. The paper appeared in the *Journal of Materials Chemistry*.

**Valerie O’Dell**, assistant professor of Nursing; **Susan Lisko**, assistant professor of Nursing; **Kimberly Serroka**, associate professor of Nursing; and **Nancy Wagner**, assistant professor of Nursing, disseminated their doctoral research findings entitled “Evaluation of Scenario Simulation on Nursing Students’ Critical Thinking Abilities and Student Satisfaction as it Relates to Learning Style” in an oral presentation at the Nursing Research Symposium sponsored by Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing held at YSU.

**Diane Barnes**, associate professor of History, presented a paper titled, “Did Frederick Douglass Fail? John Brown and the Righteous Use of Violence,” at the 150th Commemoration of John Brown's Raid: A Sesquicentennial Commemoration, at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park in Harpers Ferry, W.V.

**Joanne Gallagher**, coordinator of YSU Counseling and Career Services, was nominated for the Research and Publications Award from the American Association for Employment in Education, a national organization of school administrators and college career services professionals. The nomination is in recognition of her outstanding contributions serving as co-editor for the past five years of the annual *Job Search Handbook for Educators*, as well as having several articles published for the AAEE.

**Sherry Linkon**, professor of English and co-director of the YSU Center for Working-Class Studies, was the keynote speaker during the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Working Class Celebration Month. Her topic was on “Working Class Studies in Higher Education.” She also participated in a roundtable discussion on “The Place of Theory in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in the Humanities” at the International Society for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference at the University of Indiana.

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