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Dana School of Music faculty members, from the left, Corinne Morini, Nancy Andersen Wolfgang and Misook Yun make up the Three Sopranos, who will present a concert 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, in Bliss Recital Hall on the YSU campus. Read more in this week's YSU News Briefs.

Calendar

Monday, Jan. 31, 8 p.m. YSU's Dana School of Music presents a free faculty artist recital, The Three Sopranos, in Bliss Recital Hall on campus. See News Brief and photo below.

Wednesday, Feb. 2, noon. Galia Sabar, chair of African Studies at Tel Aviv University and recipient of the Unsung Hero of Compassion award from the Dalai Lama, presents a lecture titled "The Africanization of Israel—Ethiopian Jews, African Labor Migrants and Asylum Seekers." The free presentation in the Ohio Room of YSU's Kilcawley Center is part of YSU's African American History Month Celebration.

Wednesday, Feb. 2, noon. YSU women's tennis squad takes on University of California, Pennsylvania, at the Boardman Tennis Center. The team competes **6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5**, against Toledo, also at the Boardman Tennis Center.

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 12:15 p.m. YSU's Dana School of Music presents Jazz Combos in a free Music at Noon concert in the Butler Institute of American Art. For a full schedule of Music at Noon concerts this month, see News Brief below.

Thursday, Feb. 3, 7:05 p.m. YSU men's basketball team takes on Butler in Beeghly Center. Butler reached the Final Four and the NCAA Championship game in Indianapolis last spring. The men also play **Saturday, Feb. 5, 7:05 p.m.** against Valparaiso, also in Beeghly.

Saturday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program at YSU kicks off with a news conference in the new Williamson Hall on campus. VITA offers free tax assistance and gives hands-on experience to business students. Tax preparation sessions are scheduled throughout February and March, ending on April 9.



The African Marketplace from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 in YSU's Chestnut Room is part of the university's African American History Month Celebration.

Saturday, Feb. 5, noon to 6 p.m. The African Marketplace, featuring a sampling of jewelry, writings, goods and creations by African Americans, will be in the Chestnut Room of YSU's Kilcawley Center. The event, part of YSU's African American History Month Celebration, also includes dance and musical entertainment by the Harambee Youth Group of Youngstown.

Sunday, Feb. 6, 11 a.m. YSU hosts the Youngstown State Diving Invitational in Beeghly Center's natatorium.

Sunday, Feb. 6, 4 p.m. Take time before the Super Bowl to enjoy a free concert by the Dana School of Music Chamber Orchestra in Bliss Recital Hall on the campus of YSU. Featured works include Haydn's Symphony No. 96 the "Miracle," Vivaldi's Concerto in F Major for Three Violins, Mozart's Exsultate, Jubilate with guest artist Misook Yun, and Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 the "Italian." For more information, call 330-941-3636. For a complete calendar of Dana events, visit <http://web.ysu.edu/fpa>.

JPMorgan Chase donates \$35K for science instruction

The JPMorgan Chase Foundation has donated \$35,000 to Youngstown State University to continue a successful program to improve science instruction for more than 500 fifth- and sixth-graders in the Youngstown City Schools.

With the gift, JPMorgan Chase and its predecessors have donated nearly \$275,000 to YSU in the past 11 years. Previous gifts have been earmarked for the Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center, scholarships, Students Motivated by the Arts and the Youngstown Early College.

"I want to thank the leadership of JPMorgan Chase for this generous donation," YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson said. "This gift will help the children in our inner-city schools and is a reflection of JPMorgan Chase's continued commitment to our community."



Officials of JPMorgan Chase were on campus recently to present a check for \$35,000 to YSU to support the Interdisciplinary Three Sciences 5th and 6th Grades Program. Pictured from the left are Heather Chunn, YSU senior development officer; Holly Burnett-Hanley, research associate at the YSU Center for Urban and Regional Studies; Ted Walter, president of the Akron/Canton/Youngstown region for JPMorgan Chase; Cinnamon Pelly, vice president of corporate responsibility at JPMorgan Chase; YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson; George Sestock, vice president/manager of JP Morgan Chase Bank; Deborah Eppinger, vice president/private client services; and James Pitzer, senior vice president of JP Morgan Chase Bank.

This is the third year that JPMorgan Chase has supported the YSU Interdisciplinary Three Sciences 5th & 6th Grades Program. In that time, students enrolled in the program have experienced improvement on the Ohio Achievement Test, and teachers involved in the program have given it glowing marks for its impact on students.

“Through philanthropy, JPMorgan Chase wants to ensure that Youngstown children acquire the knowledge and skills needed to become productive, engaged citizens,” said Theodore F. Walter, president of the Youngstown market for Chase. “The program helps children deepen their appreciation for science – a discipline that plays a key role in keeping our nation competitive.”

The program, a partnership between the Youngstown City Schools and the YSU Center for Urban and Regional Studies, is an interdisciplinary approach to science instruction for fifth- and sixth-grade students. Students learn to understand science and its applications in real life by engaging in numerous interdisciplinary activities, including trips to Mill Creek Park for lessons in life science.

“In this type of dynamic learning, students remember more easily because they are challenged by a problem they have to figure out and they are typically also using their senses – hearing, touching, seeing and smelling,” said Holly Burnett-Hanley, research associate with the Center for Urban and Regional Studies.

Under the program, 450 fifth-graders and 75 teachers from various disciplines engage in an interdisciplinary approach to Life Science, Physical Science and Earth & Space Science. The approach includes hands-on activities, field trips and 3-D models based on the Ohio Academic Content Standards. The program also includes 75 sixth-graders and 10 teachers in various disciplines who pioneer an interdisciplinary approach to the three sciences and create a model for the other sixth grade schools in the next coming school year based on the Ohio Academic Content Standards.

About the JPMorgan Chase Foundation

JPMorgan Chase donates more than \$150 million annually to charitable organizations globally in support of public education, affordable housing and community revitalization efforts. More information is available at www.jpmorganchase.com/giving.

REUNION celebrates McDonough Museum's 20th anniversary

The John J. McDonough Museum of Art at Youngstown State University celebrates 20 years of exhibiting contemporary art with REUNION, a major exhibition by former YSU art students.

The exhibition will be open to the public Feb. 19 through March 18.

The opening celebration of the exhibit will take place at the annual Mad About the Arts benefit on Friday, Feb. 25, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. A ticketed event, Mad About the Arts benefits both the McDonough Museum of Art and SMARTS—Students Motivated by the Arts. Space is limited. Cash or check only at the door. For tickets or more information, contact SMARTS at 330-941-2787.



"Jawless #1" by YSU graduate Larry Davis is among the items included in the McDonough Museum's REUNION show, a major exhibition featuring the work of former YSU art students Feb. 19 through March 18. Davis is senior show producer of Walt Disney Imagineering.

Past and present faculty of the YSU Department of Art were asked to submit names of former students whose art and design careers they have followed. From these submissions came the group of 60 artists featured in REUNION. The show includes artists from across the world and as far away as Taiwan. Their careers range from art professors to photographers, painters, jewelers, animators, to sculptors and those who run their own design houses and galleries.

Among the artists and designers highlighted in the exhibit:

- Ed Hallahan, who will create a site-specific outdoor installation adjacent to the museum.
- Larry Davis, senior show producer of Walt Disney Imagineering, displays his fantastical creatures made from found objects.
- Douglas Halbert, who was the chief designer for Honda Research and Development of North America for 30 years, shows his original renderings of Honda series cars. Also
- Kurt Emch will display a 30-foot long history wall commemorating the 20th anniversary of the museum.

The McDonough Museum of Art is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information on the exhibition, call 330-941-1400 or visit <http://mcdonoughmuseum.ysu.edu>.

YSU Metro College February offerings

Youngstown State University Metro College is offering the following courses that begin the month of February:

- Word 2007 (Boot Camp), Monday, Feb. 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$99.
- How to Buy and Sell on eBay, Saturday, Feb. 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$99.
- LEAN Enterprise for Business and Industry, Monday, Feb. 14, 7:30 to 10 a.m., No Fee.
- Simply Sewing, Wednesdays, Feb. 16 to Mar. 23, 6 to 8 p.m., \$120.
- Yoga, Wednesdays, Feb. 16 to Mar. 30, 6:30 to 8 p.m., \$109.
- Line Dance Basics, Thursdays, Feb. 17 to Mar. 24, 6 to 7:30 p.m., \$125.
- Design Your Own Theme Gift Basket, Saturdays, Feb. 19 to Mar. 12, 10 a.m. to noon, \$100.
- Word 2007 Advanced, Monday and Wednesday, Feb. 21 and 23, 6 to 9p.m., \$99
- Debt Free and Prosperous Living, Tuesday, Feb. 22, 6 to 9 p.m., \$45.
- Real Estate Appraisal, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 22 to Mar. 8, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., \$195.
- Conserve Energy at Home, Thursday, Feb. 24, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$33.
- Introduction to Voiceovers, Friday, Feb. 25, 6 to 8 p.m., \$45.
- Illustrator Basics, Saturday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$178.

Unless otherwise noted, all classes are held at YSU Metro College in the Southwoods Executive Centre in Boardman. For more information and/or to register, call 330-941-2465, or visit www.ysumetro.com.

YSU Metro College provides evening and weekend classes for the adult learner. Classes cover everything from personal enrichment/leisure to short term training involving various certificate programs aimed at workforce development skills.

YSU staffer starts 135-mile race across frozen Minnesota tundra

Dan Kuzma, manager of recycling at Youngstown State University, is participating this week in a 135-mile race across northern Minnesota – the latest in a series of ultra-marathons for the 28-year-old YSU graduate.

The Arrowhead 135 starts today, Jan. 31, in International Falls and ends Wednesday, Feb. 2, near Tower, Minn. Runners follow rugged snowmobile tracks. Temperatures can drop to 20 degrees below zero. Kuzma will be pulling a sled behind him, containing up to 40 pounds of survival gear, i.e. tent, sleeping bag, food and extra clothes.

“It’s certainly is going to be an adventure,” he said.



YSU ultra-marathoners Dan Kuzma, left, and Gary Sexton.

“I like the challenge,” he added. “It’s pretty interesting what you can ask your body to do.”

To track Kuzma’s progress, visit www.arrowheadultra.com and click on Results, and 2011 Results.

The Minnesota run is the longest race Kuzma has ever run. In December, he ran the Bartram Forest 100-Mile Race in Georgia and won. With a time of 19 hours, 24 minutes and 22 seconds, Kuzma beat his closest competitor by more than 90 minutes.

At that same race, Gary Sexton, director of WYSU-FM, ran in the 100-kilometer (about 62 miles) portion of the competition, placing second with a time of 11 hours and 18 minutes.

“I guess we represented YSU well,” Kuzma said.

Combined, Kuzma and Sexton have run nearly two dozen 26-mile marathons (including the prestigious Boston Marathon), and even more 5- and 10-kilometer races. Kuzma has now run five 100-mile races, as well as one 70-mile competition and seven 50-mile races. And Sexton’s resume now includes one 100-mile race, one 100-kilometer run and four 50-mile competitions.

“I’m in it for the edge – pushing yourself to crazy limits,” said Sexton, 54. “It’s as much mental as physical.”

Kuzma has been running since high school and ran his first marathon in May 2004, the same month he earned a bachelor’s degree in environmental studies from YSU. “That kind of got me hooked,” he said. He’s been upping the ante ever since; the race in Georgia was his first, first-place finish.

Sexton has also been running since high school; his first 50-mile race came in 2005 as part of a fund-raising challenge for WYSU that raised \$38,000 for the station.

Sexton and Kuzma regularly team up to run races together, and they share training regimens, which include running 10 to 14 hours a week. Kuzma also regularly walks the two miles from his home to his office at YSU. “I put a lot of time on my feet,” he said.

Ethics Week features conference on Feb. 11

“Why Do Good People Make Bad Choices?” is the theme of the Youngstown State University Williamson College of Business Administration’s Business Ethics Week 2011 next week, highlighted by a conference featuring presentations on ethical business practices.

The event is intended to create a shared focus among students and faculty on the importance of business ethics, corporate social responsibility and sustainable business. The week is sponsored by the Institute of Management Accountants, Beta Alpha Psi, the Lariccia School of Accounting and Finance, the Williamson College of Business Administration, and the James Dale Ethics Center.

The highlight of the week is an ethics conference in the WCBA Conference Center in Williamson Hall on **Friday, Feb. 11**. Check-in and registration is from 8:45 to 9:10 a.m. The keynote speaker is Diann Catanni, known for her compelling story of how



Diann Catanni

unethical decisions dramatically affected her life. Norm Meonske, professor emeritus from Kent State University, will make a presentation about the consequences of unethical behavior in business. In addition, Alan Tomhave and Mark Vopat from YSU's Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies will moderate discussions with panels of business practitioners on the role that ethics play in accounting/finance and management/marketing. The final conference session will feature Diann Catanni, who was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison in 2002 for embezzling nearly \$500,000. For additional information or to make reservations, call the Lariccia School of Accounting and Finance at 330-941-3084.

Other events scheduled during the week:

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 4 p.m. The American Marketing Association meets in Room 2205 of Williamson Hall for an open discussion on ethics in marketing and advertising.

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 4 p.m. The Society for Human Resource Management presents Ethical Practices in Interviewing in Room 2222, Williamson Hall.

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 4 p.m. The Institute of Management Accountants hosts an Ice Cream Social and Ethics Conference Preparation session in the café in Williamson Hall.

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 4 p.m. Beta Alpha Psi presents Ethics in Accounting in Room 2212, Williamson Hall.

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YSU's Three Sopranos is comprised of Dana faculty members Corinne Morini, Nancy Andersen Wolfgang and Misook Yun. The performance will include several pieces where all three perform together, as well as many duos and individual pieces. The repertoire features popular show tunes, classical opera and contemporary pieces. This is the first time the three have performed together.

The recital is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue deck for a nominal fee. For more information, call 330-941-3636.

Free Music at Noon concerts on Wednesdays this month

Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music, in collaboration with the Butler Institute of American Art, presents free Music at Noon performances each Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at the Butler Institute of American Art. The concerts are free and open to the public, and parking is free at the Butler.

The performances for the month of February are:

Feb. 2 - Jazz Combos

Feb. 9 - Clarinet Studio

Feb. 16 - YSU Tuba/Euphonium Studio Recital

Feb. 23 - YSU Percussion Ensemble

For more information, call the Dana School of Music at 330-941-3636. For a complete calendar of events, visit the College of Fine and Performing Arts' website at <http://web.ysu.edu/fpa>.