

# News•Briefs

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## **Calendar**

**Monday, April 4, 8 p.m.** YSU Jazz Ensemble performs in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

**Tuesday, April 5.** Topics ranging from executive compensation and windmills to Al Capone and Bob Dylan will be covered at QUEST, the annual forum for YSU students to share their scholarly achievements with the university community. See News Brief below.

**Tuesday, April 5, 8 p.m.** The Dana School of Music's Keyboard Department presents a recital in Bliss Recital Hall.

**Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 6, 7 and 8.** The YSU English Festival in Kilcawley Center attracts about 3,000 junior and senior high school students from throughout the region. See News Brief below.

**Wednesday, April 6, 3 and 5 p.m.** The Penguins softball squad squares off against Toledo.

**Wednesday, April 6, 12:15 p.m.** The Dana School of Music's Saxophone Studio will perform a free Music at Noon concert in the Butler Institute of American Art.

**Thursday, April 7, noon.** Derek Penn, a native of Youngstown and current managing director and head of equity sales and training at Pershing LLC, a BNY Mellon Co., speaks in Room 3422 of Williamson Hall as part of the Williamson Symposium Lecture Series at YSU. Sessions will also be held at 2 and 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Williamson Hall.

**Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.** The Clarinet Studio performs in Bliss Recital Hall.

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 8, 9 and 10.** University Theater presents *Blossoms & Bliss*, an original musical cabaret, in Spotlight Arena Theater in Bliss Hall on the campus of Youngstown State University. Friday and Saturday performances begin at **7:30 p.m.**, with the Sunday matinees starting at **3 p.m.** Call 330-941-3105.

**Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9.** YSU baseball team takes on Butler at **3 p.m. Friday** and plays a doubleheader on **Saturday noon and 3 p.m.** at Eastwood Field in Niles.

**Saturday, April 9, 6 p.m.** Youngstown State University's Greek Sing, a campus tradition for 59 years, will be in Stambaugh Auditorium. Admission is free. Greek Sing features YSU's fraternities and sororities performing various musical routines. For more information, call 330-941-4702.

**Sunday, April 10, 2 to 5 p.m.** Students of all ages and their parents who are interested in careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics are invited to attend the YSU STEM Showcase in Moser Hall on the YSU campus. Featured will be research and other projects by students in YSU's STEM college, including the concrete canoe, mini Baja car, steel bridge, moon rover and much more. For more information, contact Daniel Suchora at 330-941-3015 or [dhsuchora@ysu.edu](mailto:dhsuchora@ysu.edu).

**Sunday, April 10, 4 p.m.** The Dana School of Music's Choral Ensembles perform in a Community Choral Festival, "Giving to Peace," in Stambaugh Auditorium.



**Through April 15.** Sixty pieces of art by 35 YSU students are featured in the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Student Exhibition at the McDonough Museum of Art. See News Brief below.

### **Rich Center presents Temple Grandin May 17**

Temple Grandin, a renowned animal scientist and one of the world's most accomplished people with autism, will present a free lecture 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 17 in Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown.

In advance of the appearance, free screenings of the award-winning HBO film "Temple Grandin" have been scheduled for:

- **12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5**, in the McKay Auditorium in the Beeghly College of Education at Youngstown State University.
- **1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 10**, in the Butler Institute of American Art on Wick Avenue in Youngstown.

The lecture and film screenings, sponsored by YSU's Rich Center for the Study and Treatment of Autism, are free and open to the public. While the lecture is free, tickets are required. Tickets can be picked up at the information desk at Kilcawley Center and at the Rich Center, both on the YSU campus. Tickets are also available at Franklin Pharmacy in Warren, Salon at Creekside in Canfield and Inner Circle Pizza in Poland.

"Temple Grandin and her life is an inspiration for everyone with autism and those that live with, work with and care for people with autism," said Georgia Backus, director of the Rich Center. "This is a unique opportunity to hear her story and understand the struggles of individuals with autism and how to overcome them."

Grandin, diagnosed with autism in 1950 at the age of three, has been featured on national news shows ranging from National Public Radio and 20/20 to Larry King Live and The Today Show, as well as national publications such as *People* magazine, *Forbes*, *U.S. News and World Report* and the *New York Times*. *Time* magazine included Grandin in its 2010 *Time* 100, the magazine's annual list of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Also last year, Grandin's life was documented in an HBO film that won seven Emmy awards, including Best Made-for-Television Movie, Best Director and Best Leading Actress. The film also recently won a Golden Globe Award for Best Actress.

Grandin is a professor of animal science at Colorado State University. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Franklin Pierce College, a master's degree in animal science from Arizona State University and a doctoral degree in animal science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

For more information, visit [www.ysu.edu/richcenter](http://www.ysu.edu/richcenter) or call Tricia Perry, Rich Center events coordinator, at 330-727-9717.

## Windmills, walleyes, Dylan and more featured at QUEST

Topics ranging from executive compensation and windmills to Al Capone and Bob Dylan will be covered at QUEST, the annual forum for Youngstown State University students to share their scholarly achievements with the university community.

The event will be Tuesday, April 5, in YSU's Kilcawley Center.

**The luncheon guest speaker** is Steven Little, assistant professor of Chemical Engineering, Bioengineering, Immunology, and the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. He will speak at noon in the Chestnut Room. The topic is "*Discovering the Opportunities that are Right Under Your Nose.*"



But the real stars of the event are students, who will present the results of their research. Among the dozens of research projects that will be presented:



- *Why Has CEO Compensation Increased in Recent Years?*
- *Counseling Siblings of Children with Autism*
- *NASA Moonbuggy Competition*
- *Windmills for Large Scale Electricity Production*
- *The Plus Size Person: Evaluating the Perception of Plus Sized People and How Those Attitudes Reflect in Retail Stores*
- *Walleye Spawning in the Shenango River: Determining Spawning Successfulness*
- *Al Capone: An American Gangster*
- *Can Teachers Overcome the Effect of Poverty?*
- *High Debt and Its Consequences on Government*
- *Bob Dylan: The Continuation of a Tradition of American Activism*

For a full list of research presentations and abstracts, as well as a time schedule, visit [www.yсу.edu/QUEST](http://www.yсу.edu/QUEST) and click on “Programs/Abstracts.”

For more information, contact the director of Undergraduate Research Jeffrey Coldren in the Department of Psychology, 330-941-1617 or [jtcoldren@ysu.edu](mailto:jtcoldren@ysu.edu).

## **Asthma Awareness Patch Project at YSU April 30**

Youngstown State University’s Bitonte College of Health and Human Services is teaming with Akron Children’s Hospital of the Mahoning Valley to offer a program to help local Girl Scouts and their leaders learn more about asthma.

The Asthma Awareness Patch Project will be held on Saturday, April 30, in YSU’s Beeghly Center and is open to Girl Scout troops in Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana and Ashtabula counties. Scouts completing the program will earn an official Asthma Awareness Patch. Two sessions will be available. The morning session is for Scouts 11 to 17 years of age and will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. The afternoon session is for Scouts 5 to 10 years of age and will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Preregistration is required. Deadline for registration is April 20. For more information or to obtain a registration form please call Terry Volsko at 330-941-2009.

“The program is intended to empower Girl Scouts and leaders to take charge of their health, involve them in asthma-related activities within their communities, identify those with asthma and provide them and their families with the tools needed to control this chronic respiratory condition and live full, active lives,” said Terry Volsko, YSU assistant professor of Health Professions. YSU faculty, the medical director and asthma educators from Akron Children’s Hospital of the Mahoning Valley and staff from the Girl Scouts of North East Ohio will train Girl Scouts and leaders from troops of all ages to assist the girls in earning their asthma awareness patch. A complimentary parking pass and a healthy snack will be provided to Girl Scouts participating in the program.



The program was developed in 2005 by the Girls Scouts of America, American Lung Association, American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and the Asthma Coalition of Long Island.

The local program is funded by a grant from the YSU University Research Council Grant and the American Respiratory Care Foundation Ventilator 5K Event Community grant.

As part of the program, YSU faculty, doctors, nurses and respiratory therapists will conduct a study on how well the Asthma Awareness Patch program helps scouts learn about healthy habits and asthma. Participants will complete forms indicating what they learned during the program.

### **English Festival features *Queen's Thief* author**

About 3,000 junior and senior high school students from throughout the region will participate in the 2011 Youngstown State University English Festival Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 6, 7 and 8 in Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus.

This year's festival features lectures by Megan Whalen Turner, author of fantasy fiction for young adults best known for *The Queen's Thief* series of novels, and Wendy Glenn, associate professor in English Education at the University of Connecticut and the author of *Sarah Dessen: From Burritos to Box Office*.

Professor Thomas Gay and Dr. Carol Gay of the YSU English Department founded the English Festival in 1978 in memory of their daughter, Candace McIntyre Gay, who died of cancer in 1977 at the age of 13. Each year, the English Department extends invitations to more than 200 schools throughout the region. Students must read seven books throughout the school year in order to attend the spring festival.



Megan Whalen Turner

At the Festival, students listen to authors and participate in various sessions, including collaborative workshop activities, impromptu essay writing, dramatic or artistic performances, book discussions and language arts competitions.

For more information, visit [www.ysuenglishfestival.org](http://www.ysuenglishfestival.org).

### **La Perichole opera set for April 14 to 17 on campus**

Youngstown State University's Performing Arts Series present Offenbach's comic opera *La Perichole* Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday April 14, 15, 16 and 17 in Bliss Hall's Ford Theater at YSU.

Thursday through Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. The Sunday matinee performance is at 3 p.m.

*La Perichole* is a beautiful young street singer in Colonial Lima, Peru. She and her singing partner, Piquillo, can't earn enough to eat, let alone afford a marriage license. She falls under the eye of the Viceroy, who offers to make her an addition to his bevy of Ladies in Waiting. Hungry, she agrees and writes a farewell letter to her love. In true farce fashion, a mysterious marriage, a misunderstanding, and an old prisoner lead to a happy ending for all. Well, almost all! Mix in the melodies of Jacques Offenbach, the prolific composer of over 100 comic operettas, a recipe for a sparkling two hours of music and mirth ensues.

The opera program director/vocal director is Allan R. Mosher; music director/conductor is Jon Simsic; stage director/scenic designer is David Vosburgh; lighting designer is Kevin Wolfgang; costume designer is Barbara



From the left, Cory Davis, Molly Scherer, Kayla Wilson and Trevor Coleman star in University Theater's *La Perichole*.

Luce of the Costume Kingdom; rehearsal accompanist/music preparation is Jerome Rezanka and hair and make up designer is Linda Leith. In addition, the others assisting with the production include assistant director, William Monroe; Girard City Schools Children's Chorus director, Sue Ellen Harris Davis; master carpenter, Frank Bongen; and stage manager, Krista Ulbricht.

Show tickets may be reserved by calling the University Theater Box Office at 330-941-3105. Ticket prices are \$5 for YSU students with ID; \$15 for adults; \$10 for senior citizens, YSU faculty and staff and high school and college students from other universities.

University Theater season ticket holders receive a special rate of \$5. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue parking deck for a nominal fee for all performances.

## **Graduate school information session set for April 12**

The School of Graduate Studies and Research at Youngstown State University hosts a Graduate Program Information Session 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, in the main floor atrium of Williamson Hall on the YSU campus.

YSU offers doctorates in educational leadership (EdD) and physical therapy (DPT), 35 master's programs and 11 graduate certificates. The university provides up-to-date programs, cutting edge research and technology and personal attention for professional development. Graduate program directors as well as representatives from the School of Graduate Studies and Research will be on hand to answer questions.

For more information, contact Angie Urmson Jeffries at 330-941-2515, or email [ajurmsonjeffries@ysu.edu](mailto:ajurmsonjeffries@ysu.edu).

## **Nearly 60 employers participate in Spring 2011 Job Expo**

The Spring 2011 Job Expo sponsored by Youngstown State University's Office of Career and Counseling Services will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus.

Nearly 60 employers from local, regional, and national companies will be available to discuss employment opportunities, distribute organizational information and accept resumes from YSU students and alumni. To view the company profiles, log into our PenguinLink website at <https://ysu-csm.symplicity.com/students> and click the "Spring 2011 Job Expo Participants" button.

Registration is available on PenguinLink or at the door.

Participants are required to dress professionally and should bring several copies of their resume to distribute to

employers. Participants also can have their resumes critiqued by a career coordinators by calling 330-941-3515 to make an appointment.

For more information, contact Susan George in the Office of Career & Counseling Services at 330-941-3299.

## **YSU student art exhibited at McDonough**

Sixty pieces of art by 35 Youngstown State University students are featured in the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Student Exhibition through April 15 at the McDonough Museum of Art.

The YSU Student Art Association, the YSU Department of Art and the McDonough Museum sponsor the exhibition. This year's show features painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, graphic design and printmaking.

Kristen Martincic is this year's juror. Martincic is an artist and printmaking instructor at Bowling Green State University. She received an MFA from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has participated in solo and two-person exhibitions in Nebraska, Ohio, North Carolina and Montana and has received numerous awards.

The McDonough Museum of Art is located on the YSU campus near the Wick Avenue parking deck. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Museum is open to the public and admission is free. For more information, call 330-941-1400.



**Utterbliss by Valeria Nichols is part of the Annual Juried Student Exhibition in the McDonough Museum of Art at YSU.**

## **Sustainable food program scheduled for April 13**

The American Studies Program at Youngstown State University hosts "Roots and Relationships," a program about sustainable food issues and practices, at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 at The Lemon Grove Café, 122 W. Federal Plaza, in downtown Youngstown.

"Roots and Relationships" will show clips from several documentary films, including *What's Organic and Organic?*, *Ingredients*, and *Chicago's Food Deserts: A City in Transition*. Representatives from Lamppost Farms, Goodness Grows and the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative will discuss sustainable foods, focusing on organic farming, the benefits of eating locally-produced food, and the Mahoning Valley's limited access to healthy foods.

Food sustainability is an increasing problem in the United States, and many local organizations are working to counteract the problem. Through discussion, the event hopes to educate and promote the production and consumption of local and organic foods as well as address the lack of healthy food availability in Youngstown.

Kasey Johnson, co-coordinator of "Roots and Relationships," said it is important for the people of Youngstown to become conscious of these issues. "Food is a necessity," Johnson said. "It matters where that food comes from and how it affects our bodies and our communities. Creating meaningful dialogue among members of the community and local organizations will educate people to make better food choices and spark interest into the issues we face in our city."

For more information, contact Lindsay Clifton 740-317-7079 or [lrclifton@student.yсу.edu](mailto:lrclifton@student.yсу.edu).

## **Lessons offered by YSU's swimming team**

The Youngstown State University swimming and diving program will hold swimming clinics for children throughout the month of April at the Beeghly Center Natatorium. The cost of the clinic is \$50 per child for children ages 3 to 10 years old. Five separate skill levels are offered.

The clinic is open to the general public as well as children of YSU students, faculty and staff.

The lessons will be held on the following dates: April 6 from 6 to 6:45 p.m.; April 10 from 6 to 6:45 p.m.; April 13 from 6 to 6:45 p.m.; April 17 from 6 to 6:45 p.m.; and April 20 from 6 to 6:45 p.m.

All participants will receive a free YSU spirit item and focused swim instructions from knowledgeable swimmers in a fun-filled environment. Registration is open until the first lesson. Participants need to bring appropriate swimming attire, a towel and goggles (if preferred).

For more information, contact Head Coach Matt Anderson at [mlanderson04@ysu.edu](mailto:mlanderson04@ysu.edu) or 330-941-3673.

## **Renowned guitarist featured in concert**

Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music presents a guest artist recital featuring Florian Larousse, winner of the 2009 Guitar Foundation of America Competition, at 8 p.m., April 12 in Bliss Recital Hall on the YSU campus.

Larousse, at the age of 22, has wowed audiences on multiple continents and won numerous prizes in a number of international competitions in France, Germany, Hungary, Portugal, Spain and the United States. His performance at the Jose Tomás Competition (Spain) earned first prize and the Audience Choice Award in addition to resulting in a tour of Spain to 10 different cities as well as a recording contract. In 2009, he won the Koblenz International guitar Competition "Hubert Kapel" (Germany) and later that year won the coveted first prize of The Guitar Foundation of America International Artist Competition. His win at the 2009 GFA International Concert Artist Competition will result in a 9-month concert tour in the United States, including a performance at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall in New York, as well as a number of concerts in Brazil, Canada, China and Mexico.

Born in 1988, Larousse began studying guitar at the age of eight, later continuing his studies at the prestigious National Conservatory of Paris. After four years, he graduated with highest honors in classical guitar. That same year, he entered the Conservatoire Supérieur de Paris.

This concert is free and open to the public.

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

## **Real estate course at Metro College**

Youngstown State University's Metro College will offer the stated mandated courses to receive the Ohio Real Estate Sales licensure.

Real Estate Principles and Practices classes will start 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7. The cost is \$295. The Real Estate Law course is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 11, also 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. and also \$295. YSU Metro College is an approved sponsor of the Ohio Real Estate Pre-Licensure Program. More than 80 percent of individuals taking the YSU real estate classes successfully pass the state examination. For more information or to register, contact YSU Metro College at 330-941-2465.