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Carols & Cocoa

Enjoy the sounds of the holidays – and a cup of steaming hot cocoa – as YSU’s Dana School of Music presents its annual holiday music extravaganza, *Carols & Cocoa* and the Dana Holiday Concert 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, in Stambaugh Auditorium. The event features music, a sing-along, “A Musicology Journey Through the Twelve Days of Christmas” and the choral-orchestral performance of “Gloria.” Pictured is last year’s performance, conducted by Hae-Jong Lee. Read more in this edition of the YSU News Briefs.

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This Week

Monday, Nov. 28, 8 p.m. YSU Dana School of Music’s new Frank Zappa Ensemble performs in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center on campus. An 11-piece band will perform Zappa songs transcribed by YSU graduate student John Anthony and Dana Associate Professor David Morgan.

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 8 p.m. Dana Flute Ensemble, under the direction of Kathryn Thomas Umble, performs in Bliss Recital Hall.

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 11 a.m. YSU announces a major academic and research initiative aimed at the emerging multi-billion dollar shale natural gas industry in Ohio and Pennsylvania. The announcement will be made at the Youngstown Ohio Utica and Natural Gas Conference and Expo at the Covelli Centre in downtown Youngstown.

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 12:15 p.m. New Music Winter Pops performs a free Music at Noon concert in Butler North, featuring pianist Avguste Antonov. See News Brief for more information on New Music performances this week.

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 3:30 p.m. Stephen L. Gage, professor, instrumental music coordinator and director of bands in YSU's Dana School of Music, presents "Music to Live By" in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus.

Wednesday, Nov. 30, noon to 7 p.m. Pick up gifts for the holidays at the YSU SMARTS Store Preview at the SMARTS Center in downtown Youngstown. See News Brief for more information.

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 7:05 p.m. YSU women's basketball plays Western Michigan at Beeghly Center.

Thursday, Dec. 1. The YSU Board of Trustees meets on the following schedule in the Board of Trustees Meeting Room on the first floor of Tod Hall – **1 p.m.**, Academic Quality and Student Success Committee; **2 p.m.**, Collective Bargaining and Negotiations Subcommittee; **2:30 p.m.**, Intercollegiate Athletics Subcommittee; **3 p.m.**, University Affairs Committee; **4 p.m.**, Institutional Engagement Committee; **4:30 p.m.**, Trusteeship Committee. The meetings will be preceded by a board luncheon at **noon** in the President's Conference Room on the second floor of Tod Hall.

Friday, Dec. 2, 6 to 8 p.m. Opening reception for the Fall 2011 Graduating BFA Show at the McDonough Museum of Art on the YSU Campus. The exhibit of student art runs through Dec. 16.

Friday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. Clarinet Studio Recital in Bliss Recital Hall.

Jambar places in Best of Show contest

The Jambar, Youngstown State University's semiweekly student newspaper, went up against several large college newspapers this fall in the Associated Collegiate Press Best of Show competition and placed fifth in the nation in the Four-year Weekly Broadsheet category.

Josh Stipanovich, editor-in-chief; Doug Livingston, managing editor; Emmalee Torisk, copy editor; Chris Cotelesse, online editor; Chelsea Miller, assistant online editor; and Nick Young, assistant online editor, traveled to Orlando and entered the Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011 edition of *The Jambar* for the ACP's Best of Show Contest, competing with broadsheet newspapers at four-year universities.

Winners were announced on ACP's website, and the YSU publication placed fifth in its category among such large-school newspapers as *The Red & Black* at the University of Georgia and *The Orion* at California State University.

Jambar staffers have travelled to the conference every fall, and this is one of the highest honors they have ever received.

"No matter the size or location of a university, anyone can do it if they put their minds to it," said Stipanovich. "It just takes dedication and hard work, and I'm very proud of my staff and the faculty, administrators and staff at this university. We couldn't have endured any of the success we have at *The Jambar* if it wasn't for them."



Stephen Gage



Jambar staffers are from the left, front row, Emmalee Torisk of Struthers and Chelsea Miller of Brookfield, and back row, Nick Young of Ellsworth, Joe Catullo Jr. of Boardman, Josh Stipanovich of Austintown, Doug Livingston of Vienna and Chris Cotelesse of New Wilmington, Pa.

YSU SMARTS rings in holiday season

Youngstown State University's Students Motivated by the Arts - SMARTS rings in the holiday season with a variety of events and activities. The program is located in the SMARTS Center in downtown Youngstown:

- Holiday cards are now available for sale at the SMARTS store in downtown Youngstown. The cards were created by the SMARTS Holiday Cheer Class taught by Kaitlin Infante, YSU photography major. Photograph designed and taken by SMARTS Students Rayne, Sierra, Kelsey and Maya. Proceeds from the sale of the cards benefit future programming for YSU SMARTS. For more information, visit www.fpa.yzu.edu/smarts.
- The SMARTS Store Preview Sale will be **noon to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30** at the SMARTS Center in downtown Youngstown.
- The SMARTS Holiday Tree will be featured at the Winter Celebration in Fellows Riverside Gardens in Mill Creek MetroParks. The theme of the tree is "Merry & Bright" and will be decorated with multi-colored lights and bright colors such as lime green, pink and turquoise. Visit the SMARTS tree from **Dec. 3 to 31**.
- SMARTS Holiday Open House with refreshments, the SMARTS Store and hands-on art activities for children of all ages, **Tuesday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** at the SMARTS Center. Reservations must be made for groups of 10 or more.
- SMARTS will be offering light refreshments and hands-on art activities for children of all ages at First Night Youngstown **4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31**, in the SMARTS Center.



SMARTS holiday card



Avguste Antonov

Pianist featured in New Music performances

Pianist Avguste Antonov will perform as a guest artist of the Youngstown State University Dana School of Music's New Music Society.

Antonov will perform 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30 at Butler North; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, in Bliss Recital Hall; 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2 in Bliss Recital Hall; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church on Covington Street in Youngstown.

Antonov was born in Bulgaria, lived 10 years in France, then moved to the United States, where he continued his training at the University of Kansas and Texas Christian University. He has an active career as soloist specializing in 20th and 21st century music, giving recitals in France, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Florida, Pennsylvania, Texas and Ohio.

Antonov will premiere Dana faculty composer Robert Rollin's *Toccata*, which he commissioned two years ago. He will also play Daniel Perttu's *Sonata*. Perttu is on the music composition faculty of Westminster College. In addition, he will play the Ohio premieres of Texas composer Matthew Saunders' *Starry Wanderers*, Finnish composer Kim Diehneit's *Impromptu*, and San Francisco composer Marc Parella's *Sonata El Sonoro*.

Several Dana composition students will hear premieres of their works. Senior Carol Ann Smolka will sing her latest two songs: "I Am Yours" and "Dying to Survive," accompanied by graduate student Allyson Oyster. The two will also present Oyster's *Psalm 47:1*. Sophomore Jesse Martin will perform his own *Two Etudes* for piano, and will also hear his *String Quartet No. 1*, second

movement. "Clowns," the first movement of junior Samantha Hogan's *Hell's Carnival*, will be premiered by a student flute quartet. Her *Thoughtbox* for trombone and piano will also be played by Dana faculty trombonist John Olson accompanied by Jerry Rezanka. Cory Davis will perform his piano piece *With Nothing Left*.

The Dana Composers Ensemble will present two new works: *Three-Legged Race* for five players by Oyster, and *Motion* for 10 players by Samantha Hogan. Rollin's *Little American Suite* will be played by a faculty/student double reed ensemble directed by Dana faculty oboist Ted Perkins. New Music Guild Inc. member and local composer Richard Zacharias' latest piano piece will be premiered by Cory Davis. Junior flautist Julianna Sabo and Dana faculty Diane Yazvac, piano, will play English composer Mike Mower's "Bossa Mengova" from his *Sonata Latino*.

All of the events are free and open to the public. For more information, call the Dana School of Music at 330-941-3636.

YSU music prof presents Last Lecture

Stephen L. Gage, professor, instrumental music coordinator and director of bands at Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music, presents "Music to Live By" at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus.

The presentation is part of the YSU Student Government Association's Last Lecture Series and will feature live music and free refreshments.

Gage earned a doctorate at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, a master's degree at the Eastman School of Music, and a bachelor's degree and the Performer's Certificate at the State University of New York at Fredonia. Prior to coming to YSU in 1993, Gage was the Director of Bands at Emporia State University in Kansas and the Director of Bands at Auburn High School in upstate New York. At YSU he conducts the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, is assistant conductor of the Dana Symphony Orchestra, and teaches undergraduate and graduate conducting.

Carols & Cocoa, Holiday Concert set for Dec. 7

Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music presents its annual holiday music extravaganza, Carols & Cocoa and the Dana Holiday Concert, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, in Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown.

Carols & Cocoa will be performed in Stambaugh's Ballroom and will feature seasonal favorites, culminating in a holiday sing-along. Dana students bring cookies to share, and complimentary coffee and cocoa, sponsored by Sheetz, will be available. Featured groups include the Trombone Ensemble, Clarinet Ensemble, Early Music Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, University Chorus, Dana Chorale, and the Stambaugh Chorus.



After intermission, guests are invited upstairs to the Concert Hall where the Dana Holiday Concert will present Karl Jenkins' *Gloria* and *A Musicological Journey Through the Twelve Days of Christmas*, performed by the Dana Symphonic Choir, Stambaugh Chorus and Dana Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Hae-Jong Lee and John Wilcox, respectively. Guest soloist for Jenkins' *Gloria* will be soprano Nancy Andersen Wolfgang.

Gloria is a large-scale festival piece premiered by the Really Big Chorus at the Royal Albert Hall in London on July 11, 2011. Since the premiere, the *Gloria* has become an epidemic phenomenon in the choral-orchestral world. Cast in five movements, it sets the traditional Latin text "Gloria in excelsis Deo" and incorporates a setting of Psalm 150 in alternative Latin and Hebrew texts in movement 3. It also presents one of the most lyrical solo songs in movement 4, this time incorporating English text adapted from the Old Testament Scriptures.

Guest ensembles include the Lakeview High School Madrigal Singers, and the Stambaugh Chorus. Additionally, the Fifth Avenue Brass Quintet, YSU Jazz Ensemble, the YSU Wind Ensemble, and soprano Jennifer Jones Mosher will participate. Organist Kathy Miller will provide opening and closing solos on the newly refurbished E. M. Skinner pipe organ.

Friends of Dana presents the Dana Award posthumously to Mary Alice Schaff.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Bliss Hall Box Office or by phone at 330-941-3105. Tickets will also be available the evening of the performance. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, senior citizens, and YSU faculty and staff with a valid YSU ID. The concert is free for children under 12 and YSU students with a valid YSU ID.