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NEWS

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A celebration started to welcome the University of Dayton's new president in 2003 now enters its 14th year of wowing audiences with the talents of students in art, music, dance and theatre.

"As I reflect back to my installation, I wanted to capture the enthusiasm and passion our students had for the arts and for performing on behalf of the University of Dayton," said President Daniel J. Curran, who is stepping down from that role this June. "Every year since, I am continually impressed with their skill and artistry. I appreciate how they've shared their talents with the Dayton community."

The 2016 Celebration of the Arts starts at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, with student art exhibits in the Schuster Center Wintergarden. Performances by music, dance and theatre students follow at 8 p.m. in the Mead Theatre. The University orchestra, University chorale, University world music choir, Ebony Heritage Singers, DCDC2, and trumpet, percussion, wind, jazz and guitar ensembles are among the groups performing. Long-time local arts educator Willis "Bing" Davis and DCDC's Sheri "Sparkle" Williams will host the event.

"Nearly 250 students will participate in the Celebration of the Arts," said Patrick Reynolds, a University of Dayton associate professor of music and a member of the committee organizing Celebration of the Arts. "The Celebration of the Arts is truly a UD arts event, representing the artistic endeavors of students from practically every major field of study we offer. The fact that so many of these artistically talented students are not specifically art, music, dance or theatre majors, is something of which we are very proud. At UD, our students learn the arts play an important role in their lives, regardless of their career aspirations."

Tickets are free, but required, and available by calling Ticket Center Stage at 937-228-3630 or visiting <http://www.ticketcenterstage.com>. Free transportation to the Schuster from campus will be provided by Greater Dayton RTA. Buses will depart from the corner of Stewart and Alberta (near A lot) at 6:45 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. Riders must have a Celebration of the Arts ticket. Learn more about the Celebration of the Arts at the related link.

The University of Dayton Celebration of the Arts is part of the University's annual Brother Joseph W. Stander Symposium Wednesday, April 20, which recognizes student research, creative endeavors and academic achievements, and provides opportunities for students from all disciplines to showcase their intellectual and artistic

accomplishments. The symposium represents the Marianist tradition of educating the whole person in community and is the principal campuswide event for faculty and students to come together as a "community of learners." Learn more about the Stander Symposium at the related link.

The symposium wraps up at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, in the RecPlex with the University of Dayton Speaker Series event "An Evening with Michael Pollan." Pollan, author of four *New York Times* best-sellers, is a sustainable food advocate who writes about where nature and culture intersect — our plates and our farms and gardens. It is free and open to the public. No tickets are required, but seating is on a first-come basis.

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