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Emmy Award-winning musician, author and philanthropist Peter Buffett will perform "Life Is What You Make It: A Concert & Conversation with Peter Buffett" to benefit the University of Dayton human rights studies program at 7 p.m., Nov. 12, at the Victoria Theatre.

"Life Is What You Make It: A Concert & Conversation with Peter Buffett," is a live multimedia performance featuring Buffett on piano with cellist Michael Kott that takes the audience on a journey from his discovery of the piano, to writing music for commercials and film, and then to how his current philanthropic work with the NoVo Foundation has ultimately influenced his songs and life.

Using his own life story and experiences as illustration, Buffett discusses how important it is for each person to define his or her own path, regardless of wealth or background, and ultimately conveys the message that values and contributions to society shape and define us as individuals. Through sharing his stories, personal thoughts, music and more, Buffett hopes to evoke conversation and inspire change.

"As the University of Dayton continues its process of developing a human rights center, works to combat human trafficking and educate future human rights advocates, I am happy to lend support to the University's efforts," Buffett said. "I hope I can bring an added dimension to what it means to live into our human potential in the 21st Century." Tickets cost \$10 and go on sale Monday, Sept. 23, through the Victoria Theatre Ticket Center Stage website or 937-228-3630.

Buffett is touring worldwide to support his *New York Times* best-selling book, *Life Is What You Make It* (Random House/Harmony Books). The book has sold more than a half million copies and has been translated into more than 15 languages.

Buffett and his wife, Jennifer, have become known for their social concerns as co-chairs of the NoVo Foundation. The foundation works to move society from a culture of domination to one of equality and partnership that operates on mutual respect, collaboration and civic participation.

His forum at ChangeOurStory.com encourages his fans to discuss the idea that changing a fearful perspective on past experiences will allow people to choose what happens in our future.

To learn more about Buffett, visit the related links.

Buffett's appearance will cap a pair of banner events this fall for the University of Dayton human rights program, which are part of the University's commitment and process to establish a human rights center.

At the beginning of October, former and current representatives of the world's top development and human rights organizations will converge on Dayton to take a long, critical look at the future of human rights. Current and former representatives from the United Nations, Amnesty International USA, Human Rights Watch, WITNESS and World Peace Foundation have accepted invitations to "The Social Practice of Human Rights" Oct. 3-5. The conference has attracted more than 100 presentation submissions from 15 countries. For more information on the conference, visit the related link.

The University of Dayton is a pioneer in human rights education. In addition to starting the country's first undergraduate human rights program in 1998, the University began offering one of the nation's first bachelor's degrees in human rights studies in 2008.

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