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The annual Celebration of the Arts: Opening Performance is scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at the Schuster Performing Arts Center, One West Second St., downtown Dayton.

The program is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Call 937-229-2545 or reserve tickets online at the related link. Free transportation is available by RTA bus at 6:45 and 7:20 p.m. from the intersection of Stewart and Alberta streets.

The program highlights the University's diverse range of arts studies. It will feature performances by University of Dayton music, theater and dance students as well as visual arts displays in the lobby. Burt Sidel, arts reviewer for *The Oakwood Register*, and Georgie Woessner, general manager of WDPR-FM, will serve as masters of ceremonies.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the Dayton community to enjoy a variety of performances by many talented students and their faculty directors," said communication professor Kathleen Watters, Stander Symposium co-chair. "There really is something for everyone at the Celebration of the Arts, from jazz and classical musical performances to the World Music Choir to dramatic and dance performances."

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Schuster Center's Wintergarden, where the works of six visual arts students will be on display. Guests can enjoy performances from the First Flight saxophone quartet, the Early Music Ensemble and a piano ensemble. They can also enjoy the sounds of the University's gamelan, an Indonesian instrument handcrafted for the University in Java. Several student musicians will perform on a selection of the 75 iron percussion instruments that comprise the 8,000-pound gamelan.

Performers during the 90-minute performance include the University's Horn Choir, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, World Music Choir, the University of Dayton Dance Ensemble with Ebony Heritage Singers, Drumline, University Orchestra Strings with the University Chorale, Opera Workshop, Dayton Contemporary Dance Company 2 with the University of Dayton Grace Note String Quartet, Theatre, and Dayton Jazz Ensemble with the Ebony Heritage Singers.

The Celebration of the Arts performance is the opening act of the University's Stander Symposium, April 13, an annual spring event showcasing student research and scholarship. The symposium wraps up with the Celebration of the Arts: Closing Exhibition 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at the Rike Center gallery on campus.

The visual arts department hosts the closing event, which features a reception and evening of open studios and the awards ceremony for the annual Horvath Exhibition, a juried exhibition highlighting student artwork. Demonstrations, student art and design from across the department will be included in the open studios. The Horvath Exhibition is on display now through April 27 at the Rike Center gallery.

The closing exhibition is free and open to the public, and no tickets are required.

The Rike Center for Fine Arts is located on the south side of B lot off Stewart Street and across from St. Mary's Hall. The gallery entrance is on the lower level. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday; closed Saturday and Sunday. For more information contact Todd Hall, Rike Center gallery coordinator, at 937-229-3261 or todd.hall@notes.udayton.edu.

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