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**04.15.2009 | Students, Fine Arts** Get a taste of the best the University of Dayton arts have to offer at the annual Celebration of the Arts: Opening Performance at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at the Schuster Performing Arts Center, One West Second St., downtown Dayton.

The presentation features performances by University of Dayton music, theater and dance students as well as visual arts displays that include two student-produced films. Paul Helfrich, president of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, will serve as master of ceremonies.

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

"Everyone will find something they like," said Sharon Davis Gratto, professor and chair of the University's department of music. "This program highlights the diverse range of arts our students and faculty have to offer."

The Celebration of the Arts evening of performances is part of the University's annual Stander Symposium, a two-day event showcasing student research and scholarship. This is the first year the opening performance will be held at the Schuster Center.

"We're very excited to hold this event at the Schuster Center, a beautiful setting for the public to enjoy University of Dayton exhibits and performances," Gratto said. "The venue also provides an opportunity for our students to feel connected to the professional performance world."

Performers include the Noble Carneys dance ensemble; UD Text Theatre drama group; Opera Workshop; Symphonic Wind Ensemble; Ebony Heritage Singers; Dayton Jazz Ensemble; and the University Orchestra, Chorale and Horn Choir.

The Stander Symposium wraps up with the Celebration of the Arts: Closing Exhibition from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at the Rike Center gallery on campus. The visual arts department will host a reception and evening of open studios featuring the awards ceremony for the annual Horvath Exhibition, a juried exhibition highlighting student artwork on display now through April 22. Demonstrations, student films, and student art and design from across the department will be included in the open studios.

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](mailto:todd.hall@notes.udayton.edu).