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THE PERFORMING ARTS

DEPARTMENT at Drexel offers large and small performance ensembles for students across the university's 14 schools and colleges. It's an accomplished and lively department where students perform alongside professional theatre companies, expert and award-winning choreographers and some of the highest caliber musicians in the region.

The Mandell Theater is a quality performance space that houses professional and university events. Students who would rather work behind the scenes can get involved in set construction, writing, directing, lighting and sound. Your involvement in the performing arts at Drexel is limited only by what you choose to do. You have the opportunity to create the performing arts experience you want at Drexel and you'll be working with a dedicated and award-winning faculty to support you as you work toward graduation.

As you read through this brochure you'll find more information about each of our ensembles, how to get involved and when we perform. We hope to see you on stage, behind the scenes or in the audience as we prepare for another exciting performing arts season at Drexel.

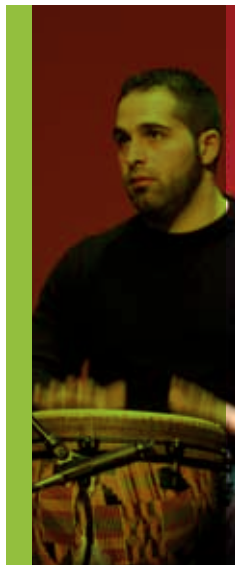
"MUSIC AT DREXEL EXPANDS MY EDUCATION PAST THE USUAL MATH AND SCIENCE BORDERS. YOU GET TO WORK WITH AN INCREDIBLY TALENTED GROUP OF PEOPLE TO TURN SOMETHING BLACK AND WHITE INTO FLOWING COLORS AND TONES. IT IS A TRULY GREAT EXPERIENCE THAT I AM GLAD TO BE PART OF."

– *Katie Leis, Electrical Engineering – 2014*



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MUSIC AT DREXEL offers students from all majors the chance to perform in outstanding ensembles, in a wide array of styles. Auditioned groups include University Chorus, Jazz Orchestra, Concert Band, Fusion Band, and the Drexel String Orchestra. In addition, we offer Rock Ensemble, Guitar Ensembles, Keyboard Ensembles, a Mediterranean Music Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, All-College Choir, an outstanding Gospel Choir, and chamber music opportunities. Whatever your musical interests are, and whatever performance level you've reached so far, there will be a group here that meets your needs and will foster your growth.

Audience members are invited to come and enjoy the musical variety of our performances, embracing music throughout history and from all over the world, ranging from personalized pieces to the great works of musical canon. Performance highlights for the coming year include a performance of the Mozart Requiem by the University Chorus, a Concert Band performance based on *The Lord of the Rings*, and the 34th Anniversary of our Gospel Choir. Do join us, for this and much more in 2011–2012.



"GETTING INVOLVED IN DREXEL THEATRE WAS
ONE OF THE BEST DECISIONS OF MY COLLEGE CAREER.
THE PROGRAM TAUGHT ME MORE THAN I COULD HAVE
IMAGINED AND THE PEOPLE BECAME MY SECOND FAMILY."
– Emily Kleimo, *Graphic Design* – 2011



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DREXEL'S THEATRE PROGRAM is open to all Drexel students interested in acting and the technical and administrative aspects of stagecraft. Each year we produce three Mainstage shows at the Mandell Theater, generally a mixture of comedy, drama, musicals, and classics.

One of those productions is co-produced with a top professional theater company and students have the chance to act or work backstage alongside professionals. Past productions have been with *Pig Iron Theatre Co.*, *New Paradise*

Laboratories, *Commonwealth Classic Theatre Co.*, *EgoPo Productions*, *11th Hour Theatre Co.*, and *Azuka Theatre*, as part of the Mandell Professionals in Residence Project (MPiRP). Our MPiRP productions have garnered a Barrymore Award, Philly's version of the TONYs, for Outstanding Sound Design, and six nominations over the past four years.

Off the mainstage, we present smaller, more intimate productions as part of our *Director's Lab* series with students handling the direction

and all aspects of the production, which are frequently written by students. Every Thursday night, The Late Night Series (www.latenightseries.com), our open mic night, is a great venue for students to present their own music, poetry, comedy, and much more.

"DANCE ENSEMBLE IS A CHANCE TO PERFORM AND BE A PART OF
A CREATIVE, PASSIONATE, AND HARDWORKING COMMUNITY.
A PLACE TO BE INSPIRED AND LEARN NEW THINGS WHILE BEING
ABLE TO SHARE A LOVE OF DANCE THROUGH PERFORMANCE."

– *Megan Knotts, Dance – 2014*

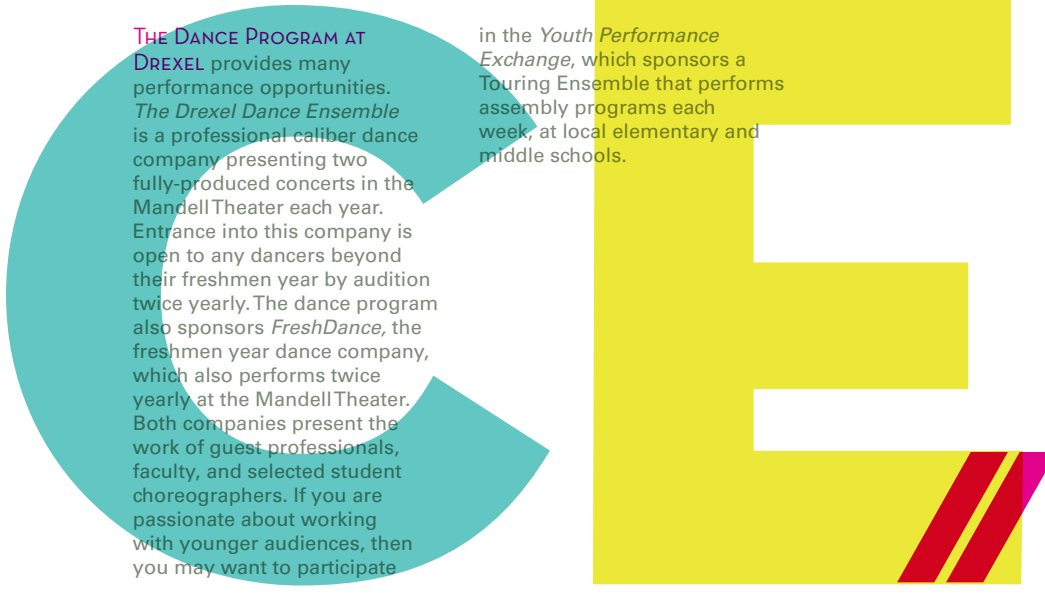




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THE DANCE PROGRAM AT

DREXEL provides many performance opportunities. *The Drexel Dance Ensemble* is a professional caliber dance company presenting two fully-produced concerts in the Mandell Theater each year. Entrance into this company is open to any dancers beyond their freshmen year by audition twice yearly. The dance program also sponsors *FreshDance*, the freshmen year dance company, which also performs twice yearly at the Mandell Theater. Both companies present the work of guest professionals, faculty, and selected student choreographers. If you are passionate about working with younger audiences, then you may want to participate

in the *Youth Performance Exchange*, which sponsors a Touring Ensemble that performs assembly programs each week, at local elementary and middle schools.

SEASON PERFORMANCES



FALL

OCT

DANCE LECTURE-DEMONSTRATION:

Lori Belilove and the Isadora Duncan Dance Company

Lori Belilove and the Isadora Duncan Dance Company is the preeminent company reconstructing works of American modern dance pioneer, Isadora Duncan. This lecture demonstration will feature performances of Duncan repertory, information on Duncan's place in dance history, and even some audience participation!

Oct. 6 | 7:00 p.m.

NOV

TWELFTH NIGHT

By William Shakespeare

Shakespeare's comedy is full of music in the spirit of GLEE along with loads of laughter and mayhem. Join us as Viola, thinking her twin brother has been lost at sea, disguises herself as a man only to fall in love with the original emo boy, Duke Orsino, while the beautiful widow Olivia falls for her. As the knot untangles three couples find love and happiness.

Nov. 17, 18, 19 | 8:00 p.m.

Nov. 18 | 10:00 a.m.

Nov. 20 | 2:00 p.m.

ROCK ENSEMBLE AND FUSION BAND

The Fusion Band and Rock Ensemble present classical, pop, and jazz, with unique arrangements and student soloists.

Nov. 29 | 7:30 p.m.

MEDITERRANEAN AND GUITAR ENSEMBLES

The Guitar Ensemble plays seasonal music in a variety of styles.

The Mediterranean Music Ensemble presents a program that features music from Arabic, Greek, and Israeli cultures.

Nov. 30 | 7:30 p.m.

DEC

JAZZ ORCHESTRA

The Jazz Orchestra and Jazztet present music from the masters of Jazz: Armstrong, Ellington, Mingus, and others.

Dec. 1 | 8:00 p.m.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

The Percussion Ensemble explores the vast array of percussion traditions.

Dec. 2 | 7:30 p.m.

ALL-COLLEGE CHOIR AND DREXEL STRING ORCHESTRA

The Drexel All-College Choir and Drexel Orchestra perform music from the Classical and Romantic eras.

Dec. 2 | 7:30 p.m.

NATURALLY SHARP

Naturally Sharp (Drexel's Vocal Jazz Ensemble) presents classic jazz songs in sophisticated ensemble arrangements.

Dec. 3 | 3:00 p.m.

GOSPEL CHOIR

This year's fall concert features selections that tell biblical stories from the Old and New Testaments.

Dec. 3 | 7:30 p.m.

UNIVERSITY CHORUS AND CHAMBER SINGERS

"Medieval to Modern," seasonal music, madrigals, and more.

Dec. 4 | 3:00 p.m.

CONCERT BAND

The Concert Band presents "Hot Blooded:" passionate music for band, including Valerie Coleman's "Roma," co-commissioned by the Drexel band.

Dec. 4 | 7:00 p.m.

TICKETS

To reserve tickets for a performance, please call [215.895.ARTS](tel:215.895.ARTS) or visit our Box Office one hour prior to the show. Only cash and checks are accepted.

WINTER

FEB

DREXEL DANCE ENSEMBLE

Winter Dance Concert: Snapshots

Snapshots are glimpses into memorable moments in our lives. The Drexel Dance Ensemble winter concert will present dances that reflect these moments through movement. Along with adjudicated student dances there will be new work by Drexel Dance Faculty including "Upon Us," a work performed by the Dance Ensemble at the Singapore Youth Festival International Night in July 2011.

Feb. 2, 3, 4 | 8:00 p.m.

FRESH DANCE: Freshman

Dance Company Winter Concert

The freshmen company will perform new works of faculty choreographers Mina Estrada and Lucinda Lea, alongside the remounting of two selected student works from Dance Ensemble Repertory.

Feb. 4 | 3:00 p.m.

Feb. 5 | 1:00 p.m.

AN EVENING OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSIC

The annual *Evening of African-American Music* features the Gospel Choir and Jazztet. The concert will present spirituals, gospel music, blues, and jazz, including a tribute to the legacy of the late Rev. Milton Brunson, founder of the award-winning Thompson Community Singers

Feb. 12 | 5:00 p.m.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MADRIGAL DINNER

Travel back in time with the Drexel Chamber Singers and guest performers for an evening of Madrigals, Chansons, Lute Songs and Lieds in the year 1612. Come see how the nobles spent their Saturday nights.

Feb. 24, 25 | 7:30 p.m.

MAR

MANDELL PROFESSIONALS IN RESIDENCE PROJECT (MPiRP) PRESENTS *BAD BOY SHAKESPEARE:* THE POET LAUREATE OF CAPITALISM

A workshop production by Adriano Shaplin created in collaboration by Drexel students with The Riot Group in residence.

A thrilling exploration into the dark side of William Shakespeare. *Bad Boy Shakespeare* will implode the romantic view of the most

famous dramatist in the western world, as presented in works like "Shakespeare in Love," and offer up a radically alternate view: Shakespeare as cutthroat competitor, ruthless literary pirate, bisexual misogynist and lapdog for Elizabethan fascism.

MPiRP is made possible in part by a grant from the Samuel P. Mandell Foundation.

Mar. 1, 2, 3 | 8:00 p.m.

Mar. 4 | 2:00 p.m.

GOSPEL CHOIR 34TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mar. 3 | 7:30 p.m.

CONCERT BAND

The Drexel Concert Band presents *The Lord of the Rings*, with music drawn from the many composers who have been inspired by Tolkien's epic fantasy.

Mar. 11 | 7:00 p.m.

ROCK ENSEMBLE AND FUSION BAND

Mar. 13 | 7:30 p.m.

MEDITERRANEAN AND GUITAR ENSEMBLES

The Guitar Ensemble plays a varied program of Classical, Jazz, and Rock music.

The Mediterranean Music Ensemble features dance music and traditional songs from the diverse Mediterranean cultures.

Mar. 14 | 7:30 p.m.

JAZZ EXTRAVAGANZA XIII

The Drexel Jazz Orchestra hosts the nationally-renowned Spelman College Jazz Ensemble, directed by Joseph Jennings. It's an evening dedicated to the greats of jazz as our Jazz Orchestra performs alongside the Spelman Ensemble, which has shared the stage with Wynton Marsalis, Consuela Lee, Nancy Wilson, and many other jazz legends.

Mar. 15 | 7:00 p.m.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

The Percussion Ensemble explores the vast array of percussion traditions.

Mar. 16 | 7:30 p.m.

ALL-COLLEGE CHOIR AND DREXEL STRING ORCHESTRA

The Drexel All-College Choir and Drexel Orchestra perform music from the Classical and Romantic eras.

Mar. 16 | 7:30 p.m.

UNIVERSITY CHORUS PERFORMING THE MOZART REQUIEM

The Winter concert, with chorus and full professional symphony orchestra, is an annual highlight of the concert season. Mozart's legendary last piece is timeless in its beauty and expressive power.

Mar. 18 | 3:00 p.m.

SPRING

APR

PERFORMANCE CHARRETTE WEEKEND

What happens when you combine digital media, dance, choreography and electrical engineering? Spontaneity and limitations will be explored as interdisciplinary teams work together to discover a creative performance solution. Students will have 48 hours to solve a performance "problem" that involves digital media and dance, culminating in a public performance on April 8 at 5:00 p.m.

Apr. 6, 7, 8 | 5:00 p.m.

COFFEE AND JAZZ

With Naturally Sharp, the Vocal Jazz Ensemble. City View Room, MacAlister Hall 6th Floor, sunset.

Apr. 27, 28 | 8:20 p.m.

MAY

URINETOWN, THE MUSICAL

Music by Mark Hollmann

Lyrics by Mark Hollmann and Greg Kotis

Book by Greg Kotis

A hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold due to a 20-year drought, which has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. Everyone must pay for one of humanity's most basic needs. URINETOWN is an irreverently humorous satire in which no one is safe from scrutiny.

May 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 | 8:00 p.m.

May 6, 13 | 2:00 p.m.

DREXEL DANCE ENSEMBLE SPRING CONCERT

The Drexel Dance Ensemble will present a concert of selected student works and the choreography of guest artists Clyde Evans (hip-hop) and 2011 Ellen Forman Award Winner Bronwen MacArthur. The dances presented will represent a variety of dance genres and artistic voices.

May 31, Jun. 1, 2 | 8:00 p.m.

JUN

FRESH DANCE: Freshman Dance Company Spring Concert

The freshmen company will perform new and reconstructed works of faculty choreographers Dr. Miriam Giguere, Olive Prince and Stephen Welsh, alongside the remounting of two selected student works from Dance Ensemble Repertory. Dances from the annual performance charrette will also be remounted for this concert.

Jun. 2 | 3:00 p.m.

Jun. 3 | 1:00 p.m.

GOSPEL CHOIR ANNUAL NIGHT OF MINISTRIES

Featuring choral and solo performances, with music, dance and spoken word.

Jun. 2 | 7:30 p.m.

MEDITERRANEAN MUSIC ENSEMBLE

The Mediterranean Ensemble presents a program that features music from Arabic, Greek, and Israeli cultures.

Jun. 6 | 7:00 p.m.

JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Featuring the graduating seniors as soloists.

Jun. 7 | 8:00 p.m.

OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

Featuring the Fusion Band and the Guitar, Rock, and Percussion Ensembles.

Jun. 8 | 12:30 – 5:00 p.m.

ALL-COLLEGE CHOIR AND DREXEL STRING ORCHESTRA

The Drexel All-College Choir and Drexel Orchestra perform music from the Classical and Romantic eras.

Jun. 8 | 7:30 p.m.

UNIVERSITY CHORUS AND CHAMBER SINGERS

Featuring antiphonal music for multiple choirs in the cathedral-like acoustics of the Great Court.

Jun. 10 | 3:00 p.m.

CONCERT BAND

Jun. 10 | 7:00 p.m.

TICKETS

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2011-2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Concerts listed here are subject to change, please check with the Mandell Theater Box Office at [215-895-ARTS](tel:215-895-ARTS) to ensure accuracy.

FALL

Every Thurs. Sept. 22 – Dec. 1	8:30 p.m.	LATE NIGHT SERIES	Creese Student Center	FREE
Oct. 6	7:00 p.m.	DANCE LECTURE-DEMONSTRATION: LORI BELILOVE AND THE ISADORA DUNCAN DANCE COMPANY	Mandell Theater	FREE
Nov. 17, 18, 19 Nov. 20 Nov. 20	8:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	TWELFTH NIGHT, BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE	Mandell Theater	\$5-\$15
Nov. 29	7:30 p.m.	ROCK ENSEMBLE AND FUSION BAND CONCERT	Mandell Theater	FREE
Nov. 30	7:30 p.m.	MEDITERRANEAN AND GUITAR ENSEMBLES	Mandell Theater	FREE
Dec. 1	8:00 p.m.	JAZZ ORCHESTRA CONCERT	Mandell Theater	FREE
Dec. 2	7:30 p.m.	PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE CONCERT	Mandell Theater	FREE
Dec. 2	7:30 p.m.	ALL COLLEGE CHOIR AND DREXEL STRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT	Main Auditorium	FREE
Dec. 3	3:00 p.m.	NATURALLY SHARP	Mandell Theater	FREE
Dec. 3	7:30 p.m.	GOSPEL CHOIR	Mandell Theater	FREE
Dec. 4	3:00 p.m.	UNIVERSITY CHORUS AND CHAMBER SINGERS	Main Auditorium	FREE
Dec. 4	7:00 p.m.	CONCERT BAND	Mandell Theater	FREE

WINTER

Every Thurs. Jan. 12 – Apr. 15	8:30 p.m.	LATE NIGHT SERIES	Creese Student Center	FREE
Feb. 1	8:00 p.m.	CONCERT BAND	Mandell Theater	FREE
Feb. 2, 3, 4	8:00 p.m.	DANCE ENSEMBLE WINTER CONCERT: SNAPSHOTS	Mandell Theater	\$10 Adults, \$5 Students
Feb. 4 Feb. 5	3:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	FRESHDANCE: FRESHMAN DANCE COMPANY WINTER CONCERT	Mandell Theater	\$10 Adults, \$5 Students
Feb. 12	5:00 p.m.	AN EVENING OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC	Mandell Theater	FREE
Feb. 24, 25	7:30 p.m.	TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MADRIGAL DINNER	Great Court	\$21.95
Mar. 1, 2, 3 Mar. 4	8:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	BAD BOY SHAKESPEARE: THE POET LAUREATE OF CAPITALISM	Mandell Theater	\$5-\$15
Mar. 3	7:30 p.m.	GOSPEL CHOIR 34 TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	TBA	FREE

Mar. 11	7:00 p.m.	CONCERT BAND	Mandell Theater	FREE
Mar. 13	7:30 p.m.	ROCK ENSEMBLE AND FUSION BAND CONCERT	Mandell Theater	FREE
Mar. 14	7:30 p.m.	MEDITERRANEAN AND GUITAR ENSEMBLES	Mandell Theater	FREE
Mar. 15	7:00 p.m.	JAZZ EXTRAVAGANZA XIII	Mandell Theater	FREE
Mar. 16	7:30 p.m.	PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE	Mandell Theater	FREE
Mar. 16	7:30 p.m.	ALL COLLEGE CHOIR AND DREXEL STRING ORCHESTRA	Main Auditorium	FREE
Mar. 18	3:00 p.m.	UNIVERSITY CHORUS PERFORMING THE MOZART REQUIEM	Main Auditorium	\$8 Adults, \$3 Students

SPRING

Every Thurs. Apr. 5 – Jun. 7	8:30 p.m.	LATE NIGHT SERIES	Creese Student Center	FREE
Apr. 6, 7, 8	5:00 p.m.	PERFORMANCE CHARRETTE WEEKEND	Mandell Theater	FREE
Apr. 26, 27	8:20 p.m.	COFFEE AND JAZZ	MacAlister Hall, 6 th Floor	\$7
May 4,5,10,11,12 May 6,13	8:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	URINETOWN, THE MUSICAL	Mandell Theater	\$5-\$15
May 31 Jun. 1, 2	8:00 p.m.	DANCE ENSEMBLE SPRING CONCERT	Mandell Theater	\$10 Adults, \$5 Students
Jun. 2 Jun. 3	3:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	FRESHDANCE: FRESHMAN DANCE COMPANY SPRING CONCERT	Mandell Theater	\$10 Adults, \$5 Students
Jun. 2	7:30 p.m.	GOSPEL CHOIR NIGHT OF MINISTRIES	Stein Auditorium	FREE
Jun. 6	7:00 p.m.	MEDITERRANEAN MUSIC ENSEMBLE	Mandell Theater	FREE
Jun. 7	8:00 p.m.	JAZZ ORCHESTRA	Mandell Theater	FREE
Jun. 8	12:30 – 5:00 p.m.	OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL FEATURING THE FUSION BAND AND THE GUITAR, ROCK, AND PERCUSSION ENSEMBLES	Drexel Park	FREE
Jun. 8	7:30 p.m.	ALL-COLLEGE CHOIR AND DREXEL STRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT	Main Auditorium	FREE
Jun. 10	3:00 p.m.	UNIVERSITY CHORUS GREAT COURT CONCERT	Great Court	FREE
Jun. 10	7:00 p.m.	CONCERT BAND	Mandell Theater	FREE


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IMPORTANT INFO

ACCOMMODATIONS & SERVICES

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PARKING

Metered parking is available on many of the surrounding streets. There are several fee-based parking lots nearby:

- Drexel Garage at 34th & Ludlow Streets
- Five Star parking at 31st & JFK Blvd.
- 31st & Market Streets

DISCOUNTS

Student and group discounts are available. All students are eligible to receive a student rate. For more information regarding group discounts, please call 215.895.1275. Drexel University's Cultural Passports are honored at most events, subject to availability.

TICKETS

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LOCATIONS

Mandell Theater is located at 33rd & Chestnut Streets.

Main Auditorium and the Great Court are located in the Main Building at 32nd & Chestnut Streets.

Creese Center is located at 32nd & Chestnut Streets.

City View Room is on the sixth floor of MacAlister Hall, 33rd & Chestnut Streets.

Stein Auditorium, Nesbitt Hall, 33rd & Market Streets

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