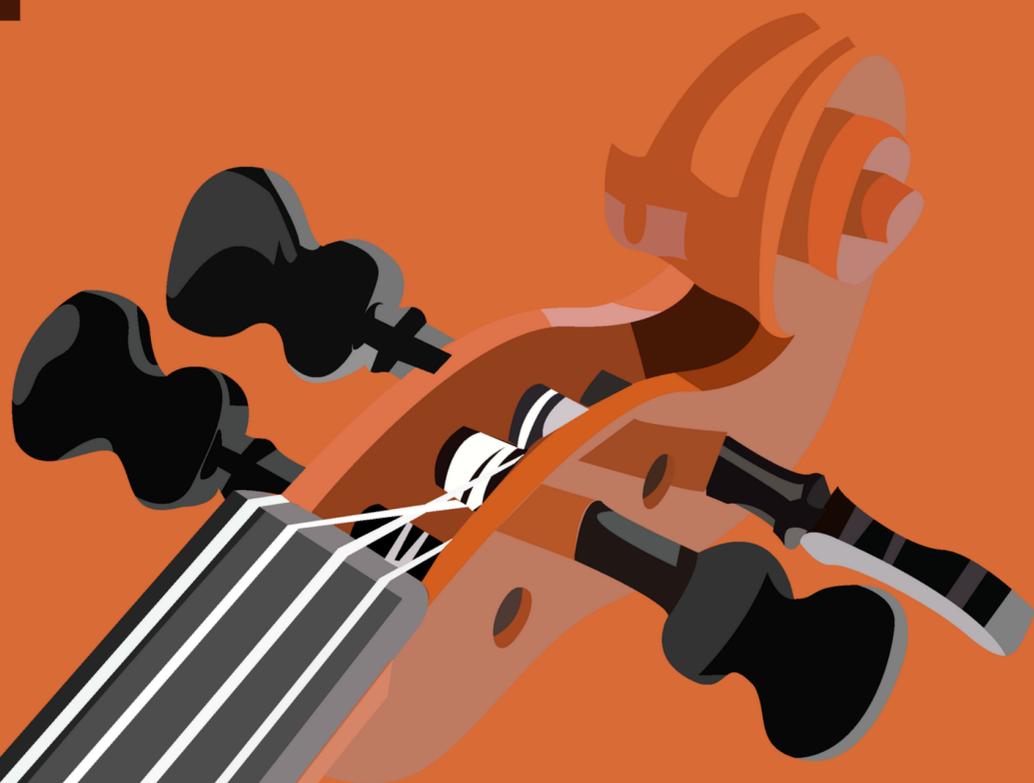


The Department of Performing Arts Presents...

CHAMBER STRINGS

FALL CONCERT

Tuesday
December 5, 2023
7:30 PM



Main Auditorium
Main Building
3141 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA



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Letter from the Department

Welcome to this concert presentation by the Music Program in the Department of Performing Arts. We are delighted to have the wonderful support of great families and friends. A very special welcome goes out to our visitors from the community who may not have any affiliation to our students, and simply come to hear spectacular musical performances by these talented student musicians. We hope everyone in our audience is pleased with the musical selections; and proud of the achievement of the students involved.

The students you will hear at this performance are not music majors. They do this for their love of music and dedicate their time and energy to cultivating their passion for this art form. They are as dedicated to their studies and career pursuits as they are to this intrinsic passion they have within them. The program is fortunate to have a bounty of students with this yearning. We would not exist without them!

The Music Program and Department of Performing Arts is dedicated to providing robust opportunities in the performing arts while students are at Drexel. Our goal is to provide a positive and supportive

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environment for our students. It is our hope that students and audiences alike feel they are represented in the selections being performed. The human connection is most important to us all.

Thank you for attending this performance. Being here is the greatest show of support for the students, the Music Program, and the Department of Performing Arts. Thanks to the dedicated leadership of the faculty ensemble directors and staff, we are pleased to present you with the following program.

Sincerely,

Luke Abruzzo, Music Program Director

Miriam Giguere, PhD, Department Head, Performing Arts



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Upcoming Performing Arts Events

JAZZ ORCHESTRA

December 7, 2023 | 7:30 PM | Mandell Theater

GOSPEL CHOIR

December 8, 2023 | 7:00 PM | Mandell Theater

DREXEL UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

December 8, 2023 | 7:30 PM | Main Auditorium

ALL COLLEGE CHOIR AND CHAMBER BRASS AND WINDS

December 9, 2023 | 7:00 PM | Main Auditorium

MEDITERRANEAN ENSEMBLE

December 9, 2023 | 7:30 PM | Mandell Theater

UNIVERSITY CHORUS AND CHAMBER SINGERS

December 10, 2023 | 3:00 PM | Great Court

CONCERT BAND

December 10, 2023 | 7:00 PM | Mandell Theater

FRESHDANCE

February 8, 2024 | 7:30 PM | Mandell Theater

February 10, 2024 | 2:00 PM | Mandell Theater

DREXEL DANCE ENSEMBLE

February 9-10, 2024 | 7:30 PM | Mandell Theater

DREXEL THEATRE: No Way, Jose!

February 17, 2024 | 3:30 PM & 7:00 PM | URBN Annex Black Box

[Learn more about our upcoming events:](#)

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About The Ensemble

Drexel Chamber Strings is a mix of large and small ensembles playing music of all genres and periods of time. Students meet once a week to enjoy an evening of music-making in a relaxed, supportive environment, culminating in an end-of-term recital highlighting their efforts. For more information, please contact Karen Banos, Director of Chamber Strings at kmb53@drexel.edu

Mike Moss Memorial Fund



The Myron "Mike" Moss Memorial Fund supports Drexel University students pursuing projects in music or collaborative projects in the performing arts, including further study and support for performances. Dr. Moss, the Music Program Director and Drexel Concert Band

Conductor, passed away suddenly in 2012. The fund in his name seeks to assist students in the tradition of his passionate support for student involvement in the Performing Arts.

Student applications are due January 20, 2024. If you are interested in donating towards this fund or want more information, please click the link below.

drexel.edu/performingarts/scholarships/moss-memorial-fund/

Program

Chamber Strings

Karen Banos, Director

Air from Water Music.....George Frederick Handel
Allegretto.....Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Allegro Moderato.....Ludwig Beethoven
Rondo K. 80.....Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
The Swan.....Camille Saint Saens
Moldau arranged for 5 violins.....Bedrich Smetana
Rondeau.....Henry Purcell
Passacaile.....George Frederick Handel

Ensemble Members

Karen Banos
Ensemble Director

Violin

Renee Amos
Mariah Iseminger
Insura Kankam-Boadu
Boen Lee
Tamara Shield

Viola

Helen Ford
Carrie Gordon
Nathalie Ponce

Cello

Bridget McLaughlin
Schell Podoll
Lorenzo Stringfellow

Piano

Anyi Ye

Karen Banos

Chamber Strings Director

Karen Banos is violin and viola instructor at Drexel University. She attended Carnegie-Mellon University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the New School of Music, where she studied with Jascha Brodsky. She also studied with Sally Thomas at the Meadowmount School for Strings, and had additional chamber music studies with Charles Castleman at the Quartet Program.

Karen is currently a member of the orchestras of the Pennsylvania Ballet, the Opera Company of Philadelphia, the Key West Symphony and the Philly Pops. She toured with the NYC Opera, National Company, and is also currently a regular substitute for Broadway musicals. She is a founding member and first violinist of the Rittenhouse String Quartet, and spends her summers playing with the Lake George Opera Company in Saratoga Springs, NY and the Endless Mountain Music Festival in Wellsboro, PA.

Committed to the education of the underprivileged, Karen has worked for the Institute for Arts in Education (trained by the Lincoln Center Teaching Artists) as well as the PA Arts in Education Partnership. These residencies in the city schools of Philadelphia provide music education to students who attend schools that no longer offer general music.

In addition to classical performing, Karen has enjoyed performing with headlining stars like Bob Hope, Tony Bennett, Vic Damone, Dionne Warwick, Burt Bacharach and Bernadette Peters, to name a few. She has performed with the Trans Siberian Orchestra, and on Broadway has played in the pits for Secret Garden, Tommy, Ragtime, Boy from Oz, and West Side Story.



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Interested in a Music Minor?

Drexel offers four different music minors:

Music: requires 26 credits, including work in Music Theory, History, private lessons, ensemble performance, and 9 credits of music electives.

Music Theory and Composition: aimed at people who are writing their own music or who would like to begin doing so. You will take courses in Music Theory, Arranging, Composition, and Digital Composition, and end with a portfolio of several completed pieces.

Music Performance: requires two years of private lesson studies with our artist faculty culminating in a recital. The Music Program will provide support for the recital venue and accompanist.

Jazz & African-American Music: includes course work in Jazz History, African-American Music, Jazz Theory, private study in Jazz performance, and ensemble work in several ensembles devoted to jazz.

Support Great Performance

Performing arts are a vital part of the Drexel academia and student life. Donations support the operation of our performing arts venues, including the Mandell theater and URBN Annex Black Box Theater, as well as performing arts ensembles and programs.

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