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**THE CONCERT IS SOLD OUT BUT THERE ARE LIMITED COMPLIMENTARY SEATS FOR MEDIA. CALL THE BOX OFFICE AT 773-794-ARTS**

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January 10, 2000

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**DISCOVER NORTHEASTERN: CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS  
CONCERT, BENEFIT, AND LIVE BROADCAST  
FEATURING ACCLAIMED OPERA SINGER SUMI JO FRIDAY, JANUARY 21  
AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY'S NEW FINE ARTS CENTER**

As part of *Discover Northeastern: Celebration of the Arts*, a nine-month arts extravaganza marking the opening of Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) new Fine Arts Center, the university presents the acclaimed opera singer Sumi Jo on Friday, January 21, at 8:00 p.m.

In addition to the concert, "An Evening with Sumi Jo (a post concert benefit) will be held, with proceeds supporting the NEIU Foundation's fine arts initiative.

This concert is part of Northeastern Illinois University's Inaugural Concert Series performed in the university's new state-of-the-art recital hall and broadcast live on 98.7 WFMT-FM.

Ms. Jo's program includes music of Vivaldi, Handel, Dung Le Kim, Gounod, Delibes, Copland and Bernstein. Her accompanist is pianist Massimiliano Murrari, who performs regularly in concert halls of international prominence in the United States, Europe and Asia.

Born in South Korea, Sumi Jo studied in her native country before enrolling in the Conservatory of the Accademia di Santa Cecilia in Rome where she graduated with high honors. Her recital debut in Seoul was followed by concerts with the Korean Broadcasting Company Orchestra. While she studied in Italy, she was often heard in concert as well as on radio broadcasts and telecasts on the RAI Italian National Network.

Praised for the outstanding agility, precision and warmth of her coloratura voice and her outstanding musicianship, Sumi Jo has proven to be one of today's most talented sopranos. She has

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**MEMBERS OF THE AVALON BRASS WITH GUEST ARTISTS PERFORM  
AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18**

Members of the Avalon Brass with guest artists will perform at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) on Friday, February 18, at 8:00 p.m. in the university's new Fine Arts Recital Hall.

Musicians Kari-Lee Phelps and Jeff Biancalana, trumpets; Katherine McGown, trombone; Gregory Flint, French horn; and Charlie Schuchat, tuba, will play music of Gabrielli, Ewald, Ewazen and others.

This concert, the sixth in NEIU's Inaugural Concert Series, a nine-month arts extravaganza marking the opening of the new Fine Arts Center, will be broadcast live on 98.7 WFMT-FM

General admission to the concert is \$20.00. For tickets and information on the entire broadcast concert series, the public can call the NEIU box office at **773-794-ARTS (2787)**.

NEIU is located at 5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago (near Bryn Mawr and Central Park). Free parking is available in parking lot F (enter from Central Park).

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**JAZZ AND BLUES CONCERT CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
FEBRUARY 25 AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

In a salute to Black History Month, *She*, an ensemble of female jazz musicians, will perform an evening of jazz and blues at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), Friday, February 25, at 8:00 p.m. in the university's new Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Members of the group include leader and vocalist, Bobbi Wilsyn; pianist Kelly Brand; drummer Sarah Allen; bassist Karyn Quinn; saxophonist Juli Wood; and trombonist, Audrey Morrison. Guest bassist for this performance is Jim Cox. The music of Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn and others will be performed.

Among the many venues the group has performed at are The College of DuPage Jazz Festival; Columbia College; Harold Washington College's Best Jazz that Money Can't Buy series; the Jazz Institute Jazz Fair; and the LaCrosse Jazz Festival.

The concert is co-sponsored by Mostly Music, Inc. General admission is \$10.00; senior citizens and students, \$8.00.

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(Center) Lisa Browning, an elementary education major at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), poses with Governor George Ryan; Water May, a General Trustee of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois; and Raymond Chin (background), also a General Trustee, in a special ceremony held at the House of Representatives of the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield, November 1999.

Browning was selected the 1999 NEIU recipient of the Lincoln Academy Student Laureate Award for demonstrating overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities. She was the 1998/99 president of the NEIU Student Chapter of the Illinois Education Association (IEA), in which she played a key role in the planning and implementation of activities and events, including organizing a three-hour global education workshop for seventy-five NEIU students. She received a citation for both her leadership in the NEIU chapter and at the state level of the IEA, and is currently an advisor to the chapter officers. She has regularly volunteered her services to NEIU's reading tutoring program for young children.

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**NEIU ALUMNA IS CHICAGO'S ONLY RECIPIENT OF SPECIAL TEACHER  
CERTIFICATION IN 1999**

Christine Fransen, a math teacher at Senn Metropolitan Academy, was the only Chicago school teacher in 1999 to be certified in Adolescent and Young Adulthood Mathematics from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

The NBPTS is a Michigan-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving student learning nationally through the creation and promotion of standards of excellence in the teaching profession. Certification is awarded on a voluntary basis to experienced teachers whose skills and knowledge meet NBPTS's rigorous standards.

Fransen, an NEIU graduate (M.S. Mathematics, 1971) who has been teaching for over 30 years, was certified in November 1999 and was one of only four teachers in Illinois to receive NBPTS certification in her area of concentration. Since 1977 she has been a member of Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater, in residence at NEIU, and currently serves as stage manager for the company.

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**Christine Fransen is a resident of North Park.**

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## **FLAMENCO DANCE WORKSHOPS**

**OFFERED BY ENSEMBLE ESPAÑOL SPANISH DANCE THEATER**

**AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

Flamenco dance workshops for adults and 7th through 12th grade students are being offered by Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater, in residence at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU).

Founder and artistic director Dame Libby Komaiko, principal dancer Maria Cecilia, and company dancer Joel Maisonet will instruct the classes in the following:

(Level I) - Technique, Rhythms, Styles, Combinations, Sevillanas, Rumbas, Tangos, Bulerias

(Level II) - Technique, Rhythms, Styles, Repertory, Alegrias, Bulerias, Tangos, Soleares, Fandangos

Classes are offered every Tuesday, Level I classes from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m., and Level II, from 8:30 to 9:45 p.m., starting January 18 through March 21. The cost per class is \$10.00. The student rate (7th through 12th grade) is \$8.00.

Ensemble Español will also offer Flamenco dance for children, grades 1 through 8 every Friday, starting January 21 through March 24, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Folkloric and Flamenco styles will be taught by Dame Komaiko. The cost per class is \$8.00.

All classes are held at NEIU, 5500 North St. Louis Avenue (near Bryn Mawr and Central Park), A-Wing Building, Dance Studio (A-113).

For more information on the dance workshops, call (773) 583-4050, ext. 3015.

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## **DISCOVER NORTHEASTERN: CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS**

### **HIGHLIGHTING NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY'S NEW FINE ARTS CENTER**

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### **MARCH PERFORMING ARTS LISTINGS**

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 17, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 8:00 P.M.**

The NEIU Inaugural Concert Series presents the Orion Ensemble with musicians Kathryne Pirtle, clarinet; Florentina Raminceanu, violin; Marlise Klein, viola; Judy Stone, cello; and Diana Schmuck, piano, performing music by Phyllis Tate, Jean Milew, Rebecca Clarke and Augusta Read Thomas.

"An Inside Look at Contemporary Music," a pre-concert panel (free with the purchase of a concert ticket) at 7:00 p.m. features Augusta Read Thomas, CSO composer-in-residence. This concert is co-sponsored by Mostly Music, Inc. General admission is \$20.00.

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## **NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN HEADS NATIONAL COUNCIL IN PURSUIT OF 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY GLOBAL LIBRARY**

Brad Baker, Northeastern Illinois University librarian and the OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) Users Council president for 1998/99, summed up the final Users Council meeting for the 1998/99 program year in Dublin, Ohio by saying, "We rolled up our sleeves and worked five days into three." OCLC is an Ohio-based, international nonprofit membership organization dedicated to promoting computer library services and research internationally, whose objective is to provide reliable and affordable access to the world's bibliographic, abstract, and full-text information.

The final Users Council program meeting under the 1998/99 theme of "Digital Library Futures: Libraries, OCLC and New Modes of Cooperation," focused on the best practices for building digital libraries, emphasizing the necessity of organizing and unifying myriad Web resources. "This year of exploring 'Digital Library Futures' most definitely underscored the strategic role that OCLC must serve on behalf of libraries, consortia and regional networks," said Baker. "OCLC has positioned itself well in its strategic plans to help libraries provide digital library services and thrive in this new environment."

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**LOCAL HISPANIC AUTHORS TO GIVE READING AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS  
UNIVERSITY IN CELEBRATION OF NEW ANTHOLOGY**

A group of Chicago-area Hispanic writers – some being Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) students or instructors – will read from their work on Wednesday, February 2, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in NEIU's Golden Eagles Room, 5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago. The event is free and open to the public.

The evening will focus on selections from the newly published short story anthology *Voces en el viento: Nuevo Ficciones desde Chicago (Voices in the Wind: New Fiction from Chicago)*. The work was published by Esperante, NEIU's in-house publisher of Hispanic writing through the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. John Barry, Professor of Spanish at Roosevelt University and editor of the anthology, will co-host the presentation with Cecilia Farfan, an NEIU alumna. A reception will follow the reading.

Esperante is dedicated to promoting the works of new and unpublished authors writing in Spanish, and is co-directed by Dr. Edgardo Pantigoso and Dr. Battista Galassi, both NEIU Professors Emeriti.

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**DISCOVER NORTHEASTERN: CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS  
ORION ENSEMBLE PERFORMS FRIDAY MARCH 17  
AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY'S NEW FINE ARTS CENTER**

- :30** As part of *Discover Northeastern: Celebration of the Arts*, Northeastern Illinois University presents the Orion Ensemble in an evening of contemporary music by women composers, on Friday, March 17, at 8:00 p.m., at Northeastern Illinois University's new Fine Arts Center Recital Hall, 5500 North St. Louis, Chicago. The concert is co-sponsored by Mostly Music, Inc. and American Women Composers Midwest. For tickets, call **773-794-A.R.T.S.** That's **773-794-A.R.T.S.**
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## **NEIU VICE PRESIDENT APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS PROFESSIONALS**

Melvin C. Terrell, Ph.D., Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) Vice President for Student Affairs, was recently appointed President of the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals (NASAP). The organization, founded in 1954, serves as a professional agency for the collection of research and promotion in professional development.

Terrell will represent the association at mid-year, regional and national meetings, preside over all meetings of the executive board, appoint committee chairpersons, ensure prompt publication of the newsletter and journal, promote fiscal accountability and responsibility, and present oral and written progress reports at the mid-year and national conferences.

Since joining NASAP in 1993, Terrell has served in many capacities. He began his term as editor of its journal in 1997 and will continue to perform that function during his term as president. He has presented at numerous national conferences hosted by the organization and is currently co-chairing a professional development workshop on leadership and change.

Terrell became NEIU's Vice President for Student Affairs in 1988. He has a doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and a master's degree in Student Personnel Work in Higher Education from Loyola University in Chicago.

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**ORION ENSEMBLE PERFORMS  
AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FRIDAY MARCH 17**

The Orion Ensemble will perform at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) on Friday, March 17, at 8:00 p.m. in the university's new Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.

Recognized by the Chicago Tribune as an ensemble of "gifted and enthusiastic artists who are among the reasons why Chicago is undergoing a veritable chamber music renaissance," the group has performed with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Lyric Opera Orchestra, Music of the Baroque and at music festivals including Ravinia, Grant Park, Aspen and Salzburg. They have also toured extensively on the East Coast and throughout the Midwest

Musicians Kathyne Pirtle, clarinet; Florentina Raminceanu, violin; Marlise Klein, viola; Judy Stone, cello; and Diana Schmuck, piano, perform contemporary music by women composers including *Air and Variations for Clarinet, Violin and Piano* by Phyllis Tate; *Before the Morning Breaks for Clarinet, Cello and Piano* by Jean Milew; Rebecca Clarke's *Trio for Violin, Cello, and Piano*, and *Angel Musings for Clarinet, Violin and Viola* by Augusta Read Thomas.

This concert, co-sponsored by Mostly Music, Inc., and American Women Composers Midwest, is the seventh in NEIU's Inaugural Concert Series, a nine-month arts extravaganza marking the opening of the new Fine Arts Center, and will be taped for future broadcast on 98.7 WFMT-FM

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**MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 6:00 P.M.**

Lecture and film showing - Ruth Page's "The Merry Widow," a Women's History Month tribute to one of the pioneers of American dance, Ruth Page. Admission is \$5.00

**THURSDAY - SATURDAY, MARCH 2 - 4 AND 9 - 11, STAGE CENTER THEATRE, 7:30 P.M.**

NEIU's Stage Center Theatre presents "The Dining Room" by A.R. Gurney, directed by Rodney Higginbotham. Admission is \$8.00; senior citizens and students, \$6.00

**FRIDAY, MARCH 3, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 8:00 P.M.**

Jane Kenas, soprano with NEIU faculty and guest artists featuring Ronald Combs, baritone; Phyllis Hurt, soprano; Daniel Kane, tenor; Irwin Heller, clarinet; and Michael Melton and Stephen Zivin, piano. Free admission.

**MARCH 8 - 31, NEIU ART GALLERY**

NEIU'S Gallery presents the Art Alumni Invitational Exhibition. Beate Minkovski, executive director and founder of Woman Made Gallery, is the art department's alumni honoree. The exhibition reception is Thursday, March 9.

**MONDAY, MARCH 13, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 7:30 P.M.**

NEIU Guitar Series featuring Brian Torosian with faculty and guest artists performing chamber music of J. K. Mertz. Free admission.

**NEIU MARCH EVENTS**

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**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, MARCH 16 AND 17**

**Women's Music Festival-A two day event culminating in a concert by the Orion Ensemble**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16**

**12:15 p.m.** - Workshop/performance by women's jazz group "Straight Up." Free admission

**1:40 p.m.** - Chamber Music Workshop with "The Orion Ensemble" Free admission.

**7:30 p.m.** - Concert of Vocal and Chamber Music by Women Composers. Free admission

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17**

**1:00 p.m.** - Lecture "Women in Music History" with Miriam Zach Founding Director of the International Women Composers Library in Gainesville, Florida and Dr. Gregory Nelson, an NEIU alumnus and researcher in women's music. Free admission

**7:00 p.m.** Pre-Concert Panel: "An Inside Look at Contemporary Music" featuring CSO composer-in-residence, Augusta Read Thomas. Free admission.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 8:00 p.m.**

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**MONDAY, MARCH 27, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 7:30 P.M.**

Student Recital featuring Lorraine Langer, soprano with Stephen Zivin, piano, performing music of Rossini, Strauss, and Wolf. Free admission.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 28, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 1:40 P.M.**

NEIU Guitar Showcase, Brian Torosian, director. Free admission..

**THURSDAY, MARCH 30, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 1:40 P.M.**

NEIU Music Talent Scholar Recital. Free admission.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 31, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 8:00 P.M.**

Year of the Piano Series, Constance Speake, coordinator presents "The Piano in Ensemble" with faculty and guest artists including Constance Speake, piano; Stanley Davis, clarinet, Sylvia Myintoo, violin; and Charles Otis, trumpet. Music of Beethoven, Bozza and Brahms will be performed. Free admission.

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**AUDITIONS FOR ALL CITY "JR" ENSEMBLE ESPAÑOL  
AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY - SATURDAY, MARCH 25 AT 11:00 A.M.**

**WHAT:** Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater will hold auditions for their **ALL CITY "JR" Ensemble Español**. This annual audition is open to all students grades 5 through 12 from Chicago area schools. This after-school program is an excellent cultural and educational opportunity.

Those students selected will receive scholarships valued at \$3,000 and will work with this world-renowned professional dance company. Studying with Ensemble director Dame Libby Komaiko and her company, students will have the opportunity to perform for the community. They may also earn valuable university scholarships.

Students who wish to audition are encouraged to take the ongoing community classes:

**7<sup>th</sup> -12 grades - Tuesdays /7:00- 8:15 p.m.**

**4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades - Fridays / 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

The cost is \$8.00 per class.

**WHO:** For 23 years Ensemble Español, Northeastern Illinois University's in-residence dance company, has presented thousands of performances throughout the United States and have toured Latin America and the Caribbean. They have also performed at every major university in Chicago and the Midwest. Distinguishing themselves in classical, folkloric, and Flamenco styles, the company has been hailed as the "Center for Spanish Dance in America."

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 25, 11: A.M. PROMPT

**WHERE:** Northeastern Illinois University  
5500 N. St. Louis Avenue - Dance Studio, A-Wing, Room 113  
Chicago, Illinois 60625

**CONTACT:** For more information on the preparatory classes and for audition reservations, call Dame Libby Komaiko at (773) 794-2594.

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***THE DINING ROOM*, A.R. GURNEY'S ACCLAIMED COMEDY OF FAMILY LIFE, TO  
BE PERFORMED AT NEIU**

*The Dining Room*, A.R. Gurney's prize-winning comedy-drama about the decline of the American upper-middle-class, opens February 24 at Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) Stage Center Theatre.

An ensemble of three men and three women create a total of fifty-seven characters who represent a vanishing WASP culture. The play examines poignant and often hilarious moments in the lives of numerous families over a period of decades, the action taking place within a single dining room symbolic of collective WASP dining rooms.

This NEIU production is directed by Rodney Higgenbotham, Assistant Professor in NEIU's Department of Speech and Performing Arts.

The show runs Thursdays through Saturdays, February 24-26, and March 2-4, 9-11 at 7:30 p.m. at NEIU's Stage Center Theatre, 5500 North St. Louis Avenue, Chicago (two blocks west of Kimball between Foster and Bryn Mawr Avenues). General admission is \$8.00; students and senior citizens, \$6.00. For more information and ticket reservations, call the Stage Center Box Office at **773-794-6652**.

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**CAST LIST - "THE DINING ROOM"**

**AVONDALE**

Joe Tipre

**HERMOSA**

Rania Baxter

Timothy Hughes

**LAKEVIEW**

Jamie Beth Henkin

**PORTAGE PARK**

William Mayer

**UPTOWN**

Anastasia Harold



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Anastasia Harold (Uptown) and Joe Tipre (Avondale) in a scene from A.R. Gurney's prize-winning comedy-drama *The Dining Room*. The play is the third production of Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) Stage Center Theatre's 1999/2000 season.

The show runs Thursdays through Saturdays, February 24-26, and March 2-4, 9-11 at 7:30 p.m. at NEIU's Stage Center Theatre, 5500 North St. Louis Avenue, Chicago (two blocks west of Kimball between Foster and Bryn Mawr Avenues). General admission is \$8.00; students and senior citizens, \$6.00. For more information and ticket reservations, call the Stage Center



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Bill Mayer (Portage Park) and Jamie Beth Henkin (Lakeview) have a romantic encounter underneath the table in a scene from A.R. Gurney's prize-winning comedy-drama, *The Dining Room*. The play is the third production of Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) Stage Center Theatre's 1999/2000 season.

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## **NEIU JOB FAIR FOR TEACHERS ATTRACTS NATIONAL RECRUITERS FOR 2000/01 SCHOOL YEAR**

The **Mid-America Teacher Job Fair** will take place on Tuesday, March 28, from 1:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the large gymnasium of Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) Physical Education Complex, 5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago. The fair is free and open to anyone seeking a K-12 teaching position for the school year beginning fall of 2000. Students graduating this spring or summer are encouraged to attend. Representatives from over 100 public and private U.S. schools and school districts will participate. Applicants are advised to bring 50 resumes each, as some representatives may request 10 resumes from each applicant.

This will be NEIU's fifth year of participation in the fair, which will also be held at four other universities throughout Illinois during the week of March 26 under the collective heading of "Mid-America Teacher Placement Day." Recruiters from California, Florida, Illinois, North Carolina, and Texas made up a large percentage of prospective employers at NEIU's March 1999 fair.

For more information call Shannon Hart in NEIU's Placement Office at 773/583-4050, ext. 3119.

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**SPRING 2000 OPEN HOUSE**

**AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MARCH 30**

Prospective undergraduate students and their families should plan to attend the Spring 2000 Open House at Northeastern Illinois University on Thursday, March 30, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the university's Student Union located at 5500 North St. Louis Avenue (two blocks west of Kimball, between Foster and Bryn Mawr Avenues), Chicago. Free parking is available in university lots marked Level 2.

Guests may obtain admission information, tour the campus, meet informally with faculty and staff, hear about grant and scholarship opportunities, and attend a student panel and financial aid workshop.

For more information, the public can call the School and College Relations Office at **773-794-3060**

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## **ENSEMBLE ESPAÑOL SPANISH DANCE THEATER PRESENTS "FLAMENCO PASSION" FIESTA BENEFIT NIGHT MARCH 20**

Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater, presents "Flamenco Passion," a Fiesta Benefit Night on Monday, March 20, at the Mercury Theater, 3745 North Southport in Chicago. Valet parking is available.

The ensemble is in residence at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) with Dame Libby Komaiko, founder and artistic director.

A chance to win two free tickets to Spain, a silent auction, prizes, and more will kick off the evening's festivities at a 6:30 p.m. reception.

A performance of "Flamenco Passion," a one-act Cuadro Flamenco at 7:30 p.m. features guest artists Flamenco singer Maria Elena "La Cordobesa"; Flamenco singer and guitarist Paco Fonta; Flamenco guitarists Greg Wolfe, Mateo and Hector Fernandez; and percussionist Mick LaBriola who will join 1<sup>st</sup> dancers Irma Suarez Ruiz, Jorge Perez., the full company and All City "JR." Ensemble.

The repertoire highlights bulerias, tangos, sevillanas, rumbas, farruca and alegrias with choreography by Dame Komaiko, Irma Suarez Ruiz, Jorge Perez, Timo Lozano, Gloria de Jerez and Vida Peral.

General admission is \$35.00 All proceeds benefit the scholarship/apprenticeship programs and the All City "JR" Ensemble Español. For tickets, call 773-794-ARTS (press #4). For further information, call 773-583-4050, ext. 3015.

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## NEIU LAUNCHES MONTH-LONG SERIES OF EVENTS TO CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY

In recognition of March as Women's History Month, Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) will present the following events, all open to the public:

### **Wednesday, March 8: \*International Women's Day\***

Celebrate Women's History Month with students, faculty, and staff at a special lunch spot in the cafeteria. Bring your lunch and join us at the raised south section of the cafeteria. 12:00-1:00 p.m.

"Women of the Past with Us in the Present"—NEIU faculty, students, and staff portray women in history. 4:15-5:30 p.m. Cafeteria Meeting Room

### **Thursday, March 9:**

"A Child for Hitler: Lebensborn and the RuSHA"—Lecture about Hitler's abduction of Aryan-looking children from various countries to be raised as Germans. Guest speaker Gayl Johnson. 9:25-10:50 a.m. (Mary Ann Schwartz, Sociology). Cafeteria Meeting Room.

### **Monday, March 13:**

Video: *Salt of the Earth*. A stunning film made by the "Hollywood Ten" during the Cold War years. It tells the story of Chicano and white workers striking against a zinc mining company in New Mexico—the women take over and lead the strike. 4:15-5:30 p.m. (Tim Libretti, English). Classroom Building, room 3106.

### **Tuesday, March 14:**

Voices of America 1999-2000 Studio Series presents: Celebrating Women's Theatre—*The Theatre of Awakening*. Featuring three scenes celebrating womanhood in modern times. 1:40 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Stage Center Theatre.

The Street as an Extension of the Urban Environment. 10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m. (Susan Stall, Sociology). Fine Arts Center, room 247.

**Wednesday, March 15:**

Video: *Salt of the Earth* (part 2). 4:15-5:30 p.m. (Tim Libretti, English). Classroom Building, room 3106.

**Thursday, March 16:**

Voices of America 1999-2000 Studio Series presents: Celebrating Women's Theatre—*The Theatre of Awakening*. Featuring three scenes celebrating womanhood in modern times. 1:40 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Stage Center Theatre.

Collective Responses to Domestic Violence. 10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m. (Susan Stall, Sociology). Fine Arts Center, room 247.

Straight Ahead Jazz Band Workshop. 12:15-1:30 p.m. Fine Arts Center, room 144.  
South African Women: Resistance to Oppression. 2:50-4:05 p.m. (Michael Tuck, History). Classroom Building, room 3020.

Straight Ahead Jazz Band Concert. 7:30 p.m. (\$5 admission, NEIU students and faculty free with ID.) Center for Inner City Studies (700 East Oakwood Blvd., Chicago).

**A Women's Music Festival 2000.** Workshop with the Orion Ensemble, with composer Patricia Morehead and Miriam Zach. 1:40 p.m. Location TBA.

Concert of vocal and chamber music. 7:30 p.m. Location TBA.

**Friday, March 17:**

A Women's Music Festival 2000. Student Concert. 2:00 p.m. Fine Arts Recital Hall.

"An Inside Look at Contemporary Music." A pre-concert panel featuring Chicago Symphony Orchestra's Composer in Residence, Augusta Read Thomas. 7:00 p.m. Fine Arts Recital Hall.

The Orion Ensemble Salutes Women's History Month. Music by Phyllis Tate, Jean Milew, Rebecca Clarke, and Augusta Read Thomas. General admission: \$20. 8:00 p.m. Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.

**Monday, March 27:**

"Women's Lives, Voices, Solutions: Shaping a National Agenda for Women in Higher Education." A national teleconference hosted by the University of Minnesota via satellite, featuring a keynote address by Johnnetta Cole. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Student Union, room 214.

Resisting Pornography and Prostitution, with guest speaker Claudine O'Leary. 5:30 p.m. (Nancy Matthews, Criminal Justice). Science Building, room 112.

**Tuesday, March 28:**

Discussion of *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez, a historical novel about a group of sisters set in the Dominican Republic. 12:15-1:30 p.m. (David Leaman, Political Science). Science Building, room 111.

**Wednesday, March 29:**

"Women's Lives, Voices, Solutions: Shaping a National Agenda for Women in Higher Education." A national teleconference hosted by the University of Minnesota via satellite, featuring a moderated panel and participation from satellite sites via fax, e-mail and telephone. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Student Union, room 214.

"Hues: A Celebration of Depth and Diversity within Chicago's Lesbian Community." A multicultural panel of women from various organizations will discuss contemporary issues relevant to the lesbian community. 7:00-8:30 p.m. (O. Evelyn McCoy, Social Work). Classroom Building, room 1002.

**Thursday, March 30:**

Multicultural Issues in Practice. 10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m. (Cathy Stanley, Social Work). Fine Arts Center, room 255.

For further information contact Laurie Fuller, Coordinator (Women's Studies) at 773/583-4050, ext. 3308; or Diane Frese, Secretary at ext. 3302.

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**TERRY M. BUSH NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND  
COMMUNICATIONS AT NEIU**

Salme H. Steinberg, President of Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), is pleased to announce the appointment of Terry M. Bush as Executive Director of Marketing and Communications.

Bush comes to NEIU from Millikin University where he served as Vice-President for Marketing and Community Affairs. Prior to that he was Director of Community Relations at WILL-AM-FM-TV at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

He received an M.S. degree in Communications and a B.S. degree in Education from Illinois State University.

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**EDUCATOR LOURDES MONTEAGUDO TO SPEAK  
AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MARCH 28**

Lourdes Monteagudo, Executive Director of the Teachers Academy for Mathematics and Science, will speak on "Education in Modern Cuba: An Extraordinary Achievement" Tuesday, March 28, at 1:45 p.m. in Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) Student Union, Room 214, 5500 North St. Louis in Chicago. A reception will follow.

Having left Cuba as a refugee child, Monteagudo returned recently as a member of Governor George Ryan's party. During the visit, augmented by personal research on the subject, she gained knowledge into the practices of the country's educational system.

Monteagudo has served as director of the Teachers Academy since 1993. Recognized nationally and internationally for its groundbreaking work, the school is a not-for-profit institution whose goal is raising math and science skills of teachers and improving student achievement.

Prior to joining the Academy, Monteagudo served as Chicago's first Deputy Mayor for Education under Mayor Richard M. Daley. In that post, she created a new office for the intergovernmental coordination of services to schools and secured millions of dollars of private and federal funding to support educational programs impacting the Chicago Public Schools.

Currently pursuing a J. D. degree from the Chicago Kent School of Law, Monteagudo has received numerous awards and recognitions throughout her career.

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This event, part of the university's ongoing Presidential Lecture Series, is free and open to the public. Free parking is available in parking lot F at the west end of the campus (enter from Central Park). For more information, call 773-583-4050, ext. 3291.

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**GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES AWARDED AT  
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

Residents from your community (list attached) were among the graduates who were recently awarded degrees at Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) commencement ceremonies held recently at the university's Physical Education Complex.

NEIU President Salme H. Steinberg delivered the commencement address and NEIU Board of Trustees member Robert Hartman offered greetings from the Board to the graduates and their families.

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**CHICAGO WEST SIDE**

AUSTIN

Allen, Keanne  
Brock, Ricki  
Cox, Tamika  
Luna, Aida  
Vester, Chambers  
Wilson, Lashonda

BA/Political Science  
MA/Counseling  
BA/Sociology  
BA/Early Childhood  
BA/BOG/Criminal Justice  
BS/Computer Science

NORTH LAWNSDALE

Owens, Lola

BA/BOG

SOUTH LAWNSDALE

Barraza, Zandra

BA/Special Education

WEST SIDE

Chien, Tsen

BA/Finance

NEAR WEST SIDE

Clark, Rona  
Williams, Loretta

BA/BOG  
BA/Sociology

LAWNSDALE

Davis, Emma  
Diaz, Diego

MA/Educational Administration  
BA/BOG/Human Resource Development



**CHICAGO SOUTH SIDE**

GARFIELD RIDGE

Aguilar, Susana

BA/BOG

CHICAGO LAWN

Rankins, Donald

BS/Computer Science

HYDE PARK

Buckley, Michael

Rosa, Gisela

BA/Special Education

BA/Physical Education/Secondary Ed.

NEW CITY

Siler, Robert

BA/English/Secondary Education

SOUTH CHICAGO

Stewart, La Von

BA/BOG

**SOUTH SUBURBAN AREA**

**CHICAGO HEIGHTS**

Mascolino, Mary

BA/Human Resource Development

**OAK FOREST**

Hasan, Samer

BA/Management

**SUMMIT**

Ghannam, Hisham

BS/Computer Science

**TINLEY PARK**

Metke, Tracy

MA/Special Education

**NEAR NORTH SUBURBAN**

DESPLAINES

Barnitz, James  
Hedberg, Laura  
Medunycia, Christine  
Quinones, Angel

BA/Marketing  
BA/Marketing  
MA/Special Education  
MA/Educational Administration

EVANSTON

Valentine, Mary

MA/Special Education

GLENVIEW

Oerke, Henrietta  
Rehmann, Courtney

BA/BOG  
MAT/Language Arts

LINCOLNWOOD

Adhami, Linda

BA/Elementary Education

MORTON GROVE

Beck, Kathleen

MA/Educational Administration

PARK RIDGE

Anichini, Debbie  
Pentz, Robert

BA/Mathematics/Secondary Education  
BS/Computer Science

SKOKIE

Canegan, Yvonne  
Feldman, Jennifer  
Hollander, Alan  
Lieberman, Jessica  
Ortiz, Dean

MA/Human Resource Development  
BA/Sociology  
MA/Educational Administration  
MA/Special Education  
BA/Criminal Justice

**FAR NORTH SUBURBAN**

ANTIOCH

Turnbow, John

BA/History/Secondary Education

GREAT LAKES

Langworthy, Antuanet

BA/Speech

GURNEE

Clay, Terri

MA/Special Education

MUNDELEIN

Brannan, Kenneth  
Murphy, Joseph

BA/Accounting  
BS/Computer Science

WAUKEGAN

Elenbaas, Nancy  
Ramos, Martha

MA/Counseling  
MA/Educational Administration

WILDWOOD

Rightweiser, Linda

BA/Elementary Education

**NEAR WEST SUBURBAN**

BELLWOOD

Campbell, Samuel  
Nugent, Maureen

MA/Educational Administration  
BA/Management

BERWYN

Cotey, Wendy  
Kosinski, Mark  
Lipinski, Karen

BA/Special Education  
MA/Counseling  
BA/Psychology

BROOKFIELD

De Stefano, Joanna

BA/Sociology

CICERO

Arrieta, Teresa

BA/Accounting

ELMWOOD PARK

Ratliff, Julie

BA/Psychology

FRANKLIN PARK

Steinmetz, Nichole

BA/Business Administration

MELROSE PARK

Rossi, Linda

BA/BOG

NORTH LAKE

Schick, George

BA/BOG

OAK PARK

Ranney, Yasmin

BA/BOG

RIVER GROVE

Schneider, Melinda

BA/Psychology

**FAR WEST SUBURBAN**

AURORA

Kang, Jennifer

BA/Elementary Ed/Political Science

BATAVIA

Kempa, Maureen

MA/Counseling

CAROL STREAM

Canfield, Kathleen

Passi, Anthony

MA/Counseling

MA/History

GENEVA

Garbe, Elsie

MA/Special Education

WOODRIDGE

Michaels, Ann

BA/Elementary Education

## **NORTHWEST SUBURBAN**

### ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Nelson, Evelyn  
Waco, Amy

BA/Mathematics  
BA/Elementary Education

### BARRINGTON

Hilgers, Teresa

MA/Mathematics

### BUFFALO GROVE

Hefler, Sharon  
Moskovich, Ela

MA/Special Education  
MA/Human Resource Development

### ELK GROVE VILLAGE

Jonas, Cindy

BA/Accounting

### HANOVER PARK

Hogan, Kathleen

BA/Elementary Education

### HOFFMAN ESTATES

Long, Kevin

MA/Speech

### LAKE IN THE HILLS

Karas, Leslie  
Purani, Urvi

MA/Special Education  
BA/French

### MT. PROSPECT

Puzen, Linda  
Sanvanson, George  
Thakkar, Minal

MA/Special Education  
MS/Chemistry  
BA/Accounting

### PALATINE

Chwalisz, Michael  
Gates, Jeanne  
Lockwood, Chikako  
Schmitt, Jennifer

BA/Spanish  
MAT/Language Arts  
BA/Bilingual Bicultural/Elem. Ed.  
BA/History/Political Science

### ROLLING MEADOWS

Crespo, Catherine  
Vandercar, Laura

BA/Elementary Education  
MS/Exercise Science and Cardiac Rehab.

SCHAUMBURG

Deresinski, Debra  
Diaz, Sara  
McDunn, James

BA/Psychology  
MA/Human Resource Development  
MA/Speech

STREAMWOOD

Kreklow, Mark

MS/Computer Science

WHEELING

Friedman, Aaron

BA/English



## CHICAGO NORTH SIDE

### EDGEWATER

Amaro, Nelitza  
Hobart, Jane  
Nguyen, Viet  
Rahman, Khandaker  
Tran, Anh  
Wentley, Erin

BS/Computer Science  
MA/Special Education  
BS/Computer Science  
BS/Computer Science  
BS/Biology  
MA/Linguistics

### LAKEVIEW

Canzone, Camille  
Goldberg, Alison

MA/Gerontology  
BA/Early Childhood Education

### LINCOLN PARK

Pagen, Sara

MA/Educational Administration

### LINCOLN SQUARE

Chhorm, Savath  
Stahlberg, Eftihia

BS/Computer Science  
MA/Music

### NEAR NORTH SIDE

Hawkins, Marilyn  
Vukmarkovic, Ljubinka

BA/BOG/Social Work  
BA/Accounting

### NORTH CENTER

Bakazan, Deborah  
Caine, Raesin  
Rodriguez, Vanessa

BA/BOG  
BS/Chemistry  
BA/Criminal Justice

### ROGERS PARK

Alviani, Gwendolyn  
Aune, Heidi  
Young, Judy

BA/BOG  
BA/Art  
BA/BOG

UPTOWN

Eke, George  
Elliott, Adewale  
Rivas, Nestor  
Thrinh, Dien

BA/Accounting  
BA/Speech  
BA/Finance  
BS/Computer Science

WEST RIDGE

Garcia, Sheryll  
Morgan, Donald  
Murillo, Enrique  
Panagakis, Ekaterini  
Yaro, Marlene

BA/Sociology  
MA/Inner City Studies  
MA/Political Science  
MA/Educational Administration  
BA/Elementary Education

WEST TOWN

Ortiz, Ivette  
Tenclinger, Suzanne

BA/Spanish/Secondary Education  
MA/Special Education

## CHICAGO NORTHWEST SIDE

### ALBANY PARK

Bajramovic, Nerma  
Cerna, Virginia  
Clarke, Radiance  
Grays, Robert  
Le, Bao  
Nguyen, Khoa  
Pabon, Xavier  
Rodriguez, Antonio  
Rodriguez, Diego

MBA/Business Administration  
BA/History/Secondary Education  
BA/Sociology  
BS/Computer Science  
BS/Computer Science  
MS/Computer Science  
BA/Economics  
BA/BOG  
BA/Political Science

### AVONDALE

Martinez, Maritza

BA/Marketing

### BELMONT CRAGIN

Becker, Lara  
Crespo, Teresa  
Garcia, Donaciano  
Holliday, Patricia  
Lausontornsiri, Wanida  
Lugo, Carmen  
Maisonet, Elba  
Valenzuela, Norma  
Valle, Julio

MA/Speech  
BA/BOG/Special Education  
BS/Computer Science  
BA/BOG  
MS/Exercise Science and cardiac Rehab.  
BA/Elementary Education/Spanish  
MA/Educational Administration  
BA/Elementary Education  
BA/Mathematics/Secondary

### DUNNING

Gonzalez, Luis  
Pizzo, Lina  
Wagner, Helga

BA/BOG/Spanish  
BA/Management  
BA/BOG

### EDISON PARK

Morser, Heather

MAT/Language Arts

### FOREST GLEN

Dipali, Shah  
Jovcic, Milan  
Kelly, Jennifer  
McGowan, Jeanne  
Wambach, Tim

BA/Accounting  
MA/History  
MA/Educational Administration  
BA/Speech  
BA/Speech

### Humboldt Park

Berdiel, Theresa

BA/Bilingual Bicultural/Elem. Ed.

IRVING PARK

Gaerland Diane  
Jimenez, William  
Mancuso, Sandra  
Nguyen, Doan  
Oomens, Holly  
Osiecki, Nilma  
Tipre, Joseph

BA/Economics  
BA/History/Secondary Education  
BA/BOG  
BS/Computer Science  
BA/Criminal Justice  
MA/Educational Leadership  
BA/Speech

JEFFERSON PARK

Barthel, Angelique  
Cid, Fanny  
Dedic, Jennifer  
Figueroa, Cristina

BA/Speech  
BA/BOG/Spanish  
BA/Criminal Justice  
BA/Criminal Justice

LOGAN SQUARE

Etheridge, Carol  
Goodwillie, Elizabeth  
Silvestry, Serina

BA/Marketing  
MA/English  
BA/Management

MONTCLARE

Frazin, Amy

BA/BOG

NORTH PARK

Berman, Lora  
Haider, Aftab  
Lisa, Israel  
Nam, Kim  
Nguyen, Thanh  
Stone, Maya

BA/Elementary Education  
MS/Computer Science  
BA/Elementary Education  
BA/Accounting  
BA/Accounting  
BA/Economics

NORWOOD PARK

Hill, Michael  
Richard, Norman

BA/Speech/Political Science.  
MA/Educational Administration

PORTAGE PARK

Catayong, Lyndon

Giap, Lieu

Martinez, Laura

Narvaez, Lilliam

Senad, Djelovic

Sherwood, Brenda

Wiska, Katarzyna

Young, Anna

BA/Elementary Education

BA/Accounting

BA/Criminal Justice

MA/Educational Leadership

BA/English

BA/Sociology

BA/Accounting

MS/Chemistry

**LOOP**

McGregor, Margaret  
Wengel, Sally

MA/Educational Administration  
BA/Elementary Education

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## **NEIU FACULTY TO EXPAND MULTI-CULTURAL AWARENESS**

A six-member team from Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) was selected as one of forty college and university groups to participate in a national two-year diversity-awareness project—"Boundaries and Borderlands III: The Search for Recognition and Community in America"—sponsored by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U).

Dr. Hoda Mahmoudi, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will head the NEIU team of faculty and administrators as they participate in numerous lectures and workshops designed to deepen the intellectual and curricular frameworks for higher education faculty. (This July, Brown University will host the ten-day summer institute that will mark the beginning of the project.) The goal of "Boundaries and Borderlands" is to help institutions form new curricula aimed at assisting students in developing new capacities for democratic citizenship as well as tolerance to negotiate multiple communities and commitments in contemporary America. The core of the project will be a series of eight, three-hour seminars examining the social and political implications of a growing multi-cultural U.S. population. Such sessions as "Education: The Making of Citizens," "Race and Racialization: The Color of Democracy," and "The U.S. Democratic Experiment: Forging a Nation for Whom?" represent the seminars' general theme of

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promoting an enhanced understanding of an increasingly pluralistic nation.

The project will also include colloquia with nationally known speakers, an American Writers Series, and sundry cultural events. Participants will be networked via a national listserv and through online town meetings offered over the DiversityWeb.

The AAC&U is a national association founded in 1915 and devoted to the advancement of liberal education for all college students, regardless of academic specialization.

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SPECIAL TO CALENDAR LISTINGS  
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## DISCOVER NORTHEASTERN : CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

### HIGHLIGHTING NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY'S FINE ARTS CENTER

All events are held at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), 5500 North St. Louis, Chicago, (near Bryn Mawr and Central Park). Parking is available in parking lot F. (Enter from Central Park Avenue). Tickets for events with an admission charge may be purchased through the university box office. Call 773-794-ARTS (2787) for tickets and up-to-date event information.

### APRIL/MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **SATURDAY-TUESDAY, APRIL 1 - 4, ART GALLERY**

Art Alumni Exhibition Free admission.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 4, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 1:40 P.M.**

Music Talent Scholars Recital. Free admission

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 4, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 7:30 P.M.**

Jazz Combos, Mayo Tiana, director. Free admission.

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 6, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 1:40 P.M.**

Music Talent Scholars Recital. Free admission

#### **THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS, APRIL 6 - 8, 13 - 15, 20 - 22, STAGE CENTER THEATRE, 7:30 P.M.**

"Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig. \$8.00; seniors and students, \$6.00. Call 773-794-6652.

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 7, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 8:00 P.M.**

NEIU Guitar Series features Fareed Haque. \$10.00; students, \$5.00

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 8, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 12 NOON**

Skokie Valley Orchestra Young Artists Competition. Free admission.

#### **APRIL 10 -30, MAY 1 - 9, ART GALLERY**

Juried Metals Competition Exhibition. Exhibition reception on April 13.

**NEIU APRIL/MAY EVENTS**

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**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 - 12, VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND CAMPUS**

Asian American Heritage Program featuring talks, panel discussions, workshops and dialogs, with guests from the academic, business and cultural communities, as well as NEIU faculty and staff. Free admission

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 1:40 P.M.**

Chamber Ensembles, Joseph Glymph and Peter Chang directors. Free admission.

**TUESDAY- THURSDAY, APRIL 11 & 13, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 7:30 P.M.**

Opera Workshop Scene Recital, Ronald Combs, director. Free admission

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 1:40 P.M.**

String Orchestra, Joseph Glymph, director. Free admission.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 7:30 P.M.**

Soprano Alison Ruble in a Senior Recital with Jane Kenas, piano, and Jesse Langen, guitar, performing music by Wolf, Poulenc and Argento. Free admission.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 7:30 P.M.**

Vocal Repertoire Seminar Class Recital - Class of Phyllis Hurt performing music from Britain, France, Germany, Spain, and Scandinavia. Free admission.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 7:30 P.M.**

Voice Recital - Students of Ronald Combs. Free admission.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, LOCATION TBA, 7:30 P.M.**

NEIU Bandfest featuring the Concert Band, Shayne Cofer, director; and Jazz Band, Mayo Tiana, director. Free admission.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL 1:40 P.M.**

"Year of the Piano Series" Constance Speake, coordinator, with guest artist Adam Chlastawa, first prize winner of the 1999 Chopin Competition in Chicago. Free admission.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 7:30 P.M.**

Guitar Ensemble, Brian Torosian, director. Free admission.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 8:00 P.M.**

NEIU Concert Series, co-sponsored by Mostly Music Inc. Julia Bentley with members of CUBE performing Arnold Schonberg's *Book of the Hanging Gardens* and works by Lukas Foss, George Crumb, Arvo Part and Patricia Morehead. Admission is \$10.00; seniors and students, \$8.00.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28, TEMPLE SHOLOM, 3480 N. LAKE SHORE DRIVE, 7:45 P.M.**

NEIU University Chorus, Michael Melton, director, performing *The Sacred Service* by Ernest Bloch. Guest Speaker: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler. Free admission.

**NEIU APRIL/MAY EVENTS**

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**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 28 & 29, RUTH PAGE THEATER, 1016 N. DEARBORN,  
8:00 P.M.**

NEIU Faculty/Student Dance Concert featuring Flamenco, jazz and contemporary styles. Admission is \$5.00.

**FRIDAY, MAY 19, FINE ARTS CENTER RECITAL HALL, 8:00 P.M.**

NEIU Inaugural Concert Series; featuring music faculty Allen Anderson, piano; Sylvia Myintoo, violin; and Michael Duggan, cello. Trios by Mozart, Shostakovich and Schubert will be performed. Admission is \$20.00.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AN ALUMNI AND COMMUNITY DAY CELEBRATION

AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY - SATURDAY, APRIL 8

**WHO:** Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) alumni and community residents.

**WHAT:** **AN ALUMNI DAY CELEBRATION - REJUVENATING CAREERS -  
EXPLORING NEW OPTIONS - FINDING NEW DIRECTIONS**

### THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES IN THE DAY LONG EVENT INCLUDE

- A continental breakfast and campus tours.
- An array of lectures and seminars focusing on entrepreneurship, expanding one's business, education, and rejuvenating careers. Among the programs are "Working for Yourself - The Elements of Entrepreneurship," with professionals representing various aspects of self-employment giving tips for success. The afternoon session offers "Changing Careers," by NEIU professor and author David Helfand. Another must is a panel discussion on "Getting a Master's Degree to get Ahead." Important for educators is "Breathing New Life in Your Teaching Career," discussed by two NEIU alums..
- A resource room with a wealth of information for special interest gatherings, providing networking with other business owners and organizations that support small businesses
- An awards luncheon featuring four NEIU alumni honored for outstanding professional achievements and community service.
- A wine and cheese reception and theater party featuring the NEIU Stage Center Theatre's production of Ken Ludwig's "Moon Over Buffalo."
- Reminiscing with faculty, staff and friends.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 8, starting at 9:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago

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**FIFTH ANNUAL FOUR DAY-LONG ASIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE PROGRAM AT  
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY APRIL 10 TO 13**

“Building Unity with Diversity: Responding to Globalization,” is the theme of this year’s fifth annual Asian-American Heritage Program at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) held Monday through Thursday, April 10 to 13 at various locations on the university’s campus.

The four-day program features speakers and panel discussions consisting of NEIU faculty, staff and guests from the academic, business and cultural communities. Among the topics to be presented are “Changing Role of Asian Women,” “An Overview of the Koreas in the Past 50 Years,” “Asian Historical Figures Revisited,” “Impact of Ethnic Mass Media,” “Business Opportunities in Emerging Markets,” and “Speaking Globally: Language You Can Use.”

Other highlights include an Asian American Cultural Program featuring “Anna Fermin’s Tigger Gospel,” an acclaimed Chicago-based band, on Monday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m., and a “Taste of Asia,” featuring a variety of ethnic foods on Wednesday, April 12 from noon to 2:00 p.m.

The public is invited and admission is free. For more information, call the Office of Academic Development at (773) 794-6258.

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**MEZZO SOPRANO JULIA BENTLEY JOINS MEMBERS OF CUBE IN CONCERT  
AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FRIDAY, APRIL 28**

Mezzo soprano Julia Bentley and members of CUBE will perform in Northeastern Illinois University's Concert Series on Friday, April 28 at 8:00 p.m. in the university's Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.

Music critic Ted Shen included CUBE in his "best of 1999" article in the Chicago Tribune, writing that "this eclectic collective of instrumentalists and composers dedicated to the contemporary cause has probably introduced more new works than any other area chamber group with similar ambitions."

CUBE contemporary music ensemble was formed in 1987 as a collective of composers and performers specializing in contemporary music for winds in combination with other instruments and voice. They concentrate on both new music and classics of the 20<sup>th</sup> century while incorporating music from earlier centuries to provide historical context. Members include Caroline and Janice Misurell-Mitchell, flutes; Patricia Morehead, oboe and English horn; Dane Richeson, percussion; with Philip Morehead, conductor and keyboards.

Soprano Julia Bentley has been an apprentice with the Santa Fe Opera and the Chicago Lyric Opera and has appeared as a principal artist at operas throughout the country. She was a featured artist for the Illinois Humanities Festival and has performed with members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Arnold Schoenberg's *Book of the Hanging Gardens*, and works by Lukas Foss, George Crumb, Arvo Part and Patricia Morehead will be performed.

The concert is co-sponsored by Mostly Music, Inc. Admission is \$10.00; senior citizens and students, \$8.00. For tickets, call 773-794-ARTS.

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**NEIU PROFESSOR RECEIVES SECOND FULBRIGHT GRANT TO RESEARCH  
CRIME AND THE JAMAICAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

Bernard D. Headley, Ph.D., Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), has been awarded his second Senior Fulbright Scholar Award in six years. The grant will enable him to lecture and conduct research at the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica, from August 2000 to January 2001.

Headley will teach a course in Comparative Criminology while beginning a two-year research project on restorative justice. The project will test the fundamental assumptions of peacemaking criminology (developed by criminologists in the U.S. and Canada in the 1980s and early 1990s)—those assumptions being that the repercussions of criminal acts should be viewed as violations of community values and not just violations of state/federal laws; prevention and psychological healing should in turn be a collaborative effort between offender, victim, and the larger community. Headley will work with groups of murder convicts who will be released, in stages, back into society from Jamaica's death row (following judicial reviews that came at the end of an elaborate appeals process). In addition he will work with victims' families and wider representational communities in order to effect degrees of reconciliation and offender reintegration.

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While lecturing at the University of the West Indies on his first Fulbright award (1993-95), Headley was a consultant to various governmental and non-governmental agencies interested (as a result of overcrowding in Jamaican maximum security facilities) in areas of his work involving sentencing alternatives. A past chair of NEIU's Department of Sociology, Criminal Justice and Social Work, Headley has taught criminal justice courses at NEIU since 1983. He is the author of *The Atlanta Youth Murders and the Politics of Race* (1998), and *The Jamaican Crime Scene: A Perspective* (1996), in addition to many articles. He received his Ph.D. and M.A. from Howard University, and his B.A. from Andrews University.

Headley was one of approximately 750 U.S. faculty and professionals this year to receive Fulbright grants to lecture or conduct research abroad. The Fulbright Scholar Program was established in 1946 under Congressional legislation for the purpose of increasing mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries.

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