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## **ANNUAL DANCE SHOWCASE FEATURING NEIU STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT RUTH PAGE THEATER APRIL 28 AND 29**

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The concert, designed to showcase the diverse cultural and technical expertise of the dancers, features a number of styles including flamenco, jazz and contemporary. Dancer and choreographer Dame Libby Komaiko, artistic director of Ensemble Español, will present *Dance Classica*, a 19<sup>th</sup> century classical dance from Spain containing rhythmic sounds of footwork and castanets.

Chicago architecture is explored in *Chicago Sketches*, a multimedia dance work by Venetia Stifle, NEIU faculty member and artistic director of the Ruth Page Dance Series. From the designs of Louis Sullivan to Chicago's iron bridges, the dancers appear as part of Chicago's skyline.

Admission is \$5.00; tickets will be available at the theater the night of the concerts.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**  
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**NORTHEASTERN FACULTY ALLEN ANDERSON, MICHAEL DUGGAN AND SYLVIA MYINTOO PERFORM IN CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT FRIDAY, MAY 19 AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY'S NEW FINE ARTS CENTER**

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**SPRING 2000 OPEN HOUSE SERIES HOSTED BY GRADUATE COLLEGE  
OF NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
MONDAY, APRIL 24 - TUESDAY, APRIL 25**

Prospective graduate students may obtain admission information, meet with graduate college staff and program advisors, and learn about the 39 master's degrees offered at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU). The Graduate College is holding its Spring 2000 Open House series as follows:

**MONDAY, APRIL 24, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.** - NEIU Student Union, Room 214.  
Focus: Master's Degree Programs in Arts & Sciences and Business & Management.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.** - NEIU Student Union, Room 214.  
Focus: Master's Degree Programs in Education and Business & Management.

NEIU is located at 5500 North St. Louis Avenue (near Bryn Mawr and Central Park).

Free parking is available in the **H lot (Level 2)**.

For more information, the public can call Judith in the Graduate College at (773) 583-4050, ext. 5135.

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## **FACULTY CONCERT FEATURING ALLEN ANDERSON, MICHAEL DUGGAN AND SYLVIA MYINTOO AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MAY 19**

A faculty chamber music performance highlights Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) final concert in the university's Inaugural Concert Series on Friday, May 19, at 8:00 p.m. in the university's Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.

Performing are Allen Anderson, piano; Michael Duggan, cello; and Sylvia Myintoo, violin. The program includes Mozart's *Trio in G major, K. 564*; Shostakovich's *Piano Trio in E minor, Op. 67*; and Schubert's *Piano Trio in B-flat major, Op. 99, D 898*.

Pianist Allen Anderson, a faculty member in NEIU's music department since 1966, has been active in the Chicago area as teacher and performer for nearly forty years. He has performed on the Dame Myra Hess series and on "Live from Studio One" on WFMT-FM. Anderson earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in piano performance and literature from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Cellist Michael Duggan has been a member of the music department at NEIU since 1997. He has been a member of the Chicago Youth Symphony, Elmhurst Symphony, Roosevelt University Orchestra and the Classical Symphony. He studied chamber music at the Colorado College Summer Music Festival from 1991-1994 and is currently a member of the Key West Symphony in Florida.

Violinist Sylvia Myintoo received her B.M. and M.M. in violin performance from the New England Conservatory of Music. Since playing with the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, she has performed with a

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number of other orchestras in the Chicago area and pursues an active freelance career, teaching at NEIU, the Merit Music Program and the Near North Montessori School.

The concert will be broadcast live on 98.7 WFMT-FM.

General admission to the concert is \$20.00. For tickets and information, the public can call the NEIU box office at 773-794-ARTS (2787). NEIU is located at 5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago. Free parking is available in parking lot F (enter off Central Park Avenue).

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**SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 TO 8**

**AVAILABLE AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY'S CHILD CARE CENTER**

Northeastern Illinois University's Child Care Center, 5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago, is now accepting applications for their summer camp program for children ages 6 to 8 years. The Center is also accepting applications for the toddler (15 months), preschool, and pre-kindergarten programs for 2000 - 2001.

The Center's hours are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Sessions are available for full or half days.

For more information, call the Child Care Center at (773) 794-3079.

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## **STAGE CENTER THEATRE SUMMER STOCK COMPANY AT NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY OPENS IN JUNE WITH "EVERYBODY LOVES OPAL"**

The Stage Center Theatre Summer Stock Company at Northeastern Illinois University opens in June with "Everybody Loves Opal". Written by John Patrick, the plot centers on Opal Kronkie, a middle-aged recluse who lives in a tumble-down mansion at the edge of the municipal dump. Opal is a collector of "things" - anything that can be toted home in her little red wagon. When three purveyors of bogus perfume on the lam from the authorities befriend her, Opal takes to them kindly. When her new "friends" decide she needs an insurance policy with themselves as beneficiaries, comedy ensues as they plot her quick demise. A New York Post critic said of the show, "...loads of laughs and a cheerful philosophy." The NEIU production is directed by adjunct faculty member Ron Mace.

The show runs Thursdays through Saturdays, June 8 - 10, 15 - 17 and 22 - 24 at 7:30 at NEIU's Stage Center Theatre, 5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago (near Bryn Mawr and Central Park). Admission is \$8.00; senior citizens and students, \$6.00; and children ages 6 - 12, \$4.00.

Upcoming in July is Beth Henley's comedy "The Miss Firecracker Contest." For ticket information on both productions, call the Stage Center Box Office at **773-794-6652**.

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**CAST LIST - "EVERYBODY LOVES OPAL"**

**CLEARING RIDGE**

James Mulcahy (Sol)

**EDGEWATER**

Kurt Merrill (Brad)

**GLENVIEW**

Ron Mace (Director)

**LINCOLN SQUARE**

Phillip Minton (Officer)

**NORWOOD PARK**

Arlene Cooney (Opal)

**UPTOWN**

Jennifer Savarirayan (Gloria)

**WEST RIDGE**

John Li (Stage Manager)



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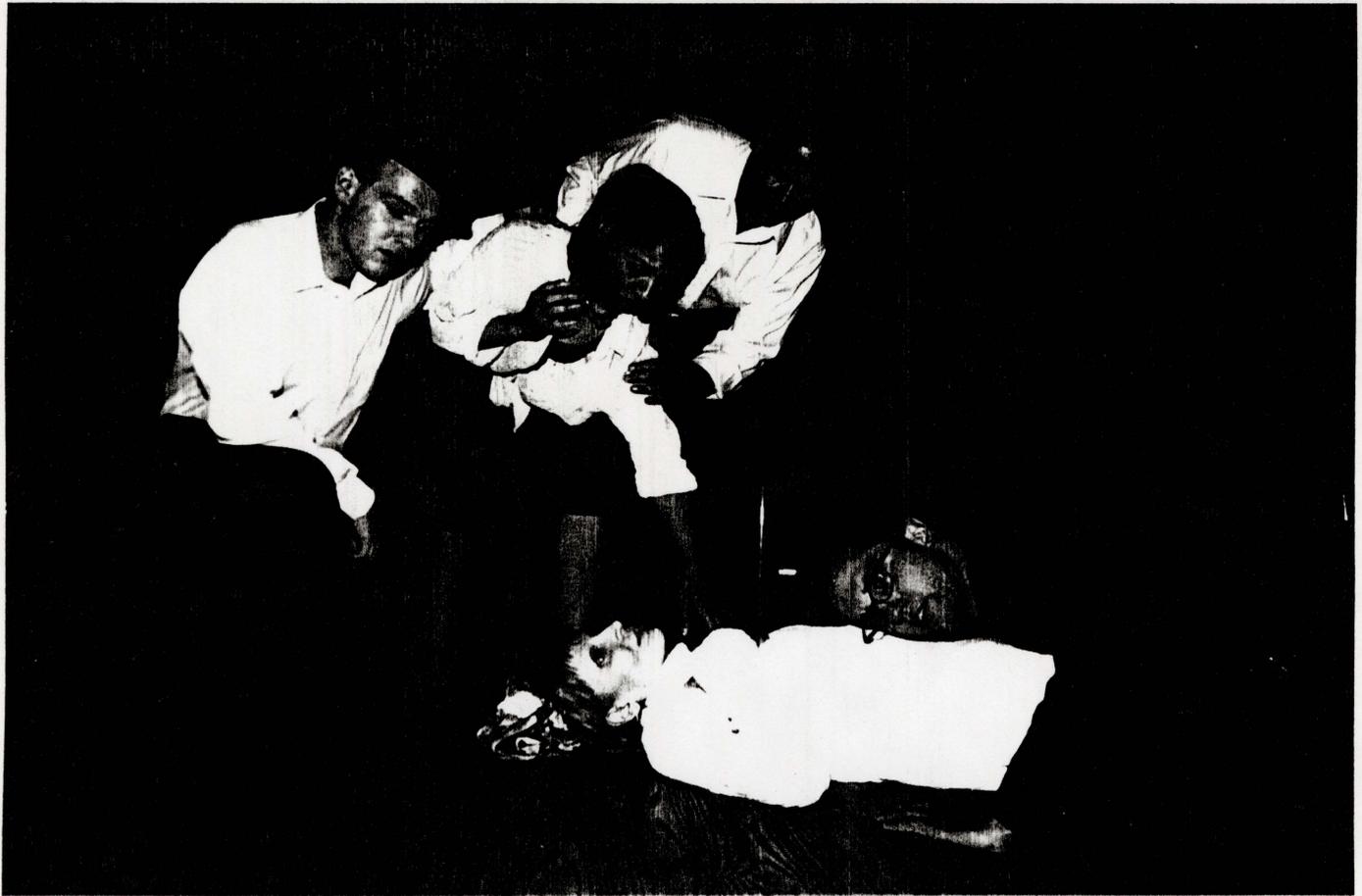
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(L-R) Kurt Merrill (Edgewater), Arlene Cooney (Norwood Park), and James Mulcahy (Clearing Ridge), in a scene from John Patrick's comedy, "Everybody Loves Opal," the first production in Northeastern Illinois University's Stage Center Theatre's Summer Stock summer season.

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(L-R) James Mulcahy (Clearing Ridge), Jennifer Savarirayan (Uptown), Kurt Merrill (Edgewater), Arlene Cooney (on back) (Norwood Park), and Phillip Minton (on knees) (Lincoln Square) in a scene from John Patrick's comedy, "Everybody Loves Opal," the first production in Northeastern Illinois University's Stage Center Theatre's Summer Stock summer season.

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**NEIU NAMED RECIPIENT OF CORLANDS GRANT  
TO CONDUCT STUDY OF DOLOMITE PRAIRIE RESTORATION**

Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) is one of five organizations awarded a grant to restore and enhance wetlands and associated habitats of the lower Des Plaines River valley in Will and south Cook counties.

NEIU received a grant of \$167,000 to conduct a study of the success of dolomite prairie restoration based on the presence of specific insect species in four study areas: Lockport Prairie, Romeoville Prairie, and two sites in the Des Plaines River Conservation Area. The findings will provide a means by which to evaluate the progress of other dolomite prairie restorations.

The grant was awarded by CorLands, the land preservation affiliate of Openlands Project, in conjunction with the Chicago District of the US Army Corp of Engineers. A 22-year-old nonprofit organization, CorLands' mission is to increase the quantity and quality of open space throughout northeastern Illinois for public enjoyment. Working with public agencies and private landowners, the organization has helped preserve almost 10,000 acres of open space in Illinois.

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## LUTENIST JACOB HERINGMAN PERFORMS AT NEIU MONDAY, JUNE 12

Lutenist Jacob Heringman will present a concert of 16<sup>th</sup> century arrangements of works by Josquin des Prez (c.1455-1521) at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) on Monday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the university's Fine Arts Center Recital Hall, 5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago. He will also teach a free master class for lutenists and guitarists at 2:00 p.m. the same day.

American born, London-based Heringman, familiar to Chicago audiences from his appearances with the Newberry Consort, has been hailed as "one of the most gifted lutenists gracing the Early Music circuit....a dedicated disciplined and courageous talent." (Marc Cramer, Renaissance Magazine, 2000).

Heringman performs regularly throughout Europe and North and South America. He has made a number of CDs of medieval and renaissance music with leading English ensembles. Three of his recordings have received "Critic Choice" awards in Gramophone magazine in 1999.

General admission to the concert is \$10.00. For tickets and further information, call the University Events Box Office at 773-ARTS (2787).

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## **DUAL ADMISSION AGREEMENT SIGNED BY NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AND THE COLLEGE OF DUPAGE**

Salme H. Steinberg, President of Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), recently signed a dual admission agreement with Michael Murphy, President of the College of DuPage (COD) that allows for concurrent admission to both institutions.

The dual admission is NEIU's fifth. The university entered into an agreement with the College of Lake County in 1998, and William Rainey Harper College, Oakton Community College, and City Colleges of Chicago in 1999.

Students who meet the admission requirements at both institutions can formally request dual admission and will be simultaneously admitted to both COD and NEIU. Dual admission is available to students who are planning to complete the Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree at COD and the baccalaureate degree at NEIU. Students who enroll in the program will have full access to NEIU's Office of Admission and Records, and other student services such as financial aid. They will also receive academic advising from appropriate NEIU colleges and departments.

The agreements serve the needs of the students of both institutions by guaranteeing a seamless transfer process. A designated NEIU admission advisor will work with COD counselors, advisors and students to facilitate the initial process, the linkage with the NEIU

department of the student's intended major, and the transition from COD to NEIU.

Students will submit applications for admission, along with required documents to both schools. Each institution will review their respective applications and required academic credentials. Students will be subject to the admission requirements of NEIU's department(s) and program(s) in which they choose to major or minor, and they will be notified of admission decisions by each institution. A 2.0 grade point average must be maintained in order to remain in the program.

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### **Dr. Carol Adams Named Director of Center for Inner City Studies**

Dr. Salme H. Steinberg, President of Northeastern Illinois University, joins Dr. Estela R. López, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, in announcing the appointment of Dr. Carol Adams as Director of the Center for Inner City Studies (CICS) effective July 16, 2000.

"I am very pleased that Dr. López has made this appointment," President Steinberg said. "Dr. Adams brings extensive experience in community development and a history of involvement with the entire Chicago community to her new position. The University is strengthened by Dr. Adams' appointment. Her experience and credentials can lead CICS to even greater accomplishments as a University outreach center."

CICS was founded by Northeastern Illinois University in 1967 to address the needs for higher education in inner city communities of Chicago. "Dr. Adams' experience with a variety of educational and community-based institutions makes her an excellent addition to the Northeastern Illinois University community," Dr. López said. "She brings energy and commitment to the position. She will help Northeastern build on the successes of CICS and further its mission of service to the community."

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Dr. Adams most recently served as Executive Director of the International House of Blues Foundation. Prior to that, she served as Director of Resident Services and Programs for the Chicago Housing Authority, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education at Kennedy-King College, Director of Afro-American Studies and Associate Professor of Sociology at Loyola University of Chicago, and Director of Planning and Research at The Neighborhood Institute, now Shorebank Institute.

Dr. Adams holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from the Union Graduate School, an M.A. in Sociology from Boston University and a B.A. in Sociology from Fisk University. Among her many honors, she has been named Black Business Woman of the Year by the Black Book Directory, received an achievement award from the Illinois Board of Higher Education, and was a recipient of a Governor's Award in the Arts from the Illinois Arts Council.

Northeastern Illinois University serves nearly 11,000 commuter students on its main campus, 5500 N. St. Louis Avenue in Chicago, and its two satellite campuses -- the Center for Inner City Studies, 700 East Oakwood Boulevard in Chicago and El Centro de Recursos Educativos, 3119 North Pulaski Road in Chicago.

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**ENSEMBLE ESPAÑOL AMERICAN SPANISH DANCE FESTIVAL JULY 10 - 23**

**“FLAMENCO PASSION” GALA CONCERTS - JULY 21, 22, 23**

Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater, in residence at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), Dame Libby Komaiko, founder and artistic director, celebrates its 24th anniversary with its annual American Spanish Dance Festival July 10 - 23.

The festival features two-week intensive workshops and classes in Spanish dance and music for adults and children led by Dame Komaiko and international artists and faculty in classical, regional/folkloric and Flamenco styles.

“Flamenco Passion” three gala performances featuring the full company with guest artists from Spain and the Americas, will take place on **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday July 21 and 22 at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, July 23 at 3:00 p.m. at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, Illinois.**

World premieres include *Costumbres Valencianas*, a folkloric suite, choreography by Juanjo Linares; *Sobre Las Olas Del Mar*, choreography by Dame Komaiko; and *Sendero* by Timo Lozano and Dame Komaiko. The program also includes *Tiempos de Goya*, a dance drama depicting the life of the painter Francisco de Goya, with music by Granados, Ginastera, and Beethoven on the original soundtrack, with paintings and drawings by Goya; *No Hay Olvido*, a

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fusion of contemporary Flamenco styles in a tribute to dancer Juan Ramon; *Feria por Sevillanas*, staging by Dame Komaiko; *Una Obra de Arte*, choreography by Jorge Perez and Joel Maisonet; *Aranque por Solea*, choreography by Irma Suarez Ruiz; *Duende*, choreography by Timo Lozano; and *Jaleo por Bulerias*.

Among the guest musicians and singers appearing are Flamenco singer Maria Elena "La Cordobesa"; Flamenco guitarist and singer Paco Fonta; Flamenco guitarists Mateo, Greg Wolfe, Hector Fernandez and Jacco Muller; and percussionist Mick LaBriola.

Guest dance artists and choreographers are Juanjo Lineraes, Madrid; Juan Mata, National Ballet of Spain, Madrid; Ana Gonzalez, director, Pilar Lopez Dance Academy, Madrid; Timo Lozano, Madrid; Edo; and Vida Peral, Amsterdam.

Concert tickets are \$30.00, \$25.00, \$17.00, and \$15.00. **Center for the Performing Arts Box Office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Call (847) 673-6300. For further information on the festival, dance and music classes, call NEIU's Ensemble Español office at (773) 583-4050, ext. 3015.**

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## **SUMMER DANCE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, ADULTS OFFERED BY NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC**

A five-week summer session of dance classes for children, teens and adults will be offered at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) beginning July 24 through August 24.

Classes for children ages 3 to 7, offered on Thursday afternoons, include Creative Movement and Pre-Ballet. On Monday afternoons, the Children's Summer Dance Workshop for students ages 8 to 12 will offer classes in ballet, jazz, tap and modern. Classes for teens and adults include Ballet II/III, offered on Thursday evenings, and Modern/Jazz I/II which will be held on Monday evenings.

The cost for the Children's Dance Workshop is \$80.00; all other courses are \$40.00.

The classes will meet in room 114 of the A-Wing on NEIU's campus, 5500 North St. Louis Avenue (near Bryn Mawr and Central Park), Chicago. For additional information, registration, or to receive a schedule of classes, contact Rachel Burton at (773) 794-6138.

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## **COUNCIL ON ENGLISH EDUCATION HONORS NEIU PROFESSOR**

Steven Wolk, assistant professor of education at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), was one of three individuals recently honored by the Council on English Education, a constituent group of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).

The three received the 2000 James N. Britton Award for Inquiry within the English Language during the NCTE Spring Conference March 16 - 18 in New York City. Wolk was honored for his book, *A Democratic Classroom: Teaching, Learning, and Creating for Thoughtfulness and Community*, published by Heileman Educational Books in 1998. In his book, he discusses how he helps students learn democracy by encouraging diversity in learning and empowering children to think for themselves.

The award honors published studies conducted by English language arts teachers at all levels – preschool through university – and may reflect on any aspect of the educator's own teaching.

Wolk, who received his Ed.D in Instructional Leadership/Curriculum and Instruction in 1997 from National-Louis University in Evanston, has derived most of his experience as an elementary school teacher.

His most recent teaching experience comes as a third, fourth and fifth grade teacher at the Foundations School in Chicago. There he taught a mixed-grade classroom where he implemented his teaching philosophy, which stresses collaborative learning using a multicultural curriculum. A chief hallmark of Wolk's philosophy involves active dialogue among those with diverging viewpoints, and is an inspiration for his recent book.

Wolk has also taught undergraduate and graduate education courses at NEIU, including "Methods for Teaching Social Studies" and "Curriculum in the Elementary School," both in 1997. He also wrote an article for the *Illinois Council Reading Journal* entitled "The Impact of a Reading Workshop on Three Sixth Graders."

The NCTE is an international organization with 77,000 individual and institutional members, including teachers at virtually all grade levels, teacher educators, supervisors of English programs, local and state agency English specialists, and professionals in related fields. Its purpose is to improve the teaching and learning of English and the language arts.

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**NEIU PRESENTS "JEWEL BOX" CONCERT SERIES FOR 2000-2001 SEASON  
OFFERING SEASON TICKETS AND PRIVATE RECEPTIONS**

Season ticket subscriptions are now on sale for Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) "Jewel Box" Concert Series. Performances by Trio Settecento, Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues and the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet highlight the series. Private receptions with the artists will follow each concert.

All concerts are presented on Fridays evenings at 8:00 p.m.:

**September 15**

Trio Settecento, featuring Rachel Barton, violin, John Mark Rozendaal, violoncello, and David Schrader, harpsichord, perform music of Handel, Bach and others. The trio's debut album *Handel Sonatas* on Cedille Records, has received unanimous acclaim from the critics for its lively ensemble work, technical excellence, and imaginative ornamentation.

**October 20**

Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues, brings the same creativity and instrumental virtuosity that Siegel brought to traditional Chicago blues during the late '60s and early '70s. The blend of a harmonica and piano player with a string ensemble and a percussionist has impressed audiences and critics across the country. Billboard magazine critic Jim Bessman comments "Corky Siegel's *Chamber Blues Complementary Colors* second blues-classical fusing from legendary Chicago blues harmonica/piano ace, again blurs boundaries, delightfully so."

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**November 17**

The Pilgrim Chamber Players, a diverse ensemble of musicians who blend new music and old favorites, feature Lisa Argiris, clarinet; Julie Schmidt, oboe; Carol Honigberg, piano; Julie Koidin, flute; and Don Draganski, composer-in-residence. Based in the Chicago area, the group has an intimate sound that engages the audience. Now in their fourth season, they have explored works from across the centuries and the world.

**December 15**

The Los Angeles Guitar Quartet is recognized as a premier instrumental ensemble boasting intricate arrangements with repertoire-stretching adventurousism. The four virtuosi bring a new energy to the stage with eclectic programs and dynamic musical interplay. They have appeared in numerous guitar and chamber music concerts throughout the country. From the Los Angeles Times, "...it's clear by now that the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet is one of the wonders of the chamber music scene rooted in the west...."

**January 19**

A Gilbert and Sullivan Celebration features NEIU faculty artists Phyllis Hurt and Ronald Combs, who will explore the collaboration between the infamous composers. The "vinegar" of Gilbert's wit and the charm of Sullivan's music created fourteen operettas that have become the most enduring and popular theater of the Victorian age, and are as popular and well-attended today throughout the world.

**February 16**

The Vermeer Quartet will perform a program of classical and contemporary music. With performances in practically every major city in North America, Europe, Japan, and Australia, the Vermeer has achieved international stature as one of the world's finest ensembles. Formed in 1969 at Marlboro, they have performed at virtually all the most prestigious festivals and have

made numerous recordings. From the Chicago Tribune... "Here was music-making of the passionate kind, in which eloquent playing was brightened by brilliant technique and tempered by a heightened sense of taste." This concert is presented in partnership with Mostly Music Inc.

**March 16**

The Corigliano Quartet, winners of the 1999 Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition, was founded in 1996 with the blessing of composer John Corigliano. It has been dedicated to the presentation of new American music in tandem with standard quartet repertoire. The group has performed in many of the nation's leading music centers including Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. From the New York Times, "Musicians who seem to say, 'Listen to this!'" and described them as having "an excellent, smooth sense of ensemble, but with each part vigorously alive." This concert is presented in partnership with Mostly Music, Inc.

**April 20**

An Evening of Classical Guitar features faculty artist Brian Torosian in a program of works for Baroque guitar, transcriptions of lute music by Sylvius Leopold Weiss and works by J. K. Mertz. Alternating among a standard classical guitar, a Baroque guitar, and a rare 19<sup>th</sup> century guitar with four added bass strings, Torosian will explore the range and depth of music created for this ancient and multi-cultural instrument.

Season tickets for the eight-concert series are \$150.00 per person, (a 25% savings over the single ticket purchase price). They are now on sale at the University Events Box Office. Single tickets go on sale August 15. Summer box office hours are Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 5:45 p.m. For more information, call 773-794-ARTS (2787).

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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 Lorraine A. Murray offered greetings from the Board to the graduates and their families.

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**NORTHWEST SUBURBAN**

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Franzen, Debra  
Seifert, Ann

MA/Special Education  
MA/Special Education

BARRINGTON

Ahmed, Salma

MA/Educational Administration

CARY

Deforest, Nora

BA/Board of Govenors

ELGIN

Hill, Cynthia

BA/Board of Govenors

ELK GROVE VILLAGE

Morris, Jennifer

BA/Elementary Educaton

HARDWOOD HEIGHTS

Bartells, Richard

BA/Elementary Education

HOFFMAN ESTATES

Quigley, Dana

BA/Social Work

LAKE ZURICH

Obrochta, Cara

MA/Educational Administration

MT. PROSPECT

Barczuk, Amanda  
Briscoe, Barbara  
Eichorn, April  
Kasper, Margot  
Wan, Hung

BA/English  
BA/Board of Govenors  
BA/Elementary Education  
BS/Finance  
BA/Board of Govenors

PALATINE

Liu, Diana  
Toon, Michelle

BA/Elementary Education  
BA/Elementary Education

SCHAUMBURG

DeGeus, Kathleen  
Song, Jerry

MA/Gifted Education  
BA/Physical Education

STREAMWOOD

Rana, Ahson

BS/Marketing

WHEELING

Trelford, Rodney

BS/Management

## NEAR NORTH SUBURBAN

### DEERFIELD

Tice, Susan  
Wisniewska, Grazyna

MA/Special Education  
MA/Special Education

### DESPLAINES

Boyce, Andrew  
Coburn, Cheryl  
Geeve, David  
Kunzer, Heather  
Lisy, Jeff  
Shallcross, Karen  
Sinnick, Jenifer  
Vana, Elizabeth  
Vana, Megan  
Vardounioti, Maria  
Zmyslowski, Grazyna

BA/Physical Education/Secondary Ed.  
BA/Board of Govenors  
BA/Physical Education/Secondary Ed.  
BA/Elementary Education  
BA/Elementary Education  
BA/Elementary Education  
MA/Educational Administration  
BA/English/Secondary Ed.  
BA/English/Secondary Ed.  
BA/Elementary Education  
MA/Special Education

### EVANSTON

Bell, Bethany  
Jenkins, Janice  
Johnson, Kendra  
Lieberman, Susan  
Morgan, Valerie

MA/Gifted Education  
MA/English  
BA/English/Secondary Ed.  
Board of Govenors/Social Work  
BA/Special Education

### GLENVIEW

Kim, Kyehui  
Yoon, Julia

BA/Speech Communications  
BA/Sociology

### HIGHLAND PARK

Russ, Lisbeth

MA/Special Education

### LINCOLNWOOD

Dubin, Nicole  
Zenawick, Loretta

BA/Early Childhood Education  
BA/Biology

### MORTON GROVE

Mazur, Lisa  
Pellicano, Kimberly  
Raanan, Sigal

BS/Business Management  
BA/Elementary Education  
BA/Elementary Education

### NILES

Patel, Rajesh  
Tienchai, Suchila

MS/Computer Science  
BA/Business management

NORTHBROOK

Thompson, Jeffrey  
Vaickauski, Maryanna

MA/Linguistics  
BA/Elementary Education

PARK RIDGE

Arbis, Yannis  
Kadzie, Lynn

BA/Criminal Justice  
BA/Elementary Education

SKOKIE

Momchilova, Snezha  
Shariff, Sabeeha  
Wishnoff, Deena

MA/Educational Administration  
MS/Biology  
BA/Elementary Education

WILMETTE

Alcantara, Gershon  
Jadidi, Fatemeh

BA/Computer Science  
BA/Computer Science

**FAR NORTH SUBURBAN**

MCHENRY

Althoff, Susan

MA/Counseling

WAUKEGAN

Anderson, Chris

Villareal, Eric

MS/Exercise Science & Rehab.

BA/Criminal Justice

VERNON HILLS

Loveless, Jenny

MA/Special Education

WILDWOOD

Kramer, Deborah

MS/Biology

**NEAR WEST SUBURBAN**

**BERWYN**

Bradshaw, Michelle

BA/English/Secondary Ed.

**CICERO**

Gresely, Shirley  
Fuentes, Claudia  
Rotella, Angela

BA/Psychology  
BA/Social Work  
BA/Accounting

**ELMWOOD PARK**

Biesiada, David  
Rotella, Michael

BA/Board of Govenors  
BS/Computer Science

**FRANKLIN PARK**

Pikor, Katherine

BA/Early Childhood

**HINSDALE**

Yu, Xiuxia

MS/Computer Science

**LA GRANGE**

Connor, Jessica

MA/Special Education

**NORRIDGE**

Figliuolo, Judith  
Macrito, John

MA/Special Education  
BA/Criminal Justice

**NORTH LAKE**

Strong, Douglas

MA/Educational Administration

**OAK PARK**

Echevarria, Nilda

MA/Educational Leadership

**WESTCHESTER**

La Nier, Gregory

Board of Govenors/Criminal Justice

**FAR WEST SUBURBAN**

ADDISON

Corona, Maria

MA/Special Education

CAROL STREAM

Velazquez, Cesar

MA/Educational Administration

GENEVA

Tagliere, Angela

BA/Elementary Education

ELMHURST

Baker, Gayle

Panos, Glorimar

BA/Board of Govenors

MA/Educational Leadership

GLENDALE HEIGHTS

Tucker, Kathleen

BA/Elementary Education

ROSELLE

Yearman, Keith

MA/Geography & Env. Studies

**CHICAGO SOUTH SIDE**

AUBURN GRESHAM

Smith, Darrine

BA/Social Work

BRIDGE PORT

Miller, Jennifer

BA/Board of Govenors

SOUTH SHORE

Perkins, Beverly

Williams, Alfred

BA/Board of Govenors

MA/Inner City Studies

**CHICAGO WEST SIDE**

AUSTIN

Bates, Lashumbra  
Kremser, Michelle  
Woodfork, Lavonna

BA/Sociology  
BA/Spanish  
BA/Elementary Education

LOWER WEST SIDE

Su, Jesus

BA/Chemistry

NORTH LAWNSDALE

Alvarado, Herminia

BA/Accounting

**CHICAGO NORTH SIDE**

EDGEWATER

Harper, Trista  
Phan, Tram  
Williams, Jean

BA/English/Secondary Education  
BS/Computer Science  
MA/Educational Administration

LAKEVIEW

Ogurek, Beth

BA/Physical Education/Sec.Ed.

LINCOLN PARK

Zelaya, Christine

BA/Elementary Education

LINCOLN SQUARE

Anderson, Rebecca  
Carlos, Judy  
Dalzell, Erin  
Drakontaidis, Theodora  
Estrada, Jacqueline  
Lee, Dongwon  
Lobato, Elizabeth  
Valenzuela, Yesenia  
Vera, Adriana  
Zajac, Stacey

BA/Social Work  
Board of Govenors/Social Work  
BA/Sociology  
BA/Elementary Education  
BA/Psychology  
BA/Art  
BA/Accounting  
BA/Human Resource/Spanish  
BA/Elementary Education  
BA/Sociology

NEAR NORTH SIDE

Pallin, Christine  
Parker, Barbara

MA/Special Education  
BA/Board of Govenors

NORTH CENTER

Berganos, Eustacio  
Novello, Christopher  
Steines, Jeanne

BA/Criminal Justice  
BA/English  
BA/Accounting

ROGERS PARK

Hernandez, Louis  
Smith, Sharon

BS/Computer Science  
BA/Sociology

UPTOWN

Baggett, Alicia

BA/Accounting

WEST RIDGE

Ahmed, Mubashir

Berman, Donald

Changyaleket, Sarunchana

Hamano, Kathleen

Ho, Caroline

Kennedy, Suzanne

Logothetis, Francesca

Ly, David

MS/Chemistry

BA/Biology

BS/Computer Science

BA/Early Childhood Education

MS/Mathematics

BA/Elementary Education

BA/Marketing

BS/Computer Science

## CHICAGO NORTHWEST SIDE

### ALBANY PARK

Garcia, Wilmarie  
Park, Seura  
Paz, Marco  
Salmons, Robert  
Trinh, Cindy

BS/Biology  
MA/Lingustics  
BA/Board of Govenors  
MA/Special Education  
BS/Computer Science

### AVONDALE

Castro, Elbia  
Clay, Randy  
Gulik, Josephine  
Vazquez, Silvia

BA/Elementary Education  
BA/Board of Govenors  
BA/Elementary Education  
BA/Social Work

### BELMONT CRAGIN

Coooloegen, Linda  
Ishow, Martha  
Medina, Guadalupe  
Salamy, Anoulla  
Schelovitzky, Ralph

MA/Mathematics  
BA/Psychology  
BA/Social Work  
BA/Speech Communications  
BA/Economics

### DUNNING

Brooks, Jennifer  
Pappas, Anita

BS/Business Management  
BA/Special Education

### EDISON PARK

Glozeris, Lorraine

BS/Accounting

### FOREST GLEN

Benzinger, Andrew  
Bernath, Barbara  
Boeck, Susan  
Simmons, Brian  
Slanec, Barbara

MS/Earth Science  
MA/Counseling  
MA/Educational Administration  
BS/Computer Science  
MA/History

### HERMOSA

Barriera, Berta  
Correa, Ana  
Vega, Margarita

BA/Bilingual Bicultural/Elem. Ed.  
BA/Enviromental Studies  
Board of Govenors/Spanish

HUMBOLDT PARK

Davis, Antoinette  
Negron, David  
Negron, Dixon

Board of Govenors/Criminal Justice  
BA/Psychology  
BA/Criminal Justice

IRVING PARK

Aguilar, Alejandro  
Germain, Rhoda  
Hernandez, Michell  
Mora, Guillermo  
Rossner, Arcadius  
Tellez, Karen  
Vega, Dani

BA/Elementary Education  
BA/Social Work  
BA/Mathematics/Secondary Ed.  
BA/Biology  
BA/History  
BA/Elementary Education  
BA/Criminal Justice

JEFFERSON PARK

Idrizovic, Amela  
Miller, Wendy  
Szal, Marzena

BA/English  
MA/Human Resource Development  
BS/Finance

LOGAN SQUARE

Ortiz, Sylvia  
Souchet, Sigilfredo

BA/Social Work  
BA/Board of Govenors

NORTH PARK

Castro, Deborah  
Khumawala, Nahid

BA/Psychology  
BS/Finance

NORWOOD PARK

Abbate, Annamarie  
Magnuski, Diana  
Patel, Kalpana

BA/Elementary Education  
BA/Psychology  
BA/Sociology

PORTAGE PARK

Arroyo, Patricia  
Giap, Dung  
Hawkins, Linda  
Hebel, Kathleen  
Navarro, Edna  
Pasternak, Robert

BA/Special Education  
BS/Accounting  
BS/Finance  
BA/Elementary Education  
BA/Early childhood Education  
BA/Physical Education