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Anything Goes
Clay James, Director

Photo by Mike Peters
House lights down!  
**Curtain up!**

The show is about to start!

Stages around the College of the Arts are coming alive, and in the spotlight are some remarkable young talents representing the future of the performing arts. Throughout the academic year, there will be something for audiences of every interest and taste – bold and innovative theatrical works . . . music ranging from ageless masterpieces to contemporary jazz . . . dance that excites the eye and challenges the mind.

Take your pick and reserve your seat. It’s showtime at Montclair State!

Daniel Gurskis  
Dean, College of the Arts

Anthony Mazocchi  
Director, John J. Cali School of Music

Randy Mugleston  
Chair, Department of Theatre and Dance

The Things That Remain  
Choreographer: Janice Rosario  
Photo by Robert M. Cooper
DANCE NATION
Directed by Elisa Gerdau | Book by Clare Barron

Somewhere in Harrington, Ohio, a competitive dance team of turbulent 13-year-olds is forging a dance revolution while their older selves look on. Luminous with possibility and ravaged by insecurity, the characters grapple with the rawness and agonizing tenderness of adolescence.

Saturday, December 3 @ 7:30 pm | Wednesday, December 7 @ 7:30 pm
Thursday, December 8 @ 7:30 pm | Friday, December 9 @ 7:30 pm
Saturday, December 10 @ 2:00 pm | Saturday, December 10 @ 7:30 pm
Life Hall Studio Theatre | $15.00

JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
University Symphony Orchestra
Nicholas DeMaison, Conductor

Join conductor Nicholas DeMaison and the Symphony Orchestra as they present works from classical and contemporary repertoire.
Saturday, October 29 @ 3:00 pm | Alexander Kasser Theater | $20.00

JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
University Jazz Ensemble
Oscar Perez, Director

The Jazz Ensemble is proud to present an exciting concert featuring esteemed members of the Jazz faculty at the Cali School of Music.
Friday, December 2 @ 7:30 pm | Alexander Kasser Theater | $20.00

JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
University Singers and Vocal Accord
Heather J. Buchanan, Conductor | Steven W. Ryan, Accompanist

The University Singers and Vocal Accord will present choral a cappella from their fall repertoire. The concert concludes with the University Singers’ collaboration with the Wind Symphony in the second of two performances of Rollo Dilworth’s Weather, a new social justice piece based on a text by Claudia Rankine.
Sunday, October 30 @ 3:00 pm | Alexander Kasser Theater | $20.00

JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC | DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE
Pippin
Directed by Peter Flynn | Book by Roger O. Hirson and Bob Fosse

What are you willing to give to make your life extraordinary? What if you could have fame and glory handed to you? Pippin explores the journey of one young man who knows he’s meant to be great but knows not what it will cost. This multi-Tony Award-winning musical dazzles with exciting choreography and show-stopping songs by the writer/composer of Wicked, Stephen Schwartz.
Thursday, November 10 @ 7:30 pm | Friday, November 11 @ 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 12 @ 2:00 pm | Saturday, November 12 @ 7:30 pm
Wednesday, November 16 @ 7:30 pm | Thursday, November 17 @ 7:30 pm
Friday, November 18 @ 7:30 pm
Memorial Auditorium | $20.00

University Wind Symphony | Thomas McCauley, Director | Photo by Mike Peters

JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
University Symphonic Band and University Campus Band
Thomas McCauley and Theodora Sotiropoulos, Conductors

Join the Symphonic Band and the Campus Band as they present an evening of entertaining and eclectic music. Each program will be performed under the direction of Brian Drumm and Chad Beige.
Tuesday, November 29 @ 7:30 pm | Alexander Kasser Theater | $20.00

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JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
University Wind Symphony

The Wind Symphony presents the world premiere of *In It Together* by composer Armando Bayolo, featuring the Zzyzx Saxophone Quartet. The program will also feature the music of Nicole Piunno, Carolyn Bremer, and David Biedenbender.

Friday, December 9 @ 7:30 pm | Alexander Kasser Theater | $20.00

JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
University Opera Workshop

The Opera Workshop presents a sneak preview of scenes from classical and contemporary repertoire.

Saturday, December 10 @ 8:00 pm | Alexander Kasser Theater | $20.00

JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
Beatrice Crawford Concert

For our fifth Crawford Concert offering, the Symphony Orchestra is joined by renowned cellist Seth Parker Woods for an evening of music for cello and orchestra.

Beatrice Crawford Memorial Concert: This concert is a free public performance supported by a generous grant from the Keating Crawford Foundation. It is presented at Montclair State University in memory of Beatrice Crawford, a Montclair musician who was the director of two choral groups, “The Madrigals” and “The Choraliers.”

Sunday, December 11 @ 3:00 pm | Alexander Kasser Theater | Free admission but tickets are required.

JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
University Opera

The University Opera with the Symphony Orchestra present an opera from classical repertoire.

Saturday, January 28 @ 8:00 pm | Sunday, January 29 @ 3:00 pm | Alexander Kasser Theater | $20.00

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE

Fall Dance

Directed by Kathleen Kelley

Fall Dance 2022 celebrates the creative achievements of all Dance major classes led by our innovative guest artists and faculty. Our seniors shine in guest repertory from the Urban Bush Women company, set by artistic director Samantha Speis. Our faculty share new works: Jessica Dimauro Marks choreographs for our first years, Cameron McKinney for our sophomores, and Christian von Howard for our juniors.

Wednesday, December 7 @ 7:30 pm | Thursday, December 8 @ 7:30 pm | Friday, December 9 @ 7:30 pm | Saturday, December 10 @ 7:30 pm | Monday Auditorium | $20.00

JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
University Singers and University Chorale—Winter Concert

Heather J. Buchanan, Conductor | Steven W. Ryan, Accompanist

The University Singers proudly present Highlights from Messiah in preparation for their role in the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra performances under the Industrial Museum of New Jersey. Join the choir, brass, and percussion for this “Hallmark Chorus.”— Alumni singers welcome onstage.

The University Chorale will perform *Puccini for the Symphony: Chief* featuring “Rica mia, dolce piacere,” “O mio babbino caro,” “Nessun dorma,” and “Saria il dir” from *Turandot* (Luxemburg); “Serafina” (Verdi); and “Chichester Psalms” (Bernstein).

Saturday, December 3 @ 8:00 pm | Alexander Kasser Theater | $20.00
JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
Choral Showcase #Inspired!
University Singers and Guest High School Choirs
Heather J. Buchanan, Conductor | Steven W. Ryan, Accompanist

#Inspired! showcases the choral artistry of two guest HS choirs, the University Singers, and three combined choirs (SSAA, TTBB, SATB) comprising HS and collegiate singers, this concert celebrates the unique and powerful artistic community that is created through choral singing.

Saturday, March 18 @ 8:00 pm  | Alexander Kasser Theater
Admission by donation (proceeds to Cali Scholarship Fund)

JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
University Symphony Orchestra
Nicholas DeMaison, Conductor
Join conductor Nicholas DeMaison and the Symphony Orchestra as they present works from classical and contemporary repertoire.

Sunday, March 19 @ 3:00 pm  | Alexander Kasser Theater | $20.00
Thursday, March 23 @ 7:30 pm
Friday, March 24 @ 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 25 @ 2:00 pm
Saturday, March 25 @ 7:30 pm
Memorial Auditorium | $20.00

JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC
University Wind Symphony and Clifton High School Wind Ensemble
Thomas McCauley, Conductor
Join the Wind Symphony and their special guests, the Clifton High School Wind Ensemble, as they present a program that will include the music of composers Andrew Blair, Jennifer Jolly, and Omar Thomas. The Wind Symphony will also feature the winner of the Wind Symphony Concerto Competition.

Friday, March 17 @ 7:30 pm  | Alexander Kasser Theater | $20.00

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE
Elephant’s Graveyard
Directed by Sonoko Kawahari
Book by George Brant
When a traveling circus arrived in a muddy Tennessee town in 1916, the hunger for spectacle and the power of hysteria collided and took a tragic turn. Based on a true story, Elephant’s Graveyard recounts why the hanging execution of a gigantic elephant happened, with personal narrative and lush theatricality that will resonate long after the curtain goes down.

Saturday, February 25 @ 2:00 pm | Saturday, February 25 @ 7:30 pm
Tuesday, February 28 @ 7:30 pm | Wednesday, March 1 @ 7:30 pm
Thursday, March 2 @ 7:30 pm
Alexander Kasser Theater | $20.00

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE
Dance Makers
Directed by Maxine Steinman
Come see the next generation of dance makers! In this curated dance concert, Montclair State student choreographers bring their creative work directly to Memorial Auditorium.

Thursday, March 23 @ 7:30 pm
Friday, March 24 @ 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 25 @ 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 25 @ 7:30 pm
Memorial Auditorium | $20.00

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Bright Star
Directed by Rebecca L. Miller
Music, Book, & Story by Steve Martin
Musical, Lyrics, & Story by Edie Brickell

Edie Brickell and Steve Martin’s Bright Star tells the story of a woman’s harrowing journey to face her past and reckon with her future. With a bombastic and graceful score inspired by the pair’s 2013 collaboration bluegrass album, Love Has Come for You, this tale of optimism in the face of impossible choices is as close to what makes us human—out strength for dynamics and forgiveness.

Thursday, March 30 @ 7:30 pm | Friday, March 31 @ 7:30 pm | Saturday, April 1 @ 2:00 pm | Saturday, April 1 @ 7:30 pm | Tuesday, April 4 @ 7:30 pm | Wednesday, April 5 @ 7:30 pm | Thursday, April 6 @ 7:30 pm
Life Hall Studio Theatre | $15.00

JOHN J. CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC | THE DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE

On the Town
Directed by Ashley Rodbro
Music by Leonard Bernstein
Book and Lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green

Three sailors on shore leave in New York City during World War II find romance and adventure in the first Broadway musical written by Leonard Bernstein, Betty Comden, and Adolph Green, with legendary choreography by Jerome Robbins.

Saturday, April 15, 2:00 pm | Saturday, April 15, 7:30 pm | Thursday, April 20, 7:30 pm | Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 pm | Thursday, April 20, 7:30 pm | Friday, April 21, 7:30 pm | Thursday, April 20, 7:30 pm
Alexander Kasser Theater | $20.00
We welcome the greater NJ area community to join us for our second annual reimagined professional residency program at the John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University. The seven week-long residencies include a rotation of top-rated artists and ensembles. Each residency will contribute to an ongoing exploration of the ever-changing landscape of music today, introducing students and the community at large to amazing events of today and to a future that will be, at times, less traditional.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE PUBLIC EVENTS AT THE CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND THE CO-HOSTED BRIDGES SERIES CONCERTS AT MERKIN CONCERT HALL IN NEW YORK CITY.**

Co-presented with Kaufman Music Center

**OUR GUESTS**

**FALL 2022**

**OCTOBER 2–7**  
**HIP HOP WEEK: RAHZEL | JON B.**  
With Special Guests: *SONITA ALIZADEH, TONI BLACKMAN, DR. ELLIOT GANN*

Don’t miss this deep dive Hip Hop Residency week, where you will be immersed in beatboxing, rapping, and BBJ. Join us as we explore the intersections of Hip Hop in education, activism, and healing through a variety of performances, workshops, lecture, and community cyphers.

**FALL 2022 | OCT 15, NOV 22 | SPRING 2023 | JAN 25–27, FEB 20–21, MAR 13–14**  
**CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE**

As Artist-in-Residence, Christian McBride, an internationally acclaimed musician and educator, will work with students on improvisation, composition, history, music business, and instrumental techniques. Workshops will include students from all areas of study at the John J. Cali School of Music to cultivate tomorrow’s artists, community leaders, and global citizens.

**OCTOBER 11–NOVEMBER 6**  
**CAVANI QUARTET**

Leading American string quartet Cavián Quartet is thrilled to shape the musical lives of the next generation through seminars that feature audience engagement and a “teamwork” approach to rehearsal techniques. Join us as Cavani motivates all with their dedication to interact with all audiences, striving for empathy and connectivity between cultures and nations.

**NOVEMBER 7–9**  
**RHIANNON GIDDENS**

A MacArthur “Genius Grant” recipient, the acclaimed musician Rhiannon Giddens uses her art to excavate the past and reveal bold truths about our present. During this residency, Giddens will unpack what it means to be a musician and a composer and how to empower the next generation to break free of Western chains, challenging what has always been done.

**SPRING 2023**

**FEBRUARY 6–12**  
**CAROLINE SHAW**

Caroline Shaw is a musician who moves among roles, genres, and mediums, trying to imagine a world of sound that has never been heard before but has always existed. During this residency, Shaw will bring students of different disciplines together—strings, voice, composers and media—putting them all together like a great chef for a brilliant discovery of just what is possible when you think outside the box.

**FEBRUARY 15–17**  
**VOCES8**

The British vocal ensemble VOCES8 is proud to inspire people through music and share the joy of singing. Touring globally, the group performs an extensive repertoire both in its a cappella concerts and in collaborations with leading orchestras, conductors, and soloists. Versatility and a celebration of diverse musical expression are central to the ensemble’s performance and education ethos.

**MARCH 20–26**  
**DECODA**

As an artist-led collective, Decoda seeks to create a more compassionate and connected world through music and music education. This residency will introduce new generations of musical artists to reexamine and redefine their role in society. As passionate advocates for music in communities creating standard venues and economic thresholds, Decoda will explore and inspire students and concert attendees.
Montclair State University College of the Arts

Montclair State University College of the Arts (CART) offers more than 50 majors, minors, and concentrations, providing training and education for students seeking careers in music, dance, theater, art and design, television and digital media, and communication studies. The faculty includes working composers, designers, actors, musicians, choreographers, conductors, fine artists, broadcasters, and communications specialists, including Fulbright, Guggenheim, and Howard Award winners. The College of the Arts is proud to offer cultural enrichment of all kinds to the Montclair State campus and surrounding community.

Montclair State University's College of the Arts boasts several professionally equipped performance facilities that share a central box office at the Alexander Kasser Theater, located near the main entrance to campus off Normal Avenue and connected to the Red Hawk Parking Deck. For more information about any of these venues, call the box office at 973-650-5112.

The Alexander Kasser Theater is a state-of-the-art, fully wheelchair-accessible, 500-seat theater that offers exceptional acoustics, unparalleled comfort, and an expansive range of services including accessible seating devices and, for many of its events, Braille and large-print programs.

Memorial Auditorium is the University's largest venue, with a proscenium stage and a seating capacity of almost 1,000. A 10-minute walk from the Red Hawk Parking Deck and the Alexander Kasser Theater.

Life Hall Studio Theatre is an intimate, flexible studio theater located in Life Hall, with an additional entrance through the School of Communication and Media building. An 8-minute walk from the Red Hawk Parking Deck and the Alexander Kasser Theater.

The Studio Series productions allow students and faculty to produce work quickly and simply, free from the constraints and costs of fully staged productions. It is a laboratory for exploration that emphasizes acting as an art form. These performances give us the unique opportunity to explore a creative process that requires less production support and focuses more on character, speech, voice, and movement.

Progress in the arts is made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Dept. of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Programs in this season are made possible in part by New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Dept. of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

We Want to Hear from You

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Bring a Group

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Choreographer: Christian von Howard
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