René Marie: Experiment in Truth in LIVE! at StarScape Performance

CES at FSU will present René Marie: Experiment in Truth in a LIVE! at StarScape performance on Friday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. Patrons can also opt to attend a special pre-show Valentine dinner at 6 p.m.

In a span of two decades, 11 recordings and countless stage performances, two-time Grammy-nominated jazz singer Marie has cemented her reputation not only as a singer but also a composer, arranger, theatrical performer and teacher. Guided by powerful life lessons and rooted in jazz traditions laid down by Ella Fitzgerald and other leading ladies of past generations, she borrows various elements of folk, rhythm and blues, and even classical and country, to create a captivating hybrid style.

Performance tickets are $18 for adults and $16.20 for youth under 17. Depending on menu selection, the cost of dinner and performance is $59 or $48 for adults and $57.20 or $46.20 for youth under 17. Member and group discount rates are also available. Tickets may be ordered online by visiting ces.frostburg.edu or by calling 1-866-849-9237 or 301-687-3137. The box office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Theatre

Department of Theatre and Dance Presents ‘Five by Ives’

FSU’s Department of Theatre and Dance will kick off its spring season with a production of “Five by Ives,” a series of five one-act plays. Directed by Darrell Poshton, an associate professor of theatre and dance, performances will take place in the Pealer Center’s F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre on Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, and Thursday to Saturday, March 7 through 9, at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee performance on March 2 at 2 p.m.

What do one crazy new language, two mayflies in love and three monkeys writing “Hamlet” have in common? They are just part of the hilarity in this collection by American playwright, screenwriter and novelist David Ives. The New York Times calls Ives, “the maestro of the short form.” Using wit and goofiness, this wordsmith has crafted stories that are a keen commentary on how people communicate and relate to one another.

Tickets can be purchased online by visiting www.frostburg.edu/TheatreDance and clicking “Buy Tickets Now.” For info, call the Theatre and Dance box office at 301-687-7462, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Tickets are $15 for general admission, $12 for FSU employees and senior citizens and $7 for students.
Music

U. S. Army Blues to Perform as Part of FSU’s Fourth Annual Jazz Festival

As part of FSU’s Department of Music’s fourth annual Jazz Festival, the U.S. Army Blues will perform on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 4:30 p.m. in Pealer Recital Hall. Doors will open at 4:15 p.m.

The concert is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Tickets can be picked up in advance at Main Street Books in Frostburg or the FSU Department of Music. If all tickets have not been distributed, there may be tickets available at the door.

The Jazz Festival provides an opportunity for high school students in the Mid-Atlantic region to spend the day in clinics and masterclasses focused on jazz music. The clinics and masterclasses are presented by members of the guest jazz ensemble, as well as FSU jazz faculty.

The U.S. Army Blues, part of the U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own,” is the premier jazz ensemble of the U.S. Army. After informal beginnings in 1970, this 18-piece ensemble became an official element of the Army Band in 1972. Comprised of exceptional jazz musicians from across the nation, the Army Blues strive to fulfill their mission through public concerts, educational outreach and the preservation of jazz.

The Army Blues have performed at prestigious venues such as the Monterey Jazz Festival and the Montreux Jazz Festival. The band has shared the stage with jazz greats such as Dave Brubeck, Doc Severinsen, Stanley Turrentine and Slide Hampton. The Army Blues give frequent performances at national conferences and perform for high-level military protocol and ceremonial events in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

The group plays a vital role in Army recruiting as part of the Twilight Tattoo performances seen by thousands of tourists each summer in Washington, D.C., and surrounding areas. In conjunction with the USO and the Office of the Sergeant Major of the Army, individual members of the band have volunteered to travel to Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan during the holiday season to perform concerts for the troops.

Serving as musical ambassadors, the Army Blues have conducted numerous clinics at schools and colleges throughout the United States. Members of the Army Blues engage in community educational outreach, working with young musicians in local schools. In collaboration with the Library of Congress, the Army Blues play seldom-performed, yet historically significant, music from the library’s jazz archives.

To celebrate their 35th anniversary, the Army Blues recorded a two-disc set, “Blues at Thirty-Five” in 2007, which won two Washington Area Music Awards (“Wammies”) in the categories of Best Big Band Group and Best Big Band Recording. Since that time, the ensemble has recorded “Live at Blues Alley,” an educational initiative release called “Blues Plus You” and, most recently, a collaborative effort with the Library of Congress titled “Jazz From the Stacks.”


For info on the FSU Department of Music concert series, call 301-687-4109.

Registration is still open for students interested in the clinics/masterclasses. For info, contact Dr. Brent Weber at 301-687-4116 or email jazz@frostburg.edu.

CES at FSU to Present ‘Songs of Ireland: A Celtic Celebration’

Just in time for St. Patrick’s Day, CES at FSU will present “Songs of Ireland: A Celtic Celebration” on Thursday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Pealer Recital Hall.

The festive concert spotlights the glorious vocals of four tenors and four sopranos who have performed with Five Irish Tenors, Glen Hansard and Anúna, among others. Together with a pianist and three traditional Irish instrumentalists on uilleann pipes, whistles, fiddle and concertina, the ensemble presents universally loved songs and arias drawn from Irish traditional folk, opera, the Great American Songbook and Broadway.

Throughout the month of March, community members are encouraged to visit the Lewis J. Ort Library to explore a display highlighting the Great Hunger that affected Ireland from 1845-1852, and the contributions made to the United States by Irish immigrants.

Tickets are $28 for adults and $25.20 for youth under 18. Member, military and group discount rates are also available.

For info or to order tickets, visit CES’ webpage at ces.frostburg.edu or contact the CES box office at 1-866-849-9237 or 301-687-3137. The box office, located in the FSU Lane University Center, is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Visual Arts

‘Self Not Selfie’ Student Exhibition on Display at Roper Gallery

FSU’s Department of Visual Arts will present “Self Not Selfie,” a collection of photography by students from across the U.S., including Alaska, New York, Florida and Maryland, through Sunday, March 10, in the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in FSU’s Fine Arts Building. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

For info, contact the Department of Visual Arts at 301-687-4797.

Points of Pride

FSU’s John Short, Jr., Graduates From Leadership Maryland

John T. Short, Jr., FSU’s vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation, has completed Leadership Maryland, the professional development program dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its local business and community leaders. He was one of 52 individuals chosen for this program.

Short joined FSU four years ago, coming from Albright College of Pennsylvania. Among his efforts in leading the fundraising, communications and alumni relations for the University have been improving FSU’s regional engagement and building those relationships. Before his higher education career, he practiced law in Connecticut.

Short is a member of the Greater Cumberland Committee and its Opioid Addiction Steering Committee, the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee, the Bridges to Opportunity Steering Committee and the Cumberland Rotary Club.

For info about Leadership Maryland, visit www.LeadershipMD.org.

Take Note

Focus Frostburg – Call for Presentations

Focus Frostburg 2019: “Learn-In” for a Sustainable Future will take place this year on Monday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Lane Center. (Hours for an evening program will be announced later.)

Focus Frostburg is FSU’s annual day of learning on sustainability and climate awareness that is free and open to FSU students, faculty, staff and the community.

As in previous years, faculty may want to have students, as appropriate, attend a Focus Frostburg session in lieu of class attendance or to make any of the Focus Frostburg seminars and activities an extra-credit assignment.

Student presentations would make a great class activity. Poster presentations are welcome. Hands-on activities, workshops and demonstrations are strongly encouraged.

To participate, email krogersthomas@frostburg.edu and submit a presentation/workshop title and one-or-two sentence abstract of your topic. Topics may be varied but should cover a sustainability, environmental or climate-awareness issue. All presentations should span a maximum of 50 minutes, since the normal MWF class schedule will be followed. If more time is needed, content can be carried over into a second session. In your response, indicate if there is a preferred time of day when you would like to present.

Room space for presentations is limited. Be sure to confirm your interest by Friday, March 1.

Visit Maryland’s State Capitol in Annapolis

Learn and Practice Your Civic Engagement Skills!

Sign up for a free trip to meet state governmental officials on Wednesday, March 6, tour the statehouse, have lunch with delegates and see live debate on current state legislation. Dress is business casual (no jeans or sneakers). The charter bus will depart at 8 a.m. from the Pealer Center lobby entrance and return to FSU at around 9 p.m. Lunch is provided, but it is recommended that you bring money for refreshments before returning home. Seating is limited, so sign up early; no shows will be charged $50.

Get your free ticket at the Lane Center box office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For info, contact Tim Magrath at 301-687-4080 or Bill Mandicott at 301-697-6662.

Important Immunization Record Reminder From Brady Health Center

The Brady Health Center reminds all new and transfer students of the required health information that must be on file in the health center – an immunization record with documentation of two doses of the MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella) vaccine and a Td/Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis) vaccine within 10 years, plus completion of the tuberculosis screening form and any required follow-
The FSU Foundation Opportunity Grants Available

The FSU Foundation is once again seeking funding proposals from faculty, staff and students for Foundation Opportunity Grants and several other awards for fiscal year 2020 (academic year 2019-20).

Projects may be funded from the following:

- **FSU Foundation Opportunity Grants** for projects that support FSU’s institutional priority to enhance experiential and applied learning opportunities for students inside and outside the classroom

- **Al and Dale Boxley Faculty Award/Student Research Award** to support faculty or student projects

- **J. Frederick Gibraltar Regional and Cultural Arts Funds** to support regional and cultural arts programs at FSU

- **Jonathan Gibraltar Presidential Leadership Fund for Alcohol Awareness and Education** to support educational programs, social programs and/or community service-related programs geared toward alcohol awareness and the importance of responsible behaviors and decision making

- **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Development Award** to support faculty development initiatives for faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- **Catherine R. Gira Campus-to-Community Awards** to support students or student projects that demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit, critical thinking skills and a determination to be successful

- **Woodward and Virginia Pealer Faculty Development Award** to support student scholarships and faculty development initiatives for stipends/funding and travel expenses for visiting scholars, lecturers, artists, performers and programs; recognition and promotion of these activities; equipment purchases in conjunction with these activities; and outreach/professional development programs for Allegany County

- **Martha T. and Ralph M. Race Western History Lecture Funds** to support an annual lecture series on the topic of Western history

- **Stephen M. Spahr Student Activism Award** to provide financial assistance to student organizations, classes or informal groups of students needing funds to travel to programs or centers of governmental activity to experience, firsthand, the workings of the democratic process

- **Marlene Weimer Memorial Scholarly Endeavors Fund** to support scholarly endeavors in the area of innovative mathematics faculty development initiatives and/or scholarship support for outstanding mathematics students, depending on the area of greatest need as determined annually by the Mathematics Department

You can access the application at [https://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/_files/pdfs/fsu-foundation-opportunity-grant-request-form.pdf](https://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/_files/pdfs/fsu-foundation-opportunity-grant-request-form.pdf), the award descriptions at [https://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/Annual-Fund/the-annual-fund.php](https://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/Annual-Fund/the-annual-fund.php) and [https://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/Annual-Fund/restricted-funds.php](https://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/Annual-Fund/restricted-funds.php) and a list of previously supported projects at [https://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/_files/pdfs/fundedprojects.pdf](https://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/_files/pdfs/fundedprojects.pdf).

FSU Undergraduate Research Symposium Coming Up in May

FSU will host the annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on Friday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Lane Center. The symposium showcases the research and experiential learning projects of FSU’s undergraduate students and provides participants the opportunity to present their work to their peers and share experiences across disciplines. The symposium will include poster presentations, oral presentations and physical displays representing work completed during summer 2018, fall 2018 or spring 2019. Students can obtain registration forms to present in the symposium from their faculty or staff mentors.
Save the Date for the Second Annual Day of Civility

This spring the CMST 345 Conflict Management and LEAD 401 Citizen Leader classes and Communication Leadership Lab assistants will partner with Dr. Diane McMahon, associate professor of sociology and Service Learning and Civic Engagement faculty director, and her students at Allegany College of Maryland to facilitate a deliberative discussion on Thursday, April 11, at 12:30 p.m. in Gira Center 156. The session will focus on a National Issues Forum Institute guide titled “A House Divided: What Would We Have to Give Up to Get the Political System We Want?” (https://www.nifi.org/en/issue-guide/house-divided). The session will also highlight readings from Parker J. Palmer’s “Healing the Heart of Democracy” (www.courage renewal.org/democracy). Copies of this book are available to check out from the FSU Leadership Studies program library. Contact Dr. Eliesha L. Ruminski, coordinator of Leadership Studies and the Communication Leadership Lab, if you would like to borrow a copy, or refer students with special interest in this topic or type of deliberative work to her. Members of the local NAACP branch and Allegany County Women’s Action Coalition, as well as local and regional politicians and other political coalitions, will also be invited to participate.

This session is one of several events planned for the second annual Day of Civility in Allegany County. FSU is a formal partner of the local Choose Civility chapter, which initiated this day of county-wide engagement with the support of the Allegany County Library System and a growing network of community partners. If you are interested in coordinating activities from your classes or student or community group with the Day of Civility, contact Ruminski, FSU’s liaison for the Allegany County Choose Civility chapter, at 301-687-4480 or elruminski@frostburg.edu; or Jennifer Howell, director of Programming at Allegany County Library System, at jhowell@alleghanycountylibrary.info or 301-777-1200, ext. 1006. For info on the county chapter, visit https://www.alleghanycountylibrary.info/choose-civility.

Burg Peer Education Network Events

The Burg Peer Education Network will host a Valentine’s Kiss Table on Thursday, Feb. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Lane Center.

For info, contact Sophia Staggers at srstaggers0@frostburg.edu.

Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It

It’s not too early to be thinking about graduation, especially if you intend to graduate on Thursday, May 23. In the Cordts PE Center. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present its graduates at 9:30 a.m., and the Colleges of Business and Education will present their graduates at 2 p.m.

Tickets will be required for admission. The number of tickets allotted per graduate will be announced at a later date.

If you have not applied for graduation, contact the Registrar’s Office to submit your application and ensure everything is in order for you to graduate in May.

The first of two Commencement mailings will be sent in mid-March to your local and permanent addresses. Check your PAWS account to make sure your home address is correct. If you need to update your address, you may send an email from your FSU account to the Registrar’s Office at reginfo@frostburg.edu.

Caps and gowns are provided at no cost to graduates and may be ordered online at http://bookstore.frostburg.edu. Your order must be placed by Monday, March 18.

The Grad Fair will be held in Lane Manicur Hall on Wednesday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have ordered your cap and gown and selected pickup at the FSU Main Campus, it will be available for pickup at the Grad Fair. Those picking up orders at the fair will receive a coupon for 30 percent off one apparel item at the University Store. You will also have the opportunity to pick up your graduation tickets, enter drawings, purchase graduation merchandise and more.

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement. For info about Commencement, contact Christie Bohn at 301-687-4423 or cbohn@frostburg.edu.

Activities for Life

Lifeguard Certification and Recertification

An American Red Cross lifeguard certification class will be offered from Wednesday, Feb. 13, through Sunday, Feb. 17, in the Cordts PE Center swimming pool. A recertification class will also be offered Feb. 13 and 17.

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Registration forms are due by Friday, March 15, and must be submitted as an email attachment to Dr. Karen Keller at kkkeller@frostburg.edu. Full project descriptions/abstracts will not be due with the registration form but will be due by Friday, April 5, as a separate email attachment to Keller.

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Student Affairs Office Seeks Preview Guides

Each summer, FSU opens its campus to the next generation of Bobcats and their families to introduce them to their new home. Preview FSU is an experience incoming first-year students share where they learn about expectations of FSU Bobcats, both academically and socially. The Student Affairs Office is seeking highly motivated and personable student leaders to escort the Class of 2023 through their orientation program.

Interested applicants are required to attend the following:

- **Preview Guide Training** – Monday, June 10, and Tuesday, June 11
- **Preview FSU Advisor Workshop** – Wednesday, June 12
- **Scheduled Preview Conference Dates:**
  - Session 1 – Thursday, June 13, and Friday, June 14
  - Session 2 – Monday, June 17, and Tuesday, June 18
  - Session 3 – Wednesday, June 19, and Thursday, June 20
  - Session 4 – Monday, June 24, and Tuesday, June 25
  - Session 4 – Wednesday, June 26, and Thursday, June 27

Preview guides will be expected to arrive on campus no later than 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 9 (tentatively), to check in. All Preview guides will reside on campus at no charge throughout their training and Preview sessions.

Students interested in serving as Preview guides may not be enrolled in any courses or otherwise employed during the dates of Preview FSU. An applicant must also be in good standing with the University; be an undergraduate student; have at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA (3.0 preferred); have documented leadership experience and involvement with the University; have excellent communication skills, including facilitating presentations to large groups of people; and have a genuine interest in working with and helping first-year students and their families. Applicants must be able to thrive within a structured environment and as an integral part of a team.

For application materials, go to [www.frostburg.edu/previewfsu](http://www.frostburg.edu/previewfsu). Application materials and student resumes are due Tuesday, March 26, by 4 p.m. in the Office of Student Affairs (Hitchins 116). Remuneration for the Preview guide position includes $1,000 for working all four sessions, training and the workshop, with meals and room provided.

For info, contact Katie Weir at keweir@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4121.
Study Abroad

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?

Brady Gaumer in Germany – Intersession 2019

FSU students have the opportunity to study abroad all over the world. Financial aid can be used for overseas experiences during the fall and spring semesters. Exchange programs are available that allow students to pay FSU tuition prices.

For info, contact the Center for International Education at 301-687-4747 or Kara Hotchkiss at kjhotchkiss@frostburg.edu.

Study Abroad in Spain, France and Italy During Spring Break 2020

Join the Study Abroad trip to Spain, France and Italy during Spring Break 2020! The trip is for Honors Program students as well as general education students.

If interested, be sure to attend one of the information sessions to be held on Friday, Feb. 15, and Friday, Feb. 22. Both sessions will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in room 128 of the Pealer Center.

For info, contact Dr. Greg Wood, the director of the Honors Program, at gwood@frostburg.edu.

Community

Biology Professor to Discuss Tick Prevention

The Western Mountains Chapter of the Maryland Native Plant Society will meet Thursday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. in Compton 327. Dr. Rebekah Taylor, an associate professor in FSU’s Department of Biology, will present “Lyme Disease and Tick Safety in Western Maryland.” The event is open to the public.

Taylor’s goal is to inform the public about tick prevention. She has embarked on a long-term regional tick collection project and encourages members of the community to submit specimens for her study.

For info on the research project, email Taylor at rttaylor@frostburg.edu. For info on the Western Mountains Chapter, contact Liz McDowell, chapter coordinator, at 301-895-3686 or visit https://mdflora.org.

FSU Events Calendar

For info on FSU events, go to http://events.frostburg.edu/calendar.

Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information is subject to change.

Note: FSU is committed to making all of its programs, services and activities accessible to persons with disabilities. To request accommodations through the ADA Compliance Office, call 301-687-4102 or use a Voice Relay Operator at 1-800-735-2258.

This Valentine’s Day – Be Heart-Healthy!

Prevent and control high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes.

Avoid smoking and secondhand smoke.

Limit alcohol use.

Maintain a healthy weight.

Be active.

Eat healthy.
VALUES AND VISION: FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2023

CORE VALUES

- Frostburg State University is a place where every student can experience a myriad of opportunities both in and out of the classroom, fostered by a sense of inclusion and close mentoring relationships with faculty and staff.

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- Frostburg State University is committed to a system of shared governance that allows faculty, staff and students to learn about the issues the University confronts and that provides a structure for meaningful input into University decisions.

OUR VISION FOR FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2023

Frostburg State University is a regionally acclaimed and nationally recognized academic institution that provides distinctive programs to support state and regional workforce needs. Faculty, staff and students foster collaboration in a welcoming and inclusive campus culture.

Students value the opportunities open for them at FSU and form close mentoring relationships with faculty and staff, who are committed to their success and well-being. Students apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to internship, civic engagement, study abroad and research experiences to meet the challenges of a complex and changing global society.

The University is integrated into the fabric of the community as a valued and respected regional asset. We are committed to making changes that secure our future while celebrating the values that reflect our history.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Focus learning on the acquisition and application of knowledge.

- Provide engaging experiences that challenge our students to excel.

- Expand regional outreach and engagement.

- Align University resources – human, fiscal and physical – with strategic priorities.

To view FSU’s Strategic Plan 2018-2023 online, visit www.frostburg.edu/strategicplan.