CES Presents Rhythmic Pop Singer Stacey Kay in On the EDGE Series

CES’ On the EDGE series at FSU will present powerhouse vocalist Stacey Kay on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. The event features informal table seating, comfortable couch and armchair seating, and food and beverage options.

Canadian singer Kay effortlessly blends rhythmic pop with earthy soul. Her unique and powerful voice paired with her machine-gun rapping style has garnered her online videos millions of views. In the words of pianist-composer-publisher Bill King, Kay has “… all the personality of 10 Bette Midlers, a commanding stage presence, big humor, diesel-truck ‘pedal to the metal’ ambition and a tremendous set of pipes.”

Kay was a contestant on Season 10 of “America’s Got Talent,” advancing to the final rounds and receiving rave reviews. She had a video go viral with more than 40 million views by spontaneously performing one of Busta Rhymes’ fastest raps, and her covers of several hit songs have garnered the respect and recognition from the original artists, including Meghan Trainor, Iggy Azalea, Jennifer Hudson, Chris Brown and Mystikal.

Kay has captivated audiences across Canada, the U.S., Asia and Europe. She performed with Stevie Wonder’s band at a David Foster concert and last year performed for Neil Young and Bruce Cockburn, singing alongside k.d. lang at the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at Massey Hall.

Kay was also a member of Eh440, an award-winning, Toronto-based a cappella group, and starred in the Broadway National Tour of “Godspell.” She is performing in the 2018-19 theatre season for Mirvish and Drayton in Canada.

Last year, Kay released her first full-length album, titled “11 O’clock Number.” Before the album was released, one of her songs, “Weight on My Shoulders,” won the Canadian Songwriters Award for Best Adult Contemporary/Pop Song of 2018, and her song “New Type” was featured on multiple popular playlists on Spotify.

Tickets for the performance are $15 and may be ordered by visiting ces.frostburg.edu or by calling 1-866-849-9237 or 301-687-3137. Member, military and group discount rates are also available. The box office, located in the Lane Center, is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Music

Canadian Musician April Verch and Her Band to Appear at MCTA

FSU’s Mountain City Traditional Arts will host Canadian fiddler, singer and step dancer April Verch and her band on Sunday, Feb. 10, at 4 p.m. at 25 E. Main St. in Frostburg. The live entertainment is free and open to the public with a suggested donation of $15.

Verch and her fellow trio members pare down their arrangements, highlighting the simple pleasures of upright bass, guitar, clawhammer banjo, voices, fiddle and stepping in intimate conversation. At the heart lie Verch’s delicate voice, energetic footwork and stunning playing. Sometimes she sings, steps and fiddles all at once, with apparent ease and precision.
Making her living as a musician for two decades, Verch is perhaps best-known for playing traditional fiddle styles from her native Ottawa Valley, Canada. But her performances extend into old-time American and Appalachian styles and beyond.

Verch began her full-time touring career in 2000 and her performances around the world include festival, theatre and performing arts center appearances. Passionate about sharing her music, she performs at small gatherings in remote communities in Iqaluit, as well as at large prestigious concert halls like Mozartsaal in Vienna.

For info, email MCTA at mountaineertraddarts@gmail.com or call 301-687-8040. For the complete release, visit https://events.frostburg.edu/event/mcta_canadian_fiddler_april_verch_and_her_band.

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.

FSU to Celebrate Fifth Annual Harry Potter Book Night

Professor Sprout, also known as Dr. Kim Rotruck, demonstrates a herbology craft project for her audience of young wizards.

Come celebrate the wonder of children’s literature and J.K. Rowling’s legendary and magical wizarding world of Harry Potter at FSU’s fifth annual Harry Potter Book Night on Friday, Feb. 8 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in FSU’s Lewis J. Ort Library. This event is free and open to the public.

FSU’s Children’s Literature Centre and Ort Library will host this Pottertastic night. Children will have the chance to learn what it takes to become a wizard like Harry. The night will be filled with Hogwarts classroom activities, a wand shop and many other magical surprises.

Guests will be divided into the four houses chosen by the sorting hat for Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw and Hufflepuff. Children will participate in different wizard classes, including Quidditch, Potions, Astronomy, Charms and Defense Against the Dark Arts. In between, children and families can select their very own wands, enjoy magical treats and cast their own spells with other witches and wizards.

For info, contact the Children’s Literature Center at clc@frostburg.edu or 301-687-3133, or visit www.facebook.com/clcfsu or www.frostburg.edu/clc.

‘Self Not Selfie’ Student Exhibition to Open at FSU’s Roper Gallery

An untitled photo that will appear in the exhibition

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, in an opening on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in FSU’s Fine Arts Building. The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, will be on display through Sunday, March 10.

Paul Runyon, an associate professor of art and Photography Program head at Drexel University in Philadelphia, will be the juror for the event. Awards for the winners in the categories of color and black and white will also be presented at the opening.

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

Andy Duncan Works Published in National Publications

Andy Duncan, an associate professor in FSU’s Department of English, had two of his literary works published in national publications in January. His 2018 novelette, “Joe Diabo’s Farewell,” was reprinted in the January/February 2019 issue of The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction (with his name on the cover), and his new critical essay, “I delight in what I fear! Shirley Jackson’s ‘We Have Always Lived in the Castle,’” was published in Volume 9, Issue 1, of The Cascadia Subduction Zone.

Take Note

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 Performing Arts 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 beginning Friday, Feb. 1, 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-up. The tuberculosis screening form can be completed online on the center’s patient portal. The immunization record can be obtained by calling your health care provider or high school and having the record faxed to the health center at 301-687-7050 – just make sure there are two doses of the MMR vaccine and a Td/Tdap vaccine within 10 years documented.

If this information is not received and complete, a health hold will be placed on the new student’s PAWS account blocking any future class registration. Students who are not in compliance will receive email notification to their FSU email account. More info is available at www.frostburg.edu/brady-health/student-info/index.php.

Looking for Someone at FSU?

FSU’s online directory provides contact information (names, job titles, department, campus addresses, phone numbers and email addresses) for all FSU faculty and staff. The online directory can be accessed at www.frostburg.edu/directories.htm (or click on Contact Directories in the upper right-hand corner of the main web page, then Campus Directory.) The online directory lets you search for full-time faculty and staff and part-time faculty by first or last name, department or campus phone extension.

Honors Program Updates and Info

For Honors Program updates and information about requirements, available courses and registration, students and faculty members should “like” the Honors Facebook page at www.facebook.com/honors.frostburg.

Share Your Thoughts at AlleganySpeaks.com

Just scan this QR code with your phone to take a short survey on health issues that affect Allegany County, such as mental health services and substance abuse. You do not have to register on the site to participate, and your answers remain anonymous.

Don’t have time right now? You can always check in at AlleganySpeaks.com and click on the survey link.

Volunteers Wanted for Harry Potter Book Night

The fifth annual Harry Potter Book Night is just around the corner. Preparations are under way to create a night full of magic and mischief on Friday, Feb. 8, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Ort Library. The evening will include magical classes, snacks, costumes, competitions, Quidditch and much more.

If interested in volunteering, contact the Children’s Literature Centre at 206 Framptom Hall, email clc@frostburg.edu or check out www.frostburg.edu/clc.
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).

Those interested should complete the FSU Foundation Opportunity Grant Request Form, which includes a line item budget. All applications must be limited to two pages. A third page is only permitted for the line item budget. After you complete the form, you must submit it online at www/frostburg.edu/opportunity. No paper or emailed applications will be accepted.

The deadline for proposals is midnight on Sunday, March 10. Applicants will be notified of the awards following the June Foundation Board meeting.

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 Gibralter Regional and Cultural Arts Funds** to support regional and cultural arts programs at FSU
- **Jonathan Gibralter 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. Parke Political System We Want?”** (https://www.nifi.org/en/issue) awards to support students or student projects that demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit, critical thinking skills and a determination to be successful
- **Woodward and Virginia Peeler 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 Endevors 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


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.couragerenewal.org/democracy). Copies of this book are available to check out from the FSU Leadership Studies program library. Contact Dr. Elesha 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 groups with the Day of Civility, contact Ruminski, FSU’s liaison for the Allegany County Choose Civility chapter, at 301-687-5480 or elruminski@frostburg.edu; or Jennifer Howell, director of Programming at Allegany County Library System, at jhowell@alleghenycountylibrary.info or 301-777-1200, ext. 1006. For info on the county chapter, visit https://www.alleghenycountylibrary.info/choose-civility.
It's Snowing! Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Make sure you know how to find out if FSU will be closed, have a delayed opening or close early on bad weather days.

The most reliable information regarding delayed openings and cancellations will be from FSU-controlled outlets (University voicemail, email, Burg Alerts and website). Notification of delays or closures will be made through these outlets:

- At the Main University Number (301-687-4000, option 2) after 6 a.m.
- Via Burg Alert text and email alerts. More information is below.
- Through campus email.
- On top of the main page of the FSU website.
- Via Twitter at https://twitter.com/frostburgstate.
- On the FSU Facebook page at www.facebook.com/frostburgstateuniiversity.
- Through local radio stations.

NEW THIS YEAR: Everyone with an FSU email is now automatically signed up for Burg Alerts TO THAT EMAIL. Burg Alerts, in addition to weather notifications, alert the campus in an emergency. You may also opt to have alerts sent as text messages to your cell phones (standard texting rates apply) and to other email addresses. To sign up, click https://www.frostburg.edu/computing/fsualert or click the Emergency link at the bottom of the FSU front page. Follow the instructions, using your FSU user name and password to access the site. You have the option of having alerts sent to two cell numbers and six email addresses. (You may add your family members, or they may create their own accounts at the link above.) Make sure to follow the validation steps to activate your choices.

Unless FSU closure is announced on the outlets above, WE ARE OPEN. Likewise, the message under option 2 at the main University number will announce the closure or announce, “There are no delays or closures at this time.” (If you are a student or a faculty or staff member at a facility outside of Frostburg, officials from that facility will determine closures for those locations.)

Burg Peer Education Network Events

Burg events for the week are as follows:

- Information Table, Thursday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lane Center
- General Body Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 7, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Pullen 107
- DIY Kit Table, Friday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lane Center
- How-to Planner Party, Friday, Feb. 8, 5 to 6 p.m. Lane 109

For info, contact Sophia Staggers at ssstaggers0@frostburg.edu.

Jobs

Join the Team for Summer of '19

What are you doing next summer? Consider being part of the team for FSU’s thriving summer camps and conferences program. Coach Wootten’s Basketball Camp, Camp Hope, Brit-Am Soccer Academy, the Washington Metropolitan Association of Chinese Schools and many other groups call FSU their summer home. An online application is available at www.frostburg.edu/admin/confer/conferences-and-events-staff-application. Applications may be submitted online, or downloaded and submitted to Tim Arnold in Hitchens 322 or via campus mail or email.

The position includes room and board. The deadlines for applications (toward 15 positions total) is Friday, March 15. After an initial offer is made, the summer position is contingent on passing a criminal background check. The job involves customer service and interacting with other offices on campus, as well as furniture moving and thinking “on your feet” to solve problems – something different every day. Hours are irregular; this is not a 9-to-5 position.
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.

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.

A Spill, a Slip, a Hospital Trip!

When walking on an icy or snow-covered walkway, take short steps and walk at a slower pace.

If you fall backward, make a conscious effort to tuck your chin so your head doesn’t strike the ground with full force.

When entering a building, remove snow and water from your boots or shoes. Take notice that floors and stairs may be wet and slippery.

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.

- Frostburg State University is committed to developing cultural competence and cultivating understanding of and respect for a diversity of experiences and world views that encourage each person’s ability to “take the perspective of the other.”

- 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](http://www.frostburg.edu/strategicplan).