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FSU's Children's Literature Centre Hosts 20th Annual Storybook Holiday



Pictured are Will Hillenbrand, children's book author/illustrator, left, and Dr. Bill Bingman, co-founder of the Children's Literature Centre at FSU. Hillenbrand was the 2022 featured author at Storybook Holiday and is returning this year to share his book "Little Red," which he has dedicated to the city of Frostburg.

The 20th annual Storybook Holiday celebration, hosted by FSU's Children's Literature Centre, will bring its seasonal cheer to downtown Frostburg on **Saturday, Dec. 2**. The festivities will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end with a showing of "It's a Wonderful Life" at 7:30 p.m.

The event welcomes all ages and features a parade, storybook readings and many more family-friendly activities. In addition, attendees will have the chance to meet Santa and children's book author and illustrator, Will Hillenbrand. All events are free with the exceptions of Breakfast With the Elves and the evening movie.

The day's events begin with Breakfast With the Elves at 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. in Hotel Gunter at 11 W. Main St. Tickets are \$8 for children and \$14 for adults and will be sold in advance at the hotel.

This year, Cocoa With the Po-Po will take place from 9 to 10 a.m. and then again from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Frostburg Police Department at 37 S. Broadway.

Following breakfast, elves will compete against one another in the Elf Olympics at the Broadway parking lot from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. After the friendly competition, attendees can head over to the parade kickoff performance of Mountain City Center for the Arts in front of Hotel Gunter at 10:15 a.m. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m., following Run Your Bells Off for Autism, a charity fun run.

Carriage rides will be offered this year from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at City Place at 14 Water St. Also beginning at 11:30 a.m., and lasting until 2:30 p.m., the Kids' Elf Training Academy will be held in the City Place parking lot at Water and Mechanic streets.

Seasonal activities and attractions will be available at City Place from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., including Elves' Secret Workshop, Letters to Santa and Photo With an Elf.

Other attractions include Sticker Stops and business specials in the Main Street area. Children can visit the Miniature Railroad Display at 10 Mechanic St., Santa's House in P.S. Hair Design at 20 S. Broadway and craft vendors in the Armstrong Insurance garage at 21 S. Water St.

Hillenbrand will give a presentation and sign copies of his book, "Little Red," which is dedicated to the city of Frostburg, at the Hotel Gunter from 1 to 2 p.m. The book can be purchased at the presentation, as well as at Main Street Books at 2 E. Main St. Cookie kits will be distributed to each child attending the presentation.

Later, the Jack Frost Neighborhood Snowball Toss will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. throughout residential streets, followed by the Festival of Trees from 6 to 7 p.m. at City Place, which includes the lighting of the trees, a performance by the Arion Band and the arrival of a special visitor.

Storybook Holiday comes to a close at 7:30 p.m. with a showing of the film "It's a Wonderful Life" at the Palace Theatre at 31 E. Main St. Tickets are \$5 a person and are pre-sold at Main Street Books.

In addition to FSU's Children's Literature Centre, Storybook Holiday is sponsored by the city of Frostburg, FrostburgFirst, Somerset Trust Company, M&T Bank and Edward Jones.

For info, contact the Children's Literature Centre at 301-687-3133 or clc@frostburg.edu, or check the webpage at www.frostburg.edu/clc/storybookholiday. Updates can also be found at www.facebook.com/clcfsu.

Help for Students

PAWS Pantry

The PAWS Pantry at FSU provides food and basic necessities to FSU students at no cost. The pantry is open and available to all students. Students will complete a brief survey and paperwork to register as a pantry member during their first visit. They will be given a numeric identifier for tracking purposes, so their name and information are never used in any reporting. During regular hours, students may come to the pantry and shop from the selection of non-perishable foods and hygiene products (when available).

The pantry is located at Braddock House at 20 Braddock Road. Walk-up hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. on **Mondays**; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on **Wednesdays**; and noon to 3 p.m. on **Fridays**. Other weekdays are by appointment. To schedule an appointment, email pawspantry@frostburg.edu.

Meal cards are available for students! Cards provide up to five free meal swipes at Chesapeake and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Just ask about them the next time you're at the pantry.

All students (new and returning) using the pantry must complete the Intake and Waiver, which they can complete at the pantry or access at <https://portal.frostburg.edu/pantry>.

Are You a First-Generation Student?

Student Support Services Can Help!



TRIO/Student Support Services, located in Pullen 133, offers academic advising, tutoring and study skills, financial aid assistance and guidance, graduate school assistance, career development, and educational and cultural events for first-generation students. Student Support Services is an academic support program to help first-generation college students stay in school and graduate.

To make an appointment, call 301-687-4481. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Mondays through Fridays**.

Things to Know About the Student Health Center

The Student Health Center is staffed with two nurse practitioners, two registered nurses and two front office staff. Center hours are **Mondays through Fridays** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Services offered include treatment for minor illness/injury, women's health/birth control, emergency contraception, immunizations, STI testing, sexual assault resources, allergy injections and wellness and smoking cessation programs.

Appointments can be scheduled online through the patient portal or by calling 301-687-4310.

The center is located on the first floor of the Education and Health Sciences Center. Free over-the-counter items are available to students in the waiting room, including Tylenol, ibuprofen, cough drops, menstrual products and condoms.

Additional resources and information can be found at www.frostburg.edu/brady-health.

Student Counseling Center

The Student Counseling Center offers brief but comprehensive counseling services to FSU students, including individual and group therapy.

The center is open **Mondays through Fridays** from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Several same-day appointments are available every day for students who are in crisis and in immediate need of speaking with someone.

Crisis services are available in the evenings and on the weekends and holidays. Those services can be accessed by calling University Police at 301-687-4223 and asking to speak with a crisis counselor.

Wait times to meet with a counselor for ongoing support are no more than 10 business days, and often within five business days.

To make an appointment, call 301-687-4234 or stop by the center during business hours. In-person and telehealth options are available for appointments. There is no additional cost to students for services.

The Student Counseling Center is on the first floor of the Education and Health Sciences Center in the same space as the Student Health Center.

Many self-help resources can be found on the Student Counseling Center webpage at www.frostburg.edu/caps.

Tutoring Information for Fall 2023

Tutoring runs through **Monday, Dec. 11**, and is offered **Mondays through Fridays** from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Pullen 151.

Appointment-Based/Individual Tutoring

Students use TutorTrac to make appointments; TutorTrac can be accessed at <https://tutortrac.frostburg.edu>. The following are offered: Academic Skills (textbook strategies, study skills, time management and notetaking), BIOL 109/149/160, CHEM 150/201/202, COSC 100/102/240/241, DVMT 099, MATH 104/119/120/236/237, PHYS 215/261 and Writing.

Walk-In/Group Offerings (Show Up, Sign In and Get Assistance)

BIOL 321 is offered **Mondays** from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. and **Tuesdays** from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Compton 326. CHEM 201 is offered **Thursdays** from 5 to 6 p.m. in Compton 328; CHEM 202 is offered **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays** from 5 to 7 p.m., also in Compton 328. PHYS 215/261 are offered **Wednesdays** from 2 to 4 p.m. in CSC 234 and **Thursdays** from noon to 2 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. in CSC 236.

NetTutor (Online Tutoring)

NetTutor is a 24/7, third-party, online tutoring platform accessible via Canvas. Students must send an email to msmith@frostburg.edu to gain access. Information about NetTutor is posted outside of Pullen 151. Some of the available subjects are accounting, anatomy, biology, business, chemistry, computer science, economics, foreign languages, geology, history, literature, logic, math, music, nursing, philosophy, physics, political science, sociology, student success and writing.

What If There Is No Assistance for My Class?

If there is no assistance for your class, you can form a study group, speak with your professor or try Khan Academy (video tutorials), Purdue Online Writing Lab or Grammarly (writing).

For info, contact Mark Smith at msmith@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4066.

SafeRide



The SafeRide Program, an initiative of the Student Government Association, offers safe transportation to the students at FSU. SafeRide, a student-operated program, is free to all students. SafeRide runs almost anywhere in the city of Frostburg, including 7-Eleven, Weis, McDonalds, Burger King, Urgent Care, etc.

SafeRide is just a tap away! Download the TransLoc app today! Use the app to request your ride and to receive notifications when your driver arrives. Sign in using your FSU credentials and request a ride during SafeRide hours. You can also request a ride by calling the SafeRide Office at 301-687-7433.

Hours of operation are 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. **Fridays and Saturdays**.

Recovery Group Meetings

For students looking for a 12-step support group to attend, FSU will now have meetings on **Thursdays** at 7 p.m. at the Osborne Newman Center (the building behind Annapolis Hall) at 130 S. Broadway.

For info, contact Don Swogger, director, SAFE Office, and advisor, BURG Peer Education Network, at dswogger@frostburg.edu.

Theatre

Theatre and Dance Presents 'Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley'



Sydney Martinez (Mary Bennet) and Brendon McCabe (Arthur DeBourgh)

This holiday season join FSU's Department of Theatre and Dance for a sequel to Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon on **Friday, Dec. 1**, and **Saturday, Dec. 2**, and **Thursday, Dec. 7, through Saturday, Dec. 9**, at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee performance on **Dec. 2** at 2 p.m. All performances will take place in the Drama Theatre of FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center.

On **Dec. 9**, the department will also host a "Pemberley Ball" beginning at 5:30 p.m. before the evening performance. Tickets for this event are \$10 and guests are encouraged, but not required, to dress in period attire.

Set two years after the novel ends, “Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley” continues the story, only this time with bookish middle sister Mary as its unlikely heroine. Mary is growing tired of her role as a dutiful middle sister in the face of her siblings’ romantic escapades. When the family gathers for Christmas at Pemberley, an unexpected guest sparks Mary’s hopes for independence, an intellectual match and possibly even love.

“Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley” is directed by *Shea-Mikal Green* with costumes by guest artist and FSU Theatre and Dance alum, *Cody Gilliam*.

The cast consists of *Whitney O’Haver* (Elizabeth Darcy), *Ronald Breitfeller* (Fitzwilliam Darcy), *Sydney Martinez* (Mary Bennet), *Brendon Eric McCabe* (Arthur DeBourgh), *Emilia Porter* (Jane Bingley), *Carson Luther* (Charles Bingley), *Kassidy Andris* (Anne DeBourgh), *Elena Echeandia* (Lydia Wickham), *Paige Brubaker* (Housekeeper), *Tony Rivera* (Steward), *Leah Moreland* (Ladies Maid), *T.J. Kelly* (Butler), *Casey Allison* (Ladies Maid/Movement Captain) and *Emma Messick* (Ladies Maid).

In addition to Green and Gilliam, creative team members include *Mackenzie Guynes* (stage manager), *George Georgeson* (scenic and sound design), *Ava Breighner* (properties design), *Kyle Wolford* (assistant scenic design), *Sarah Slack* (assistant stage manager) and *Nicole Mattis* (dialect coach).

Tickets are \$18 for the general public, \$15 for FSU employees and senior citizens, \$10 for youth and \$7 for FSU students. Tickets can be purchased at www.frostburgtix.universitytix.com.

For info and details about group ticket sales for the “Pemberley Ball” on **Dec. 9**, call the Theatre and Dance box office at 301-687-7462.

Special Events

CES at FSU to Present Tomáseen Foley’s ‘A Celtic Christmas’



After sold-out performances in 2008 and 2011, “A Celtic Christmas” returns to FSU when CES presents this spirited celebration of Celtic music, dance and storytelling on **Friday, Dec. 8**, at 7:30 p.m. in Pealer Recital Hall. This performance is sponsored by the George W. and Lillian T. Walker Family, Linda W. Buckel and Juanita W. Andrews.

The heartwarming performance transports audiences to a remote cottage in the west of Ireland, where the exultation and innocence of a night before Christmas prevail as neighbors gather for an evening of celebration. There, the rafters ring with fiery traditional music and Irish Christmas carols, the quicksilver footwork of traditional dancers reverberates on the flagstone floor and the magic of storytelling brings delight to all.

Led by acclaimed Irish storyteller Tomáseen Foley, the event features Grammy Award-winning guitarist William Coulter, All-Ireland champion singer and fiddle player Eimear Arkins, champion Irish dancer Marcus Donnelly and uilleann piper Brian Bigley.

On **Thursday, Dec. 7**, at 6 p.m., the artists will lead a free community workshop, “Introduction to Irish Dance,” in Pealer Recital Hall. Attendance is limited and registration is required.

To celebrate the artists’ visit, the University’s Dining Services will present a teaching kitchen in Chesapeake Dining Hall at FSU on **Wednesday, Dec. 6**, at 6 p.m. Using fresh, whole ingredients, participants will work in pairs as they learn to make traditional Irish fare. Attendance is limited and reservations are required. Tickets are \$30 per person and may be purchased by contacting the University box office.

“A Celtic Christmas” performance tickets are \$38 for adults; \$34.20 for FSU employees, members of the military and youth under 18; and free for FSU students.

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

CES is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council (msac.org), the Allegany Arts Council and the City of Frostburg.

FSU Honors Students Hosting Community Listening Session on Wills Mountain State Park



FSU Honors students enrolled in IDIS 151 Experiencing Appalachia will host a community listening session on Wills Mountain State Park on **Tuesday, Nov. 28**, at 7 p.m. in the ballroom of the Allegany Museum in Cumberland.

Students will share aspects of a research project they’re conducting, documenting the historical, cultural and environmental significance of Wills Mountain State Park and the landscape surrounding it. The work is supported in part by the course’s participation in the Appalachian Regional Commission’s Appalachian Collegiate Research Initiative administered by East Tennessee State University’s Center of Excellence for Appalachian Studies and Services. Under the direction of *Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas*, director of the Honors Program and a professor in the Department of Sociology, FSU students are part of a cohort of faculty and students representing colleges and universities from Alabama through New York. While projects vary considerably each year, all are intended to engage students and regional citizens in posing answers to the question, “How can we build a sustainable future for Appalachian communities?”

With public access to Wills Mountain State Park moving closer to becoming a reality, students have been working with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Sarah Milbourne, the Western Region manager who served as park manager of the site from

2012 to 2022, to compile interpretive material on the location's regional significance and its potential for creating a place-based tourism attraction through low-impact recreational opportunities such as hiking trails and climbing routes.

While the potential advantages of public access are considerable, planning for the transition will require careful planning, which includes hearing from local residents about their visions for the park's future. The public is encouraged to attend this first listening session to share their perspectives. FSU students also encourage residents to share any stories, anecdotes or historical material they know of Wills Mountain State Park for possible inclusion in a small exhibition to be hosted by the Allegany Museum in 2024.

For info, contact Rogers Thomas at krogerstomas@frostburg.edu.

Exhibits

Senior Exhibition, 'Shatter Me,' at Roper Gallery Dec. 9-15



FSU's Department of Visual Arts will open its fall 2023 senior exhibition, "Shatter Me," a solo show by Francesca Crevoiserat, with a reception on **Saturday, Dec. 9**, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in FSU's Fine Arts Building. This exhibition, which is free and open to the public, will be on display through **Friday, Dec. 15**.

Crevoiserat will graduate with a bachelor's in art and design with a focus in painting, a secondary focus in ceramics and a minor in art history. After graduation, she plans to continue her education and obtain a master's in art therapy.

For this show, the Roper Gallery is open **Monday through Friday** from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For info, contact Jackie Brown in the Visual Arts Department at jbrown@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4319.

Music

Unless otherwise noted, performances will take place in Pealer Recital Hall and are free and open to the public. Events will also be livestreamed; the link will be posted at www.frostburg.edu/concerts. For info, contact FSU's Department of Music at 301-687-4109.

Dr. Mackenzie Jacob LaMont in Faculty Artist Series Concert

FSU's Department of Music will present percussionist *Dr. Mackenzie Jacob LaMont* in a Faculty Artist Series concert on **Thursday, Nov. 30**, at 7:30 p.m.

This program will feature LaMont on various percussion instruments, and among the works of others, pieces LaMont himself has composed.

LaMont is an active composer, percussion performer, music educator and music industry/audio recording specialist. His recent compositions have been focused on the environment as well as political and philosophical issues, with the sound world inhabiting a space somewhere between minimalism and post-progressive rock with dashes of polystylism.

FSU Wind Studios Will Perform Recital

FSU's Department of Music will present its Wind Studios Recital on **Friday, Dec. 1**, at 7:30 p.m.

The recital will feature solo performances by FSU's woodwind music majors. Performers include *Lucas Lusby* and *Brandon Little* on clarinets (*Dr. Mark Gallagher*, instructor); *Courtney Sechler* on flute (*Anna Reitsma*, instructor); and *Raegan Barrett*, *Max Partlow*, *Gwen Fazenbaker*, *Alex McNemar* and *B. Eileen Martin* on saxophones (*Dr. Brent Weber*, instructor).

The program will include "Syrinx" by Claude Debussy, the first movement of "Sonata No. 2 in E-flat Major, Op. 120" by Johannes Brahms, "Yuhwa: The Goddess of the Willow Trees for Solo Flute" by Adolphus Hailstork, "Valse Vanité" by Rudy Wiedoeft and "Le Caraval de Venise for Alto Saxophone and Piano" by Jules Demersseman, edited by Frederick Hemke.

Wind Ensemble Presents Its Concert, 'Eternal Mysteries'

FSU's Department of Music will present its Wind Ensemble, conducted by *Peter Lewis*, in a concert titled "Eternal Mysteries" on **Saturday, Dec. 2**, at 7:30 p.m. Note: This event will not be livestreamed.

The Wind Ensemble will perform "Xerxes" by John Mackey; the world premiere of "Pan" by Brian McClosky; the four movements, "March," "Song Without Words, 'I'll Love My Love,'" "Song of the Blacksmith" and "Fantasia on the 'Dargason,'" of "Second Suite in F for Military Band, Op. 28, No. 2" by Gustav Holst; "Mother Earth (A Fanfare)" by David Maslanka; "Wilderness" by Cait Nishimura; "O Magnum Mysterium" by Morten Lauridsen; "Comet Flash" by Brant Karrick; and "Luminescence" by David Biedenbender.

"Xerxes" (2010) takes its name from Xerxes the Great, the King of Persia from 485 to 465 BC. The music is a concert march, but while most marches for concert band are cheerful and patriotic (and usually American or British), Mackey wanted to write an anti-march – an angry, nasty march – that still follows the traditional structure expected from a military march.

"Pan" (2023) seems like a bit of a tambourine concerto at times. This piece is dedicated to McClosky's cousin Mike, a comic and jokester. Mike would tease that he wanted to be in McClosky's bands and always said he could play the tambourine. According to the composer, the mythical character Pan fit Mike's persona, always playful. McClosky also used Robert Frost's poem "Pan With Us" as a bit of inspiration.

The “Second Suite” (1911) consists of four movements, all based on specific English folk songs. The first folk tune of “March” is in the form of a traditional British brass band march using the Morris-dance tune “Glorishears.” After a brief climax, the second strain begins with a euphonium solo playing the second folk tune in the suite, “Swansea Town.” The third theme, called “Claudy Banks,” is heard in a low woodwind solo, as in a standard march orchestration. Holst places the next folk song, “I’ll Love My Love,” in stark contrast to the first movement, then contrasts the slow second movement with the rather upbeat third movement that features the folk song “A Blacksmith Courted Me.” The fourth movement has two tunes from Playford’s “Dancing Master” of 1651: “Dargason,” a 16th-century English dance tune, and “Greensleeves.”

“Mother Earth (A Fanfare)” (2006) was commissioned by and is dedicated to Brian Silvey and the South Dearborn High School Band of Aurora, Ind. It is based on a short poem by the medieval friar St. Francis of Assisi. The piece has become an urgent message to treat Mother Earth more kindly.

“Wilderness” (2021) was commissioned by the Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinic in celebration of its 75th anniversary. “Wilderness” celebrates and honors Earth’s remaining wild spaces and the people who fight to protect them.

“O Magnum Mysterium” (“O Great Mystery”) (1994/2003) has become one of the world’s most performed and recorded compositions. “O Magnum Mysterium” is a chant from the Matins of Christmas. In his setting, Lauridsen celebrates Christ’s birth, God’s grace to the meek and the veneration of the Virgin Mary through a quiet song of profound inner joy.

As the title suggests, “Comet Flash” (2019) is a fast and furious fanfare based on two primary motives, a motor-rhythmic theme first introduced by the brass, followed by a foreboding, multi-metric and somewhat legato middle section. The work is rhythmically relentless and tonally unsettled; the flashes of light are accentuated by the percussion and piano, all which quickly come to a sudden close.

“Luminescence” (2009) is based on fragments from the melody “Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light,” which was written by Johann Schop and subsequently harmonized in several settings by Johann Sebastian Bach. This particular setting is from the second cantata of Bach’s “Christmas Oratorio” from 1737.

Admission is \$10 for adults; \$5 for seniors, member of the military, and FSU faculty and staff; and free for students and children. Tickets are available at the University box office in room 203 of FSU’s Lane University Center (**Mondays through Fridays** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), by phone at 301-687-3137 or online at <https://frostburgtix.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?id=1932>. Tickets are also available at the door.

FSU Chamber Singers to Perform Three Area Concerts in December

FSU’s Department of Music will present its Chamber Singers in three concerts this December – the first, Johann Sebastian Bach’s “Magnificat,” on **Sunday, Dec. 3**, at 6 p.m. at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 15 N. Smallwood St. in Cumberland, Md.; the second on **Saturday, Dec. 9**, at 7 p.m. at Ashby’s Fort, 227 Dan’s Run Road in Fort Ashby, W.Va.; and the third, “Lessons and Carols,” on **Friday, Dec. 15**, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael’s Catholic Church, 44 E. Main St. in Frostburg, Md. Note: These events will not be livestreamed.

In the context of vespers for the first Sunday of advent, the FSU Chamber Singers will perform Bach’s liturgical masterpiece, “Magnificat, BWV 243,” in the context it was meant to be heard. Featuring choral singing, soloists and a small group of instrumentalists, this performance is a terrific beginning to the holiday season. “Magnificat” is a musical setting of the biblical canticle “Magnificat.” It is the first major liturgical composition on a Latin text by Bach and one of his most popular vocal works.

The Chamber Singers will visit historic Ashby’s Fort for their next concert. Experience an evening of music and entertainment, featuring a wide variety of repertoire and holiday favorites at the first fort George Washington ordered constructed in Virginia during the French and Indian (or Seven Years’) War.

Finally, the FSU Chamber Singers will team up with the musicians of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish to present an evening of song in preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Traditional favorites will blend with modern masterpieces for an evening to remember.

Department of Music Presents Concert by Brass Ensemble

FSU’s Department of Music will present its Brass Ensemble, conducted by *Joshua Bishop*, on **Monday, Dec. 4**, at 7:30 p.m.

Ensemble performers are *Leah Boggs, Andrew Chaudron, DeAndre Cook, Daniel Coughenour, Alex Frey, Martin Harden, Doug Holtz, Zachary Inghish, Jack McCoy, Joseph Orr, Morgan Tichnell, Travis Walker* and *Samuel White*.

The program will include “Action Brass” by Brian Sadler; “BWV 298,” “BWV 323,” “BWV 384” and “BWV 426” from “Chorale Suite” by Johann Sebastian Bach; the first two movements, “Lisbon” and “Horkstow Grange,” from “Lincolnshire Posy” by Percy Grainger, arranged by Bishop; “Die Bankelsangerlieder” by anonymous; and “1812 Overture” by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, arranged by Bishop.

“Action Brass” has all the excitement of an action film score. Heroic fanfares start the action, followed by a middle section with a contrasting dark, narrative theme. The action then picks up, accelerating into a triumphant brass fanfare with woodwind flourishes for a glorious finale.

Bach composed more than 400 chorales, which come from two sources, the C.P.E. Bach Collection and Bach’s 200 plus cantatas. A typical church cantata by Bach usually included a chorale as the final movement, which most today would refer to as a church hymn, although Bach’s chorales are more harmonically complex than most popular hymns.

Grainger composed “Lincolnshire Posy” for concert band in 1937. The 16-minute-long work has six movements, each adapted from folk songs Grainger collected on a 1905-1906 trip to Lincolnshire, England. Originally titled “Dublin Bay,” “Lisbon” is the shortest – a simple, lilting melody. The melody follows a young sailor preparing to leave his love to head toward Lisbon. “Horkstow Grange” refers to the village of Horkstow. Like the first movement, this one is also in strophic form, the theme stated by the clarinets and horns at the opening.

“Die Bankelsangerlieder” is a 17th-century Baroque sonata that has recently been attributed to Daniel Speer. Translated from German, “The Song of the Bench Singers” refers to performers who often played in taverns while standing on benches.

“The Year 1812, Solemn Overture, Op. 49,” popularly known as the “1812 Overture,” is a concert overture Tchaikovsky composed in 1880 to commemorate Russia’s successful defense of the French invasion by Napoleon in 1812. The 15-minute overture is best known for its climactic volley of cannon fire, ringing chimes and a brass fanfare finale. One of Tchaikovsky’s most popular works, it has also become a common accompaniment to firework displays on America’s Independence Day.

Holiday Concert Is ‘Music for the Season’

FSU’s Department of Music will present its Holiday Concert, “Music for the Season,” on **Sunday, Dec. 10**, at 3 p.m. There will also be a prelude performance by the FSU Jazz Orchestra, directed by **Peter Lewis**, at 2:15 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center lobby. Note: This event will not be livestreamed.

Presenting a variety of holiday and seasonal music, performers will include members of the FSU Choirs, conducted by **Dr. Scott Rieker**; the FSU Wind Ensemble, conducted by **Peter Lewis**; the FSU Brass Ensemble; FSU String Ensemble; FSU Percussion Ensemble; 5 Guys Jazz Quintet; and faculty and student soloists and duets.

Admission is \$10 for adults; \$5 for seniors, member of the military, and FSU faculty and staff; and free for students and children. Tickets are available at the University box office in room 203 of FSU’s Lane University Center (**Mondays through Fridays** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), by phone at 301-687-3137 or online at <https://frostburgtix.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?id=1934>. Tickets are also available at the door.

‘An Irish Christmas’ Hosted by MCTA



John Doyle, left, and Mick McAuley

FSU’s Mountain City Traditional Arts will present “An Irish Christmas With John Doyle and Mick McAuley” on **Monday, Dec. 11**, at 7 p.m. at 25 E. Main St. in Frostburg. Join them for an evening of traditional Irish music, songs and stories that will transport you to the villages of rural Ireland. The live entertainment is open to the public through general admission with a suggested donation of \$15.

Doyle and McAuley’s musical connection began in the groundbreaking Irish-American band, Solas. Now, both have flourishing high-profile solo careers and periodically come together to brush off some Solas standards and lots of their individual material. Both natives of Ireland and from musical families, Doyle and McAuley are powerhouses in traditional Irish music.

Having started his professional career at the age of 16, Doyle went on to form the highly acclaimed supergroup, Solas, which took the folk and Celtic music worlds by storm. Since then, his flourishing solo career, highly regarded solo albums and in-demand studio prowess as producer have made him one of the busiest artists in traditional music. Doyle’s original rhythmic and percussive guitar style has been emulated by guitarists all over the world. Widely considered the finest Celtic guitarist performing today, he is also a powerful singer and highly regarded songwriter.

McAuley is an Irish musician, composer and songwriter who has recorded and toured internationally for many years. While his music is rooted firmly in the Irish tradition, he has been part of a movement that continues to push the musical boundaries of that tradition to bring Irish music to a wider and more diverse audience. A multi-instrumentalist, McAuley plays accordion, melodeon, concertina, whistles and guitar and has been a guest on many recordings and performances. Most recently, he spent many months as accordionist for Sting in his Broadway production, “The Last Ship.” McAuley’s debut solo album, “An Ocean’s Breadth,” was awarded Best Celtic Album of the Year by The Washington Post.

MCTA is a program of FSU and a founding member of Maryland’s Folklife Network. It receives support from the Maryland Traditions Program of the State Arts Council.

For info, call 301-687-8040.

Presentations

Appalachian Laboratory to Present Virtual Event on Science in the National Parks



The Appalachian Laboratory of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science will host a virtual event on **Thursday, Nov. 30**, at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Dr. Tim Watkins, Science Access and Engagement coordinator with the National Park Service (NPS), will present “Parks in Science History,” as part of the lab’s Watershed Moments Community Learning Series.

From establishing the importance of wetlands to advancing science through the first-ever use of radiocarbon dating, national parks have been home to a number of landmark scientific studies. In this virtual event, Watkins will share stories of these notable studies and details of the ongoing Parks in Science History project, a collaborative initiative that has engaged graduate students from multiple institutions to document these stories through web articles and film.

Watkins has worked with NPS since 2011, first in the Climate Change Response Program and more recently in the Office of Science Access and Engagement. His goal is to make science part of the national park experience. To that end he has managed internship and fellowship programs, advised NSF-funded informal STEM learning projects, developed strategic frameworks, coordinated citizen science and connected universities and scientific societies to park science opportunities.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Register at www.umces.edu/watershed-moments to receive Zoom access.

For info, contact Rhonda Schwinabart at 301-689-7102 or rschwinabart@umces.edu.

FSU Honors Program to Host Brown Bag Luncheon Presentation on History of Polish Women

The FSU Honors Program, in partnership with World Artists Experiences, will host a brown bag luncheon presentation, “A History of Polish Women,” on **Thursday, Dec. 7**, at 12:30 p.m. in Lane Center 113. Bring a lunch and join Katarzyna Rybka-Iwańska, a career diplomat and the head of public and cultural diplomacy at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington, D.C., to hear about some of Poland’s most remarkable women.

The presentation will explore the stories of Polish women on the forefront of history, including Dr. Maria Skłodowska-Curie, the great female scientist; Wanda Rutkiewicz, the fearless Himalayan climber; Dr. Maria Siemionow, who performed the world’s first nearly total face transplant; the first Polish female parliamentarians; Irena Sendler, the Polish nurse who saved hundreds of children from the Warsaw Ghetto; and Wisława Szymborska, the Polish poet beloved worldwide.

For info, contact Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas at krogersthomas@frostburg.edu.

Points of Pride

FSU Recognized as a Phi Kappa Phi Circle of Excellence Silver Chapter



FSU’s chapter of Phi Kappa Phi was recently recognized by the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines, as a Circle of Excellence Silver Chapter. FSU’s chapter earned this honor for exceeding expectations in chapter operations and by demonstrating sustainability and vitality as a chapter.

This year, FSU was among the 74 chapters recognized by the Circle of Excellence program, 38 of which were of silver distinction.

The Circle of Excellence Silver honor is given to chapters that scored a 90-94 out of 100 on a criteria scale that evaluates chapter health indicators. By receiving the Silver distinction, the FSU chapter is recognized as a thriving organization that holds annual initiations, upholds the society bylaws, regularly attends chapter training opportunities and submits a chapter-endorsed nominee to the Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship Program.

Frostburg will receive a commendation letter from the society, special recognition on the Phi Kappa Phi website and a cash award for its achievement. To learn more about the Circle of Excellence program, visit www.phikappaphi.org/2024Excellence.

Andy Duncan Subject of Front-Page Story in CTN

Andy Duncan, a professor in the Department of English and Foreign Languages, was the subject of a front-page story, titled “Reporting the Weird: FSU Professor Chronicles Strange Happenings,” in the Cumberland Times-News on Tuesday, Nov. 7, as well as Wednesday, Nov. 8: The article was also published in the paper on Friday, Nov. 10.

Written by Times-News reporting intern *Andrew Creelman*, an FSU English major in the Professional Writing concentration, the story is about Duncan’s in-progress *Weird Western Maryland* pages on the school website at <https://www.frostburg.edu/personal-arduncan>.

Student Whitney Winkler Wins Distinguished Delegate Award at CAACURH Conference



Delegates from the National Residence Hall Honorary and Residence Hall Association at Frostburg recently participated in the Central-Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

At the conference, *Whitney Winkler* was awarded a Distinguished Delegate Award for the region.

For info, contact Erin Geibel at ergeibel@frostburg.edu.

Take Note

University Store to Host ‘Elf on the Shelf’



The University Store will host a special visitor **Friday, Dec. 1, through Tuesday, Dec. 12**. Its “Elf on the Shelf,” Mr. Jingles, will arrive from the North Pole for “The 12 Days of Holiday Savings” event. During this period, look for the University Store’s social media posts and emails featuring the discounted items of the day.

For info, contact Kimberly Raley at kcraley@frostburg.edu.

Jingle and Mingle Movie Marathon



Join the Catholic Campus Ministry for a Jingle and Mingle Movie Marathon on **Tuesday, Dec. 12**, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Osborne Newman Center. All FSU students are welcome.

Come for some hot chocolate. Trim the tree. Decorate gingerbread houses. Bake cookies. Need time to study? Bring your work with you and sit by the fireplace.

For info, contact Sharon Bogusz at ccm-s.bogusz@frostburg.edu.

USMH To Host Annual Elizabethtowne Feaste and Frolic Scholarship Fundraiser

The University System of Maryland at Hagerstown will host its annual student scholarship fundraiser, Elizabethtowne Feaste and Frolic, on **Friday, Dec. 1**, at 6 p.m. at the USMH Hospitality Center in downtown Hagerstown.

In addition to enjoying a Renaissance-themed dinner and musical selections, guests will witness the “knighting” of USMH’s first executive director, *Dr. C. David Warner*, to celebrate his career-spanning contributions to higher education in the region.

Proceeds from the annual Feaste and Frolic benefit the USMH Scholarship Fund, which has awarded more than \$835,000 of locally raised funds to nearly 300 students.

Sponsorship opportunities and additional event and ticket details are available at <https://hagerstown.usmd.edu/giving/give-usmh> and 2023feasteandfrolic.eventbrite.com.

Consider Declaring a Major in History



Learn about the social, economic, cultural and political forces that shape societies and the challenges we all face.

Concentrations in international history or history of the Americas are offered.

Forty-five credit hours are needed.

Core introductory-level courses (e.g., HIST 103, 104, 113, 114) – 6 cr.

Research core courses (e.g., HIST 299 and 485) – 6 cr.

Either concentration – 27 cr.

Electives (any pair of 300/400-level HIST courses) – 6 cr.

Complementary courses outside the Department of History – 6 cr.

For info, contact Dr. Greg Wood, chair of the department, at gwood@frostburg.edu.

History Department Offers Options for Spring

Looking for a spring 2024 elective? Or an upper-division course? The Department of History has three possibilities for you.

HIST 418 Native Peoples of the Americas, with *Dr. Eleanor McConnell*, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, No. 1285

HIST 475 Genocide and Mass Violence, *Dr. Alemseged Abbay*, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, No. 1284

HIST 489 Special Topics Ethnicity, Nationalism and Social Movements in Modern Asia, *Dr. Haiyun Ma*, **Online**, No. 1287

For info, contact Dr. Greg Wood at gwood@frostburg.edu.

Volunteers

Storybook Holiday and Harry Potter Book Night

The Children’s Literature Centre recently concluded its Book Award Banquet and open house on Oct. 7. Now CLC is preparing for its Storybook Holiday and Harry Potter Book Night events. Both are for children, and lots of volunteers are needed to make these events run smoothly. If you are interested in volunteering for Storybook Holiday on **Saturday, Dec. 2**, at City Place and Main Street, you can dress up as an elf and choose from a variety of jobs such as breakfast elf, wandering elf, secret workshop elf and more. To volunteer, go to <https://shorturl.at/dfESU>.

The Harry Potter Book Night event will take place on **Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024**, at FSU’s Lewis J Ort Library. Some volunteer jobs include wandering wizards, heads of houses, station helpers and sorting hat wizards. To volunteer, visit <https://shorturl.at/kCHR6>.

Internships

Maryland Public Service Scholars Program

The Maryland Public Service Scholars Program has paid summer 2024 internship opportunities available. Each year, Maryland college students (juniors and seniors of all majors) are selected for paid internships and leadership development opportunities to explore careers in government agencies and nonprofit organizations to make a difference in the lives of Marylanders. These fellowships provide students the opportunity to develop their skills, network, serve in the public service realm and become better future leaders in Maryland's public and social sectors.

Fellows are paid a \$3,500 stipend. Internships are from **Thursday, May 30, to Sunday, Aug. 11, 2024**. The final deadline is **Friday, March 1, 2024**. For info about the MPSS program, visit <https://publicservicescholars.umbc.edu>.

Study Abroad

Start Planning Your Study Abroad Experience for Summer and Fall



Alivia Melius in Japan – Spring 2023

Join the Center for International Education for a Study Abroad Information Session to learn more about options for study abroad:

Types of study abroad programs

When students should study abroad

Study abroad scholarships

Using financial aid (Pell Grants and student loans) for study abroad

Transferring classes back to FSU

The last virtual session will take place at 3 p.m. on **Friday, Dec. 1**.

Email Victoria Gearhart at vmgearhart@frostburg.edu to sign up.

Health and Safety Messages

Get Ready for a Colder, Snowier Winter!



Be sure to stockpile the following supplies in case a winter storm or power outage prevents you from leaving your home.

Flashlights and extra batteries

Battery-operated radio and extra batteries

Emergency non-perishable foods that do not require refrigeration

Non-electric can opener

Bottled water

One week supply of essential medicines

Extra blankets and sleeping bags

First aid kit and manual

Fire extinguisher

Emergency heating equipment

Happy, Healthy, Hip Tips From the BURG Peer Education Network



Mental Health Monday Tip: Mental Health Over Thanksgiving Break

<https://medium.com/joinforge/staying-mentally-healthy-over-thanksgiving-break-75d9b10ff87f>

Tell Yourself Tuesday Tip: Positive Attitudes

<https://www.yourtherapysource.com/blog/2019/02/26/the-benefits-of-positive-attitudes-in-students>

Wacky Wednesday Tip: College Facts

<https://www.uopeople.edu/blog/college-fun-facts-that-will-surprise-you>

Thankful Thursday Tip: Gratitude Journaling

<https://positivepsychology.com/gratitude-journal>

Fun Friday Tip: Ninety-Nine Activities

<https://www.thegoodtrade.com/features/sober-things-to-do-instead-of-drinking-alcohol>

Social Saturday Tip: Maintaining a Social Life

<https://theaggie.org/2018/11/09/social-life-in-college-how-important-it-is-how-to-maintain-one>

Self-Love Sunday Tip: Thanksgiving Break Gives Much Needed Rest

<https://shorturl.at/aLSW7>

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.