

2021-22 SEASON

MUSIC DEPARTMENT • W&J ARTS SERIES
OLIN FINE ART GALLERY • COMMUNICATION ARTS



W&J | **OLIN FINE
ARTS CENTER**

2021-22 | CALENDAR

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Exhibition runs until November 21
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Exhibition runs until February 27

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- 26 Oscar® Nominated Short Subjects
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Maryam Khaleghi Yazdi
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Exhibition runs until April 3

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Hamlet's Big Adventure
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- 28 W&J Jazz Ensemble
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- 29 Art Gallery Opening and Talk
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Friday, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Exhibition runs until May 7

MAY

- 01 W&J Wind Ensemble
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- 04 W&J College Music Department
Student Recognition Recital
Wednesday, 7:30 pm
- TBA Senior Music Student Recitals

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Olin Fine Arts Center

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Welcome,

One more time, with feeling. We are so pleased to be able to open up our artistic home to the public again. We will be bringing back the professionals that we had to cancel including The Reduced Shakespeare Company, and Mark Valenti. In addition, the Music, Art, and Communication Arts Departments are looking forward to providing free and engaging entertainment to the college campus and surrounding community once again.

Please understand that we will follow all state, government, and college guidelines for safety. We would also like to take this opportunity to commend W&J College and the COVID Response Team for keeping us safe during the pandemic. A job quite well done.

Performances

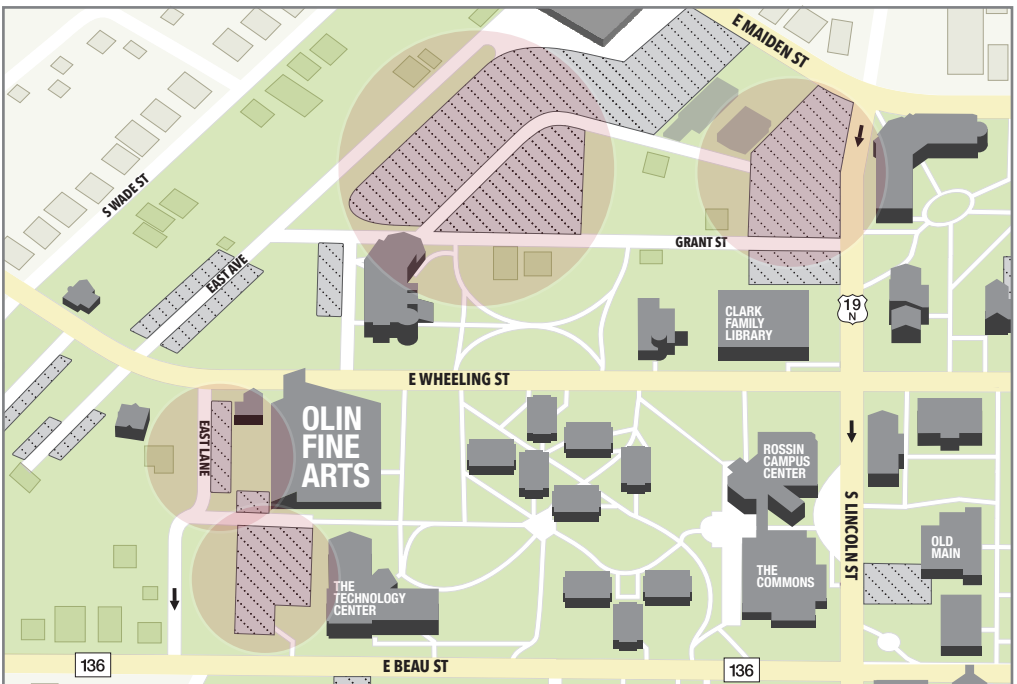
All programs are subject to change. Patrons arriving late are requested to wait until applause breaks or intermissions to be seated, as per performers' contracts.

Cameras and Recording Devices

The use of recording devices is strictly prohibited at all performances. Arts Series and theatre performances are copyrighted.

Access and Parking

The Olin Fine Arts Center is fully accessible. Free parking for patrons is available behind the Olin Fine Arts Center and in the Grant Street parking lots as shown on the map below.



Arts Series

Washington & Jefferson College, through its annual Arts Series, strives to bring world-class performing artists in music, dance and theatre to campus. Series and individual tickets are available for Arts Series events. All Arts Series events are in the Olin Fine Arts Center Theatre unless otherwise noted.



The Jazz Conspiracy

thejazzconspiracy.com

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

The last time these Pittsburgh-based musicians were here, they blew the house down! We are so happy to bring back former Music Dept. Professor Kyle Simpson along with this band of skilled musicians. They specialize in Big Band music, but we told them to play whatever they like, so we are in for one delightful evening!

Nandanik Dance Troupe - "Card Country"

nandanikdance.org

Sunday, October 10, 2021, 3:00pm

In celebration of the 150th birth anniversary of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore, Nandanik Dance Troupe presents "Card Country," one of his most entertaining dance dramas based on the play "Tasher Desh."

A prince and his friend find themselves on a strange island after they are shipwrecked. The inhabitants of this land, various playing cards, have strange manners: they follow a set of rules, are disciplined in a strict system and are extremely cautious about maintaining their culture. The lack of freedom of expression drives the prince to bring about changes in the lives of the enslaved cards. Will he succeed?

William Radice, who translated "Tasher Desh" from Bengali to English, says "Card Country upbraids those who live a blinkered existence and urges the world to openly nurture a joyous, youthful and imaginative life."





Dan Kamin presents **THE KID** at 100

dankamin.com

Tuesday, November 30, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

In 1921 Charlie Chaplin's **THE KID** took the world by storm. The story of a penniless tramp who adopts an abandoned infant struck a powerful chord in the aftermath of a devastating war and equally devastating pandemic which left millions dead and thousands of children orphaned. In **THE KID at 100**, renowned mime artist and comedy choreographer Dan Kamin reveals what keeps this film fresh, funny and incredibly moving to this day. The program begins with the screening of a beautifully restored print of the film, followed by Kamin's illustrated talk and a lively audience discussion.

Author of *The Comedy of Charlie Chaplin: Artistry in Motion*, Dan trained Robert Downey, Jr. for his Oscar-nominated performance in *Chaplin*, after which Downey said, "Dan's insights are amazing."

Oscar® Nominated Short Subjects

oscars.org

Live Action: Friday, February 25, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Animated: Saturday, February 26, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

One of your favorite shows is back! Although we did offer viewing of the shorts last year, it was online and cost more, so we are glad to be able to bring this event to you in-person again. You are welcomed to get silly with Oscar® attire!

The advanced single ticket price (or season ticket package) includes tickets for BOTH nights. Individual tickets will be available at the door for specific nights, but at regular ticket prices.



Arts Series



Pianist, Mark Valenti

markvalenti.com

Thursday, March 10, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

We are relieved to finally bring renowned pianist Mark Valenti to you. Rescheduled and canceled twice, Mark is eager to play live for audiences again. The All American program selections include: The Alcotts by Ives, Piano Blues by Copland, Sonata by Barber, and pieces by Stefan Wolpe and Jon Fisher.

Reduced Shakespeare Company - Hamlet's Big Adventure (a prequel)

reducedshakespeare.com

Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Finally! Our original booking of this show was for Spring 2020 and to be presented after the Communication Arts Department Fall 2019 production of "Western Civilization! The Complete Musical (abridged)" by the same authors. We are thrilled to have them here now.

Before the Tragedy, there was...HAMLET'S BIG ADVENTURE! From the guys that brought you such "(abridged)" classics as William Shakespeare's Long Lost First Play (abridged) and The Ultimate Christmas Show (abridged) comes this fast, funny, physical extravaganza – a brand new theatrical treat! In this hilarious (and



completely fictional) prequel to Hamlet, nothing is rotten in the state of Denmark. There's laughter and joy and music and more laughter as teenage Hamlet leaps into action to save his beloved nunnery from closing. Enlisting his good buds Ophelia and the jester Yorick, Hamlet and friends put on a show-what could possibly go wrong? Along the way, Ophelia tries (and fails!) to pass her swim test and Hamlet must avoid his practical joker father, the King, who has a tendency to leap out from behind house plants pretending to be a ghost. Meanwhile, Yorick teaches them about showbiz, comedy, and skull juggling and they all wonder why Hamlet's mother spends so much time at his uncle's house! Is it Shakespeare meets the Muppet Babies? Might be, or might not be. If you like Shakespeare, you'll like this show. If you hate Shakespeare, you'll love this show.

Olin Fine Art Gallery

The Olin Fine Art Gallery supports the educational mission of the College through the exhibition of original works by local, regional and national artists. By exhibiting a wide variety of art forms and styles, the Gallery seeks to stimulate the creation and understanding of contemporary art for everyone. Each show includes an exciting opportunity to meet the artists.

Micaela de Vivero

September 10 - October 15, 2021

*Opening Reception and Artist Talk:
Friday, September 10, 6 - 7:30 p.m.*

Using soft, malleable, porous materials, Micaela de Vivero creates large scale sculptures and installations that consider political and social issues connected to feminist and post-colonialist concerns. As a woman of color and first-generation immigrant to the United States of America, de Vivero responds to these associations as well as the misunderstandings that unbalanced relationships between hegemonic and colonized cultures generate. Her contribution to the field is to create strong statements with apparent delicate materials to destabilize power relations.

About the Artist

Micaela de Vivero lives in Newark, OH. De Vivero received a BA in studio arts from the University of San Francisco Quito, Quito, Ecuador and a MFA in sculpture from Alfred University, Alfred, NY.



Melissa Haviland

October 29 - November 21, 2021

*Opening Reception and Artist Talk:
Friday, October 29, 6 - 7:30 p.m.*

Melissa Haviland uses domestic objects as a cultural lens to explore relationships: personal and economic. The home is a platform for interaction from conversation to negotiation. Examining the power of objects in our lives as totems and commodities, Haviland pushes the boundaries of printmaking, multiples, and play to reference the reiteration of objects and ideas in our culture.

About the Artist

Melissa Haviland lives and works in Athens, OH. Haviland received a BFA from Illinois State University, Bloomington-Normal, IL and a MFA from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.

Olin Fine Art Gallery

Carolina Alamilla

February 4 - 27, 2022

*Opening Reception and Artist Talk:
Friday, February 4, 6 - 7:30 p.m.*

Working through the weight of identity, Carolina Alamilla uses colors and a sense of playfulness to engage with the viewer. Alamilla steps away from the real and creates objects that lose their functionality but are a metaphor for hope, memory, and the environment. Using hand building and mold-making ceramic skills, Alamilla produces multiples that lead to altered scenes of everyday life.

About the Artist

Originally from South Florida, Carolina Alamilla is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Art at Washington & Jefferson College, Washington, PA. She received her BFA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC and her MFA from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX.



Maryam Khaleghi Yazdi

March 11 - April 3, 2022

*Opening Reception and Artist Talk:
Friday, March 11, 6 - 7:30 p.m.*

Creating an interactive, multimedia installation, Maryam Khaleghi Yazdi narrates her experience living between two countries. As an immigrant to the United States of America from Iran, Khaleghi Yazdi invites viewers to imagine themselves in this position. Pickle jars, pizza boxes, lottery tickets, and projected images help to fuse Khaleghi Yazdi's understanding of navigating the space between two cultures.

About the Artist

Maryam Khaleghi Yazdi lives and works in Duluth, MN. Khaleghi Yazdi received a BFA and MFA in visual communication from the University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran. She holds a second MFA in graphic design from Ohio University, Athens, OH.



W&J Senior Show 2022

April 29 - May 7, 2022

*Opening Reception and Artist Talks:
Friday, April 29, 6 - 7:30 p.m.*

Washington & Jefferson College art and art education majors graduating in spring 2022 exhibit their work across a variety of media in this annual senior capstone event.

Communication Arts

The mission of the Department of Communication Arts is to develop life-long learners determined to build productive lives, fruitful careers, and vibrant communities through skilled oral and written communication, artful performance, and purposeful collaboration. We expose W&J students to interrelated experiences that provide theory and practice in the communication arts. Students may choose emphasis areas in Theatre, Public Relations or Media Studies. Minors are also available in Communication Arts and Theatre. The schedule includes several major stage productions and radio programming on WNJR.

THEATRE SLAM!

Saturday, September 11, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

What do you get when you lock student directors, writers and actors in the theatre overnight? COMBUSTION! EXPLOSION! (or as the poets say) SLAM! Join us for the annual experiment in "dangerous" theatre. As you can imagine, this year promises to be unique.

W&J Student Theatre Company and Alpha Psi Omega Theatre Honorary present THEATRE SLAM - an entirely student-driven event! Within the space of 24 hours, our students will create and present an evening of theatre.

*Warning - possible adult themes/language



Communication Arts

EVERYBODY

By Branden Jacobs-Jenkins

Directed by Carley E. Lyon

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 18 - 20, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

DEATH: "God needs a... report from you. Just like some general sense of your time here and how you spent it, how you lived your life so wrong and why - you know, like a presentation.... I think it's for internal purposes...."

Everybody, a finalist for the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for drama, is a modern riff on the fifteenth-century morality play *Everyman*. "Everybody" must go on an allegorical journey for which they seek a companion - from personifications of "Kinship," "Friendship," "Strength," "Beauty" - in the hope that one of them will accompany "Everybody" on their appointment with Death. In the process they explore the meaning of living.



Guest Director

Carley E. Lyon (née Adams) is a director, actor, and professional nonprofit writer based in Pittsburgh, PA. She graduated from Washington & Jefferson College in 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts and a Professional Writing Concentration.

Carley made her directing debut in 2015 at W&J with "Sometimes You Just Gotta Get in There," written by fellow alumnus Drew Aloe. In 2018, Carley was recruited for Little Lake Theatre Company's Emerging Director Program. In 2019, she made her Pittsburgh directing debut at the Pittsburgh New Works Festival. Carley is excited to bring *Everybody* to life

at Olin Fine Arts Center, the very place where her creative identity was born. Special thanks to the faculty of the Communication Arts Department - both present and retired - for encouraging her to aim ever higher!

WINTER TALES XX

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 3 - 5, 2022, 7:30 p.m. in Olin, Studio 102

The ever-popular Winter Tales returns for an evening of short one-act plays (ten-minute plays, actually) drawn from original scripts submitted by members of the W&J community. It is a fast-moving and diverse entertainment from fresh voices. Our Twentieth Year!

WNJR

The WNJR radio station is housed in the Burnett Center. Faculty in the Department of Communication Arts teach classes in radio, podcasting, and audio media production, and advise student broadcasters. **Tune in to 91.7 FM** or **listen online at wnjr.org** to hear an eclectic selection of music, talk shows, and radio dramas presented by W&J students and faculty.



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@WNJR917

The Rocky Horror Show

By Richard O'Brian

Directed by Karin Maresh

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 7 - 9, 2022, 7:30 p.m.



NARRATOR: "I would like - if I may - to take you on a strange journey. It seemed a fairly ordinary night when Brad Majors, and his fiancée Janet Weiss . . . (two young ordinary healthy kids) . . . left Denton that late November evening to visit a Dr. Evrett Scott ex tutor and now friend to both of them . . . It was a night out they were to remember (Thunder) for a very - long - time."



Will Brad and Janet ever find Dr. Scott? And who else will they meet along the way? Richard O'Brien's *The Rocky Horror Show* has, since its premier in 1973, been one of the world's favorite rock musicals, and now W&J brings Brad, Janet, Rocky, and, of course, Frank 'N' Furter to life! Join us for the thrill of "Time Warp," "Sweet Transvestite," and more as we enter the fun, edgy, and slightly naughty realm of O'Brien's Science Fiction Double Feature.

Music Department

The W&J Department of Music offers an exciting series of free concerts featuring its resident student ensembles as well as several student and faculty recitals throughout the academic year. Resident performing groups include the W&J Jazz, Wind, and Choral Ensembles and the W&J Camerata Singers.

Music Faculty Recital

Sunday, September 26, 2021, 3 p.m.

The W&J Music department will showcase performances from their full-time faculty as well as their adjunct instructors.

Fall W&J Wind Ensemble Concert

Featuring the Bridges Saxophone Quartet | Clint Bleil, Conductor

Sunday, October 24, 2021, 3 p.m.

The W&J Wind Ensemble will perform a concert alongside the Bridges Saxophone Quartet. The Bridges Saxophone Quartet is a modern group based in Pittsburgh that performs music from both the standard classical and jazz idioms. Together, they will be performing concertos by David Maslanka and Bob Mintzer. The Wind Ensemble will also be performing repertoire by composers including Charles Carter and Tielman Susato.

Music Department

Fall Choral Concert - "What She Said"

W&J Choir and Camerata Singers | Dr. Susan Medley, conductor

Friday, October 29, 2021, 7:30 p.m. at the Rossin Campus Center Ballroom

Live choral music returns to W&J with the Fall Choral Concert, "What She Said." Join the W&J Choir and Camerata Singers as they present an evening of music by women composers, from Hildegarde to Lady Gaga. Choral music IN PERSON. We've waited 19 months for this! Don't miss it!

Fall W&J Jazz Ensemble Concert

Clint Bleil, Conductor

Thursday, November 4, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

The W&J Jazz Ensemble will be performing a concert of big band jazz. They will be playing music from the great jazz composers and arrangers, including Pittsburgh's own Sammy Nestico and Mike Tomaro. Come out and enjoy live jazz right here on campus!

Fall Student Recognition Recital

Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 7:30 p.m. in Olin, Room 211

Recital features selected performances from W&J's Applied Music studios.

Holiday Concert

W&J Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble | Clint Bleil, Conductor

W&J Choir and Camerata Singers | Dr. Susan Medley, Conductor

Monday, December 6, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

W&J's annual kickoff to the holiday season is back! The instrumental and choral ensembles present traditional favorites, popular songs, and timeless carols that will put you in the holiday spirit. Come celebrate the season with us.

Music Faculty Recital: Clint Bleil

Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Come hear Clint Bleil perform a jazz recital of entirely original compositions and arrangements. Clint's music ranges in styles from straight-ahead jazz to alternative rock. He will be performing music written for his modern fusion group "The Bleil Brothers." You won't get to hear a lot of music like this on campus, so come out and enjoy!

Spring Choral Concert - Mozart *Requiem*

W&J Choir and Camerata Singers | Dr. Susan Medley, conductor

Friday, April 22, 2022, 7:30 p.m. at Church of the Covenant

Every four years the W&J Choir and Camerata Singers present Mozart's *Requiem*, a giant among choral/orchestral works. Performed with professional soloists and orchestra in the majestic sanctuary of Church of the Covenant, this concert will stay with you long after the final chords subside.

Spring W&J Jazz Ensemble Concert featuring Milt Barney

Clint Bleil, Conductor

Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

The W&J Jazz Ensemble will be performing a concert of big band jazz featuring W&J Professor and saxophonist Milt Barney. Milt Barney joined the United States Air Force Band Program after graduating from Duquesne University. His career spanned just over 20 years and included performances in over 20 states, Japan, Korea, and Guam, including performances for U.S. presidents, prime ministers, world leaders, and various celebrity artists. He currently performs with the Pittsburgh Symphony and Pops Orchestras, the Four Townsmen Show Band, the Jazz Conspiracy Big Band, the worship band at Peters Creek Baptist Church, and freelances with other groups in the greater Pittsburgh area.



Spring W&J Wind Ensemble Concert Presents "Rhapsody in Blue" *featuring Dr. Mark Swift*

Clint Bleil, Conductor

Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 3 p.m.

The W&J Wind Ensemble will feature W&J Professor Mark Swift in performing George Gershwin's arguably most recognizable work, "Rhapsody in Blue." Mark Swift attended Davidson College for its intimate, liberal arts setting, where he focused his talent in piano study with Dr. James Swisher. He regularly performs as a pianist in chamber groups performing 20th century and contemporary works. The Wind Ensemble will also be performing repertoire by composers including Percy Grainger, Johannes Brahms, and Julius Fucik.

Spring Student Recognition Recital

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in Olin Theatre

Recital features selected performances from W&J's Applied Music studios.

Senior Music Major Recitals Dates and Times TBA

Arts Series Ticket Information

How to Order

By Mail

Complete the order form below and mail to:

Olin Fine Arts Center
Washington & Jefferson College
285 East Wheeling Street
Washington, PA 15301

By Phone

Call the Olin Fine Arts Center box office at
724-223-OLIN (6546).

In Person

Stop by the Olin Fine Arts Center Box Office.

*By Phone and In Person available after
Monday, August 30

Box Office

Located in the lobby of the Olin Fine Arts Center, the box office is open Monday through Friday, from noon-6 p.m. The box office is open until show time for all performances for which tickets are required and stays open until half hour after show time.

Refunds and Exchanges

Refunds are not permitted unless a program has been canceled. Tickets can be exchanged for any comparably priced event, subject to availability.

Ushering

The Olin Fine Arts Center uses volunteer ushers for all performances. Ushers receive one free ticket for the show at which they are ushering. Contact the box office to volunteer.



Please Note

If you have tickets from The Reduced Shakespeare Company or Mark Valenti, you may use them for this year, or turn them in for fresh tickets. If you are purchasing a subscription package, the cost of those tickets will be subtracted from the price, please include a note with your order.



Arts Series Ticket Prices and Order Form

Admission to the Olin Gallery, Theatre and Music Department events is free.

Series Subscription

[6 Show Package]

General Admission \$48

Seniors (60+ years), W&J Alumni,
and non-W&J students..... \$38

Children 12 and under..... \$28

Individual Shows

[Single Tickets]

General Admission \$12

Seniors (60+ years), W&J Alumni,
and non-W&J students..... \$10

Children 12 and under..... \$7

of Series Subscriptions x \$48, \$38, or \$28

of Single Performances x \$12, \$10, or \$7

Jazz Conspiracy _____

Nandanik Dance _____

Dan Kamin (Chaplin) _____

Oscar® Shorts _____

Mark Valenti _____

Hamlet's Adventure _____

Total \$ _____

Discounts

- W&J students, faculty and staff may request two tickets to Arts Series events free of charge
- Discounted rates available for groups often or more

Contact the box office for more information.

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