2017-2018
EVENTS BULLETIN
CULTURAL FLASH
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**Henry Winkler** *An Evening with Henry Winkler*

Henry Winkler’s portrayal of “The Fonz” for 10 seasons on “Happy Days” made him one of the most recognized actors in the world. The Golden Globe-winning actor also has starred in “The Waterboy,” “Scream,” “Arrested Development” and “Parks and Recreation.” He made his mark behind the scenes as well as a producer and director. Inspirational and entertaining, Winkler offers humorous anecdotes and touching life lessons from overcoming adversity to reliving his storied career. His passion for supporting others is the result of a lifetime struggle with undiagnosed dyslexia. He has worked tirelessly to bring awareness and support to children who learn differently by advocating for changes in the educational system and informing parents and teachers about learning challenges. **Tickets Available September 11**

**Shannon Huffman Polson** *Lessons from the ‘Grit Project’*

Shannon Huffman Polson is a woman of many firsts, including being one of the first women to fly Apache combat helicopters in the U.S. Armed Forces. After nearly a decade as an Army officer, and later as a leader in the corporate sector at Guidant and Microsoft, Huffman Polson turned her attention to storytelling, sharing the stories of remarkable female leaders and trailblazers through her “Grit Project.” From the cockpit to the boardroom, she shares stories of grit and leadership to help others overcome fear, break through uncertainty and reach their full potential. Drawing on a distinguished military and corporate career, Huffman Polson demonstrates how to tap into that passion so you can face your limitations, own your sense of purpose and become a leader of greatness. **Tickets Available October 16**

**Anthony Ervin** *Chasing Water: Elegy of an Olympian*

Anthony Ervin is a four-time Olympic swimming medalist, claiming gold and the title of fastest person on the planet in 2000 in the 50m freestyle and again 16 years later at age 35 in the same race at the Rio 2016 Games. After winning his first Olympic gold, two World Championships and seven NCAA titles, Ervin retired at age 22 in 2003. He then spent several years traveling the world and spearheading tsunami relief efforts in Southeast Asia. His vision is to use his experiences and his platform as a chance to give back and inspire people of all ages to live the life they love. In his memoir, “Chasing Water: Elegy of an Olympian,” Ervin shares his unique story of a family tree that represents a broad demographic of Jewish and African-American descent, truly embodying the diversity of our modern world. **Tickets Available January 29**

**Crossroads: Cal Thomas and Juan Williams** *Why Our Leaders Consistently Fail to Meet on Common Ground*

National news icons Juan Williams and Cal Thomas debate about the most important issues driving America’s future and our political leadership. In a fair and balanced format, these two trusted voices explore the question on every American’s mind: Why do our political leaders consistently fail to meet on common ground to solve our most critical problems? With more than 60 collective years of experience on the front lines of American politics, Thomas and Williams share their knowledge, humor and clear commitment to presenting the facts rather than just holding to party lines. The duo is truly dedicated to finding a way in which we can effectively lessen the divide on the country’s biggest issues. **Tickets Available March 12**

All Featured Speakers series programs are free and open to the public; however, tickets are required. Tickets will be available at the Main Hall information desk on the specified date listed with each speaker. For information desk hours, please visit [www.kent.edu/stark/featured-speakers-series](http://www.kent.edu/stark/featured-speakers-series).
Consider the Oyster
By David MacGregor
**NOV. 10, 11, 17 & 18 AT 7:30 P.M.**
**NOV. 12 & 19 (ASL) AT 2 P.M.**

After watching his favorite team win the Super Bowl, Gene spontaneously proposes to his longtime girlfriend Marisa, and in the midst of his excitement, breaks his leg. The oyster shell the doctor leaves in Gene’s leg to aid in healing sets off a chain reaction of odd feminine changes in Gene’s physicality, hormones and emotions. Just as an oyster changes from male to female over the course of its life, Gene is changing, too. Watch as gender identity and humor explode on stage in comical yet thought-provoking ways.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE OCTOBER 30**

Virtual Devotion
By Eric Coble
**FEB. 23 & 24; MARCH 2 & 3 AT 7:30 P.M.**
**FEB. 25 & MARCH 4 (ASL) AT 2 P.M.**

It’s the end of the world as we know it; pollution, terrorism and disease have taken over humanity. Pete, Anne and Ruth attempt to sell their faith to nonbelievers as a last-ditch effort to save souls. Through a series of ironic, laughable and most unfortunate events, all of the characters, including the returned Son of God, Jesus Christ, find one another on the Home Shopping Network selling religious artifacts. But now that they are finally together, is it too late to stop the ensuing Armageddon?

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 12**

26 Pebbles
By Eric Ulloa
**APRIL 13, 14, 20 & 21 AT 7:30 P.M.**
**APRIL 15 & 22 (ASL) AT 2 P.M.**

What happened to the people of Newtown, Conn., after the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre? Months after the attack, Eric Ulloa held intimate interviews with members of the Newtown community and created a play that nods to Thornton Wilder’s *Our Town*. This docudrama is a weave of verbatim interview excerpts from many people of Newtown as they recount the ripples that were made in the aftermath of unthinkable tragedy and the resulting push forward towards healing in their community.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE APRIL 2**

Tickets may be purchased online at [www.kent.edu/stark/theatre](http://www.kent.edu/stark/theatre) or by calling the Box Office at 330-244-3348. $10 adults; $7 students under 17 and senior citizens; Kent State students free with current ID.

**ART EXHIBITIONS**

**SEPTEMBER 5-29**
**Peaking Through**
Recent paintings, drawings and monotypes by Patricia Spergel

**OCTOBER 4-27**
**In the Whisper of Silence**
By Mona Brody

**NOVEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 1**
**No Place is Perfectly Round**
Sculpture installations by Jonas Sebura & Emily Duke

**FEBRUARY 5 – MARCH 2**
**Confluence**
Eco prints by Nancy Farr Benigni

**MARCH 7 – APRIL 6**
**Multi**
By Natalie Lanese

**APRIL 11 – MAY 4**
**Cella**
Sculpture installation by Olga Ziemska

**JANUARY 17 – FEBRUARY 1**
**64th Scholastic Art Awards**
Campus Center, Fine Arts Gallery and Main Hall Gallery

**MONDAY - THURSDAY, 8 A.M. - 8 P.M.**
**FRIDAY: 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.**
MUSIC PERFORMANCES

MONDAY, SEPT. 25
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.
Faculty Artist
» Jerry Wong, piano

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.
The St. Nicholas Balalaika Orchestra

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.
Student Contemporary Popular Music Ensemble No. 1

THURSDAY, NOV. 9
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.
Student Contemporary Popular Music Ensemble No. 2

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, NOV. 16-18
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM AND FINE ARTS 101
Guitar Weekend
Concerts, workshops and master classes in classical and popular styles. For a schedule of performances, visit www.kent.edu/stark/guitar-weekend

MONDAY, NOV. 13
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.
Faculty Composition Recital
» Mark Nowakowski and Jaime Yamaguchi

THURSDAY, NOV. 30
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.
Madrigals and More
» University Chorus and Chorale concert

TUESDAY, DEC. 5
FINE ARTS THEATRE, 7:30 P.M.
Kent State Stark University Concert Band
*No tickets required

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.
Faculty Artists
» Melissa Davis, soprano
» Jerry Wong, piano

THURSDAY, MARCH 1
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.
Classical Guitar Recital
» François Fowler

THURSDAY, MARCH 8
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.
Kamratón
Pittsburgh
New Music Collective

TUESDAY, APRIL 10
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.
Student Contemporary Popular Music Ensemble No. 1

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.
Student Contemporary Popular Music Ensemble No. 2

THURSDAY, APRIL 12
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.
Student Contemporary Popular Music Ensemble
Featuring music from The Beatles’ “Abbey Road”

MONDAY, APRIL 16
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.
Faculty Artist
Sebastian Birch,
Composition Recital

THURSDAY, APRIL 26
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M.
A Garden Party
» University Chorus and Chorale concert

TUESDAY, MAY 1
FINE ARTS THEATRE, 7:30 P.M.
Kent State Stark University Concert Band
*No tickets required

All concerts are free, tickets not required