Music by Students at the U of M Crookston and the Community Members Brighten Holiday Season

by Elizabeth Tollefson

Students and faculty in the music department at the University of Minnesota Crookston have concerts planned in December. A mix of holiday tunes and classical music pieces will be combined in three separate concerts by the UMC Jazz Band, the UMC Choir, and in a special faculty chamber recital. All of the performances are free and everyone is welcome.

On **Wednesday, December 10**, a faculty chamber recital will be held beginning at 7 p.m. in the Kiehle Auditorium. The recital will feature music for the trombone quartet and tuba quartet as part of a collaboration between TJ Chapman, instructor at the U of M Crookston and Joel Pugh, D.M.A., instructor of low brass at the University of North Dakota and his students. The music will include standard pieces for trombone and tuba ensembles as well as music for the holidays.

On **Friday, December 12**, the UMC Choir (in photo) will perform at 7 p.m. in the Hafslo Chapel at the Polk County Museum in Crookston featuring a musical mix that includes holiday music. Refreshments will follow the concert at the museum auditorium and a freewill offering will be taken on behalf of the choir. The UMC Choir is directed by Associate Professor George French.

The Hafslo chapel, once a Norwegian country church, was built in 1888 and closed in 1978. It was moved in 1983 to the Crookston campus where it was located for almost twenty years before it was moved to the Polk County Museum grounds located at 719 East Robert St., Crookston, Minn.

On **Saturday, December 13**, the UMC Jazz Band will perform in Kiehle Auditorium at 7 p.m. The band, under the direction of TJ Chapman, instructor at the U of M Crookston will perform holiday tunes sure to put the audience in the holiday spirit.
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9:00 AM - 3:00 PM College in the High School Visitors on Campus
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Blood Drive Sign-Up Table, Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Music on Monday: Tuba Ensemble, Northern Lights Lounge of the Sargeant Student Center

Tuesday, December 9, 2014
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Physician On Campus, Student Health
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Blood Drive Sign-Up Table, Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center
1:00 PM Loan Repayment Workshop for Fall Graduates, Prairie Room
7:00 PM Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) Meeting, Centennial Classroom

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10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Blood Drive Sign-Up Table, Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Career Services Fall Semester Grad Fest, International Lounge
04:00 PM - 05:00 PM Poinsettia Sale, Northern Lights Lounge
07:00 PM UMC Music and Theater Faculty Chamber Recital - free and open to the public, Kiehle Auditorium
9:00 PM - 11:59 PM W.O.W. - End of Semester Dance/Concert featuring 8th Hour, Bede Ballroom

Thursday, December 11, 2014
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM The Healing Touch Rejuvenation Spa
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Physician On Campus, Student Health
5:00 PM PEACE Alliance Meeting, Equality Room, 247 Sargeant Student Center
6 PM Diocese of Crookston Dinner, Bede Ballroom

Friday, December 12, 2014
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Service Learning Brown Bag Lunch Talk - Building and Maintaining Community Partnerships, Bede Ballroom
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**Jenna is an alum of UMC.**
From the office of Residential Life

The Residence Halls will close at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2014 and re-open again at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11, 2015. If your plans will require you to stay on campus during Semester Break, the cost is $12.50 per day and you must register at the Residential Life Office in Centennial Hall. More information regarding Break Housing will be forth coming.
Volunteer Opportunities

North Country Food Bank

315 3rd Avenue, S.W., Crookston
Individuals or groups of any size are invited to assist. Please call Russ Tate at 218-280-2926 to set up a time. Additionally, there also is a food shelf located in the downtown NCFB location at 424 North Broadway, and they can use shopping assistants. Call the food shelf coordinator, at 218-281-7356, ext. 7.

Blood Drive Services

UMC has been asked to help out with the current blood shortage in the area by holding an emergency Blood Drive! Our Blood Drive will be Friday, December 12, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., in Bede Ballroom C,D,E, with CSA members at a signup table the week of December 8th. This is such an important event and we confident that UMC will step up to the challenge and make this a successful blood drive!

United Blood Services is offering a one time promotion – a trip for 2 to the SUPER BOWL game, airfare voucher for $800, and a 3 night stay in sunny Arizona!! All blood donors 18 years and older that donate between Nov. 10-Jan. 10 are automatically entered!!

Sign up online at www.bloodhero.com. Use sponsor code umc
Contact Stacey Grunewald, 8512, sgrunewa@umn.edu with questions.

Loan Repayment Workshop For Fall Graduates

The Financial Aid & Scholarships office will be having a Loan Repayment Workshop Tuesday, December 9 at 1:00 p.m. in the Prairie Room for all fall semester graduates.

T-Shirt logo competition for science fair

UMC is hosting the Western Regional Science Fair (Director: Dr. Katy Nannenga) and we would like to give away T-shirts to participants of the Science Fair.

We are now inviting designs for those T-shirts. Please email your design (front and back) to me and copy it to Ms. Carola Thorson, Director of admissions and Dr. Katy Nannenga.

Keep in mind that the following need to be included in your design.
University of Minnesota Crookston
Various Majors at UMC

The deadline for submissions is Dec 19, 2014. The designer of the winning design will win a $25 Amazon gift card.
Poinsettias are in Bloom at U of M, Crookston Greenhouses; Horticulture students prepare for the holidays early in the semester by Elizabeth Tollefson

There were 700 rooted poinsettia cuttings that arrived in August at the University of Minnesota Crookston in anticipation of another holiday season. Under the skill and coaxing of students involved in the commercial floriculture class, those cuttings develop into a beautiful poinsettia crop.

This year’s poinsettias create a beautiful and colorful display with their showy “flowers” known as bracts and include varieties such as Christmas Feelings Marble, Cortez Electric Fire, Enduring Pink, Enduring White, Freedom Early Marble, Freedom Early Red, Freedom Early White, Prestige Maroon, and Prestige Red.

Members of the fall semester class include: Riley Bell, a senior majoring in Natural Resources Park Management from Laurens, Iowa; Justin Goodroad, a senior majoring in horticulture from Lindstrom, Minn.; and Sarah Lanners, a senior majoring in horticulture from Nashwauk, Minn.

In October, students started the process of forcing the plants to induce bract color in time for the holiday season in December. Following a specific procedure to control the light, the students covered the plants with a dark cloth at 4 p.m. and uncovered them at 8 a.m. each day to regulate the length of daylight the plants receive. The students are responsible for greenhouse chores on the weekends as well. Although the class is taught by Theresa Helgeson, the crop is in the hands of the students. The work and production of the poinsettia crop is entirely the responsibility of the class. Helgeson says, “My goal is to give our students a truthful hands on experience. If they are going to make a mistake, we want them to do it here and learn from it. Lessons such as these, are never forgotten.”

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Department offers commercial floriculture as part of the horticulture program to teach students to produce quality plants for a specific date - a skill necessary for employment in a greenhouse or garden center. “Poinsettias form their colored bracts, when the amount of light is regulated,” explains Helgeson. “The poinsettia really doesn’t have a blossom like most flowers. Instead, the colorful red, pink, or white petals are modified leaves known as bracts. The blossoms are actually the small yellowish clusters in the center.”

Helgeson often allows problems to develop to see how the students will solve them—something they would have to do in an employment situation and giving them an opportunity to apply what they have learned. The class demands hard work, dedication, and a strong team effort to grow the best poinsettias. Leadership, responsibility and strong problem solving skills are three of the qualities that develop in this type of teaching and learning environment.

“Students learn so much from applying their classroom learning to real-world experience,” Helgeson explains. “By taking responsibility for the crop, the students are accountable for the outcome making the commercial floriculture class one of the most memorable for the students.” The class is excellent training for a career in horticulture, a multi-billion dollar industry in the U.S.

To learn more about the horticulture program with emphases in environmental landscaping, production horticulture or urban forestry, visit www.UMCrookston.edu/academics.

Today the University of Minnesota Crookston delivers 26 bachelor’s degree programs, 18 minors, and 39 concentrations on campus—as well as 10 degrees online—in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. “Small Campus. Big Degree.” To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.
Brain Teasers

A REBUS is a picture representation of a name, work, or phrase. Each “rebus” puzzle box portrays a common word or phrase. Can you guess what it is? Example)

**Answer for Head: HEELS:** Since the word HEAD is over the word HEELS, the answer to the puzzle would be HEAD OVER HEELS!

**Answer for Corporate:** Because the word Corporate is getting smaller, the answer to the puzzle would be Corporate Downsizing!

Jayson Lee is this week’s winner. He knew last week’s puzzle was “Head for Cover.” He can pick up his free movie pass from Meloni in 236 Sargeant Student Center. If you think you know the answer to this week’s Rebus, send an e-mail to meloni (melonir@umn.edu). A winner will be chosen from the correct answers. The winner will receive a free ticket to the Grand Theatre in Crookston. Email your answer to Meloni prior to noon on Thursday, December 11, 2014. The winner’s name will appear in the December 15, 2014 Eagle’s Eye.

Help Wanted: Study while you work. Will train. Personal Care Attendant needed for wheelchair bound adult male. $13.00/hr plus other incentives. After school hours! Must pass background check. Lots of down time for studying. Wi-Fi available. Call Vince or Travis at 218-281-2851.

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The two teams would play it close in the first half, UMC would get out to an early 9-2 advantage after a Lubke three with 16:09 remaining. However, the Huskies would get right back in the fray, cutting the lead to one after a Poydras jumper. The two would go back-and-forth for the remainder of the first half with St. Cloud State taking the 42-39 advantage at the half as Poydras drained a three going into the break.

The two would stay close early on in the second half, but an 8-0 run for the Golden Eagles led by four points from Hughes and four points from Redd, would find UMC ahead 56-48 with 14:54 remaining.

St. Cloud State would cut the advantage to five after a Poydras three with 10:05 remaining, but the Golden Eagles used a quick 5-0 run led by free throws and a three from Lubke to go ahead 68-58 with 9:22 remaining.

UMC would sink free throws down the stretch to hold their advantage and come away with the 99-85 win.

UMC did several things out of the ordinary Saturday. The Golden Eagles came in averaging 57.8 points from the game, and put up a season-high 99 points in the win, 16 points above their biggest output of the season. In addition, the Golden Eagles were just 24.6 percent from beyond the arc this season and connected on 54.2 percent of their shots from long range.

The Golden Eagles will hit the road next weekend in the NSIC as they take on Wayne State College (Neb.) Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. and Augustana College (S.D.) at 6 p.m. Dec. 13.