

Upcoming

URI jazz series begins Nov. 28

This year the fall jazz series offered by the University of Rhode Island has been expanded into four nights of student and faculty jazz performances. Two big bands and seven exceptional combos covering a range of jazz styles from Dixieland to the blues and jazz standards of the '40s and '50s to Eric Dolphy and Ornette Coleman will be featured.

The longer concert series, which begins Nov. 28 and continues on Dec. 1, 5, and 7, reflects how the URI jazz program is continuing to grow, according to the program director, Grammy Award-winning pianist and Associate Professor Joseph Parillo.

The concert on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m. kicks off the series with performances by three ensembles: the URI Preparatory Jazz Combo directed by Dave

Zinno, the Standards Jazz Combo and the Coltrane, Dolphy and Coleman Ensemble, directed by Eric Hofbauer, playing selections from three of the most important saxophonists of the 1960s.

On Friday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m., the Traditional Dixieland Jazz Band directed by Gary Buttery and the B101 Jazz Big Band directed by Joe Parillo will perform. The Dec. 5 concert, at 7:30 p.m., will feature the Modal Jazz Ensemble directed by Jared Sims, along with the Afro-Cuban Jazz Ensemble directed by Eric Platz.

The final night of the series is Thursday, Dec. 7, featuring special guest retired Navy Band jazz guitarist John Monillos. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the Swinging Blues Ensemble directed by Monillos will perform, followed by the C100 Jazz Big Band directed by Mark Berney.

All Concerts will be held in the URI Fine Arts Center Concert Hall off Upper College Road on URI's Kingston campus. Admission to the weekday evening concerts is free. Admission for the Friday night concert is \$8 for the general public, \$2 for students. Seating is on a first-come basis.

For more information, call the URI Music Department at 874-2431.

Tuba concert coming Dec. 9

The annual Tubaphonia Christmas Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, in the North Kingstown High School Auditorium, Fairway Drive, North Kingstown.

This free concert features musicians of all ages from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, playing an amazing array of low, conical brass horns, including baritones and euphoniums (even a double-bell), ophecleids, cimbassos, helicons, sousaphones, and, of course, tubas of all sizes.

The group will perform traditional carols as well as light-hearted seasonal favorites, and provide many opportunities for the audience to sing-along with the big horns. Nationally-renowned tubist Gary Buttery will lead the talented assemblage as he has for many years.

The concert is sponsored by the Wickford Branch of Centerville Bank, the North Kingstown Arts Council, and the Rhode Island Council for the Arts.

For more information, call organizers at 295-1607, or 423-1285.

Art with heart to benefit domestic violence awareness

On Thursday, Nov. 30, the elegant doors of the Edward King House will open to host the second annual Art with Heart event.

This night of wine-tasting, art exhibits, and entertainment will benefit the Women's Resource Center of Newport & Bristol Counties. The community is encouraged to partake in a great night of art appreciation and to support the promotion of non-violence.

Art with Heart will feature the work of 10 local artists, including Lori Cochrane, Betty Ann Morris, Cheryl Richards, Karen Roarke, and others. These artists' works will be for sale throughout the evening and a portion of the proceeds will go directly to the Women's Resource Center. Wines will be provided by Greenvale, Newport, and Sakonnet vineyards. To compliment the wine selection, Spark will serve tasty hors d'oeuvres.

Art with Heart will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$50 each, and those who want to attend are asked to RSVP by Nov. 22. To reserve tickets call Lisa Sheley at 846-5263, ext. 116. Ample parking for the event will be available at the Bellevue Shopping Plaza.

Pennfield schedules open house

The Pennfield School, 110 Sandy Point Ave, Portsmouth will hold an Admissions Open House on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to noon. Interested families are invited to come for the morning assembly at 8 a.m., hear a presentation by Rob Kelley, head of school, tour the school's facilities with a parent, and observe classes. Pennfield School has a tradition of excellence with high academic standards.

The Pennfield School is a co-educational, independent day school that offers classes to students beginning with three-year-old nursery and continuing through grade 8. The program is a rigorous blend of contemporary and traditional approaches to education, with an emphasis on building a strong foundation in basic skills. Foreign languages, the arts, computer, lab science, and a full program of physical education and athletics are offered.

Applications for the 2007-2008 school year are now being accepted.

Call Polly Meadows, director of admission at the Pennfield School, 849-4646, ext. 148.

North Kingstown PTSO to meet

The North Kingstown High School PTSO will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m. in the school's Media Center.

The focus of this month's meeting will be the Senior Project/Senior Exhibition. Senior Project Chairwoman and English teacher Marianne Kirby will be present to discuss and answer all questions regarding this Graduation by Proficiency Requirement for all students beginning with this year's Junior Class. Kirby will also have Senior Projects on display in the Media Center for parents to see. Gerald Foley will also give his very informative Principal's Report. All are welcome to attend.



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