

MostArts magic returns July 9-15

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After eleven months of organizing, planning and preparing, Alfred University's MostArts Festival will begin Sunday, July 9. The musicians, artists, people who work behind the scenes and our volunteers are hard at work to make this year's festival the best ever. And our goal is to post the "Sold Out" sign in front of Miller Theater, so order your tickets early!

What is in store for this year? For starters, the return of our popular Noontime Chamber Music Concerts, which are free and include local food vendors. And this year's "Music Under the Stars" will take place at the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum, featuring a Gallery Hop and BBQ. Be sure to wipe your fingers before going into the museum!

Maestro Yuval Zaliouk takes the podium to lead the Festival Orchestra Evening Concerts Series in Miller Theater each evening at 7:30 pm. Our featured guests this year include the 2017 "Young Pianist Competition" winner, Derek Chung, who returns to kick off the season at our Opening Gala Concert.

In addition, Grammy award winning pianist Angelin Chang and MostArts Festival Principal Trumpet Bruno Lourensetto perform the Shostakovich Piano Concerto No. 1 for Trumpet and Strings on Monday, July 10. A festival favorite, Andreas Klein returns for his fourth season to perform the monumental Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto, and a concert you won't want to miss.

The baton is then handed to Steven Thomas as he leads the Festival Orchestra and our eight piano competition finalists in performances of their respective Mozart piano concerti on Thursday and Friday evenings. Then on our last evening, Maestro Zaliouk returns to the podium with soloist, Camila Barrientos Ossio in Weber's Concert Fantasy for Clarinet, followed by Beethoven's Symphony No. 3, the Eroica.

The popular one-day workshops and special events are offered during MostArts, with a number of new workshops as well. New to the festival this year are three different offerings in clay with Linda Huey; "MostWords" creative writing workshops with Heather Yanda; a special mural painting workshop with Juanita Barone; and a "Harp Fantasy" workshop with Nancy Lendrim...yes, harps will be provided and no experience necessary!

In addition, we have the return of some favorites: "Plein Air" with Hope Zaccogni; a Master Gardener Workshop with Mary Harris and Debra MacCrea; a Glass Blowing demo with glass artist Angus Powers; and not to be missed, the "Raku Extravaganza" with Wayne Higby and assisted by our AU graduate students. These are a sample of the events during the week.

In a few weeks our International Artists, Festival Orchestra members and Piano Competition Finalists will begin to arrive. These eight amazing contestants, ranging in age from 13 to 18 and hailing from across the U.S., will compete for a \$10,000 grand prize, given in memory of AU faculty member and longtime Wellsville resident Robert Hutter.

All events are free and open to the public with the exception of the Evening Concerts in Miller Theater, Music Under the Stars BBQ, and workshops. Tickets are available Online at MostArts.alfred.edu or at 607-871-2828.