

Weekend of music planned at Alfred University and it's free!

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The hills will ring with music this weekend (Sept. 28-29, 2002) as two free public concerts showcase the talents of Alfred University's faculty and guests. On Saturday, the University's Division of Performing Arts will present its annual concert at 8 p.m. in Holmes Theater, Harder Hall. And on Sunday, at 3 p.m. in Howell Hall, two "Dazzling Divas" - faculty member Luanne Crosby and guest performer Linda Larson - will present music for two sopranos, accompanied by guest pianist Read Gainsford. The program for Saturday's faculty concert will feature performances by Lisa Lantz, assistant professor of strings and AU Orchestra conductor, with guest Peter David Coppen; Luanne Crosby, associate professor of music and operatic performer, with guest Linda Larson, a singer who has performed and recorded widely; Edward Wadin, instructor of music and director of AU's concert band and jazz ensemble; Peter O'Connor, adjunct instructor in jazz piano, dance class accompanist, and director of instrumental music at Alfred State College; Ben Howard, adjunct lecturer in music and classical guitar teacher as well as professor of English; Steve Crosby, professor of theater; and Laurel Buckwalter, keyboard player and accompanist and University carillonneur. In addition, the concert will introduce David Wirth, the division's newest adjunct, who is teaching guitar at AU while pursuing graduate studies at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester. The recital for two sopranos on Sunday will feature Luanne Crosby and Linda Larson along with pianist Read Gainsford, New Zealand-born pianist who has toured and performed worldwide. His first U.S. concert tour in 1990 garnered the comment "the perfect combination of head, heart, & hands" from one critic, and he has won prizes in many national and international competitions. His repertoire ranges from early music on period instruments to the complexities of Rachmaninoff. Both concerts are free and open to the public.