

UF to Host Economic Summit; Seven Discussion Sessions Led by Executives

The University will host an Economic Summit with leading executives from the business, financial and investment sectors on Feb. 6 at Winebrenner Theological Seminary. The day-long summit will include a session focusing on local impact.

The summit is sponsored by the University, Convention and Visitors Bureau, GreaterFindlay Inc. and Findlay Publishing Co.

A series of seven discussion sessions will examine the foundations of the current economic crisis, how

to stimulate the economy, emerging business opportunities, the impact of the crisis on today's student and concluding with "Impact of the Crisis on Northwest Ohio," moderated by Ray De Winkle, new president and CEO of Greater Findlay Inc.

Dennis Foster, a 1967 UF alumnus who is a former telecommunications executive and current business owner of Foster Thoroughbreds in Lexington, Ky., as well as an investor and board director, organized the event and will serve

as moderator and panelist during the summit.

Among those serving as panelists for the summit, titled "New Challenges — New Solutions," are:

- Lynn Child, UF trustee, CEO, Aardvark Inc. and CentraComm Communications, Findlay
- Ray De Winkle, CEO, Greater-Findlay Inc., Findlay
- Amy Hackenberg, Senior Vice President, Huntington National Bank, Findlay

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TSO to Perform Classics Concert Jan. 23

The Toledo Symphony Orchestra will perform on campus at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, as part of the UF Concert & Lecture Series, in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary. Chelsea Tipton II will conduct the orchestra, and Michael Chertock will be featured on the piano.

Chertock recently made his Carnegie Hall debut in a recital with clarinetist Ricardo Morales, with whom he has recorded an album of French music. Chertock has toured Asia with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops, Erich Kunzel and the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra, and violinist Alyssa Park.

In his sixth season as resident conductor of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, American conductor Chelsea Tipton II continues to win

over audiences and critics alike and to promote emerging African American and Hispanic artists in classical music.

This year also marks Tipton's sixth season with the Sphinx Competition and the Sphinx Chamber Orchestra (SCO). Tipton easily connected with the founder's vision "to create as much diversity in classical music as possible and to level the classical playing field by transforming America's overwhelmingly white orchestras into a more accurate reflection of the country's population as a whole."

Guest-conducting engagements this season have taken him to Chicago in December for the Chicago Sinfonietta's Holiday Concert. This month, Tipton will conduct the



Michael Chertock, pianist

Colorado Symphony Orchestra's 20th Annual Martin Luther King Jr.

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- David Kay '74, Retired executive vice president and CFO, Gibraltar Industries, Orchard Park, N.Y.
- Paul Lacroix, partner, Deloitte & Touche, Columbus, Ohio
- William Landes '75, senior managing director, Gottex Fund Management, Boston, Mass.
- Dr. Yorgos Paptheodorou, economist, Marathon Oil Co., Findlay
- Robert Skaggs, CEO, NiSource, Merrillville, Ind.

- Terry Terhark, '06, CEO, The Right Thing, Findlay
 - Brent Whittington, executive vice president and CFO, Windstream Corp., Little Rock, Ark.
 - Tim Wicks, CFO, Yellow Roadway Corp., Overland Park, Kan.
 - W. Paul Worstell, M '99, CEO, Pro-Tec Coating Co., Leipsic, Ohio
- Planned discussion topics include:
- The Foundations of the Crisis
 - The Credit Crisis
 - The Business Climate

- Economic Recovery: When?
 - Emerging Business Opportunities
 - Impact of the Crisis on Today's Student
 - Local Session: Impact of the Crisis on Northwest Ohio
- To register, go to www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Economic Summit or contact the UF box office at 419-434-5335.

For more information, contact Paul Sears, Ph.D., dean of the UF College of Business at 419-434-4704.

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Tribute Concert. In March, he will be on the podium for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's Patty Austin and Ella Fitzgerald Tribute, and in April with the Tulare

County Symphony in California.

The concert is sponsored, in part, by both Marathon Petroleum Co. LLC and Whirlpool Corp. General admission is \$25; faculty

and staff admission is \$15; non-UF student admission is \$10; and UF student admission is free. For tickets, call the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335.

Triage Theatre 2009 Slated for Jan. 24

The University's annual Triage Theatre will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, in Egner Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Twenty-four hours prior to the performance, groups of between five and six students will be given a theme, which changes each year and will not be revealed to anyone prior to Friday evening. The theme is chosen by theater faculty and staff members. Once the theme is announced, a playwright is chosen from each group, and the writing of a 10-minute play will begin.

By 10 a.m. Saturday morning, all participants return to the theater for rehearsals. Actors have until 7 p.m. to learn their lines and stage the scenes. Each group is given a time slot to practice on stage and work on technical aspects such as lighting and sound cues.

During the performance, audience members vote on their favor-



For Triage Theater 2008, Julie Brock, Tim Dunn and Michelle Billen perform a humorous scene titled "Playtime with Conan O'Brien." The theme for the evening was "Scabs: Kid Show Writers Get Their Primetime Break," chosen because of the writer's strike happening at the time.

ite plays. Proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to charity, with the winning team choosing the charity.

Triage Theatre is presented each year by APO, an honorary theater fraternity.

Students, Faculty Back in Class



A. Rösser Lee

Janice Blum, center, teaches an American Sign Language class. She was leading the class in a game designed to help the students get to know each other.



A. Rösser Lee

Christine Denecker, Ph.D., dives into class content on the first day of an English class.



A. Rösser Lee

Students in a physical therapy class taught by Mark Carroll, Ed.D., visit during their first day back to class.

Faculty Art Exhibit Open in Lea Gallery

Through Jan. 30, a faculty exhibition will be on display in The University of Findlay's Dudley and Mary Marks Lea Gallery, located in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion on campus. An opening reception will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9.

The gallery will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The exhibit is free and open

to the public.

The faculty exhibition will include art from Anne Beekman, assistant professor of graphic design; Seder Burns, adjunct assistant professor of art; Ed Corle, associate professor of art; Valerie Escobedo, assistant professor of art; Diane Kontar, Ph.D., assistant professor of art history; Marie Loudon-Hanes, Ph.D., dean of undergraduate

education; Anita McCandless, adjunct assistant professor of art; Jeff Salisbury, instructor of art and deputy director of the Mazza Museum; and Jane VandenEynden, adjunct assistant professor of art.

Works include ceramics, acrylic on canvas, digital design, oil on panel, photography, silver gelatin print and others. Most works are for sale.

Buis to Serve as the University's Dana Chair

Ann Buis, former president of Blanchard Valley Health Foundation, will serve as The University of Findlay's Dana Chair for this academic year.

Each year, the University chooses a distinguished executive to serve as the Dana Chair, a position endowed by the Dana Corp. The Dana Chair serves as a mentor for a chosen group of Dana Scholars who work as a group for the year.

They take a class together, work on group projects and visit many local industries where they interact with top-level executives.

As president of BVHF, Buis oversaw planning and operations of the organization. She was responsible for fundraising and development activities and was a member of the Blanchard Valley Health System executive steering council. As president, a position she held from 2001 to 2007, Buis was instrumental in

raising \$14 million for a new patient pavilion, which opened in 2006.

Prior to her work within the foundation, Buis was the service excellence manager and director of public relations and marketing at BVHS. She joined the organization in 1986.

In 2005, Buis was an Athena Award recipient. She is involved in the community as a member of Friends of Findlay, and she is a chairperson and judge for the Golden Rule Community Volunteer Award committee. Buis is a founding member of the Findlay Area Arts Partnership and a 25-year member of the Findlay Symposium Literary Club.

She also has been involved with the Hancock County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Toledo Area Planned Giving Association, University of Findlay Colleagues Advisory Board, Findlay Area Com-



Ann Buis, Dana Chair

munity Strategic Cultural Planning Committee, Gus Macker, Bridge Home Health and Hospice Board of Trustees, Findlay Light Opera and more.

Buis earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Bowling Green State University. She resides in Findlay.

Mazza Museum to Host Tales for Tots

Tales for Tots, a new program at The University of Findlay's Mazza Museum, will begin at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the museum. Preschoolers and their parents are invited to get excited about reading with interactive story telling. January's program theme is Snow Magic.

Tales for Tots will take place the second Tuesday of each month during the academic year. Following programs will be Feb. 10 (Celebrate Seuss), March 10 (Move Over,

Rover), April 14 (Back in Time) and May 12 (Nature Tales). Each session will be from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Each Tales for Tots program is interactive, allowing children to participate in the literary fun. Sessions may include costumes, puppets, music or special collections related to the story.

Gail Lazarczyk is the Story Nana, interacting with and reading to the children. Lazarczyk is an active volunteer and docent at the museum with a talent for story telling. She

also is a former elementary school teacher.

Terry Olthouse, education coordinator at the Mazza Museum, said Tales for Tots is a way to help parents understand and appreciate what Mazza can do for their children. "I'd like to see more parents understanding what a great resource Mazza is for children in showing them how to integrate the arts with literature," said Olthouse.

For more information, contact Olthouse at 419-434-4777.

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