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INTERIOR



Ashu Kejariwal

Concert saxophonist

with
Winston Choi
Pianist

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Acclaimed musicians to perform at SVSU

Concert saxophonist Ashu Kejariwal and pianist Winston Choi will perform at SVSU as part of the Rhea Miller Concert Series. The concert will feature a repertoire ranging from original soprano and alto saxophone works by composers including Ibert, Villa-Lobos, and Stockhausen to Kejariwal's own arrangements. The performance will take place Saturday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

Kejariwal has won numerous international and national competitions as a concert saxophonist. He has performed as recitalist and concerto soloist throughout the United States and abroad. Kejariwal performed in recital at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall as winner of the Performing Arts Competition of the National Alliance for Excellence. He has traveled to Switzerland as a guest instructor to teach a saxophone workshop and master class.

Kejariwal recently won first prizes at several major competitions, including the International Heida Hermanns Competition, National

Federation of Music Clubs Competition, National Midland-Odesa Competition, National Lennox Competition, and International Kingsville Wind Instrumentalist Competitions, where he was also winner of four special prizes.

Kejariwal received his Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in saxophone performance from Northwestern University. He now lives in Chicago.

Pianist Winston Choi is the winner of numerous competitions, including the Fourth International Krystof Penderecki Contemporary Chamber Music Competition, Indiana University's Concerto Competition, the 2000 Kingsville Piano Concerto Competition, and the Crane Festival of New Music Solo Competition. He performs frequently in solo recitals, as a collaborative pianist, chamber musician, and concerto soloist.

Choi is currently a student in the Doctor of Musical Arts program at Northwestern University. He finished both his Bachelor and Master of Music degrees at Indiana University.



Limited number of tickets still available for MLK celebration

The Rev. Horace L. Sheffield III will be the keynote speaker at a banquet as part of SVSU's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. The dinner will be held Thursday, Jan. 15, at 6 p.m. in the Curtiss Hall banquet rooms. The theme for Sheffield's address is "Vision 2004: Looking Back and Reaching Forward."

Sheffield is the pastor of New Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit. Sheffield says he was called to preach in June 1965, at age 11, while listening to the preaching of Dr. Martin L. King Jr., who was in Detroit at the invitation of Sheffield's father to raise money for the Lowndes County Movement.

Sheffield is a published writer, having co-authored two plays with Ms. Yolanda Denise King, the daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. One of the plays is titled "Stepping Into Tomorrow," which was also co-authored by Ms. Attallah Shabazz, the daughter of Malcolm X. Additionally, Sheffield, King and Shabazz co-founded Nucleus Inc., a New York-based theatrical company.

Sheffield also serves as the executive director of the Detroit Association of Black Organizations, a federation of over 200 black organizations in Metro Detroit. He is president of the Michigan Chapter of the National Action Network, as well as chairperson of the Ecumenical Ministers Alliance. Sheffield appears as a guest co-host of WCHB's "Inside Detroit," a Radio One broadcast with Mildred Gaddis. He is a national journalist for *Rolling Out Urban Style* magazine, and is a life member of the NAACP.

A limited number of tickets still are available for the Martin Luther King Jr. banquet. Tickets for faculty, staff and the general public are \$20. Student tickets are \$3. Order tickets through the SVSU box office as soon as possible. The box office is located in Groening Commons; for more information, call ext. 4261.



Horace L. Sheffield III

2003 Annual Fund Campaign underway at SVSU

The annual fund campaign of the SVSU Foundation is underway with the theme "Circle of Success."

The circle begins with contributions from the community to SVSU, which invests in scholarships and other areas of student need. The University returns economic value to the region by creating jobs and preparing a highly skilled workforce to meet its needs. Students, in turn, give back to the community when they graduate, completing the circle.

All gifts to the annual fund campaign will be used for students, providing financial assistance to allow deserving students the opportunity to receive a college education.

Donations to the SVSU Foundation provide important tax benefits, including federal tax deductions and a 50 percent tax credit on the Michigan income tax return for contributions up to \$400.

The goal for the 2003 annual fund campaign is \$375,000. In 2002, donations totaled \$321,510.

For more information, contact the SVSU Foundation at ext. 4052.

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UP CLOSE AND Personal

Professional Profile

• **Jeffrey Koperski**, associate professor of philosophy, presented a paper at the Society of Christian Philosophers annual conference called "Who Cares about Cosmological Fine-Tuning?" The conference was held Dec. 4 through 6 at Asbury College.

Condolences

The campus community extends condolences to:

- The family of **Scott R. Ingram**, a senior criminal justice major from Saint Clair, who passed away Sunday, Jan. 4.
- **Francis Silvernail**, associate professor of teacher education, on the loss of his daughter, Marjorie Silverwand, who passed away Jan. 2.

Transitions

Please note the following changes in your *Faculty/Staff Directory*:

- **Ron Portwine** has relocated his office to 114 Curtiss Hall.
- The **Department of Public Safety** has moved to a new location on campus. The University Police and Parking Services are now located in South Complex, Building A, located on Pierce Road at Tower Drive. The Department's entrance is located at the east end of the building. Police and Parking Services phone numbers are unchanged.

Appreciation

The Student Life Center would like to thank all the individuals, campus offices, and student organizations who sponsored a family through the Wish List program. SVSU was able to sponsor 40 families this year. More than \$10,000 was spent to help these families have a happy holiday! Thanks to everyone who was so generous!

Relationships inspire Midland couple for art exhibition at SVSU

Two popular Midland artists will have their artworks displayed as the SVSU University Art Gallery opens its winter 2004 show schedule with the exhibition "Two Into...: Recent Works by Valerie Allen and Armin Mersmann."

The exhibition features 30 pieces, including colorful abstract and surrealistic paintings, photo-realistic graphite drawings, collage and prints in the couple's first joint exhibition together. "Two Into..." continues through Feb. 4.

Allen and Mersmann are newlyweds, and as the title of the exhibition suggests, the theme of "relationships" and their influence is important in the show, whether it is the relationship between two people or the relationship of artists to their work.

In their show statement, the artists write: "The relationship of an artist to his or her art is intimate, sometimes exhilarating, sometimes exasperating, often with risk. This can be said of a relationship between a man and a woman.

Combine these two relationships within a studio setting and the result is artwork that crosses the boundaries of each individual. This is not a case of

opposites attract, but a case of opposites energizing."

The public is invited to attend an opening reception for the two artists at the University Art Gallery on Thursday, Jan. 22 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Admission is free.

For winter semester hours and further information, contact David Littell at ext. 4159 or by E-mail at dlittell@svsu.edu.

SVSU student to play Carnegie Hall

An SVSU student has been chosen from a field of hundreds to perform in the 2004 National Wind Ensemble. David Scott Tuttle, a sophomore music major from Birch Run, will play the clarinet. He will perform in concert with student musicians from throughout the country in Carnegie Hall Sunday, May 30, at 8 p.m.

MidAmerica Productions in New York received several hundred applications. Tuttle is one of 15 clarinetists selected from the best music programs throughout the country. Nearly every state is represented in the ensemble's 76 performers.

"I was quite shocked," Tuttle said, when he learned of his selection. "It makes me think that hard work really does pay off."

Tuttle estimates that he spends about three hours practicing music each day, though that is likely to increase in the coming months. He explained that the ensemble has three separate parts for the clarinet and he must practice all three, because he and other musicians will audition for those parts when they arrive in New York to determine which they will perform.

The musical selections to be performed by the ensemble include "Fantasia in G" by Bach/Goldman; "Little Fugue in G minor" by Bach/Cailliet; "Jug Blues and Fat Pickin'" by Freund; and "Fiesta Del Pacifico" by Nixon.

Tuttle plays the lead saxophone in the SVSU Jazz Band. He also has arranged music for the marching bands at SVSU and Birch Run High School, but he is most proud of his latest accomplishment and eager to make his first trip to New York City.

"This is my biggest achievement," Tuttle said. "As a musician, this is my greatest honor."

Weight Watchers assists those with New Year's resolutions

The Weight Watchers at Work Program will be available to faculty and staff starting in January.

This is a 12-week program to be held each Thursday at noon in G6, Curtiss Hall beginning Jan. 22.

Registration will be held on January 15, also in G6. In order for SVSU to provide this program, there must be a minimum of 15 participants. Therefore, you must attend the registration!

The normal price for this 12-week program is \$124. However, with the assistance of the University as part of our Wellness Program, your cost will only be \$100. Since this is a prepaid service, \$50 will be due at the time of registration, with the balance due Feb. 3. MasterCard, Visa, Discover, checks and cash are accepted forms of payment.

For more information about the program, please contact ECS at ext. 4108.

Fourth Friday Club

4:30 to 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 23

President's Reception Area

Third Floor Wickes Hall

Refreshments served

The Ultimate Meeting Experience

The University Conference & Events Center is achieving great success and recognition as a premier conference center.

To learn more about SVSU's state-of-the-art facilities and services visit our website at www.svsu.edu/events. For a complete listing of upcoming events or to check campus room availability or make a room request, go directly to <http://r25.svsu.edu>.

The SVSU Box Office has posted the Winter 2004 schedule of events. To purchase tickets, visit www.svsu.edu/events/boxoffice.htm

For a personal tour of our meeting facilities, call ext. 4348.



- The SVSU Foundation is accepting applications through Jan. 30 for the **SVSU Foundation Resource Grants**. These grants are made to projects that directly benefit SVSU students. Please call or stop by the SVSU Foundation Office (307 Wickes Hall, ext. 4052) to obtain the program guidelines and an application form. Electronic copies are available by emailing busch@svsu.edu. Grants made during this cycle will receive final approval at the April 6, 2004 meeting of the SVSU Foundation Board of Directors.

- As a result of upgrading its network, **Charter Communications'** legacy Cardinal-Link 256/256 service must be phased out by Feb 28. In its place Charter will provide a basic 384/128 service with no change in price. Charter will no longer offer the preferred service, but will convert those customers to the new 2M/256 premium service. (Again no change in price.) For speed/cost details see www.svsu.edu/cardlink/employees.cfm?doc_id=72. Those who are being billed directly should carefully check the billing statement for internet service. Charter just converted to a new billing system and "a few" billing errors were introduced during conversion.

- As announced in early December, Information Technology Services completed several **upgrades to the campus network**. These improvements included servers and software for both the student e-mail system (CardMail) and the Faculty/Staff e-mail system (GroupWise), which significantly improves the speed and storage space of the servers. In addition, the software upgrades fixed several known bugs. The server supporting the student M: drives

was upgraded, which will significantly improve response time. The campus network's central router was upgraded to improve network security and provide for future services (dynamic VLANs) and future security improvements. Print management has been simplified for winter 2004, including elimination of pop-up messages for every print job; an e-mail warning when the print balance drops to \$1 or less; a pop-up whenever the balance is too small to print the current document.

- The **Valley Film Society** will screen *Last Orders* at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 23 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Admission is by season or guest pass, available at the door.

- SVSU will present a **Cultural Diversity Initiative Workshop** from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 29 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. "Songs of Struggle/Songs of Faith," to celebrate the African-American and Jewish musical traditions, will be performed by Daniel Gale and Oral Moses. Admission is free of charge.

- The General Education Committee will convene a **General Education Forum** Thursday, Feb. 19 in 115 Wickes Hall from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The Faculty Association has reserved this time period for the GEC to conduct this meeting. Students, faculty, and administrators are invited to attend.

- **Noted playwright James Still** will be on campus Feb. 25 through 27 as the Barstow Seminar Guest Scholar. Still's award-winning plays have been produced throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia. He is a two-time recipient of the TCG-Pew Charitable

Trusts National Theatre Artist Residency Grant (with the Indiana Repertory Theatre where he is in his fifth season as the IRT's first-ever playwright in residence). Still will be available to speak to classes during his visit. Please contact Janet Rubin at ext. 4019 or e-mail rubin@svsu.edu for more details.

- **Tutoring positions** are currently available for students. Tutors are needed in a variety of different areas, including history, communications, sciences, and many other courses at the 100 and 200 level. Tutors will receive \$5.90 per hour and gain valuable experience for their résumé. To tutor a class, students must have received a grade of "B" or higher in that class and their overall GPA must be 2.75 or higher. Applications are available in the Academic Advising Office, 117 Wickes Hall. For more information, contact Peter Knutson, tutoring coordinator, at ext. 4070.

- The Student Life Center and the Black History Month Committee invite all undergraduate and graduate students to participate in the **2004 African-American History Research Poster Competition**. Students will create a posterboard that presents research about African-American contributions to their field of study. Students may also include illustrations on the posterboard but the focus will be their research. Research and methodology must be approved by a faculty member. Faculty members may also assist students with resources for their research. Faculty judges will decide the winners. Awards will go to the top three posters (first place: \$350; second place: \$100; third place: \$ 50). All posters must be received by 4:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 16 in the Student Life Center. Students may view examples, pick up a complete list of rules and guidelines, an entry form, and topic ideas from the Student Life Center in its new location, Doan 105. No late entries will be accepted.

Open Forum with President Eric Gilbertson

Tuesday, Jan. 20 • 4 to 5 p.m. • 213 Science East Conference Room
Stop by to share concerns and ask questions

Staff Member

OF THE MONTH

Bruce Hart

Manager, Independent Testing Laboratory • January 2004

Bruce Hart is employed by SVSU, but on any given day, he may be working for several different companies, as manager of the Independent Testing Laboratory.

"The testing lab provides analytical services and technical support to companies in our area, primarily," he said, though clients have come from as far away as Taiwan.

Since its founding in 1982 and during his decade of leadership, Hart says the lab has played a vital role in improving the local economy.

"It's great for local industry because they get access to world class instrumentation out of the laboratory, as well as to faculty students without having to keep them on their payroll," he said.

Companies also produce a potential benefit for themselves by training the future workforce.

"I think it's great for our students," Hart said. "It offers real world experience, a chance to earn some money, and a network of contacts with clients when they graduate."

Three or four students from a variety of majors will be hired to work in the lab during a typical semester. Around 20 clients contract to use the lab in an average year. They range from major corporations like Delphi and the Dow Chemical

Company to small start-up operations. Most of the business comes from referrals.

Creative thinking and adaptability are what set the testing lab apart, according to Hart.

"There are lots of labs that have standard methods; we have to develop our own tests," he said. "We try to simulate how a product will be used in the field. A lot of what we're doing is unique."

Outside the lab, Hart is developing "a family of Cardinals."

His wife, Hollee, is pursuing her master's degree in education. Their oldest son, Allen, is a senior mechanical engineering major, and their daughter, Ashley, is a freshman and the photographer for *The Valley Vanguard*. Michael, 16, attends Midland High School.

Hart used to be a serious soccer player before a major knee injury curtailed his career. Now, he runs around after his kids.

"Their activities dictate my activities," he said.

One activity the Hart family shares is mountain biking. In the summer, they are often found together on trails near Sanford.

"My garage looks like a small bike shop," Hart said.

The shared experience has led them to accumulate more than their share of bumps and bruises, but nothing more serious, thankfully.

"For a while, we were on a first-name basis with the emergency room," he said.

Given his occasionally rough-and-tumble life, Hart says he is well-suited for his job.

"Where else could I get paid to break things?"

