Calendar of Events

December 1-10
- “Just Use It” exhibit in Perkinson Art Gallery

Wednesday, December 2
- The Empty Chili Bowl, 5:00-7:00 pm in Richards Treat University Center East Room

Thursday, December 3
- Senior Instrumental Recital with Kelly Cailteux, clarinet and Juan Cardenas, trumpet, 7:30 pm in Kaeuper Hall

Saturday, December 5
- Jazz at LSB with Kevin Hart & Vibe Tribe, 3:30-5:30 pm

December 5 & 6
- Vespers, 3:00 & 7:00 pm in Kirkland Fine Arts Center

Thursday, December 10
- Senior Instrumental Recital with Casey Jones, trumpet and Scott Mitchell, violin, 6:00 pm in Kaeuper Hall

December 10 & 11
- Solstice: A Concert of Dance, 7:30 pm in Albert Taylor Theatre

Saturday, December 12
- Jazz at LSB with Decatur Big Band, 3:30-5:30 pm
- Solstice: A Concert of Dance, 2:00 pm in Albert Taylor Theatre
- Holiday Jazz, 7:30 pm in Kirkland Fine Arts Center

December 12-18
- Jessica Sebok BFA Exhibition in Lower Gallery, Kirkland Fine Arts Center

Art Department Presents...

THE EMPTY CHILI BOWL
DEC. 2ND, 5–7PM
MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY
RICHARDS TREAT UNIVERSITY CENTER—EAST ROOM

Buy a $10 chili bowl made by Millikin students for you to take home! We will fill it with delicious chili, regular or vegetarian, and provide drinks and desserts!

Sales benefit the programs of the Good Samaritan Inn

Question? Contact Jim Schietinger at jschietinger@millikin.edu
Perkinson Art Gallery

**Just Use It Ceramics Exhibit**
December 1-December 10
Perkinson Art Gallery
In Kirkland Fine Arts Center
Open Monday-Friday 12:00-5:00 pm

This is an exhibition of functional ceramic objects designed to be used, hence the title, Just Use It. The pieces are made by well known regional and national ceramic artists. The exhibition was organized in collaboration with the Cinema Gallery in Urbana, Il. All the works are for sale, with part of the proceeds going to support the Perkinson Gallery. This is a wonderful opportunity to buy a lovely Christmas present for someone special.

Christmas at Kirkland Fine Arts Center

**Vespers**
Saturday, December 5, 3:00 & 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 6, 3:00 & 7:00 pm
Kirkland Fine Arts Center
Tickets:
Adults $12, Seniors & Children $8

For more than fifty years Vespers has signaled the beginning of the holiday season with a sumptuous evening of carols, choirs and candlelight. Two hundred and fifty musicians join together for this joyous musical feast presented annually on the Millikin campus. Songs from past centuries combine with familiar carols and arrangements to create an evening of seasonal warmth for the whole family. The theme for this year’s Vespers is, “Peace”.

Special Note: Sunday's 7:00 performance will be recorded for a delayed broadcast on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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**Calendar of Events Continued**

**Sunday, December 13**
- Millikin-Decatur Symphony Orchestra
- Chamber Orchestra
- Advent Services, 8:00 and 10:30 am at Central Christian Church, 650 West William St.

**Saturday, December 19**
- Jazz at LSB with Diversity, 3:30-5:30 pm

**Saturday, December 26**
- Jazz at LSB with Boss Trio, 3:30-5:30 pm

**Saturday, January 2**
- Jazz at LSB with Craig Russo Latin Jazz Project, 3:30-5:30 pm

**Saturday, January 9**
- Jazz at LSB with Dixie Daredevils, 3:30-5:30 pm

**Saturday, January 16**
- Jazz at LSB with Decatur Big Band, 3:30-5:30 pm

**Sunday, January 24**
- Collegiate Chorale Tour Finale Concert, 7:30 pm at Central Christian Church, 650 West William St.

**January 25-February 25**
- Ceramic Sculpture by Megan Wolfe in Perkinson Art Gallery

**Saturday, January 30**
- Jazz at LSB with MU Faculty Jazz, 3:30-5:30 pm
- Step Afrika!, 7:30 pm in Kirkland Fine Arts Center

**Sunday, January 31**
- University Choir Tour Finale concert, 3:00 pm at St. Patrick’s Church, 407 East Eldorado St.
This performance, directed by Angie Fledderman Miller and Sean T. Morrissey, is a nexus of sound, light, space, and movement that tests the boundaries of the human body and its ability to communicate. Featuring a variety of styles, these original works will engage and inspire dance enthusiasts of all types.

More Christmas at KFAC

**Holiday Jazz**

Saturday, December 12, 7:30 pm  
Kirkland Fine Arts Center  
Tickets $15-$25, School Age $5

They’re back...playing a jazzy holiday fusion.

The Millikin University Faculty Jazz Sextet returns once again to get you in the Holiday spirit with their jazzy swing on Holiday classics. Upbeat and soothing favorites are sure to make everyone in the family tap their toes and sing along. Celebrate the sounds of the season during our Eighth Annual Holiday concert with Millikin University’s own School of Music faculty: Dave Burdick, Brian Justison, Chris Nolte, Perry Rask, Randy Reyman, and Steve Widenhofer. The sextet will be joined on stage by guest vocalist and Millikin University alumni Angel Spiccia Slykas.

**CFA Patrons Society**

The Millikin University College of Fine Arts Patrons Society was created to benefit the over 600 Millikin student-artists participating in nearly 20 degree programs. Membership dues provide budget support and help create special projects which might otherwise go unfunded. The society’s mission is to bring together the university and individuals who believe in the promotion and support of the fine and performing arts and the student-artist at Millikin University. If you would like more information about the Patrons Society, you can visit the web at: [http://www.millikin.edu/alumni-friends/get-involved/join/patrons-society](http://www.millikin.edu/alumni-friends/get-involved/join/patrons-society) or you may also contact us by phone at the College of Fine Arts 217-362-6499.
Millikin-Decatur Symphony Orchestra

Advent Services
Sunday, December 13, 8:00 & 10:30 am
Central Christian Church
Admission is free and open to the public

The MDSO makes its annual visit to the Central Christian Church morning worship services. This collaboration is a continuation of similar events that began in Owensboro, Kentucky when Dr. Michael Luxner and Charles Watkins, former pastor at Central Christian Church both resided there. The leadership of the Orchestra and the assistance of the Chancel Choir provide stirring music for the Advent/Christmas worship experience.

Department of Theatre and Dance Alumni News

Alex Stevens ('14) was the winner of the Hog Factor Competition at the Lighting Design International convention this October. His lighting design, set to the song “Pretender” by Foo Fighters, won the $20,000 scholarship prize. The prize also included lighting equipment for Carnegie Mellon University. Alex is pursuing a graduate degree at CMU. Their design can be found on youtube.com.

Aaron Sawyer ('02), co-founder of The Red Theater, directed and adapted a new adaption of Rome and Juliet called R+J: The Vineyard at The Red Theater in Chicago this year. The production is done in both English and ASL and incorporates hearing and deaf performers. Set in 1890’s Martha’s Vineyard, the production explores the cultural differences between hearing and deaf culture in the area. Another Millikin Alum, Patrick O’Brien ('14) is involved as sound designer for the production. This adaption runs from October 24th through November 21st Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays. Tickets are free.

Jane Davis ('12) worked as ASM for an off-Broadway premier of a new drama, STOOPDREAMER at the 8th annual 1st Irish Theater Festival this October. The festival is the only festival in the world ‘dedicated to Irish playwrights’ and the play itself focuses on the lasting effects of gentrification.
Perkinson Art Gallery

Polygenesis, Senior BFA Thesis Exhibition by Jessica Sebok

On display
December 12-18
Lower Gallery, Kirkland Fine Arts Center

Gallery hours
Monday-Friday
12:00-5:00 pm

Opening Reception,
Saturday, December 12,
1:00-3:00 pm in Lower Gallery of Kirkland Fine Arts Center

Megan Wolfe and Friends Exhibit

January 25-February 25
Perkinson Art Gallery

Gallery hours
Monday-Friday
12:00-5:00 pm

Megan is an Associate Professor of Art, Ceramics at the University of North Carolina in Asheville. The show will include ceramic sculptural work by her, a few of her former students, and a some potter friends.

School of Music Senior Recitals

Thursday, December 3, 7:30 pm in Kaeuper Hall
♦ Senior Instrumental Recital, Kelly Cailteux, clarinet and Juan Cardenas, trumpet

Thursday, December 10, 6:00 pm in Kaeuper Hall
♦ Senior Instrumental Recital, Casey Jones, trumpet and Scott Mitchell, violin
Like a tap-dance without shoes or a band without instruments

Stepping is a rising art form and an important part of America's artistic and cultural heritage. In stepping, the body is used as an instrument to create intricate rhythms and sounds through a combination of footsteps, claps and the spoken word. The stepping tradition in the United States grew out of song and dance rituals practiced by historically African American fraternities and sororities, beginning in the early 1900s. In addition to step shows and competitions on college campuses, today stepping can also be found in schools, churches and community organizations around the country. The form is also spreading its wings to new venues and participants, such as Latino and Asian American Greek-letter organizations. Step Afrika!, as the first professional dance company dedicated to the tradition of stepping, is evolving the dance form to include other styles, such as Tap, Modern and Hip Hop, and introducing stepping to new audiences around the world. Check out the website at www.stepafrika.org.
ACE Workshops and the 9th Annual Millikin High School Art Show a Success!

Twenty-four Central Illinois high school art students attended the ACE (Arts, Creativity, Entrepreneurship) Workshops held on the Millikin campus Saturday, November 14. The workshops are held in conjunction with the Millikin High School Art Show and provide an opportunity for students to learn, experience, and inquire about careers in the arts. Sessions included preparing an art portfolio for college submission, a studio drawing experience, and hearing from recent art alums Angela Mirscov ('06), Alida (Duff) Sullivan, and Hugh Sullivan (both ’06), about their career paths.

Sixty-three Central Illinois high school art students were honored at the 9th Annual Millikin High School Art Show during the closing reception in Perkinson Gallery on Saturday, November 14. Students gathered with their families and teachers, along with Provost Aper and his wife, Millikin art faculty, and students to celebrate their artistic achievements in being selected for the exhibition. Awards for Best of Show and Honorable Mentions were chosen by guest judge Angela Mirscov, Millikin alum '06. Millikin Art Faculty handed out two additional awards to students. The MacArthur High School Jazz Combo performed, showcasing area high school music talents and enriching the atmosphere of the event. One of the award winners excitedly shared, “After my experience this afternoon, I have decided to pursue art, and I am so excited!”

The ACE Workshops and the Millikin High School Art Show are a collaborative effort between the Center for Entrepreneurship and the Art Department.

Photographed above left to right are:
Lyle Salmi, Chair, Art Department
Jamie Kotewa, High School Art Show Coordinator
Will Sexton, St. Teresa High School, Art Faculty Award for 3-D work
Cady Bryles, MacArthur High School, Honorable Mention
Amy Janson, Centennial High School, Best of Show
Pascale Grant, Centennial High School, Honorable Mention
Yuxing Ma, Maroa-Forsyth High School, Honorable Mention
Angela Mirscov ('06), High School Art Show Judge

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