



The Department of Performing Arts Presents ...

CHAMBER STRINGS



DREXEL UNIVERSITY

Music

Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design

Tuesday, December 3rd | 7:30 PM

Main Auditorium in Main Building
3141 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA

Letter from the Department

Welcome to this concert presentation by the Music Program in the Department of Performing Arts. We are delighted to have the wonderful support of great families and friends. A very special welcome goes out to our visitors from the community who may not have any affiliation to our students, and simply come to hear spectacular musical performances by these talented student musicians. We hope everyone in our audience is pleased with the musical selections; and proud of the achievement of the students involved.

The students you will hear at this performance are not music majors. They do this for their love of music and dedicate their time and energy to cultivating their passion for this art form. They are as dedicated to their studies and career pursuits as they are to this intrinsic passion they have within them. The program is fortunate to have a bounty of students with this yearning. We would not exist without them!

The Music Program and Department of Performing Arts is dedicated to providing robust opportunities in the performing arts while students are at Drexel. Our goal is to provide a positive and supportive environment for our students. It is our hope that students and audiences alike feel they are represented in the selections being performed. The human connection is most important to us all.

Thank you for attending this performance. Being here is the greatest show of support for the students, the Music Program, and the Department of Performing Arts. Thanks to the dedicated leadership of the faculty ensemble directors and staff, we are pleased to present you with the following program.

Sincerely,

Luke Abruzzo, Music Program Director

Miriam Giguere, PhD, Department Head, Performing Arts

Acknowledgements

Thank you to everyone for supporting live music and the Performing Arts Department of Drexel University!

About The Ensemble

Drexel Chamber Strings is a mix of large and small ensembles playing music of all genres and periods of time. Students meet once a week to enjoy an evening of music-making in a relaxed, supportive environment, culminating in an end-of-term recital highlighting their efforts. For more information, please contact Karen Banos, Director of Chamber Strings at kmb53@drexel.edu

About The Concert

Tonight's concert features a blend of light classical and holiday music. With no specific theme, the focus is simply on sharing the joy that our performers feel each week. Let tonight be a musical escape from the stresses of the day—sit back, relax, and enjoy!



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Program

Chamber Strings Karen Banos, Director

Bouree, from the Royal Fireworks ----- Handel

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Minuet and Trio -----Mozart

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Pas de Deux from the Nutcracker Suite ----- Tchaikovsky

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Concerto for 2 cellos and piano----- Vivaldi

Lorenzo Stringfellow and Dr. Chen Chen, cello

Anyi Ye, piano

Holiday Carol Medley with Drexel Chamber Strings

Angels We Have Heard on High

Deck the Halls

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Silent Night

Joy to the World



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Ensemble Members

Karen Banos
Ensemble Director

Violin

Renee Amos
Inshera Kankam-Boadu
Nastasja Vojinovic **

Viola

Helen Ford
Paige Hartshorn

Cello

Marcella Fisher
Lorenzo Stringfellow
Dr. Chen Chen **

Designations

** Guest Artist



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Karen Banos

Chamber Strings Director

Karen Banos is the violin and viola instructor at Drexel University as well as the Director of Chamber Strings. She studied at Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the New School of Music. Her performance career includes work with the Philadelphia Ballet and Opera Philadelphia, among others. Each summer, she performs with Opera Saratoga and the Endless Mountain Music Festival.

As a dedicated educator, Karen has worked extensively with the Institute for Arts in Education (trained by Lincoln Center Teaching Artists) and the PA Arts in Education Partnership. Currently, she is the Program Director of Symphony in the Schools, a free, grant-based program for Title I schools in South Florida.

Beyond classical music, Karen has performed with numerous renowned artists, including Josh Groban, Tony Bennett, Dionne Warwick, Michael Bublé, Burt Bacharach, and Bernadette Peters. She has also played with the Trans-Siberian Orchestra and in NYC she has played in the orchestra pits for Broadway shows, such as *The Secret Garden*, *Tommy*, *Ragtime*, *The Boy from Oz*, and *West Side Story*.



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Interested in a Music Minor?

Drexel offers four different music minors:

Music: requires 26 credits, including work in Music Theory, History, private lessons, ensemble performance, and 9 credits of music electives.

Music Theory and Composition: aimed at people who are writing their own music or who would like to begin doing so. You will take courses in Music Theory, Arranging, Composition, and Digital Composition, and end with a portfolio of several completed pieces.

Music Performance: requires two years of private lesson studies with our artist faculty culminating in a recital. The Music Program will provide support for the recital venue and accompanist.

Jazz & African-American Music: includes course work in Jazz History, African-American Music, Jazz Theory, private study in Jazz performance, and ensemble work in several ensembles devoted to jazz.

Support Great Performance

Dance, Music, and Theatre are a vital, central part of the Drexel academia and student life. Donations support performing arts ensembles and programs, as well as the operation of our performing arts venues, including the Mandell Theater and URBN Annex Black Box Theater.

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Upcoming Performing Arts Events

MEDITERRANEAN ENSEMBLE

December 4, 2024 | 7:30 PM | Mandell Theater

JAZZ ORCHESTRA AND JAZZTET

December 5, 2024 | 7:30 PM | Mandell Theater

DREXEL UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

December 6, 2024 | 7:30 PM | Main Auditorium

END-OF-TERM THEATRE SHOWCASE - WINTER

December 7, 2024 | 1:00 PM | URBN Annex Black Box Theater

DREXEL UNIVERSITY GOSPEL CHOIR

December 7, 2024 | 7:00 PM | Mandell Theater

ALL-COLLEGE CHOIR AND CHAMBER BRASS AND WINDS

December 7, 2024 | 7:30 PM | Main Auditorium

UNIVERSITY CHORUS AND CHAMBER SINGERS

December 8, 2024 | 3:00 PM | Great Court in Main Building

DREXEL UNIVERSITY CONCERT BAND

December 8, 2024 | 7:00 PM | Mandell Theater

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