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MU Artists Series welcomes Russian ballet

"The Stars of the Kirov Ballet" will perform Nov. 11 at 8 p.m. in the Keith—Albee Theatre as part of the Marshall University Artists Series, according to Angela Grant, marketing director for the series.

Direct from St. Petersburg, Russia, this is the latest incarnation of a ballet troupe that has existed for 250 years. Rather than dancing one full-length ballet, the stars have chosen to highlight some of the most popular ballets in the world including "Butterfly," "Swan Lake" and "Giselle."

"Some of the world's greatest dancers star in the ballet," Grant said. "These performances, as well as the rest of the troupe, have made dancing their life's work. This undeniable passion is evident every time they step onto the stage."

In 1996, the Kirov ballet came under the general direction of conductor and director of the Kirov's Opera Company, Valery Gergiev. In this recent combination of his roles, Gergiev has existed for the general direction of conductor and director as well as artistic director. Gergiev has worked with the Kirov ballet company since 1955 in a variety of capacities. The Kirov has been performing Russian ballet for the world for over a century.

Continuing the Russian tradition, "The Stars of the Kirov Ballet" perform choreography and dancers with an eye to preserving and promoting Russian culture.

Elvira Tarasova (Left) and Andrei Batalov (right) are the principal dancers in "The Stars of the Kirov Ballet," a Russian troupe performing as part of the Marshall Artists Series Nov. 11.


Dr. Smith will address about 200 invited guests at a dinner at the Charleston Marriott the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 29, beginning with a reception at 6:00. Another event will be scheduled at the Marshall Hotel for Civic Responsibility. In addition to the governor, are Angus E. Peyton, Clara C. Thomas, Elizabeth Chilton, Herbert E. Jones Jr. and Lewis N. MacManus.

Thursday, Oct. 30, Smith will be the featured speaker at an 11 a.m. lecture in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on the Marshall campus, followed by a reception.

"The Year of the Book" celebrates literature and writing as Marshall anticipates the opening of its technologically advanced John Deaver Drisko Library in the fall of 1998. A series of events will center on distinguished authors who will read presentations and discussions on Marshall's campus and in the community. Featured lecturers include Francis Fukuyama, a widely respected futurist and author of Trust, and Bobbie Ann Mason, a writer noted for her short stories and novels.

"The medal, considered Marshall University's highest award, is presented to those individuals who exemplify John Marshall's—and America's—best traits of individual achievement and civic responsibility.

All recipients are associated with the university in one way or another. Gilley said. Carelink no longer participants in the Carelink managed care program under "Chuck" Chambers.

Effective January 1, 1998, the faculty physicians and other health care providers of University Physicians & Surgeons, Inc. (UP&S) will no longer participate in the Carelink managed care program under PEIA. This change results from reductions in payments and holdback provisions implemented by Carelink for the 1998 year. University Physicians & Surgeons, Inc., and its faculty physicians will continue to participate in PEIA's indemnity program and other managed care options, including Prime HMO. Marshall University employees are encouraged to select their PEIA health care options carefully to avoid disruptions in their medical coverage.

Marshall University student excused absences...

The following students have received excused absences from the university for the dates indicated.


Oct. 28—Chad Arnold, Tiffani Asbury, LaShonda Bare, Tunisha Baylor, Stacy Broce, Rebecca Cantley, Kathryn Carr, Maria Chapman, Amber Clark, Melissa Cofley, Tamara Ely, Meredith Erwin, Jill Farley, Amber Flynn, Aimee Forshey, Bethany Gray, Sabrina Horton, Amber Johnson, Rachel Kelvington, Tanya Kiser, Holly Little, Kristen Lynch, Mindy Maynard, Crystal Mitchell, Rebecca Moore, Lisa Morrison, Kimberly Myers, Sara Pucke, Holly Starcher, Jennifer Stark, Patricia White, Ami Whited, Kelly Willks, Margaret Williamson, Lana Woods.


The following students have applied for the award by Winston Baker, director of the Department of Residence Services, and William S. Deal, assistant vice president of operations.

"Molly is an outstanding employee of the department and Marshall University," Baker said. "She is an excellent supervisor and has gained the respect and admiration of her staff.

McClennen has been at Marshall for three years. During that time she has improved

McClennen named Employee of the Month for October

Molly McClennen of Milton, residence halls supervisor in the Department of Residence Services, has been selected Marshall University Employee of the Month for October, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

"She is committed to providing quality programs, services and developing a strong community among the residents.

Deal said McClennen is "a powerhouse in completing her work. She is an excellent employee and has a lot of respect for Marshall University."

McClennen will receive a plaque and $100 for being named Employee of the Month, and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year award in April.

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley and his wife, Nanna, provided funds for a grant to establish the Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year program.
MU faculty and staff achievements

Dr. REBECCA APPLETON, associate professor in the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, presented a paper entitled "Validity of Pulse Oximetry During Ventilator Weaning" at the No. Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Research Day.

Dr. C. ROBERT BARNETT, professor in the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, presented a program entitled "Voices and Faces from the Past: Using Audio-Visual Aids to Bring Classroom Life" at the Annual Teaching/Learning Conference held at Ashland (Ky.) Community College Oct. 10-11.

Sizemore named SME region chair

Dave Sizemore, technical trainer at the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (RCBI), has been installed as the Secretary of Manufacturing Engineers' Mid Atlantic Region 2 chairman, according to Charles Weber, director of the Byrd Institute.

"We are proud to have supported Dave through his advancement at the society," Weber said.

Sizemore has also served three terms as chairman of the local SME chapters, served and chaired various committees in the Mid-Atlantic Region 2 level and was the 1995 regional secretary, the 1996 regional treasurer, and the 1997 Chairman-Elect.

In addition to serving as a technical trainer at the Byrd Institute, Sizemore is RCBI's certified welding inspector and certified welding educator.

"Like the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, the institute is committed to serving the manufacturing community through the advancement of professionalism, knowledge and learning," Weber said.

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers is a non-profit professional society dedicated to the advancement of the manufacturing field, its knowledge in the field of manufacturing engineering.

It has approximately 75,000 members in 70 countries and sponsors more than 300 chapters, districts and regions. SME also has 220 student chapters across the world.

For more information, contact Weber at the Byrd Institute, 696-4812.

Gerke funeral services held

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 21 for Dr. Robert Stephen Gerke, 62, a former English professor and chairman of the Department of English at MU.

A member of the M.U. faculty since 1968, Gerke received a bachelor's degree from Aquinas College and a master's degree and doctorate from the University of Notre Dame.

At the age of 40, he accepted a position at Marshall, he was a professor at Northern Michigan University and served as a teaching assistant at Notre Dame.

While at Marshall, Gerke was selected as one of the first Yeager professors. In that capacity, he served as teacher and mentor to students in the first class of Yeager Scholars. He also was president of the American Association of University Professors at Marshall University and was on the Marshall University Library Advisory Committee.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Sea man Gerke, along with five sisters: Kathern Sobotta, Lorraine Vogel, Mary Lee Veneklas, all of Michigan; Rosemary Winstrom of Marion, Ind. and Patricia Kistler of Huntington, W.Va.; and three brothers: Steve (Carl) Gerke, G.F.M., of Eureka, Mo.; Frederick J. Gerke, William Gerke, John Gerke, and Thomas Gerke, all of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Additional survivors include: a daughter, Sarah C. Gerke of Minneapolis, Minn.; and two sons, Simon A. Gerke of Lexington, Ky.; a grandson and a son-in-law.

Funeral held for William Sullivan

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 17 for Dr. William Patrick Sullivan, former English professor and chairman of the Department of English at MU.

Sullivan, '74, was an ensign in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1942 to 1946. He served on a minesweeper that was among the first U.S. ships to land in Japan after World War II.

He earned a bachelor's degrees from Tufts University and a master's degree of arts and doctorate from Columbia University.

Before coming to Marshall in 1968, he was an English professor at Rockhurst College, Fordham College, Stephens College, and Missouri State College and the College of St. Rose.

Sullivan served as president of the MU Alumni Association and as president of the West Virginia AAUP. He had been vice president and secretary of the board of directors of the Autism Services Center since 1979, and he was a former president of the Huntington Area Society for Autistic Children.

A co-founder of Guyandotte Poets, he began in 1946. He served on a minesweeper during World War II.


Percussion Ensemble sponsors concert Nov. 6

The Marshall Symphony University Orchestra will present its first concert of the 1997-98 season Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall, according to Paul Balsah, distinguished professor in the Department of Music.

The seats are under the direction of Balsah, the concert will include "The Tragic Overture" by Johannes Brahms, "Samba" by Franz Schubert's "Rosamunde," "Three Nocturnes for Orchestra" by Claude Debussy, "Concerto Grosso Opus 6 41" by Arcangelo Corelli.

The women of the Marshall University Chorus, under the direction of Fred Mer ley-Forsythe, will join the orchestra during the performance of "Three Nocturnes for Orchestra.

Sixty musicians from the university and regional communities make up the Marshall University Symphony Orchestra. Members include college and public high school students, faculty, amateur and professional musicians from Huntington and surrounding areas.

The concert is free and open to the pub lic.

Recital Hall is located at the corner of Third Ave. and Hal Greer Boulevard, will open at 7:30 p.m. Contact Balsah for more information, 696-2399.

Library personnel

Several MU library personnel attended the annual conference of the West Virginia Library Association (WVLA) held Oct. 16-18 in Fairmont, W.Va.

Monica Garcia Brooks, associate director for Technology Services, presented the official WVLA web page at the opening session of the conference along with Stacie Chriso, assistant director of the Cabell County Public Library.

The web site will be used to inform WVLA members of upcoming events and provide information about the WVLA divisions and committees.

Its Internet address is http://www.wvwa.net/wvla/.

WVLA members from eight West Virginia libraries offered by the WVLA included: Wendy Moorhead, collection access librarian; Rebecca Berg, public services librarian/MYM; Melissa Smith, electronic services librarian; Lynn Edington, public services librarian, MUGC, and Merry Brown, library information systems specialist.

The concert is part of Rosaura's three-day residency at MU, where he will conduct music classes and give lectures to music students. He will present a free clinic and demonstration of Brazilian percussion instruments at alternate locations Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 3-5:30 in Smith Recital Hall.

"This session is open to anyone interested in learning about the unique sounds of the Brazilian marimba soloist on his "Concerto for Ma rimba and Percussion Ensemble," said Miller.

"In addition to working with percussion students, Dr. Rosaura will lecture music classes and workshops with the percussion composition students," he said.

Rosaura's compositions have received worldwide recognition and recordings and played by such acclaimed artists as Evelyn Glennie and the London Symphony Orchestra, The Houston Ballet, Percussion Art Quartet and the BBC.

With his solo album "Marimba Brasileira," Rosaura was awarded the 1990 World Music Award by the Musical Press from South Brazil.

Partial funding for Dr. Rosaura's residence and concert series was provided by the Department of Multicultural Affairs and International Programs and the MU student chapter of the Percussion Arts Society.

Smith Recital Hall is located in Marshall's Smith Music Hall, Third Ave. and Hal Greer Boulevard. Contact Balsah for more information, 696-2399.

Time management seminar Nov. 6

A time management seminar will be offered by the MU Institute for Business Development Thursday, Nov. 6 from 1-4 p.m. at the Robert C. Byrd Institute, 1000 Fourth Ave., according to Dr. Larry Kyle, director of the institute's business development and training division.

The participants learn scheduling tips, effective delegation techniques and conduct productive, time-effi cient meetings.

Kyle and Robin Hatfield, director of marketing and member services of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce, will be the featured presenters.

"Representatives from business and corporations of all sizes are encouraged to attend," Kyle said.

Cost of the seminar is $40 per person. To register, call the MU Institute for Business Development at 696-2399.

Hotel parking and parking tickets will be validated at the Robert C. Byrd Institute.

For more information or to register, contact Annette Blake at 696-6779 or fax 696-4676.

Letter of appreciation

Dear faculty and staff:

Thank you for your acts of kindness that were expressed during the illness and death of my mother, Beulah A. Firle.

The beautiful floral arrangement was a thoughtful gift to my family in the time of our loss. I am very grateful for the expressions of sympathy that were conveyed by so many individuals.

Sincerely,

Josephine Ficler