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Marshall Artists Series 2013-2014 lineup includes Cole, Mraz and more

The upcoming 77th season for the Marshall Artists Series invites audiences to explore a variety of musical genres and entertainers in 2013 and 2014. Providing entertainment for the community as well as for Marshall students since 1936, the Marshall Artists Series aims to bring innovative and educational programs to the Tri-State area. The series kicks off Thursday, Oct. 10 with nine-time Grammy Award winner, Natalie Cole, performing at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center. Cole is the daughter of legendary jazz musician Nat “King” Cole and is known for her chart-topping single, “This Will Be (An Everlasting Love).”

On Oct. 15, chart-topper and stage-competitor, Jason Mraz, will bring his soulful sounds to the stage of the Keith-Albee. With hits such as “I’m Yours,” “I Won’t Give Up” and “The Remedy,” Mraz is a two-time Grammy Award winner and holds the record for the longest running song on Billboard’s Hot 100 at 79 weeks.

Known for their exciting shows, combining music and technology, the Blue Man Group will make their debut appearance at the Marshall Artists Series of Jazz Center on Fifth Avenue. The group will perform its own musical based on the Grammy Award winning album by Green Day, “American Idiot,” a Broadway musical. The Blue Man Group will bring three-dimensional entertainment, transforming a music show without speaking a word. Blue Man Group is a performance for all ages and cultures. Also a group of Grammy Award winners, Blood, Sweat & Tears, will take the stage of the Keith-Albee with a 40-piece orchestra on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Known for combining horns and rock band instrumentation, Blood, Sweat & Tears created popular jazz-rock music in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The group will perform its own hits along with popular holiday music.

Starting the new year for the Marshall Artists Series, Broadway musical "Million Dollar Quartet" tells the true story of the recording session combining the talents of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins. Also, the 10-piece Vienna Concert-House Orchestra will perform its repertory of Mozart, Brahms, Lubin and Strauss pieces on Thursday Jan. 30 followed by a presentation of Bizet’s Carmen by Teatro Lirico D’Europa on Thursday, Feb. 28. Backed by a full orchestra, The French opera will be performed at the Keith-Albee for the first time in 48 years. On Tuesday, March 11, world-renowned artist and sister of Barbara Streisand, Rodney King, will presents “An Evening Kind, will presents “An Evening with an Array of Quality Entertainment.”

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Rounding out the season, “American Idiot,” a Broadway musical based on the Grammy award winning album by Green Day, will take the stage on Thursday, April 24. Using the album as its soundtrack, the musical tells the story of three friends and their lives beyond 9/11. Each performance will be highlighted by veteran, Marshall Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m., tasting the talents of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins. Also, the 10-piece Vienna Concert-House Orchestra will perform its repertory of Mozart, Brahms, Lubin and Strauss pieces on Thursday Jan. 30 followed by a presentation of Bizet’s Carmen by Teatro Lirico D’Europa on Thursday, Feb. 28. Backed by a full orchestra, The French opera will be performed at the Keith-Albee for the first time in 48 years. On Tuesday, March 11, world-renowned artist and sister of Barbara Streisand, Rodney King, will presents “An Evening Kind, will presents “An Evening with an Array of Quality Entertainment.”

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Left: Rakeem Cato completes a running touchdown during Monday’s afternoon session. Below: Craig Wilkins (left) and Dedradra Rosaeu (right) in a special teams drill. Bottom: Dedradra Rosaeu studies a pass from Spencer Iacavone (right) during drills on Monday.

We’ve got a long way to go. I told these guys the first day we met with them that all potential does is get you beat, it’s all about production.”

> DOC HOLLIDAY
head football coach

Marshall New Briefs

- Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin has reappointed three members to Marshall University’s Board of Governors, as well as appointing four new members.

The newest members of the board are James Bailes of Huntington, Tim Dagostine of Charleston, Christie Kinsey of Lavallette and Phil Cline of Huntington. Bailes, Dagostine and Kinsey were appointed to three-year terms and Cline was appointed for four years.

- Tracy Smith, director of safety and health, has named Director of Environmental Health and Safety at Marshall.

Smith has worked on the Huntington campus since 2007. Before that, he spent 13 years at the medical school as a safety officer.

- Marshall has been selected to participate in Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle, which is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The initiative includes a series of documentaries, as well as materials developed by the NEH in partnership with the Gilder Lehman Institute of American History.

Marshall is one of 473 institutions across the country that has been selected to participate in this initiative.
Chocolate may help brain health, sharp in older age

By Melissa Parikka

Chocolate consumption may have a new use for its lovers to indulge their cravings: The dark stuff not only does wonders for the soul, but might also sharpen the mind in later life.

According to a recent study, cocoa is the new mood enhancer, as shown in a study published in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease. The study's researchers, led by Dr. Costantino Iadecola, a neurologist at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York, demonstrated that eating chocolate might be a cheap, non-invasive method to improve brain health and thinking skills in the elderly.

The research team had set out to test whether chocolate could increase blood flow to the brain, during problem solving, improving performance, after finding in earlier studies that consuming chocolate high in the antioxidant flavonoid was associated with better brain and blood vessel function. They recruited 60 elderly subjects for the new study. Since they suspected that flavonoids would improve the participants' thinking skills and blood flow, they randomly assigned subjects to drink either flavonoid-rich or flavonoid-poor hot chocolate. The participants drank two cups of hot chocolate every day for 30 days. Before and after the trial, they completed a memory and reasoning test that allowed them to detect changes in brain and cognitive performance. In addition, the researchers used ultrasound to measure blood flow in the brain and electroencephalography to measure the blood flow in subjects' brains, as well as magnetic resonance imaging or MRI, to examine subjects' white matter. The test batteries showed different parts of the brain.

People who performed poorly on the initial cognitive test about a week before the start of the trial and also participated in both phases of the trial had a better response than their counterparts to chocolate, showing an improved blood flow in their brains, and performed better on the tests. Specifically, people who scored high on the test had significantly better blood flow to their brains and wider spread white matter damage. Those who scored low on the test had significantly higher blood flow and more intact white matter, indicating that blood flow, cognitive functioning and brain structure were linked.

At the end of the 30 day trial, the team found that drinking hot chocolate benefited only the subjects who had poor cognitive and neurovascular function to begin with and also had the best improvement structure in the specific areas of the brain important in cognitive function. Additionally, those individuals showed a 0 percent improvement in blood flow and a 75 percent improvement in blood flow to their brains, showing no improvement among those who had started out with good cognitive and cognitive skills.

Dr. Iadecola and the team believe that the research results show the potential for using chocolate as a natural health supplement to improve brain health and thinking skills in the elderly. The team found that the research results might also have applications in other areas of health, such as improving cognitive function in children or those with Alzheimer's disease.

By Jeffrey Lehman

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By MALAK KHADER

The amazing thing about Palestine is that I was truly surprised by the condition that Palestine is in. I have come close to experiencing it and hearing the tales that the people had to tell. Our first eye-opening experience was at the start of our journey when we had to wait at the border for our visas. The process that would normally take no more than an hour and a half lasted eight long hours. Upon arriving at the border we were repeatedly questioned by Israeli forces about the purpose of our trip, who we were with, who we were planning on seeing and how long we were planning to stay. The answers were the same each time we were asked, yet we still had to wait. Finally, the Israeli forces let us through as they were wrapping up their workday.

I wish I could say our experience at the border was the last experience we struggled to travel, but unfortunately it was not. There were several checkpoints that we encountered in almost every city that we visited in Palestine. Many were cities that citizens had to pass through to travel to cities within their own country. I have to admit, I often would lose hope or become incredibly pessimistic about Palestine regaining its independence, but then we would meet people like Claire Anastas. Claire and her family live in an area completely under Israeli control and surrounded by an apartheid wall. Claire got permission from the government to simply do maintenance on her house and to stand on her roof. She told us about how her family and children have been affected by the apartheid wall. Initially, when the wall had just been built, there was constant soldier surveillance; when their children would come back from school, Israeli soldiers escorted them into the house with guns pointing to the children’s heads. Due to the isolation of her home, her family recently has had to be downgraded to two small rooms (before it was a large and popular store providing the family with an annual income of $3 million). Now the family rarely has tourist visits due to the segregation the wall has caused. The Anastas family has dealt with distrust and other economic and emotional hardships in order to provide the children a decent lifestyle and education. It’s people like Abed and Claire who make it hard to lose hope in Palestine and its people as even in the hardest of times their spirits never falt.

The purpose of this trip was to introduce us to our roots and to teach us about the state of Palestine, something that many of us knew already. Many of us were surprised by how little we thought we already knew. Many of us had never dared to travel to our ancestral home with an annual income of $3 million. Now the family rarely has tourist visits due to the segregation the wall has caused. The Anastas family has dealt with distrust and other economic and emotional hardships in order to provide the children a decent lifestyle and education. It’s people like Abed and Claire who make it hard to lose hope in Palestine and its people as even in the hardest of times their spirits never falter. This was much, much more than that. It was an experience of a lifetime that we will never forget. This trip meant so much, much more than that. It was an experience of a lifetime we were surprised by how little we thought we already knew. Many of us had never dared to travel to our ancestral home. It was an absolute honor to be the first West Virginian selected for this trip. This summer, I was chosen along with 29 incredible individuals from around the world to explore and live in Palestine. The program is known as the “Know Thy Heritage Leadership Program” and is sponsored by the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF). The delegation chosen for this trip comprised of Palestinian youth from the United States, Australia, Canada, Chile, El Salvador and Guatemala. It was an absolute honor to be the first West Virginian selected for this trip.

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But Francis said later, most observers heard in Francis’ words a rallying cry rather than an objective disorder. But the absence of sustained critical attention to the individual’s heart in today’s culture war is marked.

What did it mean? Was he changing everything? What are the implications? What does it mean for the future of our country. And the import of that bar — its global significance.

Forget religious leaders opining on violence, materialism or climate change. Unless Jesus himself appeared in a “Mary Sandy Hook” T-shirt to buy sunscreen at Wal-Mart, there is no story. What I am talking about is the American story since the Civil War: Scared, divided and universal.

Looking at the summer’s events, I can see, without a doubt, we have not come to us, but can in the not so distant future.

Reporters tell the daily story, inflamed by the demands of the sex sells imperatives. But the absence of certain social and cultural forces, including religion, keeps us from reaching from headlines to headlines. Yes, Francis took a step forward in the church’s treatment of gays. But he kept in place its bar to women.

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By WILL VANCE
SPORTS EDITOR

After a long summer of weight training and conditioning, the Thundering Herd football team hit the field on Monday afternoon at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Holliday is entering his fourth season at the helm of the Thundering Herd.

“Getting ready for this season, I’m trying to get to know my team better,” Holliday said. “I’m trying to build a team first mentality and it’s slowly coming along.”

Despite putting up impressive numbers last season, Watson believes the running backs are getting even better under the direction of Thomas Brown.

“Coach Brown is doing a great job. He’s got a great system in place and I think we’re all playing some new positions,” Watson said. “I think we’re all getting better each day. I’m just trying to do the best that I can to get those guys to compete and he the best they can be on and off the field.”

Training camp underway for Thundering Herd

By BRAXTON CRISP
THE PARTHENON

Running backs to play big role in 2013

Marshall head football coach Doc Holliday watches his team practice on Monday afternoon at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Holliday is entering his fourth season at the helm of the Thundering Herd.

Marshall wide receivers coach and 12 year NFL veteran Mike Farrow demonstrates a drill for rising junior receiver Devone Smith on Monday.

Holliday said of how he thinks teams will try to defend Marshall this season.

“Getting the throwing pressure of Grooms along with the above average abilities of the running backs, Marshall could very well be a team that can attack defenses no matter what the play call is,” Holliday said. “We’re just trying to do the best that we can to get those guys to compete and he the best they can be on and off the field.”

As fall camp continues, the running backs will continue playing key roles in hopes of not falling off from an excellent season in 2012. Braxton Crisp can be reached at crisp23@marshall.edu.