

Coe College

Media Calendar of Events

January/February 2018
(as of Jan. 10, 2018)

*All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise indicated.
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January 2018

Friday, Jan. 12

Art Exhibit Opening Reception featuring Jen Rogers and Josh Thorud

5-7 p.m., Marvin Cone and Eaton-Buchan Galleries in Sinclair Auditorium

In the first Coe art show of 2018, new works created by the college's art professors will be exhibited. Digitally-produced objects and video installations by Josh Thorud entitled "Trust me, I'm on TV" will be featured, along with "Saccharine," an installation exploring the sweet, sticky world of kitsch created by Jennifer Rogers.

An opening reception for both shows will be held in the Sinclair lobby on Friday, Jan. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. Both artists will give gallery talks at 6 p.m. The exhibitions will remain open during regular gallery hours from 4 to 6 p.m. daily through Saturday, Feb. 3. All events are free and open to the public.

Thursday, Jan. 18

Thursday Forum – Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre – Behind the Scenes with "Turandot"

8:45-11:30 a.m., Kesler Lecture Hall in Hickok Hall

In a one-session presentation, artistic designers will share their behind-the-scenes preparation for the Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre production of Puccini's grand final opera "Turandot."

The making of this opera involves a myriad of elements that allow the singers and the conductor to tell this great love story. Director William Ferrara provides the artistic vision for the designers—a focus on the dark intensity of the Princess Turandot, and elements of fantasy as associated with Chinese imagery.

Learn more at the Thursday Forum about the designers' artistic interpretations, the challenges of working with a large cast of approximately 100 people, the hard-to-research mythical setting, time and budget restraints, and performer needs.

Thursday Forum lectures are held in Kesler Lecture Hall in Hickok Hall on the Coe campus. Each session begins with registration and refreshments from 8:45-9:15 a.m., followed by the class until 11:30 a.m. The class meetings blend lecture, use of media such as film and music, and discussion. Admission to individual lectures is \$12 per week. For more information, call 319-399-8523.

Monday, Jan. 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance, Diversity Conference

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 15, Coe College will offer two separate programs, including a celebration of King's life and legacy, as well as a Diversity Conference. Sponsored by the Coe Committee on Diversity and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, both events are free and open to the public. Details of the events are as follows:

March and Celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.

9 a.m. – symbolic march from Phifer Commons in Upper Gage Memorial Union to Kesler Lecture Hall in Hickok Hall

Students, faculty and staff from the Coe community, along with leaders from the greater Cedar

Rapids area, will join in the march across campus at 9 a.m. to celebrate Dr. King's calls for justice, peace, unity, nonviolence and freedom.

When the group convenes in Hickok Hall, several short remembrances will be given. The celebration will also include a MLK montage videos and gospel music.

Diversity Conference

1 - 4 p.m., Kesler Lecture Hall and other classrooms in Hickok Hall

The Diversity Conference will feature various speakers who will reflect on some of today's social justice issues, as well as Dr. King's legacy. Several breakout sessions will be held throughout the afternoon. The keynote speech will be delivered by Linn County Supervisor and community activist Stacey Walker at 3:15 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 19 and Saturday, Jan. 20

Keyboard Festival Concerts

7:30 p.m., Daehler-Kitchin Auditorium in Marquis Hall

The Coe College Music Department will present the third annual Keyboard Festival featuring keyboard students and faculty over two evenings. Both events are free and open to the public. This year's theme is "All in the Family," featuring keyboard ensemble music from musical families throughout history. The two concerts will consist of music for piano duet, two pianos, and two pianos-eight hands, by the Bach, Mozart, Mendelssohn and Schumann families.

Friday's concert will feature performances by the Coe keyboard faculty, including Julia Titus, Marita Wolgast, Brett Wolgast and guest artist Diane Beach. At the Saturday evening concert, Coe College keyboard students will be featured, along with the faculty.

The Keyboard Festival is sponsored by Friends of Music at Coe (FOMAC). For more information, call 319-399-8521.

February 2018

Thursday, Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22

Thursday Forum – A New Arsenal: American Art during World War I

8:45-11:30 a.m., Kesler Lecture Hall in Hickok Hall

On April 6, 1917, the U.S. officially declared war on Germany, shifting from a merely belligerent nation to a full-fledged participant in World War I. Decades prior to that date, the government sponsored artists to create art that helped establish the nation, but with the onset of the Great War, artists took on a greater role. In this Thursday Forum presentation, Assistant Professor of Art Ranelle Knight-Lueth will discuss the important role that art played in the propaganda during this time.

Overall, American art faced a creative revolution during the Great War. The visual arts were used as weapons of war and peace, revealing the cultural and historical implications of American art before, during, and after World War I.

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Saturday, Feb. 3

Marquis Series Event

The Filharmonic – a cappella group

7:30 p.m., Sinclair Auditorium

The Filharmonic is a Los Angeles-based a cappella group of young Filipino-American singers who were featured in NBC's hit musical competition, "The Sing-Off." The five-piece vocal group joined "The Sing-Off" national tour and was featured in the Universal Pictures hit movie, "Pitch Perfect 2." After appearing on "The Late Late Show," the vocalists went viral. The group brings their unique blend of hip hop, pop and '90s nostalgia to more than 150 college stages nationwide each year. Marquis Series patrons can purchase individual tickets for \$15, \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased online at coe.edu/marquis or by calling the Coe Box Office at 319-399-8600, Monday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Friday, Feb. 9 – Sunday, Feb. 11 and Thursday, Feb. 15 – Saturday, Feb. 17

"Craiglisted" Theatre Production

Various times, Dows Theatre

"Craiglisted" is an original work that centers around a young woman trying to put herself through college without borrowing money via student loans. Her desire to pay outright for her own education and living expenses couples with her time spent on social media to create a funny and complicated look at issues of friendship, companionship and questions of self-sufficiency. Production times are as follows: February 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m.; February 11 at 2 p.m. All performances will take place in the Dows Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for students age 18 and younger and senior citizens age 55 and older. Tickets are available at www.coe.edu/boxoffice or by calling the Coe College Box Office at 319-399-8600, Monday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Friday, Feb. 16

Art Exhibit Opening Reception featuring Emma Steinkraus and Lex Thompson

5-7 p.m., Marvin Cone and Eaton-Buchan Galleries in Sinclair Auditorium

Emma Steinkraus, a recent University of Iowa graduate and former director of the Sinclair Art Galleries, returns with new two-dimensional work. She is the spring 2018 Kocher Visiting Artist. Minneapolis-based artist Lex Thompson is best known for his photography, but he also creates books, drawings and installations. Both artists will give gallery talks beginning at 6 p.m. The exhibit opens on Friday, Feb. 16 and runs through Sunday, March 17 in the Marvin Cone and Eaton-Buchan Galleries in Sinclair Auditorium. The exhibit will remain open during regular gallery hours from 4-6 p.m. daily and is free and open to the public.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Faculty and Friends of Music Concert

7 p.m., Sinclair Auditorium

The third annual Faculty and Friends of Music (FAFOM) Concert will feature guest faculty soloist Dr. Amy Phelps (cello), who will be performing Max Bruch's "Kol Nidrei" with the Coe College Symphony Orchestra (CCSO). The large work on the program is Mozart's beloved "Prague" Symphony No. 38. For this performance, the CCSO will be joined by the largest contingent yet of Coe Music Department applied faculty members, who will lead a conductorless performance from their principal positions within the ensemble. A reception will follow in Clark Alumni House.

Sunday, Feb. 18

44th Annual International Club Banquet

6 p.m., Phifer Commons

Cuisine from around the world will be featured at the Coe College International Club's 44th annual banquet on Sunday, Feb. 18. Appetizers will be served during a reception at 6 p.m. in the Phifer Commons and the James H. Randall Intercultural Center of Gage Memorial Union, followed by the dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Gage Dining Hall. The event is open to the public and tickets are \$10, free

for children 12 and under, but a ticket is still required. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door and are available by calling the Coe Box Office at 319-399-8600, Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24

Jazz Summit Grand Finale Concert

7 p.m., Sinclair Auditorium

The Grand Finale Concert for the Coe College Jazz Summit will feature the Coe College Jazz Ensemble and the Sinfonia Jazz Ensemble, with special guest artist Jarrard Harris. Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$8 for students 18 and under and seniors 55 and older. Tickets are available by calling the Coe Box Office at 319-399-8600, Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tickets will also be available at the door. This event is sponsored by Friends of Music at Coe.