

Coe College

Media Calendar of Events

April/May 2017
(March 28, 2017)

*All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise indicated.
For more information, please contact Rod Pritchard: 319-399-8605 or rpritcha@coe.edu.

April 2017

Saturday, April 1

An Evening of Cabaret Songs

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

Coe Music Professor and mezzo-soprano Loralee Songer and her longtime collaborative pianist, Perry Mears, will present "An Evening of Cabaret Songs." Featured works include songs by William Bolcom, Benjamin Britten, Arnold Schoenberg and Dominick Argento.

Sunday, April 2

"We Are Mound View" Neighborhood Clean-up

12:30 p.m., Mound View Neighborhood

This annual day of service organized by the Office of Community Engagement promotes working in and with the community. Students will partner with neighborhood residents to pick up litter and recyclables. All participants will meet at Central Park, located on the corner of 16th Street NE and B Avenue NE, beginning at 12:30 p.m. There will be a short opening ceremony and a group photo at 1 p.m., and then the volunteers will disperse into the neighborhood. This event is in partnership with the Mound View Neighborhood Association, Coe College and Mount Mercy University.

Monday, April 3

"In Our Own Voice"

7 p.m., Kesler Lecture Hall in Hickok Hall

Join us for Mental Health Awareness Week at Coe and "In Our Own Voice," a presentation that change attitudes, assumptions and stereotypes by describing the reality of living with mental illness. This unique recovery and educational presentation offers hope and provides insight into the recovery possible for people with mental illness. Come join us for this unique program in which two trained speakers share compelling personal stories about living with a mental illness and achieving recovery. This event is presented by Coe College Wellness and NAMI.

Thursday, April 6

Coe College campus and other locations

Kohawks around the world will unite for the third annual Coe College Day of Giving. The special day will be a celebration of all things Coe, and include the opportunity for alumni and friends to reminisce, share their Kohawk pride, and support the college financially.

Thursday, April 6, 13, 20 and 27

Thursday Forum - Plant Stewardship in the 21st Century: Sowing the Seeds of Change

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

April's series focuses on the importance of the preservation and responsible use of the world's dwindling botanical resources. Over the course of the month, Education Professor Nancy Hayes will explore the history of plants as medicine and the known medicinal properties of plants, as well as seed saving and other practices and policies that will help ensure a robust global botanical legacy for future generations. The first lecture will focus on why plant preservation matters so much today and how we can act individually and collectively in response to the current condition of our world's botanical resources. The second lecture will describe the history of plants as medicine and the how and why of medicinal plant practices today, from both holistic and commercial perspectives. The third lecture will focus on past and present efforts to save seeds as part of our agricultural heritage, and the fourth lecture will conclude the series with a discussion of viable approaches, both local and global, to active plant stewardship in the 21st century. Most 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. A luncheon is offered at the conclusion of each series. The courses are open to all adults. Admission to the entire four-week course can be purchased for \$35 on the first day or in advance. Admission to individual lectures is \$12 per week. The closing luncheons cost an additional \$8. For more information, call 319-399-8523.

Thursday, April 6

Fiction & Poetry Reading featuring Ray Young Bear

4 p.m., TBD

Please join local writer Ray Young Bear for a reading from his fiction and poetry, followed by a question and answer session. This event is free and open to the public.

Thursday, April 6

Festival of Bands Guest Band Concert

7 p.m., Sinclair Auditorium

The Kirkwood Community College Concert Band directed by Dr. Joe Perea and the New Horizons Band directed by Alan Lawrence will perform as part of the Festival of Bands at Coe College.

Friday, April 7

Coe Senior Art Exhibition opening reception featuring Amber Brooks, Olivia Leisinger, Robert Volpe, Andy Baird and Michael Campos

4:30-6:30 p.m., Sinclair Auditorium lobby

This art exhibit showcases the work of Coe senior art majors in their specific mediums. The exhibit will open to the public on Friday, April 7 with an opening reception taking place from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Sinclair Auditorium lobby. The exhibit will remain open during regular gallery hours from 4-6 p.m. daily beginning on Saturday, April 8 through Friday, April 14.

April 7, 8, 9, 13, 14 and 15

“A Bright Room Called Day” theatre production

Various times, Dows Theatre

Written by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Angels in America," Tony Kushner, and under the direction of Theatre Professor Dennis Barnett, the Coe College Department of Theatre Arts presents, "A Bright Room Called Day." This production follows a group of leftist artists living in Berlin in 1932 as they joke about, agonize over and generally disbelieve the rising popularity of a man named Hitler. Alarming in its timeliness, the play drives the point home by including the perspective of a contemporary character, as she and the German characters struggle with how people's lives are affected by the reality of fascism. Production times are as follows: April 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m.; April 9 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. For tickets, call the Coe Box Office at 319-399-8600, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Saturday, April 8

Festival of Bands - Elementary Honor Bands Concert

4 p.m., Sinclair Auditorium

The Elementary School Honor Band, with guest composer/conductor Robert W. Smith, will perform as part of the Festival of Bands at Coe College. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors, and they are available at the door. This concert marks the 15th time elementary honor band students have been selected to perform at Coe College, making it a unique event in the state. Students in grades four through six will be playing in two separate bands, which are designated as the Coe College Crimson Elementary Honor Band and the Coe College Gold Elementary Honor Band.

Saturday, April 8

Festival of Bands: Gala Concert – “Rising Above the Flood”

8 p.m., Sinclair Auditorium

Renowned band composer, Robert W. Smith, joins the Coe College Concert Band, and their conductor, Dr. William S. Carson, in a tribute to the determination and resilience of the Cedar Rapids community in the face of the floods of 2008 and 2016. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors, and they will be available at the door. In addition to music composed and conducted by Smith, the program also features works by Cedar Rapids-born composers Andrew Boysen, Jr., and Michael Daugherty, who recently won several Grammy awards. The program will also commemorate local composer David John, who spent a semester directing the Coe College Concert Band, and will feature Coe's trumpet professor Al Naylor in an exciting showpiece composed for him by Coe's Emeritus Professor of Composition, Jerry Owen. Celebrate our city, our state, and our success in overcoming the challenges posed by the floods of 2008 and 2016. Join us at the 2017 Coe College Festival of Bands.

Sunday, April 9

Festival of Bands - Coe College Junior and Senior Honor Bands and Jazz Band Concert

4 p.m., Sinclair Auditorium

Coe College Junior Honor Band conducted by Steve Shanley, and Coe College Senior Honor Band directed by William Carson, with special guest composer/conductor Robert W. Smith, will perform as part of the Festival of Bands at Coe College. In addition, the Coe College Jazz Ensemble will perform, under the direction of Steve Shanley. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors, and they are available at the door.

Tuesday, April 11

Student Research Symposium

All day, Coe College campus

The Student Research Symposium gives students a chance to showcase their academic work in a public setting. Symposium presentations, which range from academic research to artistic display and performance, are the culmination of work done by students over the past academic year. Some of the student work has been done independently, with some accomplished as part of a student and faculty team. The featured work represented in the symposium is the result of honors projects, student participation in ongoing professional research programs, and the cumulative product of an undergraduate career of achievement in the arts. Each case reflects an extraordinary effort by a highly motivated student.

Monday, April 17

“Wolves in Yellowstone: The First 20 Years”

7 p.m., Cherry Auditorium in Peterson Hall of Science

Doug Smith, head of the Wolf Reintroduction Program in Yellowstone National Park presents "Wolves in Yellowstone: The First Twenty Years." Smith will discuss the on-again politically rich history of this reintroduction and the never-ending controversy and political fights surrounding wolves in the Rocky Mountain West. This lecture is free and open to the public.

Friday, April 21

Coe Senior Art Exhibition opening reception featuring Seala Hite, Erin Fuller, Brittney Hauke, Amy Ketcherside and Margaret Parkhurst

4:30-6:30 p.m., Sinclair Auditorium lobby

This art exhibit showcases the work of Coe senior art majors in their specific medium. The exhibit will open to the public on Friday, April 21 with an opening reception taking place from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Sinclair Auditorium lobby. The exhibit will remain open during regular gallery hours from 4-6 p.m. daily beginning on Saturday, April 22 through Friday, April 28.

Friday, April 21

Hickok Hall Rededication

4 p.m., Hickok Hall

Coe College will celebrate the completion of the Hickok Hall renovation during a building rededication and donor recognition ceremony. Join us as we dedicate the new 5,000 square foot wing addition in honor of Professor W. Kent Herron, made possible through the generosity of John Eckstein '85. We will also recognize those who have provided funding for named classrooms, office spaces and other recognition opportunities. A reception will begin at 4 p.m. with tours departing from the Hickok Hall lobby. Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and beverages while touring the newly renovated building. At 5 p.m. the rededication celebration will take place in Kesler Lecture Hall with remarks made by Professor Herron and Mr. Eckstein.

Friday, April 21

Coe College Concert Choir, Chorale and Symphony Orchestra Concert

7 p.m., Sinclair Auditorium

Join the Coe Concert Choir, Chorale and Symphony Orchestra for a collaborative concert featuring music for mixed chorus, women's choir, and a combined piece for full symphony orchestra and double choirs. In addition, the winner of the 2017 Solo Competition, senior music education major Hannah Van Deusen, will be featured in her performance of Barber's Violin Concerto with the Coe Orchestra. Please join Coe College for this fabulous evening of choral and orchestral music, generously sponsored by the Erich Streib Endowment.

Saturday, April 22

Founders' Medal Ceremony

Stewart Memorial Library

9 a.m. – Light breakfast and gallery celebration

10 a.m. – Medal Ceremony

Coe College will celebrate the stories of one of our greatest supporters as we honor Marv Levy '50 with two of our highest distinctions, the Founders' Medal and the dedication of Marv Levy Way. As a past recipient of Coe College's Alumni Award of Merit (1972), Athletic Hall of Fame (1973) and Honorary Degree (1991), Marv will formally be awarded the Founders' Medal for "exemplifying in extraordinary degree the qualities of a liberally educated person."

This celebration will also showcase the improvements to the gallery spaces due to the generosity of Kim Benjamin and his family.

Saturday, April 22

Dedication of Marv Levy Way

11:30 a.m. - Corner of College Drive and D Avenue

Join us for the dedication of Marv Levy Way at the corner of College Drive and D Avenue in conjunction with the Rittgers Track Invitational.

Sunday, April 23

Bike Lehn 2017

1-5 p.m., Sag Wagon Deli & Brew

A cycling (or walking) event to support the Dan Lehn Scholarship Fund. Bike from Sag Wagon South in Cedar Rapids to Sag Wagon North in Center Point and back on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail (35 miles round trip) or run/walk the Cedar Lake Loop while enjoying food and drink specials to celebrate the memory of our friend and Coe colleague Dan Lehn. Visit

<http://alumni.coe.edu/bikelehn> to register as a student (\$5) or alumni/friend (\$20). Register by April 13 to guarantee an event t-shirt. Visit

<http://www.alumni.coe.edu/s/1628/cf/interior.aspx?sid=1628&gid=1&pgid=1332> to support the Dan Lehn Memorial Scholarship fund.

Sunday, April 23

Coe College Handbell Concert

4 p.m., Daehler-Kitchin Auditorium

Join the Coe Handbell Ensemble as they present their spring concert. This event marks the first "solo" concert for this ensemble and will feature 18 students playing 5-Octaves plus of handbells, hand chimes, and other instruments. The concert will include original handbell repertoire as well as transcriptions of music by J. S. Bach, Handel, an exciting arrangement of Beethoven's famous "Hymn to Joy" for handbells and piano, and some handbell ragtime! This concert is free and open to the public.

Monday, April 24

Chilean Film Director Orlando Torres presents "Estrellas Fijas"

4:30 p.m., Kesler Lecture Hall in Hickok Hall

Chilean Film Director Orlando Torres presents his documentary movie "Estrellas Fijas" on the work of awarded and internationally recognized poet and University of Iowa professor Oscar Hahn. Please note the movie will have English subtitles so you do not need to be Spanish speaking to attend.

Monday, April 24

2017 Thaler Holocaust Speaker featuring Dr. Jacob Eisenbach

3 p.m., Sinclair Auditorium

As a boy Jacob and his brother had to decide whether to report for deportation or to go on the lam, a decision that had life-or-death consequences. Listen as he tells the story of his and his family's fortunes in Nazi-occupied Poland.

Tuesday, April 25

Ann Struthers Student Reading

4 p.m., Perrine Gallery in Stewart Memorial Library

The second Ann Struthers Student Reading will feature five creative writing students selected by the creative writing faculty to read from the exciting work they've been producing in workshops this semester. They will be joined by Laura Mills and Yiedsel Martinez, graduating seniors in creative writing who will present a selection from their capstone manuscripts. The event is free and open to the public.

Saturday, April 29

37th Annual Student Art and Pottery Sale

10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sinclair Auditorium lobby and galleries

The 37th annual Student Art and Pottery Sale will feature a large selection of ceramics, photographs, prints, drawings, paintings and more. For more information, please contact the Art and Art History Department at 319-399-8217.

May 2017

Thursday, May 4, 11, 18 and 25

Thursday Forum - The Acts of the Apostles: Luke's Second Volume

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

Religion Professor Meira Kensky will lead this four-week exploration of the Acts of the Apostles, which attempts to provide a history of the earliest apostles from Jesus' ascension to heaven through the many travels and trials of Paul. Written by the same author as the Gospel of Luke, Acts contains stories of miracles, magicians, escapes, shipwrecks and snakebites, all the while providing a deeply considered theological portrayal of the history of the earliest Christian communities. Acts attempts to demonstrate why the earliest leaders made the choices that they did, and to provide its readers with confidence that these choices ultimately stemmed from God, acting through the Holy Spirit. It also argues forcefully that Paul of Tarsus is an authentic, authoritative apostle on a mission from God, despite the fact that he did not know Jesus and persecuted members of the early church. But many questions remain about this unusual text. These four sessions will engage these questions through close reading of the text itself as well as parallels from other contemporaneous literature. Most 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. A luncheon is offered at the conclusion of each series. The courses are open to all adults. Admission to the entire four-week course can be purchased for \$35 on the first day or in advance. Admission to individual lectures is \$12 per week. The closing luncheons cost an additional \$8. For more information, call 319-399-8523.

Saturday, May 6

Baccalaureate

3 p.m., Sinclair Auditorium

Sunday, May 7

Commencement

10 a.m., Stewart Memorial Library Quad