Latin Jazz at Coe

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Comprised of musicians from Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, and many other locations throughout the world, Orquesta Alto Maiz performed a wide selection of Latin jazz pieces from famed American salsa artist Marc Anthony’s Aguinalde to Tito Puente’s Ran Kan Kan, delighting a large audience in front of Marquis Hall Friday night.

“I really enjoyed the diverse musicians and genre of jazz,” said sophomore Julia Rodkey. “It was a new kind of concert. We’ve never had a jazz community performers and dancers.
Authentic Mexican and Cuban food from local vendors like Taco, Mexican corn and Dorilocos were available for purchase. There were also many free activities for chil-

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Coe Participates in Festival Latino

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The Latino Festival was held on Sunday, September 16 at the Cedar Rapids McGrath Amphitheater from 11 am to 5 pm. The festival offered a variety of local Latin-American music acts, including a Latino band and local

Latin American performances at the Latino Festival.
Photo by Andris Mahulette.

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Cedar Rapids Weekly Forecast

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concert on the quad before, and I know that a lot of students stopped to listen. It really engaged the whole campus.”

While initially reluctant to fully engage with the music, the audience, thanks in large part to the exhortations of band founder Ed East, who kept the energy alive through his passionate singing and percussion playing.

“The concert was really exciting!” said Junior Sarah Roque. “It was a nice change from the other concerts we usually have here at Coe. Plus seeing one of my professors jamming out was pretty entertaining as well.”

The band also featured Coe College music professor Steve Shanley on keyboard, University of Iowa’s Jim Dreier on percussion, as well as Dave Bohl on saxophone, Dan Oline on bass, Antonia Garza on trumpet, and Anthony Williams on trombone.

The event also featured a popular concession stand, run by Coe’s two professional Music Fraternities, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Mu Phi Epsilon.

For more information on the band, be sure to check out Orquesta Alto Maiz on Facebook at www.facebook.com/altomaiz, or on their website at www.salsaband.band.

Campus-wide Internship & Career Fair being held on Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018 from 2:30 - 4:30pm at the Eby gym.

Over 40 employers will be on campus to introduce our student population to opportunities in the area for part-time jobs, full-time new grad hiring, and internship opportunities. This career event is for freshmen through seniors. Students can log-in to their Handshake profile to see which employers will be participating and which opportunities they’ll be showcasing.
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dren, including piñatas, face painting, crafts and other activities.

According to David Suarez, who was supervising this festival, “it has been well attended and well received by the Latino community and the community-at-large for the past six years.”

“The purpose of this event was to highlight the contributions of the Latino community,” said Alejandro Pino, who organized this festival. “It was a celebration and a way for all people to enjoy the best aspects of the Latino community. Overall, the festival was a success and we look forward to next year. I saw a lot of people smiling and that is a good indicator of us filling our goal.”

“I didn’t have many chances to meet Latin-American culture before participating in this event, so it was a great experience for me,” said Yeonju Do (’22). “Also, I thought it was a meaningful event since a lot of communities were cooperating with each other.”

Coe College also had great interest in this festival. They offered free shuttle buses for Coe students, and they also had a booth meant to help the community learn about Coe and its diversity.

What's Up Doc with Mario Affatigato

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Professor Mario Affatigato has an amazing collection of fountain pens and during last Thursday’s What’s Up Doc about a dozen students came to check them out and learn about them.

“From the early 1900’s until about the 1950’s, the fountain pen was the only pen,” Affatigato told the students. “It wasn’t until after World War II that people came up with ballpoint [pens].”

Now that ballpoint pens exist, fountain pens still have some advantages, including taking a lot less effort to write than a normal pen. Fountain pens also have advantage in the color of their ink choices. Ballpoint pens don’t have nearly the same amount of ink choices as fountain pens do, Affatigato said.

“I didn’t know fountain pens had so many ink options,” said student Maiya Varner (’22). Other students like Varner found it fascinating that there is such a wide variety of ink and that it is fairly easy to change color.

Affatigato showed the students some of his collection of fountain pens and he even let them try the pens out. Another student, Lila Dabill (’22) said, “I was so excited to learn about fountain pens and then to get the opportunity to try it out myself!”

Everyone that attended What’s Up Doc with Professor Mario Affatigato left with a new fountain pen and some ink.
Day of Colors

“Day of Colors.”

The event is roughly inspired by the Holi festival, a Hindu festival traditionally held in Spring, also known as the “festival of colors” or the “festival of love,” meant to “meet others, repair broken relationships, play and laugh, forget and forgive.” On Saturday, Coe students gathered on the Armstrong-Douglas quad and smeared colors all over the participants to celebrate diversity.

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Assistant Professor of Psychology Renee Penalver

One of our newest additions to the Psychology Department is Dr. Renee Penalver, who is an Assistant Professor of Psychology here at Coe. Penalver was here last year on a non-tenure track position and received a promotion to a tenure-track position this year. This semester Penalver teaches Memory and Cognition with a laboratory section and Applied Contemporary Psychology (a professional development course in Psychology).

“In a typical work day I get in, I answer maybe 15 emails, meet with students, meet with partners at various nonprofit organizations in the community [and more],” said Penalver.

She spends a lot of time in meetings, volunteers in the evenings, and, of course, she teaches! Currently, Penalver is doing a Thursday Forum series on “Cognitive Aging” in Hickock Hall.

“Thursday Forum is where you teach... a topic of your choice every Thursday for a month in Hickock Hall to members of our community,” explained Penalver.

This is her first professional job, however, she taught at University of Texas at El Paso where she got her Ph.D in Social Cognitive Neuroscience. She taught there her first year of graduate school from 2011 to 2017.

“I really wanted to teach at a small school,” said Penalver when asked what led her to her current position. She attended a school in California that was much similar to Coe and she knew that being at a small school would be best for her.

“I started at community college there and I finished at [California State University, Bakersfield] the four year institution there,” said Penalver.

She loved Bakersfield when she lived there, but when she moved she realized there was more to see in the world and that she didn’t like Bakersfield as much as she previously thought.

“I don’t miss it at all, I just miss my family and friends,” said Penalver.

She goes back and visits twice a year to see all her friends and family.

Growing up she had strong female mentors like her mother and grandmother. Neuroscientist Dr. Isabel Sumaya became a strong mentor and second mother to her in undergrad.

“She just really pushed me to places I never thought I could go, be, or do,” said Penalver. Also Dr. Wendy Francis and Dr. Ashley Bangert were strong and supportive mentors for Penalver during graduate school.

When asked about what she would like to see at Coe, Penalver told me that she wished we had a McNair scholarship program.

“McNair was a program to get underrepresented students...involved with research and guide them into PhD programs,” Penalver said, “That program was pivotal in my personal academic journey and success.”

As an advice to students, Penalver said “Do everything...[there are] so many opportunities that you don’t even know of until you do something... Try everything.”
Two rivers in Nigeria have burst their banks after heavy rainfall. The flood has been declared a national disaster by the Nigerian government after 100 people have been declared dead.

Fruit scares going on in Australia, particularly with strawberries. More than 100 people have found needles in their strawberries. An adolescent has been detained in Australia admitting to the crime and will be dealt with in their juvenile system. Fears of ‘copycat’ contamination is on the radar for other popular fruits.

Airstrikes in Idlib, a province of Syria, happened just a day after a ceasefire agreement failed to be made between Russia, Turkey, and Iran. The White Helmets, a volunteer-led rescue group, reported four people deceased and five injured, severities unknown.

In Tlaquepaque, Mexico, local authorities found a refrigerated truck that was storing 150 unclaimed bodies being held by the state. The makeshift morgue was found due to an extreme smell coming from the vicinity. The state moved the truck due to complaints, and it is now being held at a location somewhere around the state attorney general’s office.
The Happytime Murders is...something. It’s just, for lack of a better word, meh. The fact that the taglines included “No Sesame, All Street” and “Sex. Murder. Puppets.” makes one think that it would at least be an enjoyable popcorn flick, but the unfortunate bland chemistry and overabundance of bawdy humor is what made this nitty-gritty Fraggle Rock sink into the depths of mediocrity.

Phil Phillips (Bill Barretta) is a puppet living in a world where his kind and humans coexist—though the former are treated like inferiors by the latter. Our blue protagonist is a former cop-turned-PI, who drowns his sorrows in liquor and drugs. On the hunt for a lead, Phil gets tied up in a brutal murder involving a puppet cast member from the 90s hit show “The Happytime Gang”. He brushes with his former partner, Det. Connie Edwards (Melissa McCarthy), who has a vendetta against him for not saving her from being shot by a crazed puppet and is the reason he got fired from the LAPD. When Phil’s brother Larry (Victor Yerrid), another star of Happytime, is also killed, Edwards and Phil team up to uncover exactly what the cause of these homicides are—while also trying not to kill each other.

Happytime tried so hard to be a vulgar comedy that it pushed its noir basis to the background, and the film suffers for it. The parts that are all indicative of a whodunit/detective picture are surprisingly really good; the atmosphere is just right, and it honestly gave off vibes of Who Framed Roger Rabbit? at a couple points. But those moments are scant compared to the near-blantant copying of the “Sausage Party” plot: take something benign, like Sesame Street or the Muppets, and make it as raunchy as possible.

Did I need to see what a puppet smut film looks like? No. Did I need to watch as silly string coated an office following two puppets doing the horizontal tango? No. Did Happytime have to put those scenes into the movie for any reason relating to the plot? No.

The problem is that so many Hollywood comedies rely on sex-based humor that it takes away from films like this—and honestly just makes regular movie goers uncomfortable as hell.

In a complete surprise from me, McCarthy is the funniest person in the movie. It’s the first time in years that I believe she’s gotten dialogue that suits her, and there were many moments when I found myself smiling at all of her little quips about sugar addiction.

The only issue is that her fuzzy co-star was very wooden, and the fact that there wasn’t a clear line between who was the straight man and who was the funny guy, made it awkward trying to figure out who was being serious. The rest of the cast was forgettable and there were hardly any other notable features.

One thing is for sure: The Happytime Murders is not for children. Do not take any child to see this movie. If you don’t really mind just wasting an hour or so on a weekend, then go check this one out. But if you’re expecting a new Roger Rabbit, prepare to be disappointed.

My Rating:

Rotten Tomatoes: 22%
Diversions
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29 Ingredient in a Florentine dish
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WEEKLY SUDOKU

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