

# *October 1999*

## **School of Music Audition Dates**

Formal audition dates for Fall 2000 entrance to the School of Music are:

**Brass, percussion, piano, and woodwinds:**

Friday, February 18, 2000  
Saturday, February 19, 2000  
Friday, March 24, 2000  
Saturday, March 25, 2000

**Voice:**

Friday, January 21, 2000  
Saturday, January 22, 2000  
Friday, February 18, 2000  
Saturday, February 19, 2000

**String, organ, and guitar:**

Private appointment. Please contact [Lynn Slater](#).

Auditions for Spring 2000 entrance to the School of Music are private. Please contact Lynn Slater at 815-753-1546 or e-mail her at [lslater@niu.edu](mailto:lslater@niu.edu) for details. Let us know if you have students that are interested in auditioning for us!

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## **Other Important Dates**

**University Open Houses**

October 11, 1999 (Columbus Day)  
November 11, 1999 (Veteran's Day)  
February 21, 2000 (President's Day)  
April 21, 2000 (Good Friday)

**The Midwest Clinic**

December 15-18, 1999  
We'll be at booth 923 in the Southwest Hall. Be sure to stop in!

**IMEA**

January 27-29, 2000  
See you there!

**High School Music Days**

Check out the School of Music web page <http://www.niu.edu/music> for information

about the seven high school days offered by the School of Music throughout the 1999-2000 school year. You can register for events by printing out and mailing the registration page.

The days are:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>For whom?</b>
October 16, 1999	Männerchor Fest	Small and large male choral ensembles
October 21, 1999	Choir Day	Choirs
November 22, 1999	Conducting Clinic	Band and orchestra directors
February 4, 2000	Jazz Day	Jazz bands
February 29, 2000	Clarinet Fest	Individual clarinetists
March 10, 2000	Clarinet Fest	Individual clarinetists
March 21, 2000	Jazz Combo Day	Individual jazz players

For more information, call the Office of External Programs, College of Visual and Performing Arts, at (815) 753-1450 or e-mail director Deborah Booth at [dbooth@niu.edu](mailto:dbooth@niu.edu).

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## **Upcoming On-Campus Faculty and Student Recital/Concerts**

All of our concerts (unless otherwise indicated) are free and open to the public.

### **October**

10/6/99 Jazz Lab Band/All-University Jazz Band Concert, 8 p.m., Concert Hall  
 10/6/99 Jazz Combos at Pagliai's Pizza, 8:30 p.m., 1221 W. Lincoln Hwy.  
 10/7/99 NIU Philharmonic, 8 p.m., Concert Hall  
 10/9/99 Guest Artist Carlo Pezzimenti, classical guitar, 3 p.m., Recital Hall  
 10/9/99 NIU Homecoming Game, 2 p.m., Huskie Stadium  
 10/10/99 Wind Symphony/U-Band Concert, 3 p.m., Concert Hall  
 10/10/99 Jon Meagher, senior violin recital, 7 p.m., Concert Hall  
 10/12/99 Vermeer Quartet, 8 p.m., Concert Hall  
 10/12/99 Jazz Combos at Pagliai's Pizza, 8:30 p.m., 1221 W. Lincoln Hwy.  
 10/13/99 Guest artist Mauricio Rodrigues, jazz guitar, 8 p.m., Recital Hall  
 10/16/99 Guest artists Cantus, male chorus, 8 p.m. Concert Hall \$\$  
 10/17/99 Erin Walker, sophomore percussion recital, 7 p.m., Recital Hall  
 10/18/99 Nate Greene, senior percussion recital, 8 p.m., Recital Hall  
 10/19/99 JazzVox, 8 p.m., Concert Hall  
 10/19/99 Jazz Combos at Pagliai's Pizza, 8:30 p.m., 1221 W. Lincoln Hwy.  
 10/22/99 Erin Smith, senior voice recital, 8 p.m., Recital Hall  
 10/23/99 Guests artist Eastman Brass Quintet, 8 p.m., Concert Hall

10/23/99 NIU Home football game, 2 p.m, Huskie Stadium  
10/24/99 Guest artist Eastman Brass Quintet, 3 p.m., Concert Hall  
10/24/99 Guest artist University of Iowa Percussion Ensemble, 8 p.m., Concert Hall  
10/25/99 Percussion Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m., Concert Hall  
10/26/99 Jazz ComboFest, 6 p.m., Recital Hall  
10/26/99 Jazz Combos at Pagliai's Pizza, 8:30 p.m., 1221 W. Lincoln Hwy.  
10/27/99 Opera Workshop, 8 p.m., Recital Hall,  
10/28/99 Richard Young, faculty viola recital, 8 p.m., Recital Hall  
10/29/99 Ainsley Cadd, grad cello recital, 8 p.m., Recital Hall  
10/31/99 Halloween Concert I, 6 p.m., Concert Hall  
10/31/99 Halloween Concert II, 8 p.m., Concert Hall

### **November**

11/1/99 Robert Hutzler, senior organ recital, 6:30 p.m., Concert Hall  
11/1/99 Early Music Ensemble, 8 p.m., Recital Hall  
11/2/99 Chamber Choir/All-University Chorus, 8 p.m., Concert Hall  
11/2/99 Jazz Combos at Pagliai's Pizza, 8:30 p.m., 1221 W. Lincoln Hwy  
11/3/99 Jazz Lab Band, 6 p.m., Concert Hall  
11/3/99 David Gordon/Kurt Mortensen, joint grad composition recital, 8 p.m., Recital Hall  
11/4/99 All-University Jazz Band, 8 p.m., Concert Hall  
11/6/99 Concert Choir, 6 p.m., Concert Hall

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## **Faculty News**

*James Phelps* recently announced that his CD ATALLMIRROR was released during the Annex Group's annual computer-music/multimedia event at NIU. The CD features Phelps' music and performances by internationally-known Blue Note recording artist and NIU faculty member *Fareed Haque*, as well as NIU professor of voice *Myron Myers*. Much of the music on the CD was computer-composed and computer-synthesized using software designed by the composer. ATALLMIRROR is currently available from the NIU bookstore (815-753-1081) as well as Electronic Music Foundation at <http://www.emf.org>. Congratulations, Jim!

Two compositions by *Robert Fleisher* appeared on compact disks released this summer: *Secrets* was performed by pianist Tomoko Deguchi on her Capstone Records CD titled *Syncopated Lady*; *Two Movements for Cello* was performed by Elizabeth Morrow on her Centaur CD titled *Soliloquy*.

*Dr. Han* presented two luogu (Chinese percussion) workshops at Arizona State University on September 18 for 105 music teachers. One of the organizers of this workshop was NIU graduate *Dr. Jeff Bush* who now teaches there. The Silk and Bamboo Ensemble, under Dr. Han's direction, performed at the Regency Room, NIU Holmes Student Center for the Presidential Task Force on Asian Americans meeting on

September 27.

*Robert Sims* will be singing with Grammy Award winner William Warfield and founder of Opera Ebony Benjamin Matthews in "Three Generations", a program of African American Spirituals. The concert will be held on Sunday, October 10 at 3:00 p.m. in the historic Second Presbyterian Church in Chicago. For ticket information, please call Canti Classics at 773-262-9655.

Over the summer *Fareed Haque* toured both the east and west coast with his own group, and recorded a live album with HHKM, an all-star group featuring avant garde guitarist Henry Kaiser and virtuoso bassist Michal Manring. Haque visited Europe with the group Worlds of Guitar playing in Spain at the Cordoba Guitar festival and at the Maribor jazz fest in Slovenia. Haque recorded a CD as special guest with the Ethnic Heritage Ensemble, as well as recording and performing with the group Soul Condition. Haque and trumpeter/ jazz innovator Lester Bowie were invited to perform as featured soloists on this season's Steppenwolf Theatre Traffic Series with the Experimental Big Band, broadcast live on WBEZ radio. As a classical guitarist, Haque performed numerous recitals including performances at the Chicago Cultural Center, and recitals in Ann Arbor, MI, Milwaukee, and Madison, WI. Haque also produced the new CD by Lisa Lauren for Miramar Records, as well as appearing as a guest on CDS by David Sanborn, Pelvic Delta, and Los Lonely Boys.

*Patricia Wurst Cichy* has been invited to present a series of eight Dalcroze-based movement sessions as a part of the Ames, Ia., Suzuki Violin Clinic the weekend of October 9 and 10. The guest violin clinician is Brian Lewis.

Retired professor *Oscar Haugland's* Concertino for Bassoon and Strings, which was written in 1998, received its world premier at Midsummer's Music Festival in Door County in June. The piece was written for *James Berkenstock*, a member of our faculty. The concert will be broadcast on Wisconsin Public Radio in the near future.

*Brian Hart* read a paper on connections between politics and the French symphony at the Fall meeting of the Midwest chapter of the American Musicological Society in Chicago on Saturday, Sept. 25.

*Marlene Rosenberg* was busy in September playing at Hear Music in Rush Street, Sullivan's Steakhouse on Dearborn, and Harold Washington College - all in Chicago. She also played at Andy's on Hubbard with the Eric Schneider/Greg Fishman Quintet, the Bronzeville 1st National Band with the Bethany Pickens Quintet, The Green Mill with The Michael Rabinowitz Quartet (along with NIU's Willie Pickens) and at the World Music Fest Concert at the Field Museum. Upcoming gigs for Marlene and the Marlene Rosenberg Group include Pete Miller's Steakhouse, Sherman Ave., Evanston, October 1 & 2, 8-12 p.m. and Symphony Center with The Orbert Davis Group, October 3, 9-12 p.m.

Anyone interested in obtaining tickets for The Orion Ensemble's 1999-2000 season can do so by calling 630-628-9591. Their next concerts will be in Batavia on October 10 and

in Chicago at Roosevelt University on October 13. *Kathryne Pirtle* is clarinetist for this wonderful ensemble.

*Art Davis* is currently working Thursday-Saturday every week with the Doug Lawrence Orchestra at the New Black Orchid Room in Piper's Alley (Chicago). There they are trying to recreate a swing-era supper club environment, with live big band music and floor show, along with featured guest singers, like Cleo Lane and Diane Schuur. Art also plays every Sunday and Monday at Andy's Jazz Club on 11 E. Hubbard, Sundays with the Ellington Dynasty, Mondays with the house band for the "No-Am Pro-Jam" jam session, where many NIU student musicians have played.

*Ron Carter* will be the guest conductor for the IMEA District IX Jazz Ensemble on November 13, 1999. He will also be presenting a workshop at the Annual Illinois College Music Educator's Conference being held at NIU on November 5-6, 1999. The workshop is entitled "A Multicultural Approach to Jazz Education." He will be presenting a workshop at the International Association of Jazz Educators International Convention being held in New Orleans, LA, January 12-15, 2000. The Workshop is entitled "A Multicultural Approach to Teaching Jazz Styles and Articulation." Ron will be the guest conductor for the Missouri All-State Honors Jazz Band at the Annual Missouri Music Educators Association State Convention at the Tan-Tar-A Resort on the Lake of the Ozarks. The conference will be held January 26-29, 2000.

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## Student/Alumni News

Baritone *Timothy Quistorff '93* just returned from the Franz Schubert Institute in Austria, where he was a scholarship student. Tim performed recitals and sang in master classes for Ely Ameling and Hans Hotter.

*Corinne Nelson '93* just received a grant from the Lake Placid Institute for the Arts. Corinne performed in Lake Placid as a grant winner, singing in recital with Jennifer Lane and Phyllis Bryn-Julson. Corinne was also featured in an article in the Lake Placid News as a "brilliant emerging artist."

*Mihaela Ragusitu* and *Stephanie Jong*, both students of Richard Young recently won positions in the viola section of the Louisville Symphony. Congrats to both of them!

The *NIU Jazz Ensemble* will be presenting a concert at the newly remodeled Dixon Theatre in Dixon, Illinois on Saturday, October 23, 1999 at 7:30 pm. The guest artist will be NIU faculty member and jazz bass teacher Marlene Rosenberg.

NIU is the elected state Illinois Collegiation Music Educators Association chapter for 1999-2001. The students and officers (*Doug Pelt*, President; *Karen Walter*, Vice President; *Jason Dornink*, Secretary; and *Jo Noonan*, Treasurer), along with state ICMEA faculty advisor, Dr. Patricia Cichy, have planned a fall conference to be held on the NIU campus November 5 & 6. The theme is Multicultural Music: Promoting Diversity in Our

Schools. The Keynote Address will be given by NIU alum Mrs. Dorothy Kometani Kittaka. Presenters include: Mr. Cliff Alexis, Dr. Cichy, Dr. Kuo-Huang Han, Mr. Robert Chappell, Mr. Rich Holly, Ms. Anny Chia Pau Hsu, Mr. Eric Johnson, Mrs. Dorothy Kittaka, Ms. Denise Lowe, Ms. Jo Noonan, Associate Dean G. Allan O'Connor, Dr. Ron Price, Ms. Cynthia Shelhart, Dr. Sandra Frey Stegman, Dr. Lawrence Stoffel, Ms. Donna Tallman, Ms. Susan Tarson, Mr. Ken Tonaki, and Dr. Ronnie Wooten. If you would like more information, please contact Dr. Cichy at 815-753-7971. While this conference is directed toward collegiate students, there may be room for additional participants.

The student Chapter of the International Association of Jazz Educators will host the great saxophonist and Blue Note recording artist Bobby Watson and his group "Horizon" on October 11 & 12, 1999. Their performance will be held at 6:00 p.m. in our Recital Hall, October 12. Admission is free. This event is sponsored in part by Jazz Studies and The Campus Activities Board.

*Matt Moore '98* was recently appointed to the position of head band director at Jacobs High School in Algonquin Illinois School District 300. He has approximately 140 students in the program and directs the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Beginning Jazz Band and the Golden Eagle Marching Band. Congratulations to both Matt & Jacobs High!

*Trey Devey, '95* tells us that he entered the American Symphony Orchestra League Fellowship Program after graduating in 1995 and worked at the orchestras of Pittsburgh, New York, and Fort Worth for their 95-96 season. He stayed in Fort Work for a year in the development department and was recruited to Syracuse, NY, to work as the Orchestra's Director of Development. In May, he was asked to fill the role of Executive Director with the Orchestra. The Syracuse Symphony performs about 110 full orchestra concerts per year in addition to 100 ensemble concerts throughout central and Northern New York. With a budget of \$4.5 million, he has quite a bit on his 'to do' list. It was great to hear from you Trey!

The *NIU Jazz Ensemble* will begin it's annual Fall tour on November 17, 1999 with Jazz Pianist Jo Anne Brackeen. The concert schedule is as follows:

November 17 - Dundee Crown HS, 7:30 p.m. concert

November 18 - Duke Ellington Ballroom, NIU, 8:00 p.m. concert

November 19 - Herrick Chapel, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, 8:30 concert

November 20 - South Shore Cultural Center, Chicago, IL, 7:00 p.m. concert

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## Odds and Ends

Let us know if you have info you would like to share with other music educators. We can add it to our next newsletter (1st of each month). Just send your info to [lslater@niu.edu](mailto:lslater@niu.edu)!

Be sure to check us out on the Web! <http://www.niu.edu/music>