

THE DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND PERFORMANCE STUDIES PRESENTS

the SCARLET LETTER

By Sarah Saltwick, adapted from the novel by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Hester's scarlet A exposes the capacity for both love and betrayal in all of us.



*Who of you will cast
the first stone?*

Saturday, November 4

8 p.m.

Sunday, November 5

2 p.m.

Tickets \$15
Students \$10
(with valid ID)

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for colored
girls
who have considered suicide/
when the rainbow is enuf

A choreopoem by Ntozake Shange

Directed by Dr. Patrick Santoro
Choreographed by Megan Lindsay

April 5 - 7 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$15, \$10 for Students

Stories of love, empowerment,
struggle, and loss represent sisterhood
in the midst of racism and sexism.

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Governors State University

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University Park, IL 60484



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INSPIRED ARTS, CONNECTED COMMUNITIES



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NEW SHOWS ADDED

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to Governors State University's Center for Performing Arts. We believe that a healthy campus and community know what it means to **live in the midst of art**. As you walk through the campus, you'll notice art everywhere — beautiful paintings on the walls, sculptures in the prairie, and the one-of-a kind Charles Lotton glass chandeliers in the Center's lobby. This brochure introduces you to the performing arts planned for 2017-18 on our lively stage.

Art is the universal language of creativity and inclusion. You will notice these themes presented in fresh and inspiring ways throughout the season. Learn about the complexities of human nature in Sarah Saltwick's theatrical adaptation of Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*. Bridge cultural and generational divides at *The Blues Hip Hop Experience*. Explore the impact of racism and sexism on women of color, in *for colored girls who have considered suicide / when the rainbow is enuf*. And celebrate the holiday season with family and friends at Salt Creek Ballet's *The Nutcracker*.

In 2019, Governors State University will celebrate our 50th anniversary. We recognize this milestone with *50 Years of Wonder: A Tribute to Stevie Wonder* by America's Got Talent finalists, Sons of Serendip.

This exciting calendar of events is made possible by the generous contributions of our funders: The Chicago Community Trust, First Midwest Bank, The Ralph Medhurst Children's Fund, and gifts by donors and patrons like you. Please consider supporting our Arts in Education program, which opens the theater to thousands of underserved students to experience their first live performance. Your donation will provide life-changing experiences for students in our community. Please visit CenterTickets.net for more information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elaine P. Maimon, Ph.D.
President, Governors State University

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Dallas Children's Theater presents

How I Became a Pirate

Book Music & Lyrics by Janet Yates Vogt & Mark Friedman
Based on the book by Melinda Long ~ Illustrations by David Shannon

Sunday, November 12 at 2 p.m.

Tickets \$18/\$13 (ages 16 and under)

Sail off on a swashbuckling musical excursion with a band of comical pirates for fun and adventure on the high seas. This tale of family and home is a joyful family musical that is sure to leave young mateys singing and dancing in the aisles!

Artist Lounge Live presents

Aretha Franklin: Queen of Soul

Starring Donica Lynn

Saturday, November 18 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$36/\$28

Jeff award-winning Chicago Dreamgirl Donica Lynn triumphs in an awe-inspiring homage to the legendary Aretha Franklin. Recently named among the Chicagoans of the Year (*Chicago Tribune* 2016), this is a celebration not to be missed including signature songs like *Respect*, and *(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman*.



Salt Creek Ballet presents

The Nutcracker

Saturday, December 9 at 1 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Tickets \$43/\$36/\$28 Adults, \$18 for children 16 and under

A magical tale featuring Tchaikovsky's enchanting score, festive set & costumes, waltzing flowers, giant mice and the Sugar Plum Fairy. A delightful holiday tradition for all ages!

Take pictures with Santa at 3 p.m.



50 Years of Wonder:

A Tribute to Stevie Wonder

by America's Got Talent finalists, Sons of Serendip

Saturday, January 13 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$36/\$28

Serendipity brought this vocal quartet together. Their beautiful music keeps audiences coming back for more. With the accompaniment of the harp, piano, and cello, these *America's Got Talent* finalists will celebrate the legendary Stevie Wonder with popular hits like *Isn't She Lovely*, *Signed Sealed Delivered* and *If It's Magic*.



On Stage Experience



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Opera Up Close presents

Lift Every Voice

An Operatic Celebration of the Black Experience

Sunday, January 21 at 4 p.m.

Tickets \$55 includes soul food tasting

Pay tribute to the rich musical history of the black experience with selections from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, Flaherty & Ahrens' *Ragtime*, opera arias, art songs and spirituals.

Southland Area Theatre Ensemble presents

Caroline, or Change

Directed by J.R. Rose, Music by Jeanine Tesori

Saturday, February 3 at 2 & 8 p.m.

Sunday, February 4 at 2 p.m.

Tickets \$28

Set in 1963, this Tony-nominated musical features gospel, Motown, classical and Jewish folk songs. From the quarters in the bleach cup to the protests in the streets, change is coming for Caroline—an African-American maid working for the Gellman family—whether she wants it or not.

GSU Dance Company presents

Dance to the Movies

Featuring special guest troupe Fatal Dance

Thursday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets \$15/\$10 for students

Celebrate dance, as seen on the big screen, through a variety of dance disciplines including contemporary, Broadway musicals, jazz, ballet, tango, hip-hop, and more. Patrons will enjoy movie clips brought to life on stage through stunning choreography by Director Megan Lindsay and featured student work.

The Blues Hip Hop Experience

Saturday, April 21 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$28

This multi-generational concert celebrates Chicago's blues legacy and its modern twin, hip-hop. Featuring Chicago harmonica legend, Emmy Blues Foundation Award winner Billy Branch, co-creator and host Sylvia Ewing and local hip-hop and blues artists Avery R. Young, Lucy Smith, FM Supreme, and more.

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