MESSIAH UNIVERSITY
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ART AND DESIGN
THEATRE AND DANCE
MUSIC

2020-2021 SEASON
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September

Sept. 14 – Nov. 24
Marc Chagall and The Bible: Christians in the Visual Arts (CIVA)
The Galleries at Messiah University

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Messiah University
Department of Art and Design
Senior Exhibition 2020
Ongoing exhibitions of work from
2020 Senior students in the
B.A., B.S., BFA studio
Climenhaga Building, Glass Gallery

October

1-7
“Antigone,” written by Sophocles
Directed by Katie Anne Phykitt & Daniel Inouye
Brothers Polynoeices and Eteocles died at each other’s sword. The newly appointed King Creon praises Eteocles as worthy of a burial with military honors but deems Polynoeices a traitor to his country and decrees he shall be left unburied. “Antigone” is a fierce battle of wills between Antigone, who believes in loyalty to family and honor to the divine, and Creon, who believes in loyalty to the state and honor to the law. “Antigone” was written in roughly 441 B.C., but its themes of fervent activism, feminism, political dissent and justice make this play so relevant, it could have been written yesterday. This production places the action of the story in the present day and uses a modern lens to view an ancient story.
Climenhaga Building,
Poorman Black Box Theater
Oct. 1-3 & 5-7, 8 p.m.;
Oct. 4, 3 p.m.;

11
“Opera Pops” Messiah University
Opera Workshop
Damian Savarino,
music and stage director
The Opera Workshop members will present solos, duets, trios, quartets and an ensemble selection from a mix of works from the operatic repertory.
High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

17
Messiah University
Symphony Orchestra
Timothy Dixon, conductor
High Center, Parmer Hall, 11 a.m.

17
Messiah University
Concert Choir and Chamber Singers
Joy Meade, conductor
High Center, Parmer Hall, 4 p.m.

17
Messiah University Jazz Ensemble
William Stowman and
Mark Hunsberger, conductors
High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

All events will be streamed online. Select events will be opened to faculty, staff and students. Please visit arts.messiah.edu for up to date information.
Oct. 29 - Nov. 3
“The Birds”
Written by Aristophanes
Directed by Ed Cohn
Written by Aristophanes near the end of an uneasy truce between Athens and Sparta during the Peloponnesian War, “The Birds” is a comedy looking at demagogues and their rise to power. The story follows Pithetaerus and Euepides, a pair of Athenians who persuade the world’s birds to create a new city in the sky in a bid to gain control over all communications between humans and gods.
Climenhaga Building,
Poorman Black Box Theater
Oct. 29-31 & Nov. 2-3, 8 p.m.;
Nov. 1, 3 p.m.;

17  Messiah University Brass Choir
    Mike Harcrow and
    William Stowman, directors
    Messiah University Brass Studios
    Mike Harcrow, director
    High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

18  Messiah University Jazz Combos
    Todd Goranson, director
    High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall,
    7:30 p.m.

19  Blue Christmas
    Directed by Gregg Hurley
    Messiah University dance students take the
time and space to acknowledge the seasons of
sadness that we all encounter. Reflect with us
through the medium of dance in order to find
the comfort, hope, and joy of Christ’s birth.
Climenhaga Building,
Miller Theater, 7 p.m.

November

7  Messiah University
    Percussion Ensemble
    Erik Forst, conductor
    High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

13  Messiah University Wind Ensemble
    James Colonna, conductor
    Messiah University
    Symphonic Winds
    Travis Weller, conductor
    High Center,
    Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

13-14  Fall Senior Series
    An evening of performance created
    and performed by theatre and dance
    department seniors
    Climenhaga Building,
    Poorman Black Box Theater
    Nov. 20 & 21, 8 p.m.

16-19  Messiah University
    Chamber Ensembles
    High Center,
    High Foundation Recital Hall,
    7:30 p.m.

20  Messiah University
    Symphony Orchestra
    Timothy Dixon, conductor
    High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

20-21  Fall Senior Series
    An evening of performance created
    and performed by theatre and dance
    department seniors
    Climenhaga Building,
    Poorman Black Box Theater
    Nov. 20 & 21, 8 p.m.

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Follow their madcap theatrical adventure as they take turns acting, puppeteering and becoming the orchestra while performing one of the most beloved fairy tales of all time. Through ingenuity and will power, they prove in the end that anything can happen once upon a time.

Climenhaga Building, Poorman Blackbox Theater
March 4-6 & 8-10, 7 p.m.
March 7, 3 p.m.

5 Messiah University
Symphony Orchestra
Timothy Dixon, conductor
High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

7 Kuhlman Competition
High Center,
High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

March 15 - April 1
Patterns and Texture: Selections from the Permanent Collection
Curated by Christine Forsythe, professor of art
A beautiful and compelling range of two and three dimensional work collected by Messiah University
Climenhaga Building, Aughinbaugh Gallery

26-27 Spring Senior Series
An evening of performance created and performed by theater and dance department seniors
Climenhaga Building, Miller Theater
March 26 & 27, 8 p.m.

26 Messiah University
Concert Choir
Joy Meade, conductor
High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

27 Messiah University
Percussion Ensemble
Erik Forst, conductor
High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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April

6  Messiah University Jazz Combos
   Todd Goranson, director
   High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

13  Messiah University Brass Choir
    Mike Harcrow and William Stownman, directors
    Messiah University Symphonic Winds
    Travis Weller, conductor
    High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

17  Messiah University Opera Workshop
    "Death By Aria"
    Damian Savarino, music and stage director
    High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

April 19 - May 8

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Messiah University Department of Art and Design Senior Exhibition:
New Work by B.A., B.S., BFA Program Seniors
Climenhaga Building, Aughinbaugh Art Gallery
Tentative Opening Reception, April 19

19  Messiah University Chamber Ensembles
    High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

22  Messiah University Wind Ensemble
    James Colonna, conductor
    High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

23-24  Culmination ’21: Spring Dance Concert
       Directed by Gregg Hurley
       The premier dance Ensemble for Messiah University’s Department of Theater and Dance presents an eclectic evening of dance featuring faculty and adjudicated student work.
       Climenhaga Building, Miller Theater
       April 23, 8 p.m., April 24, 2 p.m

23  Messiah University Symphony Orchestra
    Timothy Dixon, conductor
    High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

25  Messiah University United Voices of Praise
    Eric Byrd, director
    High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

28  Messiah University Spring Choral Showcase
    Rachel Cornacchio and Joy Meade, conductors
    High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

29  Musica Nova: Student Compositions
    High Center
    High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

30  “Pop Up” Exhibition for Faculty Jurying and Open Voting for “Campus Choice”
    The Galleries at Messiah University, Climenhaga Building, High Center
    April 30-August 27

30  Messiah University Jazz Ensemble
    William Stownman and Mark Hunsberger, conductors
    High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

May

1  Messiah University Guitar Ensemble
    Randall Zwally, conductor
    High Center
    High Foundation Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

1  Messiah University Handbell Choir
    Shawn Gingrich, director
    High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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To reserve tickets, contact the box office at 717-691-6036 or visit our website messiah.edu/tickets.

Event details subject to change. Please see arts.messiah.edu for complete information or call 717-796-5045.