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2021/22 SEASON



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

After a year away from live performing arts, it is my pleasure to present the 2021-2022 Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts season brochure. As always, I am especially excited about the variety of programs our performing arts students will present. Each year these performances are more exciting and show a greater range of talent. I particularly look forward to seeing the students showcase their original work.



It is with these programs in mind that we entered into a partnership with Kleban Properties to rent and renovate the Community Theatre in downtown Fairfield. We have already begun to offer a variety of programs and films there and, as you will see, the theatre will be an additional venue for performances by our talented students.

I am a huge fan of our students and their many talents, and I always attend as many of their programs as I can. Please join me in the audience of our theatre arts program productions, where students are given the opportunity to work with industry professionals and discover their artistic voice. Enjoy the band's brilliance, the choral program's diverse repertoire and the dance program's vibrancy – you won't be disappointed.

Our goal continues to be to share the talents of our students, faculty, guest performers and lecturers with our friends and neighbors in the surrounding area and the University community. There is something inside this brochure for every taste, so mark your calendar and I'll see you at the Edgerton and the SHU Community Theatre for as many of these performances as possible. You'll be glad you came.

Sincerely,

John J. Petillo, Ph.D., President

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AS YOU LIKE IT

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

November 11–13, 2021 at 8 p.m.

November 14, 2021 at 3 p.m.

Love is merely a madness. Rosalind is banished and with her best friend, Celia, by her side, she journeys to a world of exile. But not before catching the eye of love-struck Orlando who is also forced from the court into the forest. What ensues is a riotous combination of a feisty cross-dressing heroine, a tartan-clad fool, melodic songs, questionable poetry and laughs aplenty. Will love conquer all, or is it merely a madness?

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A CHORUS LINE

MUSIC BY
MARVIN HAMLISCH

LYRICS BY
EDWARD KLEBAN

BOOK BY
JAMES KIRKWOOD JR. AND NICOLAS DANTE

April 7–9, 2022 at 8 p.m.

April 10, 2022 at 3 p.m.

Winner of 12 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Book and Best Score, and winner of the 1976 Pulitzer Prize for Drama

A Chorus Line is a stunning concept musical capturing the spirit and tension of a Broadway chorus audition. Exploring the inner lives and bittersweet ambitions of professional Broadway performers, the show features one powerhouse number after another. Memorable musical numbers include "What I Did for Love," "One," "I Can Do That," "At the Ballet," "The Music and the Mirror" and "I Hope I Get It." A brilliantly complex fusion of song, dance and compellingly authentic drama, A Chorus Line was instantly recognized as a classic.

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VANYA and SONIA and MASHA and Spike

BY CHRISTOPHER DURANG

September 23–25, 2021 at 8 p.m.

September 26, 2021 at 3 p.m.

September 30–October 2, 2021 at 8 p.m.

October 3, 2021 at 3 p.m.

Winner of the Lucille Lortel Award, Outer Critics Circle Award, NY Drama Critics Award and Theatre World Award, and Tony nominated.

In *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*, master of comedy Christopher Durang takes characters and themes from Chekhov, pours them into a blender and mixes them up. The utterly hilarious and occasionally touching result is his latest play set in present-day Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Vanya and his stepsister Sonia have lived their entire lives in their family's farmhouse. While they stayed home to take care of their ailing parents, their sister Masha has been gallivanting around the world as a successful actress and movie star, leaving Vanya and Sonia to feel trapped and regretful. Their soothsayer/cleaning woman, Cassandra, keeps warning them about terrible things in the future, which include a sudden visit from Masha and her twenty-something boy toy Spike.

The Little Theatre

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THE OTHER JOSH COHEN COHEN

**BOOK, MUSIC, AND LYRICS BY
STEVE ROSEN AND DAVID ROSSMER**

October 21–23, 2021 at 8 p.m.

October 24, 2021 at 3 p.m.

October 28–30, 2021 at 8 p.m.

October 31, 2021 at 3 p.m.

Nominated for six Drama Desk Awards and the Lucille Lortel Award for Outstanding Musical.

Enter the quirky world of Josh Cohen's New York City apartment ... as it is getting robbed. Thus begins the hilarious rock-and-roll romantic comedy about good guy Josh, caught in a lifelong battle with bad luck. Broke and alone, all hope seems lost—until a mysterious letter arrives that changes his life forever. Two actors play the hapless-yet-warmhearted title character—one eventful year apart—in a 90-minute life-changing laugh fest for the whole family that will leave you feeling better about the world.

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the MAD ONES

BOOK, MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
KAIT KERRIGAN AND BRIAN LOWDERMILK

February 10–12, 2022 at 8 p.m.

February 13, 2022 at 3 p.m.

February 17–19, 2022 at 8 p.m.

February 20, 2022 at 3 p.m.

Samantha Brown balances on the edge of her future, car keys in hand. As she sits in the driver's seat, she faces a choice: will she follow in her mother's footsteps, or take the dare of her impetuous best friend and chart a new path?

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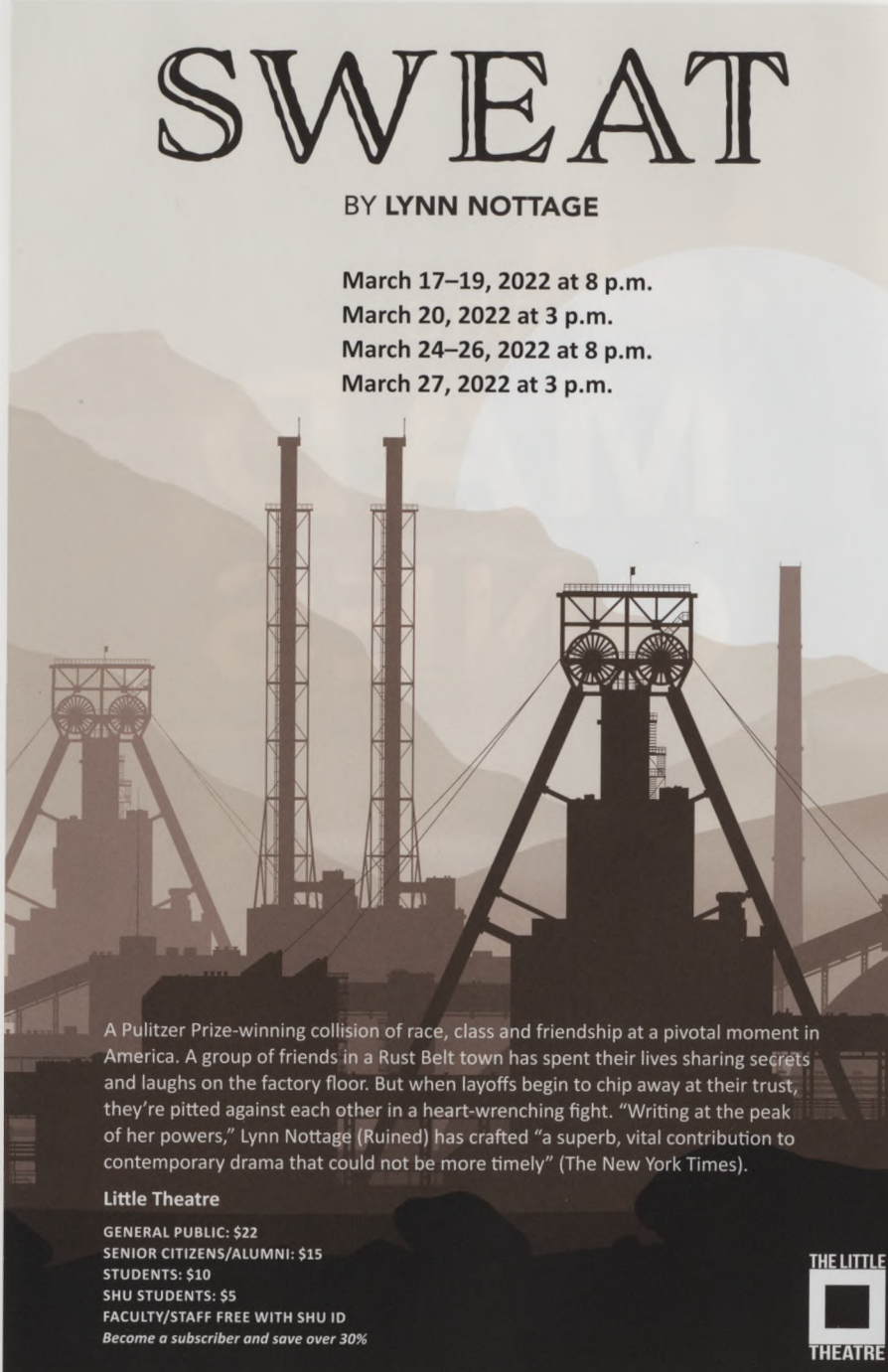
BY LYNN NOTTAGE

March 17–19, 2022 at 8 p.m.

March 20, 2022 at 3 p.m.

March 24–26, 2022 at 8 p.m.

March 27, 2022 at 3 p.m.



A Pulitzer Prize-winning collision of race, class and friendship at a pivotal moment in America. A group of friends in a Rust Belt town has spent their lives sharing secrets and laughs on the factory floor. But when layoffs begin to chip away at their trust, they're pitted against each other in a heart-wrenching fight. "Writing at the peak of her powers," Lynn Nottage (Ruined) has crafted "a superb, vital contribution to contemporary drama that could not be more timely" (The New York Times).

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TAP SUBSCRIBER 3 SHOW

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22

General Public: \$45
Senior Citizen: \$30
SHU Alumni: \$30
Non-SHU Student: \$21

TAP SUBSCRIBER 6 SHOW

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22

General Public: \$93
Senior Citizen: \$63
SHU Alumni: \$63
Non-SHU Student: \$42

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All seats are completely exchangeable for another theatre performance.



THEATREFEST

Reader's Theatre

October 8–9, 2021 at 8 p.m.

October 10, 2021 at 3 p.m.

The first step in script development, new student-written scripts are read in front of a live audience. Constructive feedback to the author is provided by the audience and fellow participants. The goal is a fully crafted production. With just a stool and a script, this bare-bones reading is the initial step in a journey of writing a fully produced play.

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Black Box Staging

November 19–20, 2021 at 8 p.m.

November 21, 2021 at 3 p.m.

The second step in script development, new student-written scripts are staged and performed for a live audience. The plays are performed in a black box setting with limited technical aspects and simplified sets and staging, allowing for an in-depth focus on acting and writing. This workshop features the revised script work and performances, followed by an audience and author/cast/director discussion.

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New Fully Produced Shows

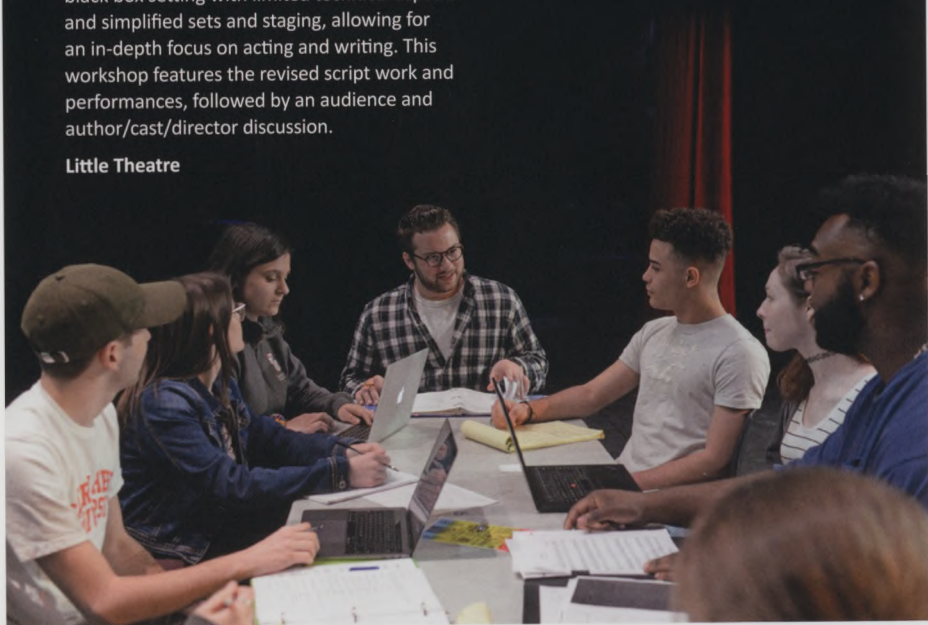
February 18–19, 2022 at 8 p.m.

February 20, 2022 at 3 p.m.

The final step for student-written plays. This will be a fully produced version of the show, including set, costumes, props, sound and lighting.

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FREE ADMISSION TO ALL SHOWS



Improv

September 16, 2021 at 10:10 p.m.

October 14, 2021 at 10:10 p.m.

November 18, 2021 at 10:10 p.m.

December 2, 2021 at 10:10 p.m.

January 27, 2022 at 10:10 p.m.

February 24, 2022 at 10:10 p.m.

March 31, 2022 at 10:10 p.m.

April 21, 2022 at 10:10 p.m.

April 28, 2022 at 10:10 p.m.

Join TAP's own improv troupe—The Pioneer Players—for a make-it-up-as-we-go night of hilarious gags and games. Like the long-running hit TV show, *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, the night consists of a series of games in which our student performers get themselves into funny situations live, as comedy ensues.

Little Theatre

FREE ADMISSION TO ALL SHOWS



SHU Coffeehouse

September 10, 2021 at 8 p.m.

November 17, 2021 at 8 p.m.

January 26, 2022 at 8 p.m.

April 13, 2022 at 8 p.m.

TAP's Coffeehouse is a space for open expression, whether it is poetry, a monologue or a song. Join us for a warm beverage and insight into the creativity of our student body.

Little Theatre



Sacred Heart University's Center for Irish Studies, the Society for Traditional Irish Music and the Gaelic American Club of Fairfield present:



Cherish The Ladies: Celtic Christmas

Friday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m.

One of the most engaging and successful ensembles in the history of Celtic music, Cherish The Ladies have shared timeless Irish traditions with audiences worldwide for over thirty years. In their Celtic Christmas program, the Ladies put their signature mark on classic carols such as "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Silent Night," in arrangements that highlight the group's unique Celtic instrumentation, beautiful harmonies and spectacular step dancing.

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GENERAL PUBLIC: \$30*

SENIOR CITIZENS: \$25

FACULTY/STAFF/ALUMNI: \$25

STUDENT: \$10

*GAELIC AMERICAN CLUB MEMBERS will receive \$5 off the General Public price. Visit the Edgerton box office to show proof of membership.

"Passionate, tender and rambunctious!"
— *New York Times*



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Connecticut Children's Theatre

Connecticut's only year-round professional theatre company dedicated to children pre-K through third grade.

An award-winning, professional national touring company, Connecticut Children's Theatre (CCT) proudly works side by side with Sacred Heart University students from the Theatre Arts Program. College students train and perform with seasoned professionals throughout the year in multiple theatrical projects. This educational collaboration is the hallmark of the CCT residency at Sacred Heart University.

The Velveteen Rabbit

A New Musical for Children

Based on the classic story by Margery Williams

CCT is proud to present one of our most popular musicals for young audiences! Based on Margery Williams' beloved story of friendship and love, this interactive, original musical follows the Velveteen

Rabbit's journey on his quest to become real. Targeting pre-K through third grade audiences, *The Velveteen Rabbit* is filled with music, sing-alongs and audience participation! This critically acclaimed production also features the voices of TV and film stars Marla Gibbs, Ernest Borgnine and Bea Arthur. It's a fun-filled, musical springtime field trip not to be missed!

STUDENTS AND CHAPERONES: \$9
TEACHERS: FREE
THE SHOW RUNS ONE HOUR.

May 4-6, 2022
at 10:30 a.m.

For school groups only.
Pre-K through third grade



Fall 2021 Events



FAMILY WEEKEND CONCERT Together Again

October 24, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

An inspirational concert featuring the Concert Choir, 4 Heart Harmony, the Liturgical Choir, the Gospel Choir, Blended Hearts and SHUpermen in selections affirming the bonds of friendship and human interaction.

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A CONCERT AGAINST BULLYING Songs of Sanctuary

November 3, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

4 Heart Harmony, Blended Hearts and soloists, through choral music, solos and spoken testimonials, present a positive, uplifting and moving response to bullying.

Chapel Narthex

FREE ADMISSION



A CHRISTMAS CHORAL EXTRAVAGANZA

An Irish Christmas Celebration

December 4, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Catch the holiday spirit with the SHU Choral Program, featuring selections showcasing Christmas and holiday music from the Irish tradition.

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GENERAL ADMISSION: \$10

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Spring 2022 Events

GOSPELFEST 2022 A New Day!

February 26, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Be sure not to miss this inspirational, energetic and uplifting program featuring the SHU Choral Program and guests in this presentation of music that speaks to the soul. A highlight of the year.

Chapel of the Holy Spirit

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$10

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CASH ONLY TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DOOR.

KALEIDOSCOPE A Celebration of Diversity

April 30, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

The SHU Choral Program presents a special concert featuring exciting, energetic, contemplative and memorable selections that celebrate the wide diversity of American choral music.

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GENERAL ADMISSION: \$10

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Fall 2021 Events



Fall for Dance Preview Show

November 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The SHU Dance Program will present a preview of their fall dance production lineup featuring the SHU Dance Company, SHU Dance Ensemble, SHU Claddagh Dancers and SHU Inception Dance Crew!

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Taking Flight

November 20, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

The SHU Dance Company will present their fall dance concert to include professionally choreographed works both live and on film.

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Pro/Positions

November 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Pro/Positions will feature Sacred Heart University's professional track dance programs: SHU Mo(VE)ment and Inception Dance Crew!

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Fire & Ice

November 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

The SHU Dance Ensemble will present both professional and student choreographed works in all styles of dance.

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Spring 2022 Events

CLADDAGH DANCERS Irish Dance Showcase

April 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The award-winning nationally and internationally ranked dancers of the SHU Claddagh Dancers Irish Dance Ensemble will perform both traditional and modern pieces.

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Sanctuary

April 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The SHU Dance Company will present professionally choreographed works in ballet, modern, contemporary and fusion styles, which honor our sanctuary, Mother Earth, this Earth Day 2022.

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Pro/Positions II

April 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Pro/Positions II will feature Sacred Heart University's professional track dance programs, SHU Mo(VE)ment and Inception Dance Crew, performing the works of some of the most innovative and internationally renowned choreographers in the dance industry today!

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Spring Finale

April 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

The SHU Dance Ensemble will present both professional and student choreographed works in all styles of dance.

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Fall 2021 Events

A Classic Holiday

December 3, 2021 at 8 p.m.

The SHU Orchestra performs its annual holiday concert of classical and light music that will fill your heart with the spirit of the season. Featured works include Schubert's Symphony No. 5 in B-flat Major.

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Christmas Memories

December 5, 2021 at 3 p.m.

Celebrate the season with the SHU Band, featuring a concert of holiday favorites, the traditional audience sing-along and a few surprises!

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Instrumental Chamber Ensembles Concert

December 6, 2021 at 8 p.m.

Featuring a diverse concert of music performed by SHU student chamber ensembles.

SHU Community Theatre

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Spring 2022 Events

A Celebration of Black Composers

February 27, 2022 at 3 p.m.

Celebrating the enormous contribution that Black composers have made to classical music, the SHU Orchestra presents a concert that features works by Florence Price, Christopher Ducasse, Joseph Bologne de Saint-Georges and others.

This concert is a fundraiser for the St. John's Family Center of Bridgeport.

SHU Community Theatre

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Pioneer Blast!

March 27, 2022 at 3 p.m.

The SHU Pep Band performs a high-energy concert featuring your favorite songs and SHU's own Heartbeat Percussion performing on garbage cans, brooms and more in an exciting concert event!

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GENERAL ADMISSION: \$10

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The Music of John Williams and More!

April 24, 2022 at 8 p.m.

Join the SHU Band as they present classic pieces for band and celebrate one of the greatest movie composers of all time—John Williams!

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Instrumental Chamber Ensembles Concert

April 29, 2022 at 8 p.m.

Featuring a diverse concert of music performed by SHU student chamber ensembles.

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Sacred Heart University Orchestra: Spring Concert

May 1, 2022 at 3 p.m.

The SHU Orchestra performs its annual spring concert featuring Haydn's Symphony No. 100 in G Major, "Military" and more!

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Jobimfest VII

7th Annual Celebration of the Music of Antonio Carlos Jobim

March 30, 2022 at 7 p.m.

The Sacred Heart University Academic Music Program presents Prof. Joe Carter and the Brazilian Jazz All Stars in a tribute concert celebrating the music of Brazilian composer Antonio Carlos Jobim.

A.C. Jobim (aka "Tom" Jobim) was a Brazilian songwriter, composer, arranger, singer and pianist/guitarist. He was the primary force behind the creation of the Bossa Nova style, and his songs have been performed by many singers and instrumentalists within Brazil

and internationally. Widely known as the composer of "*Garota de Ipanema*" ("The Girl from Ipanema"), one of the most recorded songs of all time, Jobim created a large number of songs that are today included in jazz and pop standard repertoires.

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Hours: M-F from 12-4pm and two hours prior to all shows that require ticket sales.

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TICKET POLICIES

Returns: No refunds or exchanges. All ticket sales are final with the exception of canceled performances. SHU students and faculty/staff discount tickets are available but limited to one ticket per valid ID. Online ticket purchases include a minimal processing fee.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Edgerton Center is fully accessible with a number of locations available that can accommodate those in wheelchairs or patrons needing handicap seating. Please note that there is limited handicap parking on campus. Please refer to the parking advisory and plan accordingly. If you are in need of special assistance, handicap or wheelchair seating, please notify the Box Office when purchasing your ticket.

LATE ARRIVALS

Patrons arriving late will be seated at the discretion of the management.

IMPORTANT PARKING ADVISORY

Parking may be limited due to other events on campus. Carpooling, public transportation, family/friend drop off and pick up are strongly encouraged. Early arrival is also highly recommended. Students living off-campus must take a shuttle to the campus to attend Edgerton Center events.

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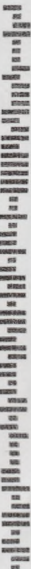
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