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A Message from Ebeth Campbell House & Volunteer Manager

Dear Vol*Stars,

I've said it at the end of most of my emails to you this past year, but it still remains true – we miss you!

It's now been over a year since in-person events ceased, and it seems so strange not to have seen any of you in person since then. I hope you've been doing well and staying healthy during this time away from the Vol*Star program. I also hope you've been able to enjoy some of the virtual programs and concerts we've offered.

While we still have no exact return date for regularly scheduled in-person events in our spaces, we anticipate being back to what we do best this fall—even if that means with masks, socially distanced seating and other restrictions. We are hopeful vaccine distribution continues to be successful and our staff (and most JCCC employees!) will be fully vaccinated prior to our return.

We are still unsure about a few of our summer events, but we plan to have some Light up the Lawn shows and recently were given the green light for the Heartland Chamber Music Festival (with some restrictions, of course). The festival will serve as one of our first opportunities to facilitate small public audiences, as well as our first opportunity for Vol*Stars to sign up for shifts again. These plans are still very much in process, so I will keep you updated via email.

In this newsletter, you will find some information about Vol*Star summer training and how we plan to prepare for our return. I'm looking forward to seeing you all again soon!

Sincerely,
Ebeth Campbell
House & Volunteer Manager

The Midwest Trust Center Series

As you probably know by now, we have officially been renamed the Midwest Trust Center (MTC). The rebranding process continues to be a team effort by our entire staff, JCCC Marketing and Communications, Campus Facilities and more. We hope you are excited about the new changes and will continue to be the amazing ambassadors you've always been for our program! The MTC would be lost without its Vol*Stars.



Upcoming Events

Visit www.jccc.edu/MidwestTrustCenter for more information.



Michael Pagán Big Band in Concert

April 12, 2021 - May 12, 2021 | VIRTUAL EVENT

This spring, join the Michael Pagán Big Band for an original concert at your convenience!

Jazz and big band lovers will enjoy works composed and arranged by Michael Pagán, described by allaboutjazz.com as a “musical force in today’s jazz world.”

About Michael Pagán

Michael Pagán has performed for over 40 years throughout the United States and Europe with many notable jazz musicians. He has produced more than 150 compositions and arrangements, mostly in the jazz idiom. He has appeared on 25 CDs as a leader or supporting artist and has received numerous awards for his writing, including First Prize at the New Music for Young Ensembles composer’s competition, which included a Carnegie Hall premiere.

Pagán has taught at Ottawa University in Kansas, where he chaired the music department from 2016 to 2019, taught courses and directed BRAVO! (Ottawa University Jazz Singers). Pagán has served as Director of Marketing and Communications for the American Jazz Museum in Kansas City and Assistant Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory. He has been on the faculties at the University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Minnesota and Olivet College. He frequently appears as an adjudicator at jazz festivals and faculty member at summer jazz camps throughout the region. In 2019 and 2020, he was pianist for the Kansas Music Educators Association Jazz Ensemble, which performed his music.

Pagán has been commissioned by the American Jazz Museum, Michigan Music Teachers Association, Lake Superior Chamber Orchestra, WLS-TV Channel 7 (Chicago) and high schools and colleges across the country. His big band CD “Pag’s Groove” received airplay and critical acclaim in the United States and Europe, earning a five-star review in the “Irish Times of Dublin.” His CD “Three for The Ages” features bassist Bob Bowman and drummer Ray DeMarchi. Learn more at michaelpaganmusic.com.

Program

Burn It Forward

Soloists: Michael Pagán (piano), Jeff Shirley (guitar), Craig Treinen (alto sax)

Erie Ballad

Soloists: Nate Nall (trumpet), Jason Goudeau (trombone)

North of the River

Soloists: Dave Aaberg (trumpet), James Albright (bass)

If You Have to Ask ... (You’ll Never Know)

Soloists: David Chael (tenor sax), Max Levy (tenor sax)

I Contrafact on You

Soloists: Brett Jackson (baritone sax), Nick Schroeder (trumpet), Michael Pagán (piano)

Pag’s Funky Groove

Soloists: Fred Mullholland (flügelhorn), Greg Carroll (vibraphone), Brad Gregory (alto sax), Tom Morgan (drums)

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NEW DATE - “Eat, Drink, Play: New Beginnings” with Opus 76 Quartet

7 p.m. (CDT), May 20 - June 1, 2021 | VIRTUAL EVENT

Create a date night at home with beautiful chamber music and a fabulous recipe from a local chef.

Midwest Trust Center and Opus 76 Quartet invite you to “Eat, Drink, Play: New Beginnings” at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 20. Tickets are \$15/household. After purchase, a link to the recital will be sent 24 hours before the first day of access and available on demand through June 1.

This unique “date night in” is approximately one hour in length and features lively performances filmed in Yardley Hall. Our featured chef is Dr. Andrea Broomfield, JCCC Associate Professor of English, food historian, and author of “Food and Cooking in Victorian England” and “Kansas City: A Food Biography.” Broomfield will prepare a recipe made famous at the legendary Harvey House Restaurant and its maitre d’ - Joe Maciel’s Hot Strawberry Sundae. The recipe will be provided to purchasers prior to the broadcast.

Program

“The Seven Last Words of Christ” Op. 51 by Joseph Haydn (brief excerpts)

String Quartet No. 12, Op. 96 “The American” by Antonín Dvořák (Sunrise youth quartet will perform the second movement only)

String Quartet No. 3 in D Major, Op. 44, No. 1 by Felix Mendelssohn

Spring 2021 Recital Series

Noon (CDT), Mondays and Tuesdays, March 1 - May 31, 2021 | VIRTUAL EVENTS
FREE (tickets not issued or required)

Now in their 32nd year, the hour-long recitals feature some of the most respected professional classical and jazz musicians in the Kansas City area. Many of them tour internationally and perform with noted local organizations like the Kansas City Symphony, the Kansas City Chamber Orchestra and the Kansas City Jazz Orchestra. Some of them are on the faculties of conservatories and music programs in Kansas and Missouri. Others teach privately and play in bands for musical theatre. Many are featured in festivals across the country.

Light Up the Lawn This Summer!

Friday, August 20 - Kelley Hunt

Friday, August 27 - The Rainmakers

We will require registration for these shows and will enforce masks and socially distanced seating on the Nerman lawn. More information coming soon!



Summer Training for Returning Vol*Stars

Every summer, returning Vol*Stars are required to complete a training course. We plan to hold these trainings as usual this summer, so be on the lookout for an email with dates and more details sometime in the future.

Our summer trainings take place June through August and usually include an overview of the Vol*Star program and procedures, a review of safety and preparedness, and this year we will train on new Covid-19 protocols. We also have a new box office ticketing system, so that means new scanners.

We are finalizing our socially distanced seating plan, but as you know, things may change as we move forward, so we will adapt! The Midwest

What we know now:

- Face coverings will be required at all times, except for those performing onstage.
- Temperature checks will be taken backstage for performers and at venue entrances for patrons.
- Sanitizer stations will be located throughout the venue.
- The house will open one hour before curtain to avoid lines waiting to be seated.
- There will be limited capacity in the theatres.
- Seating will be socially distanced.
- Gathering places will be limited: No intermissions, no concessions and no merchandise sales.
- There will be COVID-level postshow cleaning backstage, in the theatre and in restrooms.
- Air handling units (AHU) have been upgraded for safety:
 1. Photohydroionization (PHI) units have been installed in all air handlers. The commercial PHI unit is designed to reduce odors, air

Trust Center will continue to take JCCC's guidance on best practices, and the College will continue to look to the county and state.

We have a detailed reopening plan we will use, along with the Vol*Star manual, to train and refresh, but please email us anytime with questions you might have now. We're working on a FAQ list, so please help us add to it! If you're wondering how we plan to handle certain aspects of reopening, please ask. For some questions, we may have the answer for you now, and for others, we may still be figuring that out. Your questions will help us to keep planning as best we can.

pollutants, VOCs (chemical odors), smoke, mold, bacteria and viruses.

2. Air handler filters have been replaced and upgraded to MERV 11 filters.
3. Air handling economizers bring in 100% outside air, as long as the outside air temperature stays above 55.
4. Chilled water coils are sprayed with a hospital-grade AHU-approved sanitizer (DDS-164 Plus) which cleans, disinfects, sanitizes, deodorizes and performs as a fungicide/mildewstat/virucide, which inhibits the growth of mold and mildew.

It's more important than ever that you reread the entire Vol*Star Manual prior to your training. We will let you know when it's back on the website. I also will distribute via email, so please be on the lookout! We understand some of you will not yet be ready or do not intend to return, and that is okay. For those returning, we look forward to seeing you (masked and socially distanced, of course!).



Fun Facts about our 2020 Vol*Stars of the Year:

Lynne Zagortz

- Lynne grew up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She has three brothers—one younger and two older. She comes from a musical family, where everyone played at least one musical instrument. Lynne played flute, piccolo and piano and enjoyed being in the “pit orchestra” for high school musicals.
- Lynne was on a synchronized swim team in high school and continues to do aqua fitness and lap swimming.
- She attended the University of Kansas as an out-of-state student (knowing absolutely no one when she arrived) and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Occupational Therapy in 1972.
- She has two children. Her daughter’s family lives in Lenexa and her son’s family lives near Chicago. Her grandchildren are 15, 14 and 12.
- Lynne worked at Shawnee Mission Medical Center (now Advent Health Shawnee Mission) for 27 years and retired in 2016. She managed the inpatient rehabilitation department with a team of approximately 100 occupational and physical therapists, speech and language pathologists and rehabilitation technicians.

Kristin Gambill

- Kristin was born in Moline, Illinois, and grew up in St. Joseph, Missouri, with two sisters. She has also lived in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- She graduated from Missouri Western Junior College (now Missouri Western State University) and Southwest Missouri State College (now Missouri State University) with a degree in elementary education.
- She has two children and one absolutely adorable, handsome, sweet, funny, cute, 5-year-old grandson!
- Kristin loves to travel, walk, volunteer, play games on her phone, work jigsaw puzzles and snuggle with her dog, Charly.
- She talks with her sister every night for at least an hour, except when she’s volunteering.

It’s always fun to learn more about our fellow Vol*Stars!



MTC Marketing Coordinator

We've hired a new marketing coordinator, Janell Rinne. She holds a bachelor's degree in musical theatre performance from Missouri State University and a master's in business administration with an emphasis in marketing from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. We're thrilled to have Janell join the MTC team.

My Volunteer Page

MyVolunteerPage.com has a new look! Our volunteer database, run by Better Impact, has been updated. Things don't look too different on your end, but they have changed a lot on our end, the administrative side. So please help us out so we can troubleshoot a few things. **Please log on to MyVolunteerPage.com if you have not logged in recently.** Let us know if you experience any issues and email volstars@jccc.edu with any questions or concerns.

We also created a "Test Event" that you can sign up for. **Please try to sign up for this event and let us know what issues or questions might arise.** It will be very helpful for us to have sign-ups to review since the database was updated.

We will make sure to assist you and provide training information on how to navigate the website and sign up for shifts before events begin again on a regular basis this fall.

Meet Our JCCC President!



Dr. Andrew (Andy) W. Bowne is the sixth president of Johnson County Community College.

Dr. Bowne (rhymes with town) joined JCCC on July 1, 2020, having served as senior vice president and chief operating officer of the entire Indiana community college system that includes 18 colleges statewide. His prior leadership positions include serving as chancellor of Ivy Tech in Muncie, Indiana, and Associate Vice President for College Advancement/ Executive Director of the Grand Rapids Community College Foundation.

Bowne earned both his doctorates and master's degrees from Western Michigan University with concentrations in human resource development. His bachelor's degree, also from WMU, is in geography and urban and regional planning.

Dr. Bowne brings notable experience to JCCC, including:

- Fostering an institutional culture dedicated to the success of every student.
- An understanding of the importance of diversity, welcoming and engagement

- A willingness to emphasize workforce training, as well as partnerships with K-12 schools for lifelong learning.
- A proven ability to work with community stakeholders to ensure the College is meeting community needs and expectations.
- A background of successful fundraising and promoting public-private partnerships.
- A focus on the value of everyone in the campus community, including students, faculty and administration.

He is coming up on his one-year anniversary and is looking forward to seeing everyone back on campus. He's never experienced the campus at more than 20% of capacity!