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ARTS *gala*

25th ANNIVERSARY

ArtsGala Activities

VIP Reception

(Sponsors, Society Members, Grand Patrons)
Upper Stein Galleries
6–6:45 p.m.

Opening Ceremony

Schuster Hall
7–7:30 p.m.

Dining and Performances

Various Locations
7:30–10:30 p.m.

Bars

- Commons Bar, Lower Lobby
 - Lily Pad Bar, Upstairs Lobby
 - Gallery Bar, Stein Galleries
 - Music Bar, Music Wing
 - Bourbon Bar, Cigar Tent
- 6:30–11 p.m.

Art Exhibition

2024 Senior Thesis
Stein Galleries
7–11 p.m.

Portraits

Lower Galleries
(pick up prints by main entrance,
online at wright.edu/galaphotos)
7–10:30 p.m.

Silent Auction

Lower Galleries
7–10:30 p.m.

Dance

Festival Playhouse
10:45 p.m.–midnight

Performance Times

★ ★ Opening Ceremony ★ ★

Schuster Hall

7–7:30 p.m.

The Art Experience:

Live Art Creation

Lower Lobby and 2nd Floor Lobby

7:30–10:30 p.m.

Step INTO the Movies!

Upstairs Lounge

7:30–10:30 p.m.

The Dance Experience

Dance Studio, Room 170

7:45 p.m., 8:45 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

Highlights from

The 25th Annual Putnam County

Spelling Bee

Festival Playhouse

8 p.m., 10 p.m.

Collegiate Chorale presents:

Echoes of Euphony: A Musical Odyssey

Schuster Hall

8:45 p.m.

Jazz Ensemble presents:

Song and Swing: Big Band Hits

from the Classics to Today

Schuster Hall

9:40 p.m.



We dedicate the 2024 ArtsGala to Joe Deer

Joe has served as chair and artistic director of the former Department of Theatre, Dance, and Motion Pictures, and is a Distinguished Professor of Theatre. Joe has undoubtedly staged some of your favorite performances at ArtsGala, including this year's *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. As he approaches retirement at the end of this academic year, we salute Joe for his tireless devotion to our students and alumni throughout the world.

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Dining Show Times

7:30 p.m., 8:15 p.m., 9 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

***Scenes from Madison Square Garden:
The Music of Billy Joel***

Stage Combat Studio, Room 178

Much Ado About Everybody in Our Town

Music Wing, Room 104

Savory Soiree: Solo and Chamber Music

Music Wing, Room 180

7:45 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 9:15 p.m., 10 p.m.

Die Fledermaus: Opera Music

Music Wing, Room 190

Broadway Divas

Herbst Theatre

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Dining Menus

6:30–7:30 p.m.

Opening Reception

Lower Lobby

- Charcuterie Display
- Hors D'oeuvres

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Dining Rooms 7:30–10:30 p.m.

Art Experience

Upper Galleries, 2nd Floor Lobby

- Tuscan-Roasted Turkey Breast (GF)
- Multigrain Buns and Breads
- Dijon Crusted Salmon Filet
- Tandoori-Seasoned Vegetable Kabobs (VG)
- Orzo Pineapple Craisin Casserole (V)
- Lemon Garlic Mushrooms, Peas, and Green Beans (VG)
- Brownie Bars, Lemon Bites, Buckeyes, Cookie Bars (V)

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Dining Menus

Dining Rooms 7:30–10:30 p.m. (cont'd)

Scenes from Madison Square Garden: The Music of Billy Joel

Stage Combat Studio, Room 178

- Seven Salad Bonanza
- Greek Marinated Chicken Kebob
- Edamame Dumplings (VG)
- Boursin-Filled Red Potatoes (V)
- Bread Sticks and Mini Muffins
- Fruit and Cream-Filled Mini Pie Tarts (V)

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Much Ado About Everybody in Our Town

Music Wing, Room 104

- Carne Asada Mini Taco
- Adobo Chicken Mini Taco
- Spanish Rice (GF, V)
- Chipotle Roasted Vegetables (GF, V)
- Avocado Chopped Salad (GF, V)
- Cherry Almond and Bananas Foster Bread Pudding (V)

Catered by Amber Rose

Dining Menus

Dining Rooms 7:30–10:30 p.m. (cont'd)

***Savory Soiree:
Solo and Chamber Music***

Music Wing, Room 180

- Herb-Roasted Lamb Lollipops
- Honey Glazed Chicken (GF)
- Twice-Baked Red Potatoes (GF, VG)
- Parmesan Roasted Asparagus (GF, V)
- Poppyseed Vinaigrette Spinach Salad (GF, V)
- Mini Cream Puffs and Eclairs

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Die Fledermaus: Opera Music

Music Wing, Room 190

- Hunter Schnitzel with Dijon Cream Sauce
- Lemon Caper Chicken Schnitzel
- Mini Potato Pancakes (V)
- Herbed Spatzle (V)
- Fruited Sauerkraut
- Cucumber Dill Salad (GF, VG)
- Apple Strudel and Black Forest Strudel

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Dining Menus

Dining Rooms 7:30–10:30 p.m. (cont'd)

Broadway Divas

Herbst Theatre

- Herb-Roasted Prime Rib, Buns, and Au Jus
- Grilled Chicken with Marinara
- Creamy Macaroni and Cheese Fritters (V)
- Asparagus, Corn, Tomato, Bean Salad (VG)
- Strawberry Fields Salad (GF, VG)
- Cheesecake Squares (V)

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9–10:45 p.m.

End-of-Night Coffee Station

Lower Lobby

- Coffee and Hot Tea Service
- Macaroons
- Cookies
- Biscotti

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Silent Auction

**Bid until 10:30 p.m. at
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The **ArtsGala** silent auction offers a wide assortment of amazing artwork, luxury gift baskets, fine dining certificates, top-quality wine and cigars, entertainment packages, vacation destinations, and much more. **Visit the Stein Galleries to view items in person.**

Guests can place bids directly on their mobile phone at the gala! All proceeds from the auction directly support scholarships for our students in the fine and performing arts.

Still need to sign up to bid?

Register your phone number and create a profile at: **artsgala24.givesmart.com**

Or visit a Wright State volunteer in the Stein Galleries for assistance.

Happy bidding!

***Pick-up for winning bidders,
10:30–11 p.m. in the Stein Galleries***

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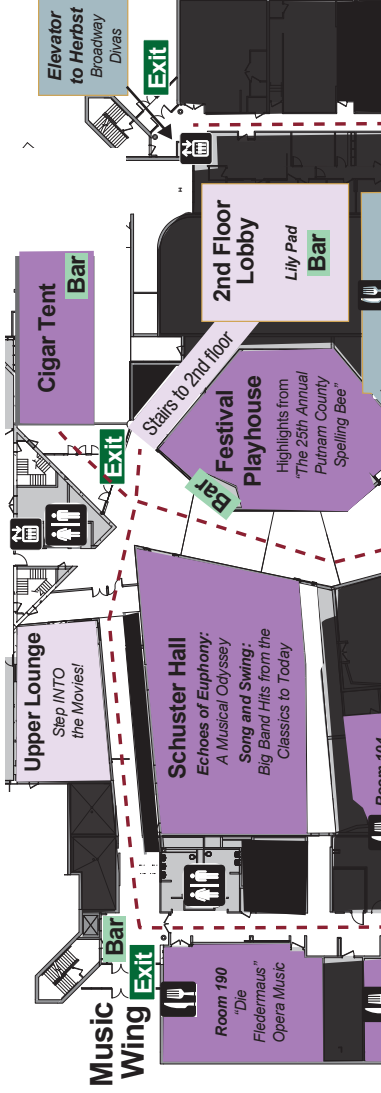
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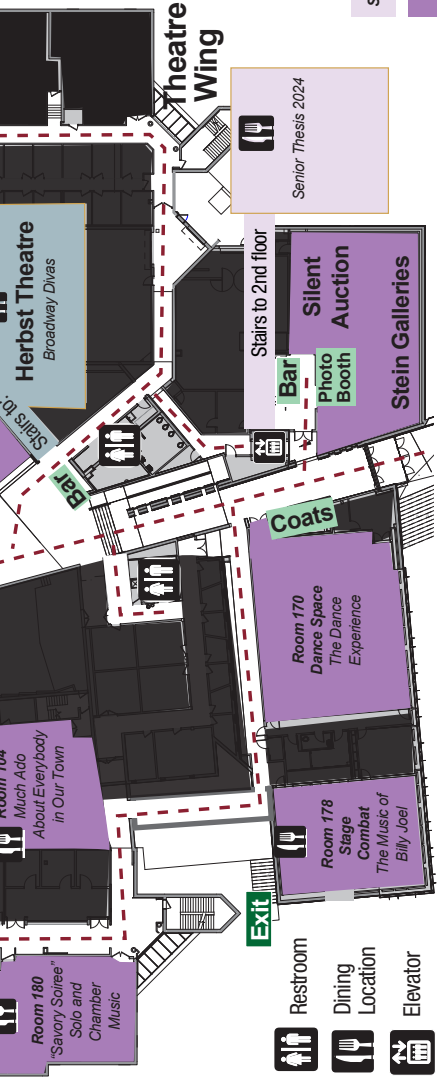
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First Floor

Basement

Main Entrance

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On April 1, 2000, the first ArtsGala took place at Wright State University's Creative Arts Center. And 25 years later, we are indebted to the founders and many individuals who came together to create this special event that benefits the students in the School of Fine and Performing Arts.

On this silver anniversary, we would like to honor and applaud the vision of:

Mary Ellen Mazey

former Dean, College of Liberal Arts

Linda Caron

former Chair, Department of Art and Art History

Herb Dregella

former Chair, Department of Music

Stuart McDowell

former Chair, Department of Theatre, Dance,
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April 5, 2025

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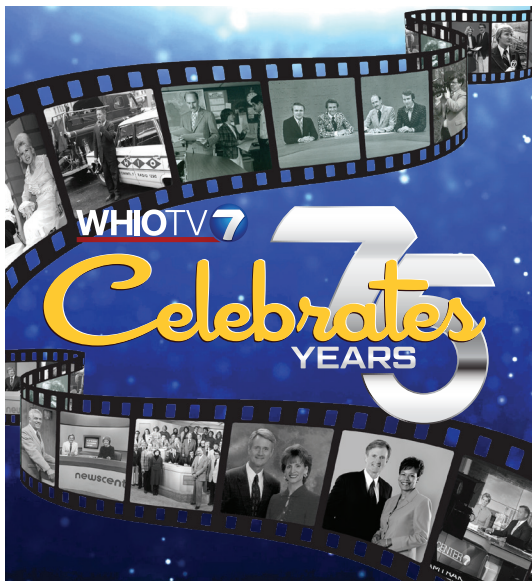


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