



Thursday, April 11, 2002

Varner Arts Celebration Week is April 15-20

Oakland University is hosting the first Varner Arts Celebration Week April 15-20. The celebration reflects a true appreciation for the arts on Oakland University's campus.

Highlights for the week include the dedication of the Varner Memorial Garden and sculpture by Sharon Que; the **Third Annual Matilda Awards**, which honor the contributions made by students, alumni and community members to the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance; the opening of the OU Student/Faculty Exhibition at Meadow Brook Art Gallery; and the inaugural presentation of the Varner Arts Award for outstanding arts figures, which will be presented to Neeme Jarvi, musical director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, during the Varner Seminar Series on University Vitality.

Varner Arts Celebration Week Events:

Monday, April 15

- **Third Annual Matilda Awards** — 6 p.m. at the San Marino Club in Troy. The event honors outstanding students, alumni and community members for their contributions to the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. Tickets are available through the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance or at the door. Cost is \$20 for OU students and \$30 for OU employees and the general public.

Monday-Wednesday, April 15-17

- 19th Annual OU Photography Contest — all day in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge. Entries and contest rules are available at the Center for Student Activities, 49 Oakland Center. The contest is sponsored by the Student Program Board and Center for Student Activities.

Monday-Thursday, April 15-18

- "Behind the Scenes" at **Meadow Brook Hall** — April 15 and 17, 4-5 p.m.; April 16 and 18, noon-1 p.m. The special tour of Meadow Brook Hall will take visitors into areas not normally viewed by the general public. The tour is free for OU students, faculty and staff.

Monday-Saturday, April 15-20

- Regular tour of **Meadow Brook Hall** — 1:30 p.m. each day. Free for OU students, faculty and staff.

Wednesday, April 17

- Varner Memorial Garden Reception — 8:30 a.m. in the Varner Recital Hall Lobby.
- Dedication of the Garden and Sculpture by Sharon Que — 9-10 a.m. in the Varner Hall Courtyard.
- Varner Seminar Series on University Vitality: Presentation of the Varner Arts Award & Panel Discussion on "Creativity in the Arts" — 10-11 a.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. Panelists include Lisa Jesswein, 2002 Matilda Award alumni winner; Emil J. Kang, president and executive director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra; and Sharon Que, sculptor. Brian Murphy, professor of English, will moderate.
- Faculty Recognition Luncheon — 11:30 a.m. in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms. The luncheon honors outstanding achievement; teaching, research and new investigator excellence award recipients; and distinguished professors. The event is by invitation only.

Thursday-Saturday, April 18-20

- Student Directed Theatre Projects — 8 p.m. in the Varner Hall Lab Theatre. Tickets are \$2 for OU students and \$3 for the general public.

Friday, April 19

- African Ensemble “Akwaba” and Steel Drum Band “Pan Jumbies” — 10 a.m. (featuring “Akwaba”) and 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall. Music directed by Mark Stone. Cost for the 10 a.m. performance is \$5. The 8 p.m. performance is \$5 for OU students, \$6 for OU employees and senior citizens, and \$10 for the general public.
- Opening of the OU Student/Faculty Exhibition: “Illusions and Illuminations” — 5-7:30 p.m. at Meadow Brook Art Gallery in Wilson Hall. The free exhibition is sponsored by Department of Art and Art History.

Saturday, April 20

- Pontiac-Oakland Symphony Season Finale — 7:30 p.m. at St. Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills. The symphony is directed and conducted by Gregory Cunningham. Cost is \$12 for OU students and senior citizens and \$15 for the general public.
- Piano Benefit for the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance — 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall. The event will feature pianist Flavio Varani. Cost is \$15 per person and up, depending on seating.

Varner Arts Celebration Week is a collaborative effort between the Center for Student Activities; College of Arts and Sciences; Department of Art and Art History; Department of Music, Theatre and Dance; Division of Academic Affairs; Division of Student Affairs; Meadow Brook Hall; Meadow Brook Theatre; and the Office of the President.

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