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Hillsdale College Announces April Fine Arts Events

Upcoming events include a Big Band concert, a student art exhibit, and Handel's 'Messiah.'

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Hillsdale College is pleased to announce another exciting month of plays, concerts, and other fine arts events open to members of our local community.

All events are free and open to the public, but ticket reservations might be required. To reserve tickets, contact the box office at boxoffice@hillsdale.edu or 517-607-2848. To learn more about our fine arts events, visit events.hillsdale.edu/department/fine_arts.

Without further ado, here are April's events. See you there!

Senior Art Exhibits

Raegan Coupland, Joy Hanes, and Rachel Moeller will have their senior art show hanging in the Daughtrey Gallery in the Fine Arts Building from April 4 through April 8. The opening reception will be at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 4, in the Fine Arts Building.

Cecelia Cummins, Katherine Lannon, and Abigail Davis will have their senior art show hanging in the Daughtrey Gallery in the Fine Arts Building from April 11 through April 15. The opening reception will be at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 11, in the Fine Arts Building.

For gallery hours, click [here](#).

Shakespeare Society Presents Shakespeare in the Arb: 'Love's Labours Lost'

5:30 p.m. Friday, April 4 | 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5 | Slayton Arboretum

Come one, come all! Bring a picnic blanket and settle down with friends to laugh at four lords who swear off food, sleep, and women... until the Princess and her three ladies appear!

Saturday, April 5: Hillsdale Percussion Ensemble

8 p.m. | McNamara Rehearsal Hall

This year's concert will showcase world folk music with a focus on the music of Ghana and the Latin Americas. We welcome guest artists Mark Stone, world percussion, and Patrick Fitzgibbons, steel pan.

Sunday, April 6: Sigma Alpha Iota Women's Music Fraternity Concert

6 p.m. | McNamara Rehearsal Hall

Wednesday, April 9: Ravel Anniversary Concert

7 p.m. | Conrad Recital Hall

Hillsdale College music faculty members Daniel Kuehler, Brad Blackham, and Taylor Flowers will celebrate the music and 150th anniversary of the birth of French composer Maurice Ravel (1875-1937).

April 11 & 12: Hillsdale College Big Band Concert

8 p.m. Friday, April 11 | 8 p.m. Saturday, April 12 | Plaster Auditorium (Searle Center)

Hillsdale College welcomes back the great Vincent DiMartino, trumpet, for a swinging concert with the Hillsdale College Big Band.

April 11-13: Tower Dancers Concert

8 p.m. Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12 | 2 p.m. Sunday, April 13 | Markel Auditorium (Fine Arts Building)

The Tower Dancers' 22nd Annual Spring Concert features choreography by students, faculty, and guest artists. Highlights include a Billy Joel tribute, a dance about the Wild West, and variations from the Classical Ballet "Paquita," along with works in ballet, contemporary, and modern dance, all showcasing the talent of our student performers.

Saturday, April 12: Joy String Quartet

8 p.m. | Hoynek Archive Room (Dow Center)

The John E. N. and Dede Howard Department of Music offers a select number of students the opportunity to perform on world-class instruments from the Hough Collection, as members of the Joy String Quartet. A gift from David and Bonnie Joy Hough, these exceptional instruments are pieces of historical significance crafted by Italian master luthiers from Cremona and Turin during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries.

Sunday, April 13: Chapel Choir Passiontide Sacred Concert

6 p.m. | Christ Chapel

The Chapel Choir will perform "The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John" by Henrich Schütz (1585 – 1672) to mark Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. This choral setting of the Gospel account of Jesus' suffering and death is a traditional part of the annual

commemoration of the central Christian mystery of the redemption throughout the Christian West. The service will include readings and hymns meditating on the final, pivotal events of Christ's life. Written for the royal court of Dresden in the 1660s, the St. John Passion is among the first to invest the choral settings of the "crowd" with dramatic realism. The Chapel Choir will also perform music from Bach's cantata BWV 12, "Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen," and Mendelssohn's "Jesu, meine Freude." Timothy McDonnell, conductor.

Monday, April 14: Faculty Woodwind Quintet Recital

7 p.m. | Conrad Recital Hall (Howard Music Building)

April 25 & 27: Handel's 'Messiah'

7:30 p.m. Friday, April 25 | 3 p.m. Sunday, April 27 | Christ Chapel

A Hillsdale College Choir, Chamber Choir, and Orchestra tradition presented every four years since December 2000. This coming year, the seventh cycle, the choirs and orchestra will present two performances during Eastertide, featuring different student soloists for each of the two performances. Ticket reservations are required.

Saturday, April 26: Playwriting Competition Staged Readings

7:30 p.m. | Markel Auditorium

The Department of Theatre aims to reinvigorate American drama with a new, biennial playwriting competition for Hillsdale students. Join us for staged readings of the finalists' plays and be the first to congratulate the inaugural winner! This year, students wrote one-act plays based on a quote from Frederick Douglass in his address to Hillsdale in 1863: "There is no such thing as new truth; error might be old or new, but truth is as old as the universe."

Spring Student Art Exhibition

Tuesday, April 29, through Wednesday, May 7 | Daughtrey Art Gallery (Fine Arts Building)

This juried exhibit features all levels of student works from spring semester studio courses. An awards ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, in the Daughtrey Art Gallery. For gallery hours, click [here](#).

Student Recitals

Emiliya Smyk Senior Voice Recital | 7 p.m. Friday, April 4 | Conrad Recital Hall
(Howard Music Building)

Caitlin Filep Senior Voice Recital | 6 p.m. Saturday, April 5 | Conrad Recital Hall
(Howard Music Building)

James Golden Senior Violin Recital | 7 p.m. Friday, April 11 | Conrad Recital Hall
(Howard Music Building)

Margaret Carriker Senior Piano Recital | 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12 | Conrad Recital Hall
(Howard Music Building)

Anna Leman Senior Harp Recital | 5 p.m. Saturday, April 12 | Conrad Recital Hall
(Howard Music Building)

Ezra Blackwell Senior Organ Recital | 6 p.m. Saturday, April 12 | Christ Chapel

Elena Bull Junior Flute Recital | 8 p.m. Sunday, April 13 | Conrad Recital Hall (Howard Music Building)

Peter Andrews and Molly Coleman Freshman Recital | 5 p.m. Saturday, April 26 | Conrad Recital Hall (Howard Music Building)

Studio Recitals

Woodwind Area Recital | 2 p.m. Sunday, April 6 | Conrad Recital Hall (Howard Music Building)

Taplin Horn Studio Recital | 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 7 | Conrad Recital Hall (Howard Music Building)

Wagner Flute Studio Recital | 6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 10 | Conrad Recital Hall (Howard Music Building)

Dr. Flowers Piano Studio Recital | 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15 | Conrad Recital Hall (Howard Music Building)

Palmer Guitar Studio Recital | 6 p.m. Monday, April 21 | Conrad Recital Hall (Howard Music Building)

Stachofsky Voice Studio Recital | 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22 | Conrad Recital Hall (Howard Music Building)

Dr. Ellie Martin Jazz Voice Studio Recital | 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24 | Conrad Recital Hall (Howard Music Building)

Dr. Knecht Studio Recital #1 | 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26 | Conrad Recital Hall (Howard Music Building)

Dr. Knecht Studio Recital #2 | 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26 | Conrad Recital Hall (Howard Music Building)

DeYoung Harp Studio Recital | 6 p.m. Monday, April 28 | Conrad Recital Hall (Howard Music Building)

Jazz Studio Recital | 7 p.m. Monday, April 28 | Plaster Auditorium (Searle Center)

Bowers Violin Studio Recital | Noon Tuesday, April 29 | Conrad Recital Hall (Howard Music Building)

Dr. Knecht Studio Recital #3 | 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29 | Conrad Recital Hall (Howard Music Building)

For photos from previous fine arts events, click [here](#). For a high-resolution copy of the Hillsdale College clocktower logo, click [here](#).

About Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College is an independent, nonsectarian, Christian liberal arts college located in southern Michigan. Founded in 1844, the College has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 6.7 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

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