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SPRING 2027

January

Faculty Recital:
Kristi Matson, Mark Stachofsky,
and Brad Blackham**Friday, January 15 • 7:30 pm**Featuring works of Debussy, Ravel, and Ibert.
MCNAMARA REHEARSAL HALL**Art Major Alumni Show (PAS)****Friday, January 29 – Sunday, March 21**

The Hillsdale Art Department presents a faculty-curated exhibit composed of work by Hillsdale art majors created post-graduation. The exhibit features works in painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, and graphic design.

Opening reception: January 29 • 6 pm

DAUGHTREY ART GALLERY

2027 Annual Concerto/Aria Competition**Sunday, January 31 • 12 pm**

Advanced instrumental and vocal students studying in Hillsdale's music program have the opportunity to compete to perform with the Hillsdale College Symphony Orchestra.

CONRAD RECITAL HALL AND
MCNAMARA REHEARSAL HALL

February

Combined Choirs
Festival of Hymns**Sunday, February 7 • 2:30 pm (CCA III)**

The College choirs join with audience members singing hymns from across the ages. Organ and brass add a festive touch.

CHRIST CHAPEL

Guest Recital:
Dong-Il Shin, organ (PAS)**Wednesday, February 10 • 7:30 pm**Dong-Il Shin is professor of organ and university organist at Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea, having previously held positions in the U.S. He studied organ first in Seoul and then in France, including at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et de Danse de Paris. Shin's program will include movements from Marcel Dupré's *Symphonie-Passion* (1924).

CHRIST CHAPEL

Tower Dancers Spring Concert**Friday, February 12 and**
Saturday, February 13 • 7:30 pm
Sunday, February 14 • 2 pm

The Tower Dancers' 24th Annual Spring Concert celebrates the artistry of American composers through dance in collaboration with the John E.N. & Dede Howard Department of Music. Featuring original choreography by students, faculty, and guest artists, the performance features ballet, contemporary, jazz, and modern dance.

MARKEL AUDITORIUM

Guest Recital:
Derek Hartman, piano**Saturday, February 20 • 7 pm**

Winner of the 17th International Beethoven Piano Competition in Vienna and Lecturer of Piano at Vanderbilt University, Derek Hartman will present a program celebrating Beethoven's 200th anniversary.

MCNAMARA REHEARSAL HALL

March

Guest Recital: Jasper Wood, violin**Wednesday, March 10 • 7:30 pm**

Canadian violinist Jasper Wood has established a flourishing reputation as a soloist through his frequent performances with many of North America's finest orchestras and throughout Europe. Wood is the artistic director of the Galiano Concert Society and Chair of the String Division and Professor of Violin and Chamber Music at the University of British Columbia.

Assisted by Brad Blackham, Music faculty
MCNAMARA REHEARSAL HALL**Chamber & Symphony Orchestras**
Beethoven: Promethean FireOne composer. One relentless vision. From the mythological spark of *The Creatures of Prometheus* through the sublime poetry of the "Fourth Piano Concerto" to the struggle and triumph of the Fifth Symphony, this all-Beethoven program traces the arc of a composer who forged the orchestra in the fire of his Promethean vision. Performed at Weatherwax Hall in Jackson and again for Spring Parents Weekend in Christ Chapel.**Thursday, March 11 • 7:30 PM**
WEATHERWAX HALL
215 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI
Saturday, March 13 • 7:30 PMCHRIST CHAPEL
Ticket Reservations Required**Tower Players**
Playwriting Competition**Saturday, March 13 • 7:30 pm**

The Theatre and Dance Department aims to reinvigorate American playwriting with our biennial playwriting competition, open to all Hillsdale students. The competition performance will showcase the three finalists, whose one-act plays are inspired by a quote from George Washington: "Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder." Be there as we announce the next winning playwright!

MARKEL AUDITORIUM

Student Chamber Ensemble
(Spring Parents Weekend)**Saturday, March 13 • 4 pm**

Talented student musicians collaborate to present a diverse repertoire ranging from classical masterworks to contemporary pieces.

CHRIST CHAPEL

Combined Choirs
Friends and Family Concert
(Spring Parents Weekend)**Sunday, March 14 • 2:30 pm (CCA IV)**

The Choral Scholars, Chamber Choir, and College Choir present a broad array of choral works both sacred and secular.

CHRIST CHAPEL

Aquila Theatre presents
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (PAS)**Friday, March 19 • 7:30 pm**New York's Aquila Theatre, one of the foremost producers of classical theatre in the United States, returns to Markel Auditorium with a new adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's 1886 timeless tale *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. What begins as a daring experiment spirals into a desperate struggle between two identities, each battling for control and survival. With Aquila's signature style—bold physicality, top-notch actors, and inventive staging—this gripping theatrical adaptation dives deep into the human psyche, asking timeless and urgent questions about morality, repression, and the battles born out of darkness. One night only!MARKEL AUDITORIUM
Ticket Reservations Required**Faculty Recital:**
Emily Douglass, soprano;
Chris McCourry, trumpet;
& Brad Blackham, piano**Friday, March 19 • 7:30 pm**
CHRIST CHAPEL**Percussion Ensemble****Saturday, March 20 • 7:30 pm**

The Hillsdale College Percussion Ensemble, under the direction of Stacey Jones-Garrison, will present a dynamic performance of energetic percussion repertoire.

MCNAMARA REHEARSAL HALL

April

Senior Art Exhibition**Exhibit #1: Friday, April 2 – Tuesday, April 6**
Exhibit #2: Friday, April 9 – Tuesday, April 13
Exhibit #3: Friday, April 16 – Tuesday, April 20
Opening receptions for all three exhibits are on Fridays • 5 pm
DAUGHTREY ART GALLERY**Trio Zimbalist (PAS)****Friday, April 2 • 7:30 pm**Trio Zimbalist has garnered critical acclaim for its "precision and feverish intensity" (Greece's *ESyn*), its "liveliness and vigor of playing," and performances that are "pure enjoyment!" (*Athinoorama*). Members of the trio—violinist Josef Špaček, cellist Timotheos Gavriilidis-Petrin, and pianist George Xiaoyuan Fu—are all distinguished alumni of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. They will perform Beethoven's "Ghost" and "Archduke" piano trios.MARKEL AUDITORIUM
Ticket Reservations Required**Opera Workshop****Saturday, April 3 • 7:30 pm**
Sunday, April 4 • 2 pm

Featuring talented student vocalists, this annual tradition presents staged scenes from beloved operas and musicals.

MCNAMARA REHEARSAL HALL

Joy String Quartet**Sunday, April 4 • 4 pm**

The John E.N. and Dede Howard Department of Music offers a select number of students the opportunity of performing on world-class instruments from the Hough Collection as members of the Joy String Quartet. A gift from David and Bonnie Joy Hough in 2022, these exceptional instruments are pieces of historical significance crafted by Italian master luthiers from Cremona and Turin during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries.

HOYNAK ARCHIVE ROOM

College Choir and Chamber Choir
Spring Concert**Saturday, April 10 • 7:30 pm**A potpourri of five centuries of choral music.
CHRIST CHAPEL**Tower Players: Much Ado About**
Nothing by William Shakespeare**Wednesday, April 14 –**
Saturday, April 17 • 7:30 pm
Sunday, April 18 • 2 pm

Beatrice has sworn off men entirely and Benedick is a proudly confirmed bachelor. It will take tenacious friends, elaborate schemes, and Herculean labor to teach them that they are, and perhaps always have been, helplessly in love. Join the Tower Players for Shakespeare's sharpest romantic comedy, in which love is a "merry war" and wit is its deadliest weapon.

Directed by Christopher Matsos.
MARKEL AUDITORIUM**Hillsdale College Big Band**
with Special Guest**Friday, April 16 • 7:30 pm**
PHI SIG PAVILION
Saturday, April 17 • 7:30 pm
PLASTER AUDITORIUM**Hillsdale College Chamber**
Orchestra Concert
Chamber TreasuresThe new Hillsdale College Chamber Orchestra steps into the spotlight for its first solo program. The evening explores the intimate side of orchestral repertoire—Sibelius's haunting *Valse triste*, Cascarino's luminous *Meditation & Elegy*, the folk-tinged fire of Bartók's *Romanian Dances*, and the lyric warmth of Cowell's *Hymn and Fuguing Tune No. 10* — before crowning the program with Haydn's *Grand Symphony No. 104*, the magnificent capstone of the "London" symphonies. Performed in Fort Wayne and at home in McNamara Rehearsal Hall.**Saturday, April 17 • 7:30 pm**
FIRST WAYNE STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
300 E. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, IN
Sunday, April 18 • 3 pm
MCNAMARA REHEARSAL HALL
Ticket Reservations Required**Choral Scholars Spring Concert****Friday, April 23 • 7:30 pm**

The Hillsdale College Choral Scholars take the stage for an evening of sacred choral music that reaches deep into the choral canon while embracing fresh voices and new discoveries.

CHRIST CHAPEL

Spring Student Art Exhibit**Tuesday, April 27 – Wednesday, May 5**

This juried exhibit features all levels of student works from spring semester studio courses.

Awards ceremony: Tuesday, April 27 • 4 pm
DAUGHTREY ART GALLERY**Hillsdale Wind Symphony****Friday, April 30 • 7:30 pm**Hillsdale College students and community members present a spring concert.
MARKEL AUDITORIUM

May

Chamber & Symphony Orchestras
Rising Stars & Widening Vistas**Friday, May 7 • 8:15 pm**Concerto/Aria Competition winners step into the spotlight for our celebratory season finale. Strauss's *Fledermaus Overture* pops the champagne, Tchaikovsky supplies the romance and spectacle of *Swan Lake*, and Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance* sends the Class of 2027 off in style.CHRIST CHAPEL
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TICKET RESERVATIONS

Some performances require ticket reservations. Tickets not claimed ten minutes prior to the performance will be released to waiting patrons. For more information about any event or to reserve tickets, call the box office. All performance venues are handicap accessible.

ALWAYS FREE GENERAL ADMISSION
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THE BOX OFFICE:
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e-mail: boxoffice@hillsdale.edu
phone: (517) 607-2848

September

Michigan Water Color Society 79th Annual Exhibition (PAS)

Friday, September 4 – Sunday, October 4

The Hillsdale Art Department presents a traveling show of the Michigan Water Color Society's 79th annual exhibition. The work displayed represents 30 award-winning pieces from this year's juried exhibition held at Ella Sharp Museum in Jackson, MI.

Opening reception: Friday, September 4 • 6 pm
DAUGHTREY ART GALLERY

Guest Recital: Chuck Seipp, trumpet & Craig Williams, organ

Friday, September 11 • 7:30 pm

Trumpeter Chuck Seipp teams up with organist Craig Williams to present a concert in Christ Chapel. Custom musical arrangements beautifully enhance the exquisite blend of their instruments.

CHRIST CHAPEL

Guest Recital: Michael Burritt, percussion

Saturday, September 19 • 7:30 pm

World-renowned percussion soloist, composer, and Paul J. Burgett Distinguished Professor of Percussion at Eastman School of Music, Michael Burritt is one of his generation's most accomplished percussionists. Having performed on four continents and in more than 40 states, he is in frequent demand.

MCNAMARA REHEARSAL HALL

You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

Wednesday, September 23 –
Saturday, September 26 • 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 27 • 2 pm

**Tower Players and John E.N. & Dede Howard
Department of Music Production**

Charles M. Schulz's beloved *Peanuts* characters come to charming new life, exploring life's great questions in the landmark Broadway hit, *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Featuring delightful music and classic scenes, this production reflects Schulz's creative philosophy: to bring happiness to audiences young and old.

Directed by Tory Matsos, with music direction by Thomas Ryskamp.

MARKEL AUDITORIUM

Ticket Reservations Required

October

Guest Recital: Aaron Berofsky and Family

Friday, October 9 • 7:30 pm

University of Michigan and Chautauqua School of Music faculty members Aaron Berofsky, violin faculty and chair of strings, and his wife, Kathryn Votapek, viola instructor and chamber music coach, are joined by their award-winning sons, pianist and composer Charles and cellist Sebastian, to create the Berofsky Piano Quartet.

CONRAD RECITAL HALL

Julio Suarez, On Location Paintings (PAS)

Friday, October 9 – Sunday, November 22

The Hillsdale Art Department presents an exhibit of paintings by Department Chairman and Associate Professor of Art Julio Suarez. Most of the paintings were completed during the summer and fall of 2025 when Professor Suarez was on sabbatical. They were all done directly from nature and mostly in a single session. Professor Suarez's goal is to capture the fleeting truth of nature with the spontaneity and simplicity that working from direct observation requires.

Opening reception: Friday, October 9 • 6 pm
DAUGHTREY ART GALLERY

Guest Recital: Paul Keller Ensemble (PAS)

Friday, October 9 • 7:30 pm

The Paul Keller Ensemble is a three-horn jazz septet consisting of trumpet, trombone, saxophone, piano, bass, drums and vocals. Their performance will feature arrangements by Paul Keller, offering a fresh perspective on a traditional combination.

PLASTER AUDITORIUM

Combined Choirs Homecoming Choir Reunion Concert

Saturday, October 10 • 12 pm

Following a morning of rehearsal and fellowship, music alumni join the College Choir, Chamber Choir, and Choral Scholars for an informal presentation featuring each ensemble as well as combined selections with all.

CHRIST CHAPEL

Chamber & Symphony Orchestras Liberty's Legacy: An America 250 Concert

Sunday, October 11 • 2 pm

What does America sound like? This program answers with a kaleidoscope of homegrown voices—from Morton Gould's brassy patriotism and Dana Suesse's dreamy nocturnal landscapes to the jazz-inflected antics of John Alden Carpenter's *Krazy Kat* ballet and the tender lyricism of Henry Cowell's *Hymn and Fuguing Tune No. 10*. The program builds to Howard Hanson's lush "Romantic" symphony, a love letter to the American spirit.

CHRIST CHAPEL

Guest Recital: Mark Crayton, voice James Janssen, piano

Thursday, October 15 • 7:30 pm

Internationally acclaimed countertenor Mark Crayton joins collaborative pianist James Janssen for an engaging recital celebrating rarely performed vocal treasures of the Classical era. Featuring works by lesser-known composers alongside familiar names, this unique program invites audiences to discover the richness and beauty of forgotten vocal gems.

CHRIST CHAPEL

Choral Scholars & Chamber Choir Service of Evensong (Fall Parents Weekend)

Saturday, October 24 • 7:30 pm

Hillsdale's Choral Scholars and Chamber Choir join forces to present a special Evensong service for Fall Parents Weekend. Rousing hymns blend with age-old canticles and psalms in the grandeur of Christ Chapel. Joined by guest instrumentalists, the choirs will offer an experience of majestic choral textures in the tranquil haven of evening prayer.

CHRIST CHAPEL

Joy String Quartet Halloween Concert

Friday, October 30 • 12 pm

Students, faculty, and community members of all ages are invited to enjoy this informal, Halloween-themed concert. Hillsdale's Joy String Quartet will perform standard chamber repertoire, a mix of spooky music, and other surprises. Costumes are welcomed, and everyone receives a treat!

PLASTER AUDITORIUM

Faculty Recital: Dr. Daniel Kuehler, piano

Friday, October 30 • 7 pm

Daniel Kuehler will present "Contrapuntal Progeny of Bach," a program celebrating Bach's enormous influence on composers ranging from Scriabin to Franck to Berg. A newly composed piece by Dr. Daniel Tacke will also be premiered.

MCNAMARA REHEARSAL HALL

November

Fred Radke Welcome Concert

Friday, November 6 • 7:30 pm

We are delighted to welcome Fred Radke, masterful trumpeter, big band conductor, musical clinician and educator, recording artist, composer and arranger, and producer. Come enjoy an evening with this world-renowned trumpeter!

THE DAWN THEATER

Guest Recital: Dr. Cameron Fuhrman, piano

Friday, November 6 • 7 pm

Hillsdale alumna and graduate of Eastman School of Music, Cameron Fuhrman presents a program centered on childhood from a variety of perspectives, featuring works by Pärt and Janáček.

MCNAMARA REHEARSAL HALL

College Choir and Chamber Choir America Sings!

Saturday, November 7 • 7:30 pm

Sunday, November 8 • 2:30 pm (CCA II)

From folk song arrangements to current compositions; from hymns to spirituals, the College Choir and Chamber Choir salute America's 250th year with a wide-ranging program of American composers.

CHRIST CHAPEL

Pizza Jam

Sunday, November 8 • 7:30 pm

Hillsdale jazz students will jam with an all-star rhythm section including Fred Radke and Chris McCourry. Enjoy a slice of pie and soak up the smooth sounds of live jazz.

MCNAMARA REHEARSAL HALL

Tower Players: Uncle Vanya

Wednesday, November 11 –

Saturday, November 14 • 7:30 pm

Sunday, November 15 • 2 pm

In *Uncle Vanya*, playwright Anton Chekhov explores themes of regret, heartbreak, and resentment in a group of characters living together on an estate in rural Russia. The complex and nuanced characters provide excellent opportunities for actors, and *Uncle Vanya* is perhaps Chekhov's most moving play.

Directed by James M. Brandon.
MARKEL AUDITORIUM

Battle of the Jazz Combos

Wednesday, November 11 • 7:30 pm

An annual musical event where student jazz combos battle it out with members of the Harry James Orchestra.

MCNAMARA REHEARSAL HALL

6th Annual Battle of the Big Bands

Friday, November 13 • 7:30 pm

The renowned Harry James Orchestra, directed by Fred Radke, competes against the Hillsdale College Big Band, directed by Chris McCourry.

MCNAMARA REHEARSAL HALL

The Harry James Orchestra

Saturday, November 14 • 8 pm

One of the original bands of the swing era, the Harry James Orchestra returns to campus for an evening of great music and dancing.

Reception begins at 7:00 pm

SEARLE CENTER

Reservations required: events.hillsdale.edu/harryjames

Chamber & Symphony Orchestras Curtain Up!

Sunday, November 15 • 2 pm

Tuesday, November 17 • 7 pm

An evening steeped in the drama and color of the stage. Mozart's *Figaro* overture launches us into the theater, Bartók's Romanian Dances add an earthy folk energy, and Bizet delivers a double feature—the smoldering passion of *Carmen* and the astonishing symphony he wrote at just 17.

MCNAMARA REHEARSAL HALL

Ticket Reservations Required

Notre Dame University Organ Studio Recital

Friday, November 20, 7:30 pm

Students of the University of Notre Dame organ studio bring Georg Friedrich Kauffmann's *Harmonische Seelenlust* to the Fritts organs of Christ Chapel. A contemporary of Bach, Kauffmann's organ music is prized for the composer's own detailed registration markings—the most extensive Baroque source of organ registration we possess—a fitting showcase for the color and craftsmanship of our mighty pair of Fritts organs!

CHRIST CHAPEL

Larrypolousa Big Band Concert

Saturday, November 21 • 7:30 pm

Under the direction of Chris McCourry, the Hillsdale College Big Band will bring classic and contemporary jazz to the stage. Featuring multiple groups with Larry Ochiltree.

PLASTER AUDITORIUM

Faculty Woodwind Quintet

Monday, November 23 • 7 pm

The Hillsdale College Faculty Woodwind Quintet will perform a program featuring staples of the woodwind quintet repertoire.

CONRAD RECITAL HALL

December

Hillsdale Wind Symphony

Friday, December 4 • 7:30 pm

Community members join Hillsdale College students to present something for everyone, with a little bit of Christmas.

MARKEL AUDITORIUM

Fall Student Art Exhibit

Friday, December 4 – Saturday, December 12

This student juried exhibit features all levels of student works from fall semester studio courses.

Awards ceremony: Friday, December 4 • 4 pm

DAUGHTREY ART GALLERY

Combined Choirs Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 6 • 4:30 pm & 7:30 pm

Enjoy the wonder of the season at Hillsdale College's annual Lessons and Carols service. Featuring the Hillsdale College Choirs, this beautiful candlelight service in Christ Chapel intersperses traditional scripture readings with heartwarming hymns and choral masterworks.

CHRIST CHAPEL

Ticket Reservations Required

VENUES

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22 E. Galloway Drive • Hillsdale, MI 49242

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81 E. College Street • Hillsdale, MI 49242

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Markel Auditorium
Quilhot Black Box Theatre

JOHN E.N. & DEDE HOWARD MUSIC HALL

79 E. College Street • Hillsdale, MI 49242

McNamara Rehearsal Hall
Conrad Recital Hall

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