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welcome to North Central College

I t's hard to believe that another fine arts season is coming to an end. In a way, it feels like the end of the holiday shopping season when the mad rush is finished. I used to have this fantasy that all of the stores in the malls were breathing a collective sigh of relief to have completed yet another successful season bringing the best to those who graced their halls. Okay, I know stores do not have feelings, but driving home Christmas night, does anyone else get that feeling from the now empty stores? No? Never mind. Let's just go with it.

The fine arts team wants to thank all of you for being a part of another wonderful season in the arts. And though we’re not breathing a collective sigh of relief, we are taking a moment to catch our breaths, pat ourselves on the back and get ready for a new season in the arts!

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A very special thanks to the fine arts team: Sam, Jon, Andrew, Tami, Jen, Jessica and Nickole. They make the magic happen!

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Brian Lynch
Fine Arts Director
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AN EVENING WITH JAZZ VIBRAPHONIST

Brad Stirtz
May 13, 8 p.m.
Madden Theatre
171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville

PERFORMER BIOGRAPHY

Vibraphonist Brad Stirtz has gained a reputation as an outstanding professional mallet percussionist, both onstage and in the studio. Stirtz's music career has spanned the globe, with concerts in Uganda, Trinidad and throughout the United States. He has performed or recorded with such jazz luminaries as Ed Thigpen, Patricia Barber, Jerry Goodman, Dan Haerle and Fareed Haque. He toured with the Janice Borla Group and is featured on her CDs "Lunar Octave" and "Agents of Change."

A native of Minden, Neb., Stirtz earned his master of music degree in percussion performance at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. As a jazz/percussion educator, he has served on the faculties of the American Conservatory, Roosevelt University and Northern Illinois University and is currently on faculty at North Central College. He has been a member of the faculty at the Birch Creek Percussion Camp in Door County, Wis., for more than 20 years, where he teaches jazz improvisation and the techniques of playing world percussion instruments.

The concert will feature other members of the College's acclaimed jazz faculty.
Rodney Atkins is as authentic as they come. Whether he’s taking in a baseball game with son Elijah or entertaining thousands of fans with one of his many mega-hits, Atkins expresses a refreshing simplicity and sincerity that reflects the values he holds so dear: putting family first, making the most of what you have, and staying true to yourself in a rapidly changing world.

With the February 2015 release of his first-ever hits compilation, “Rodney Atkins – Greatest Hits,” the award-winning singer/songwriter shares 11 of his best-loved songs, including his six No. 1 smashes “Take A Back Road,” “It’s America,” “Cleaning This Gun (Come On In Boy),” “These Are My People,” “Watching You” and “If You’re Going Through Hell (Before the Devil Even Knows).” He puts a fresh spin on the simple pleasures of everyday love with his brand new single, “Eat Sleep Love You Repeat.”

“Rodney Atkins – Greatest Hits” is Atkins’ fifth album via longtime label home Curb Records. His last studio album, “Take A Back Road” (produced by Ted Hewitt), yielded Atkins’ sixth career No. 1 hit and fastest-rising single to date with the title track. “Take A Back Road,” written by Luke Laird and Rhett Akins, was also named Song of the Year at the 2012 BMI Awards and marked Rodney’s third Song of the Year win “Watching You” (2007 / Brian White) and “If You’re Going Through Hell” (2006 / Sam and Annie Tate) also earned the title.

Atkins No. 1 hit “Cleaning This Gun,” off his “If You’re Going Through Hell” album, is featured in the hit movie, “The Bourne Legacy.”

Atkins’ platinum-selling album “If You’re Going Through Hell” contains four hit singles: the title cut, which was 2006’s Most Played Song of the Year, the RIAA-certified Gold “These Are My People,” RIAA-certified Gold “Cleaning This Gun,” and RIAA-certified Platinum “Watching You.” His 2010 release, “It’s America,” features the RIAA-certified Platinum hit “Farmer’s Daughter.”

When he’s not in the studio working on new music, Atkins is working hard out on the road, connecting with loyal fans in cities across the country. An avid supporter of our military, he completed his third USO entertainment tour to Kuwait and Afghanistan in 2014, one of the last entertainment tours to Afghanistan. He continues to headline dates across the country.
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“JOAN CURTO SINGS COLE PORTER, FROM MAJOR TO MINOR”

May 15, 6 p.m.
Madden Theatre
171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville

PERFORMER BIOGRAPHY
Called a “cabaret icon” by NBC Chicago and “an artist with clout” by the Huffington Post, Joan Curto has appeared across the nation in concerts and clubs, often celebrating the music of the Great American Songbook. Chicago-based, she is a familiar face to Chicago audiences, garnering a reputation for her thoughtful interpretations and powerful voice. Curto has performed in many Chicago theaters and clubs, including: Auditorium Theatre, Harris Theater, famed Empire Room, Victory Gardens, Davenports Piano Bar cabaret, Drury Lane Theater, Park West, Thorne Auditorium and Claudia Cassidy Theater. She has been seen in numerous Chicago Humanities Festivals and the Mabel Mercer Foundation’s Cabaret Conventions. Nationally, Curto has performed in some of the top cabaret clubs and concert series, including New York’s Jazz at Lincoln Center, Metropolitan Room, Sharon Lynne Wilson Center in Brookfield, Wis., Overture Center in Madison, Gardenia in Los Angeles and Colony Hotel, Palm Beach.

Awarded the Chicago After Dark Award for Outstanding Cabaret Artist, she continues to explore the songs of both the classic and the New American Songbook. She has developed and performed shows across the country featuring the music of Cole Porter, George & Ira Gershwin, Richard Rodgers and Jerry Herman. Most recently, Curto garnered extensive praise, for sold-out shows featuring the music of Stephen Sondheim. Howard Reich from Chicago Tribune has praised her work, describing Curto as “a seasoned interpreter who makes every note count.”

ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE
The year 2016 marks the 125th birthday of one of the masters of the American Songbook, Cole Porter. Curto is delighted to return to North Central College with her show celebrating the songs of Cole Porter appropriately titled “Joan Curto Sings Cole Porter, from Major to Minor.” This show has enjoyed sold-out performances across the country. Most recently, Curto was the headliner at the Cole Porter Festival in Peru, Ind.—Cole Porter’s hometown. Curto will offer audiences a glimpse into the extensive catalogue of Porter, a master of sophisticated popular songs. Known for her thoughtful interpretations and powerful vocals, Curto will feature classic Porter tunes including “My Heart Belongs to Daddy,” “Night and Day,” “In the Still of the Night” and “Just one of Those Things.” She will be joined by another Chicago favorite, Beckie Menzie on piano. Curto released an extended play CD of some of the tunes from this show, which can be found on iTunes and CDBaby.com. You can find more information about Curto at her website joancurto.com.
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Faculty Exhibition

The Art Department of North Central College has many success stories. These accomplishments span many decades from Diane Duvigneaud to the current professors. This exhibit reflects the continuity and professional expectations, which are apparent throughout the history of the Art Department. This exhibition highlights the commitment of North Central College to the fine arts and its alumni.

Visit northcentralcollege.edu/show for dates and times of artist receptions.