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UPCOMING GALLERY EVENTS 2019 - 2020

August 17-September 20, 2019
27th Emerald Coast National Juried Fine Arts Exhibition and Isaac McCaslin, 2018 Best-in-Show Winner

October 7 – November 8, 2019
TBA

November 22 – December 13, 2019
Holiday Spotlight

January 27 – February 28, 2020
Deborah Masters: Ghosts

March 28 – May 1, 2020
Arnie Hart Juried Student Exhibition and Arts Faculty Exhibition

Gallery Hours:
Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Open 90 minutes prior to most Mattie Kelly Arts Center Mainstage performances.
Best known from this past season of NBC’s *America’s Got Talent*, Preacher Lawson was a Top 5 Finalist on the show’s highest-rated season to date. Lawson has been bringing his brand of goofy, high-energy comedy to the stage since he was 17. He moved 20 times before the age of 10, but considers himself a native to Orlando, Florida, as he believes it is the city where he grew most as a comedian.

In 2015, he won the title of *Funniest Comedian in Florida* and was crowned the winner of the *Seattle International Comedy Competition* in 2016. Preacher made his TV debut in 2017 on NBC’s *Last Call with Carson Daly* and also appeared on Comedy Dynamic’s *Coming To The Stage*. He currently headlines at major comedy clubs, colleges and theaters throughout the country.
Our season launches with *Take Flight* on September 28, featuring music from *The Planets*, *Star Wars Suite 1*, *E.T. Adventures on Earth*, and other works saluting flight, outer space and heroes of flight. NFSO welcomes Maestro Kellen Gray to open our season!
Joining us from Brazil, the NFSO will be under the baton of Manfredo Schmiedt for *Love and Marriage*, featuring music from Grieg’s popular *Peer Gynt Suite* and the epic *Symphonie Fantastique* by Berlioz. Steinway Artists, husband/wife piano duo Marina Lomazov and Joseph Rackers, will join us as our guest artists, dazzling with Poulenc’s *Concerto for Two Pianos*. 

**October 12, 2019**

7:30 p.m.

**Tickets:**
- $25 Adults
- $16 Youth
- FREE with NWFSC ID
Winston Scott’s journey to the stars as a NASA astronaut is a testament to the power of perseverance and vision. Raised in Miami, Scott’s largely segregated education provided little access to resources, but his own determination combined with the dedication of his teachers set him on an inspiring path of achievement. Since retiring from NASA, Scott has remained an active pilot and his work in space is now regarded as a case study in leadership and expert communication, qualities most clearly exhibited in the much-publicized manual capture of the Spartan satellite in the 1997 Columbia mission.
BEGINNINGS presents a flawless replication of three decades of inspired music in a show that includes nearly every charted song and many lesser known esoteric songs that capture the hearts of traditionalist CHICAGO fans.

Relive the Hits: If You Leave Me Now • 25 or 6 to 4 • Make Me Smile You’re The Inspiration • Hard To Say I’m Sorry • Just You N’ Me Stay The Night • Feelin’ Stronger Every Day • Old Days • Look Away I’ve Been Searchin’ So Long • Call On Me • Beginnings Saturday In The Park • Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?
Join show creator and original host, Joel Hodgson, along with the world's greatest – and only – movie-riffing robots, Tom Servo, Crow, and Gypsy, as they take you on an exhilarating roller coaster ride through some of the cheesiest films ever made.

Mystery Science Theater 3000 has earned its place in history as one of the Top 100 TV Shows of all time and is currently a hit show on Netflix. Now you can sit in the same theater with your favorite characters and experience this comedy phenomenon in a universally acclaimed LIVE event!
Maestro Christopher Confessore leads the NFSO’s annual *Holiday Pops* concert featuring the Northwest Florida Symphony Chorale. Familiar holiday works will fill you with the spirit of the season!
January 4, 2020
7:30 p.m.

Tickets: $25

Celebrating 50 years of Pink Floyd; Paramount’s Laser Spectacular has become a cult classic, presenting the music of Pink Floyd, as you’ve never seen before.

Surrounded by walls of concert quality sound, Laser Spectacular carries listeners away on a mind-expanding journey driven by cutting-edge effects, high-powered lasers, hi-def, large screen video projection and special lighting effects. Your senses are confronted with an array of visual displays, choreographed to the soundtrack during this spectacular Laser Light Show.
The Greatest Love of All: A Tribute to Whitney Houston starring Belinda Davids returns to the U.S., following rave reviews of its debut tour last year. Houston’s most memorable tunes are recognized, including Pop highlights I Wanna Dance With Somebody, How Will I Know and I’m Every Woman, favorites from her movie career such as Queen of the Night and Exhale (Shoop Shoop) and of course all of her most iconic and timeless ballads including I Have Nothing, Didn’t We Almost Have it All, Run to You, One Moment in Time and I Will Always Love You. Conductor and arranger Matt Catingub will lead the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra in what is sure to be a sold-out performance!
Direct from Jack Hanna’s Adventures, The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, Kelly and Ryan, Late Night with Seth Meyers, Good Morning America and Rachel Ray, Wild World of Animals is an entertaining and educational show in an intimate setting, presenting animals born in captivity displaying natural behaviors, facilitated by an extremely knowledgeable moderator and guide. These animals are not pets, they still have their natural instincts, but they have no fear of humans. During the program, Kemmerer stresses the importance of animals and educates the audience to the loss of usable habitat leading to endangered species.
Known for truly connecting with audiences and leaving them uplifted and inspired, Quiñones delivers a powerful message of believing in one’s self, never giving up, and always, always doing the right thing. As host and creator of What Would You Do?, the highly-rated, hidden camera ethical dilemma news magazine, Quiñones has literally become “the face of doing the right thing” to millions of fans. It’s a role that he has enthusiastically embraced off camera, with a popular book and keynote presentations that challenge both business and general audiences to examine the What Would You Do? moments we face every day. This work and his many achievements were recently recognized with honorary doctorate degrees from Davis & Elkins College in West Virginia and Utah Valley University.
From three-time Tony® Award winner and Hamilton choreographer, Andy Blankenbuehler, comes an inspiring new American musical that explodes with infectious music and high-octane, heart-stopping dancing.

It’s 1945, and six soldiers return from war to a changed nation. When NBC announces a national competition to find the nation’s next great musical superstars, they form a band unlike any the nation has ever seen. Along the way, they discover the power of music to face the impossible, find their voice and finally feel like they have a place to call home.

“The show defies you not to be moved” (Time Out New York).
They were just four guys from Jersey, until they sang their very first note. They had a sound nobody had ever heard… and the radio just couldn’t get enough of. But while their harmonies were perfect on stage, off stage it was a very different story -- a story that has made them an international sensation all over again.

Go behind the music and inside the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons in the Tony and Grammy Award®-winning true-life musical phenomenon, JERSEY BOYS. From the streets of New Jersey to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, this is the musical that’s just too good to be true. Includes some mature language.
Dance- the music of Beethoven and Bernstein features Bernstein’s West Side Story and Beethoven’s Symphony No. 7. Guest conductor Steven Byess leads the NFSO in an exciting evening of robust, rhythmic music, celebrating the elements of dance in symphonic works.

March 7, 2020
7:30 p.m.

Tickets: $25 Adults
$16 Youth
FREE with NWFSC ID
Dale Berra, the son of Yogi Berra, is a former Major League Baseball infielder who played from 1977 to 1987 for the Pittsburgh Pirates, the New York Yankees and the Houston Astros. In Dale's extraordinary life, there were also extraordinary challenges. When Dale started in the Majors, he was only 20-years-old with a bright career ahead of him. All of that was cut short when he started using drugs. Cocaine slowly took Dale's promising career away – and it could have taken his life too if it wasn’t for his father’s love. In MY DAD, YOGI, a strikingly honest, loving portrait of a unique father-son relationship, Dale discusses for the first time his drug use and the intervention from his father and family that turned it all around. Dale credits Yogi as the reason he is now clean and sober all of these years later.
Known across the globe as “the ultimate feel-good show,” THE CHOIR OF MAN offers up 90 minutes of indisputable joy. It’s a party. It’s a concert. It’s a pint-filled good time set in a real working pub that combines hair-raising harmonies, high-energy dance and live percussion with foot-stomping choreography. The multi-talented cast of nine handsome blokes sings everything – pub tunes, folk, Broadway, classic rock – all to roof-raising heights. It’s the best singing, dancing, stomping pub crawl of a show you’ll ever attend!

March 26, 2020
7:30 p.m.

Tickets: $37
Our season finale *Stars of Tomorrow/An Evening at the Opera* opens with performances from the winners of our 33rd annual Concerto Competition (TBA). The Northwest Florida Symphony Chorale will join the orchestra, performing opera choruses from some of the most popular and beloved operas. Maestro David Hoose, guest conductor, will close the season with a spectacular night of music!

April 18, 2020
7:30 p.m.

Tickets: $25 Adults
$16 Youth
FREE with NWFSC ID
A legendary roster of Grammy® Award winners. A visionary director and a Tony Award®-winning design team. One of the world’s most beloved characters. Turn them loose on stage and what do you get? The musical The New York Times declares, “BRILLIANT!” Broadway’s best creative minds re-imagine and bring to life the beloved Nickelodeon series with humor, heart and pure theatricality in “a party for the eyes and ears” (Daily Beast). Explore the depths of theatrical innovation in THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL, 2018 Best Musical winner of the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards, where the power of optimism really can save the world.
2019 - 2020 FAMILY SHOWS

Monday, October 21, 2019
9:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
Tickets: $8

Best buds George and Harold have been creating comics for years, but now that they’re in 5th grade, they figure it’s time to level up and write a musical based on their favorite character, Dog Man, the crime-biting sensation who is part dog, part man, and ALL HERO!!

Monday, March 9, 2020
9:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
Tickets: $8

For Pete the Cat, life is an adventure no matter where you wind up. So the minute the groovy blue cat meets The Biddles, he gets the whole family rocking. That is, except for young Jimmy Biddle, the most organized second grader on planet Earth.

Shows are one hour in length. Study guide available upon request.
Please contact Suzanne Flood for reservations:
(850)729-6065 or flooda2@nwfsc.edu
Meet Our Guest Conductors

Kellen Gray (Charleston)
Asst. Conductor Charleston Symphony/
former Asst. Conductor Chicago Sinfonietta
September 28 - Take Flight

Manfredo Schmiedt (Porto Alegre, Brazil)
Regent and Music Director
Orquestra Sinfônica da Universidade de Caxias do Sul/Asst. Regent Orquestra Sinfônica de Porto Alegre
October 12 - Love and Marriage

Christopher Confessore (Birmingham)
Resident Conductor Alabama Symphony/Principal POPS
Conductor Alabama Symphony/
Music Director and Principal Conductor Brevard Symphony
December 13 - Holiday Pops
Matt Catingub (Las Vegas)
Conductor Hawaii Pops/Macon Pops/Glendale (Los Angeles) Pops/Arranger to Rosemary Clooney, Pat Benatar, Kenny Rogers, and others
January 15- The Greatest Love of All: A Tribute to Whitney Houston

Steven Byess (Los Angeles)
Conductor Portland Columbia Symphony (OR)/North Mississippi Symphony (formerly Tupelo Symphony)/Arkansas Philharmonic/, Assoc. Dir Ohio Light Opera, Cover Conductor Detroit Symphony, Former Cond. Georgia Symphony
March 7- Dance -The Music of Beethoven and Bernstein

David Hoose (Boston)
Music Director Collage New Music (Boston)/Music Dir. Cantata Singers (Boston), Former Music Dir/Conductor Tallahassee Symphony, Former Music Dir/Conductor Boston University Orchestra and Tanglewood Institute
April 18- Stars of Tomorrow/An Evening at the Opera

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