



Arts & Entertainment

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Briefly...

Cello/pianist duo to play in Kenan

The Department of Music will present a lecture/recital featuring renowned duo Florian Kitt and Rita Medjimorec at 8 p.m. on Oct. 31. This concert is the first in the 2000-2001 Artist Recital Series. Students are admitted free with a valid student ID. The duo is also offering a class that will be free and open to the public on Nov. 1.

Irish tenor coming to Thalian

Nationally acclaimed Irish tenor John McDermott will entertain audiences with two performances on Oct. 28 at Thalian Hall. The first performance will be at 4 p.m. and the second will be at 8 p.m. His performance is the kick-off event for the "Main Attractions" series at Thalian Hall. For ticket information contact the Thalian Hall Box Office at (910) 343-3664.

Poplar Grove holds Halloween Festival

The 19th Annual Poplar Grove Halloween Festival will be held Oct. 27, 28 and 29. The Festival includes carnival rides and food as well as a Haunted Barn and Haunted Hayride. The Costume Contest will be judged on Oct. 28. For more information call (910) 686-9518.

St. John's kicks off Latino Festival

St. John's Museum of Art and Amigos International will collaborate to present the Second Annual Latino Festival Invitational exhibition on Oct. 29. This exhibit features 30 pieces of handcrafted pottery by three artists from San Juan de Oriente, Nicaragua. The Invitational opens with a reception at 2 p.m. and a walk-through tour of the exhibit will begin at 2:30 p.m. The exhibit debuts in connection with the Latino Festival in Wilmington's Hugh MacRae Park on Nov. 4.

The Forum hosting Sculpture Soiree

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The Forum retail center hosts a Sculpture Soiree today to introduce a new work of public art by local artist Hiroshi Sueyoshi. The 17 foot by 8 foot abstract work will be unveiled at 6:15 p.m. The unveiling will be followed by wine tastings, hors d'oeuvres and shopping at The Forum.

The Forum is a development of Swain & Associates, LLC, a real estate development firm headquartered in Wilmington, and includes 22 boutiques and restaurants.

"Sueyoshi's sculpture is an excellent addition to The Forum," said President of Swain & Associates David Swain in a recent press release. "The Sculpture Soiree will recognize and honor the significance of public art in Wilmington."



James Flint/The Seahawk
Hiroshi Sueyoshi's massive sculpture is positioned in front of The Forum.

St. John's Museum of Art plays a critical role in our understanding of all forms of artistic expression, and we are thrilled that this event will support its efforts."

Hiroshi Sueyoshi is a native of Japan, but has been living in Wilmington for the past 22 years. His work has appeared in many exhibitions across the US. His forms are generally simple and reflect his interest in human forms and movement in nature. Sueyoshi's sculpture, "Harmony," consists of a number of brightly painted steel panels that reach up a remarkable 17 feet and extend to a width of 8 feet. Sueyoshi's work was chosen over several other works in a sculpture contest held by Swain & Associates.

The contest was held in order to choose a work of public art to dis-

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Audience suggestions create unique show

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Transactors Improv Company appeared in Kenan Auditorium last Saturday night. Transactors Improv performs improvisational comedy based on audience suggestions. They utilize music, dance and their unique storytelling techniques to captivate the audience. Transactors Improv Company was brought to UNC Wilmington courtesy of Campus Activities. The performance was part of the Arts and Lectures Series.

"It's exciting to have them here," said Shannon Hooker, campus activities coordinator.

The show was performed using long-form improv, which made up an entertaining forty-five minute show. At the audience's request, the show was based at a radio station and the events were portrayed as a musical. The company danced, sang and improvised skits for a hysterical audience.

The company was formed in 1983 at The ArtSchool in Carrboro, N.C. The company originally intended for their shows to be for children but later developed into a professional touring company designed for all ages.

The members of Transactors Improv Company are Greg Hohn, Director, Zach Hanner, Nancy Pekar, Arouskka Brod, Mo Chamble and Carol Parker.

The Transactors Improv Company mainly appears on the East Coast but has performed as far west as Colorado Springs, Colo.

"We stick to the East Coast because we are a not-for-profit corporation and we all have outside jobs," Hanner said.

The group has gained national recognition as a not-for-profit corporation partly supported by a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council.

The company is not for entertainment purposes only. They also travel to area schools teaching improvisational techniques.

Hanner is from Wilmington and used to appear in the comedy group Comically Impaired. He has been with the group for a little over a year now

and believes that the group has, "Improved my auditioning and thinking skills. I am now quick on my feet."

Before the show, Transactors Improv Company spent a few hours working with local improvisational company The Other Side. This group started up about a year ago and performs at the Firebelly lounge.

"I enjoyed working with them," said The Other Side member Richard White.



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Transactors performed a musical set in a radio station.