

CONVOS

PURDUE CONVOCATIONS

**CULTURE AND IDEAS GUIDE
FALL 2021**



We're back!

The Purdue Convocations team is thrilled to announce the Fall 2021 slate of extraordinary experiences on campus and also invite you to the Party of the Season on October 7—in which we will announce the Spring 2022 lineup of in-theatre performances, all for you!

We've missed you—and we know that you've missed us, too. Our plan to bring world-class artists back to campus is a strategic part of our *Staging Our Future* campaign. Importantly, Convos will still benefit from your support so that we can restore our organization's capacity to bring you the experiences you love. Please consider making a gift or renewing your support of Convos. Here's what your gift will do right now:

STAGING OUR *FUTURE*

THE CAMPAIGN FOR
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ACT I

Create Capacity

Without a traditional renewal campaign in the spring of 2020 or a large-scale season in 2020-2021 we need your help to rebuild our capacity. **You'll get great shows in return.**

ACT II

Program Powerful Work

Great shows, world-class artists, powerful themes and thoughtful discourse all require support; very few performances are built on box office success alone. **You'll get an incredibly diverse selection of performances.**

ACT III

Catalyze Student Learning

Connections to curricula, learning communities and student organizations are vital components of comprehensive residential education. **You'll get the satisfaction of enriching Purdue's learning environment.**

ACT IV

Power the Quality of Life

Our community is a destination because of the incredible concentration of riches here, and Convos plays a powerful role in that dynamism. **You get to live in a culturally rich, inspiring community.**

We would be thrilled to welcome your support, and we'll see you on campus soon!

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119th SEASON

OUR MISSION

Purdue Convocations catalyzes the curriculum, energizes the community and distinguishes Purdue through powerful performances, illuminating discourse and extraordinary learning encounters.

OUR HISTORY

Purdue University has a rich history of bringing concerts, lectures and performances to campus. In 1902, the "Lecture and Concert Course" was first offered, creating the earliest evidence of what is now Purdue Convocations. Over the years, the names and formats have changed, but one thing has remained constant: the desire to expand the Purdue experience beyond the classroom.

EXPERIENCE THE FIRST HALF OF OUR 119th SEASON

Included in
Purdue's
WEEKS of
WELCOME

August 25-26 / **Hand to Hand** by **Squonk Opera** / **Memorial Mall**

September 9-10 / **Mucca Pazza** / **Various campus locations**

September 18 / **West Lafayette Global Fest** / **Downtown West Lafayette**

September 30 - October 1 / **Choir! Choir! Choir!** / **Slayter Center**

October 7 / **Convos Party of the Season** / **PMU South Ballroom**

October 14 / **Frida: Viva la Vida** / **Fowler Hall**

October 28 / **National Theatre Live: King Lear** / **Fowler Hall**

November 17 / **National Theatre Live: War Horse** / **Fowler Hall**

December 10-11 / **Manual Cinema's Christmas Carol** / **Virtual**

Fall 2021



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Join Friends and get the **best seats** in the house!

Join the Friends of Convocations now and **you'll get early access to our Spring 2022 season tickets and better seating options**, all while helping make Purdue University a hub for cultural growth, open discourse and artistic diversity.

Your support of our Staging Our Future campaign can provide you with additional benefits! The Friends of Convocations is a dynamic group of arts supporters whose gifts allow Convocations to keep ticket prices low, to bring educational arts programs for students of all ages, and to allow us to make big projects a reality. Revenue from ticket sales only covers 60% of the true costs of our programs, so gifts from generous individuals, corporations and foundations help us close that gap.

Friends of Convos **benefits**

Benefits begin at \$50 annually and increase by contribution level. All Friends of Convocations enjoy the benefits of early access to ticket sales, the best seat selection and the accumulation of Friends Priority Points*. Additional benefits are added at each contribution level.

SPONSOR / \$100+ Recognition of your gift in our program books

BENEFACTOR / \$250+ Access to the Intermission Club at Broadway and select shows

FOUNDER / \$500+ Access to Friends parking at Broadway and select shows

DIRECTOR'S COUNCIL / \$1,000+ Invitation to the annual Convocations Soirée

AMBASSADOR / \$2,500+ Exclusive reception with an artist

COLLABORATOR / \$5,000+ Invitation to the annual Convocations Director's Event

VISIONARY / \$10,000+ Customized benefits

**To learn more about Priority Points, visit convocations.org/priority-points*

STAGING OUR **FUTURE**

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To play your part in staging Convos' future, make or renew your gift today at

connect.purdue.edu/stagingconvos

or contact us at convos@purdue.edu or (765) 494-9712.

Party of the Season

You've been anticipating this—and so have we! Purdue Convocations is ready to turn on the stage lights again. In addition to our compelling outdoor performances in Fall 2021, we will bring the shared cultural performances and experiences you expect from Convos back into our theatres beginning in January 2022. Join us at our special edition of the Party of the Season, in which we'll unveil our new spring season filled with exciting Broadway musicals, dance, music, theatre, and more.

We all know what it has meant to go without the power of live performances—and the community that comes with them. Thanks to your support of the Friends of Convocations, Convos has been able to navigate this challenging chapter, and now we can build upon the 119-year legacy here at Purdue. **Please make or renew your gift to the Friends of Convocations to help us restart the show. If you make a gift of at least \$50 to join the Friends, you'll be eligible to buy your tickets before the general public!**

The Party of the Season is a lively cocktail party format with light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Get your Party of the Season ticket now. Use the QR code on the facing page or call the box office at (765) 494-3933 or (800) 914-SHOW (7469).

**Welcome back to the theatre!
Join us as we unveil our 2022
Spring season of world-class
performances just for you!**



"The power, the adrenaline and the shared experience of live performance at Purdue is back!"

— Todd Wetzel

**Thursday,
October 7**

**7:30pm
Purdue Memorial Union
South Ballroom**

Tickets: \$25



Hand to Hand by Squonk Opera

**Wednesday,
August 25 and
Thursday,
August 26**

**Memorial Mall
5pm and 7:30pm**

**2 performances each day
FREE to attend**

Squonk Opera's *Hand to Hand* is a magnum opus of music, mischief and marvelous stagecraft. Rigged like a sailing ship and sized like a house, two giant puppet hands propel this outdoor spectacle alongside a live performance of propulsive progressive rock from Squonk Opera. For 25 years, these Pittsburgh post-industrialists have fused music, design, science and art to bring people face to face in festive ways that *The New York Times* has called "ingenious, hallucinatory and hypnotic." Indeed, the only things heavy-handed here are the massive mitts, which audience members can even help manipulate to become part of the fun. This timely, boisterous extravaganza of comic invention, fantastic jams and shared experience is a show of hands that's larger than life.

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**"...surreal and poetic."
— USA Today**

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SPECTACLE

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Mucca Pazza

"John Philip Sousa would not be amused!"
— *Chicago Tribune*

Thursday, September 9 and Friday, September 10

Times and locations vary

**3 performances each day
FREE to attend**

Like any marching band, you'll hear Mucca Pazza coming before you see them. That's where the similarities end. Mucca Pazza's original genre-bending compositions are inspired by everything from surf rock to Stravinsky. Then there are the brightly colored, mismatched thrift-shop get-ups, a squad of absurdist cheerleaders, and implausible instrumentation that includes electric guitars, accordions, violins and even a cello. A darling of Chicago's underground music scene since 2004, Mucca Pazza has performed at Lollapalooza, Lincoln Center, the Montreal Jazz Fest and NPR's Tiny Desk Concert Series. At Purdue, this merry band of misfits will roam campus, providing a variety of free pop-up performances at different spaces. Fusing DIY punk aesthetics, Balkan brass and marching-band maximalism, Mucca Pazza presents an eminently danceable embrace of the absurd.

Watch convocations.org and our social media for performance information.

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POST-SOUSA

ECCENTRIC

POP-UP

The City of West Lafayette, Purdue Convocations and the International Center of West Lafayette present the

26th Annual West Lafayette

Global Fest



Saturday, September 18

Downtown West Lafayette Festivities start at 3:30pm

West Lafayette's acclaimed international flavor gets its rightful spotlight back as the 2021 Global Fest returns to street-festival mode with cuisine, culture and crafts from around the world. A tradition of international celebration, the West Lafayette Global Fest enjoyed record-setting attendance in 2019, with global music and dance, a craft market, educational workshops, craft beers and culinary highlights from around the world. All of that is back for 2021, anchored by a body-moving mixture of contemporary funk and Brazilian *forró* from Nation Beat, and a Honduran fusion of fiery *Bomba* with folkloric *guaracha* and *salsa* from Los Hacheros. The return of this all-out dancing-in-the-streets party will mark 26 years of Global Fest and serve as a jubilant expression of this global village that is our home.

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Nation Beat

Main Stage
7pm / FREE

Brazilian grooves propelled by percussive boosts of New Orleans-flavored brass

Los Hacheros

Latin music's torchbearers of *salsa*, *guaracha* and *son montuno*

Main Stage
9pm / FREE



Included in Purdue's WEEKS of WELCOME

- DANCE PARTY
- STREET FEST
- GLOBAL SOUNDS

CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR!

"A profound way for people to connect and interact."

— *The New Yorker*



They teach. You sing.

Hundreds of voices. Endless song possibilities. One music-making memory you'll never forget. Choir! Choir! Choir! began in 2011 as a weekly drop-in event in Toronto and has since become a YouTube phenomenon and worldwide sensation, performing in clubs, festivals, Carnegie Hall and even a simultaneous gig joining audiences on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. No auditions required here. The audience is the choir. Simply show up on Slayter Hill and let Daveed Goldman and Nobu Adilman lead you in performing their original arrangement of a song you know and love. Each of four free performances will feature a different song, making each performance a unique journey. A joyous erasure of the boundary between artist and audience, Choir! Choir! Choir! reminds us of the pleasure and power that comes from putting our voices together.

Song titles to be announced leading up to the performances. Watch convocations.org and our social media for performance information.

Support from



**Thursday,
September 30
and
Friday,
October 1**

**Slayter Center
6pm and 8:30pm
each day**

FREE to attend

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BE HEARD

UPROARIOUS

CONNECTION

Frida: Viva la Vida

The purely visual contributions of famed artist Frida Kahlo could fill volumes of art history text. But the documentary *Frida: Viva La Vida* delves as deeply into the artist's life as it does her stunning imagery—exploring her influence on artistic freedom and feminism, dissecting her dual life as a pioneering artist living in a volatile relationship with Diego Rivera, and recreating her tortured masterworks like “The Two Fridas,” “The Broken Column” and “The Wounded Deer” via deft filmmaking and powerful reenactments. Like a museum exhibit on screen, *Frida: Viva La Vida* features never-seen letters, never-heard stories and confessions, and actual items featured in Kahlo's unmistakable masterworks.

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**Thursday,
October 14**

**Fowler Hall
7:30pm**

Tickets: \$6-10

King Lear

starring Sir Ian McKellen

Thursday, October 28

**Fowler Hall
7:30pm**

Tickets: \$6-10

**National
Theatre
Live**

Since launching its National Theatre Live program in 2009, the historic British theater has extended a long arm of legendary productions from its London base—delighting audiences worldwide

with cinematically enhanced presentations of storied stageplays. Purdue Convocations will present two of the most stunning productions from National Theatre Live in dynamic high-definition video—*King Lear* and *War Horse*. In a contemporary update of Shakespeare's gripping familial tragedy, the legendary Sir Ian McKellen delivers a masterful turn as the aging king seized by madness. Based on the 1982 novel of the same name, *War Horse* is a powerful epic set during World War I. Among the stellar cast are puppeteers who manipulate life-sized horses on stage, creating lifelike movements that seamlessly blend with human performance.



War Horse

**Wednesday,
November 17**

**Fowler Hall
7:30pm**

Tickets: \$6-10



FILM

HI-DEF

EPIC

**"A gorgeous
mixed-
media
adaptation."**
— *New York Times*



The triumphant return of a new classic!

Manual Cinema's Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* remains a holiday staple, its empathetic idea of a life well lived indelibly woven into our cultural fabric. In virtual performances from its Chicago studio, the visionary performance collective Manual Cinema reimagines this timeless tale for today, blending narrative enchantment with spot-on commentary about contemporary life. Using more than 100 paper puppets, an original musical score, dramatic lighting and a unique cast of performers, this story of Ebenezer Scrooge will transcend your screen. Convocations is proud to reprise this critically acclaimed 2020 performance filled with imagery that ranges from transfixing to touching and a show-within-a-show idea that introduces a clever twist on this cherished classic. This is a free Convos gift to you for the holidays!

**Friday,
December 10
and
Saturday,
December 11**

8pm

**Virtual performances
FREE to attend
RSVP for link**

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NEW TRADITION

INVENTIVE

HOLIDAY SPIRIT

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this fall
at Purdue!

Student Organizations

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SCC

STUDENT CONCERT COMMITTEE

Established in 1975, the Student Concert Committee (SCC) is equivalent to an internship in the music and entertainment business. Members help select, market and produce SCC-sponsored concerts & events.

They gain real-life concert industry business experience and learn life skills that can serve them in any profession while powering live music and event culture on campus!

purdue.edu/scc



CVN

CONVOCATIONS VOLUNTEER NETWORK

Founded in 1985, Convocations Volunteer Network (CVN) helps to support and promote Convos events. This group ushers and helps in many other ways with performances and other Friends of Convos, education and

outreach events. In exchange, members can stay and see shows for free, and make a lot of new friends.

purdue.edu/cvn



TEDxPurdueU

x = independently organized TED event

TEDxPurdueU is a student-run organization standing behind TEDx talks and events held at Purdue University. With the mission to stimulate the curious mind, challenge perspectives and spark discussion, they expose our local community and global audience to “ideas worth spreading.”

tedx.purdue.edu



Info to Know

OUTDOOR PERFORMANCES

All audiences are welcome to attend our outdoor performances. Guidance regarding campus visitors, social distancing, mask protocols and/or other requirements will be dictated by Protect Purdue policies in effect at the time of the event. We will endeavor to make all of our performances physically accessible, but not every location is equally equipped with dropped curbs, free-rolling surfaces or level grades, including Slayter Center. Hearing loops are not available at any of the outdoor spaces. Most performances are events on a fixed stage; however, Mucca Pazza is designed to be ambulatory, possibly even during the event. Global Fest, designed as a street festival, will not have extensive seating available, especially as the event progresses into the more danceable portions of the evening. Watch convocations.org and our social media channels for the most up-to-date information before you join us for our events.

CHILDREN

Audiences of any age are welcome to attend our Fall 2021 outdoor performances. For all other shows, we ask that you please use discretion in deciding what is appropriate for a child to ensure a quality experience for all patrons. For our movie events in Fall 2021, we recommend that these are suitable for children 12+ and note that all patrons, including infants on laps, must have a ticket due to fire marshal requirements. If you have questions about show content or age appropriateness, visit convocations.org for additional information. Staff members can also provide information; however, you are responsible for deciding whether a show's content is appropriate for you and your family.

TICKET FEES

Regular-season shows in this book and on Account Manager at convocations.org/tickets include a service fee; all listed prices are the final prices. Tickets purchased through Ticketmaster may be subject to additional fees. We do not recommend purchasing tickets through third parties and are not responsible for fulfillment issues associated with these tickets.

REFUNDS & EXCHANGES

We are unable to issue refunds or exchange tickets. If you are unable to attend a show, consider giving or selling your ticket to someone else. You can also return your ticket to the box office at any time prior to the show and it will be offered to a student free of charge.

PARKING

Due to the possibility of construction and road changes on campus, some parking lots on campus may be more difficult to access than others. Please visit convocations.org/parking for the most up-to-date parking information.

SEATING MAPS

Visit convocations.org/seating-charts to view seating maps.

ACCESSIBILITY

- Wheelchair seating is available at all indoor venues with companion seating nearby.
- Audio induction hearing loop systems are available in Elliott Hall, Fowler Hall and Loeb Playhouse. Please switch your hearing aid setting to T-coil.
- Closed captioning and/or sign language interpretation may be available with advance notice and conditional upon the availability of qualified service providers. Please request this service at least 60 days prior to the performance.
- Service animals are welcome. Special seating is required. When ordering, request an aisle seat and please inform the box office that a service animal will be with you.
- Visit convocations.org/accessibility for current information.

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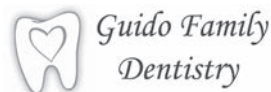
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- Event invitations
- Access to special receptions and parking
- Customized marketing and networking opportunities
- Enhanced relationship with the arts community
- And so much more!

Learn more at convocations.org/partnership or call (765) 494-9712.

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**Don't miss our
Party of the Season
on October 7!**

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