

FEBRUARY 16, 2015

Choirs, orchestra bring ‘The Lovers’ to Portland

The PSU Choirs and Orchestra will deliver a romantic post-Valentine’s Day performance, including Samuel Barber’s oratorio “The Lovers”—which features lyrics from nine of Pablo Neruda’s romantic and erotic poems. Because of the eroticism of the lyrics and the extreme difficulty of the choral and orchestral scores, “The Lovers” is rarely seen, and this will be the first time the oratorio has been

performed in Portland. Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at the First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St. Tickets cost \$7-\$15. [READ MORE](#)

PSU's \$1.4 billion urban footprint

A new report from the Office of Strategic Partnerships examines the University’s role in economic development in the Portland region, as well as initiatives and partnerships PSU has undertaken. Highlights of the report include \$150 million in private venture capital and government grants generated by the Business Accelerator, 650 companies supported by the Business Outreach Program, 33 issued patents, and seven startup companies based on PSU intellectual property. [READ MORE](#)

Help shape the future of PSU

A group of faculty, students and staff is working to develop a new strategic plan to guide PSU for the next five years and beyond. As part of the effort, they have developed a draft of a new mission statement on how the University will achieve its goals for 2020. Now it’s time for the University community to weigh in. Please read [the mission statement](#) and comment on how it might be improved.

Free math and art celebration

The University will host a festival celebrating the connections between mathematics and the arts Friday and Saturday, February 20-21. The free MoSAIC PDX: Math + Art Festival will include a mathematical art exhibit, hands-on workshops and lectures by university professors who have math, music and art backgrounds. [READ MORE](#)

OAI hosts information session about Faculty Support Desk

The Office of Academic Innovation will open its new [Faculty Support Desk](#) on March 30 and is hosting an information session about the desk from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20. Desk staff will provide teaching and learning-platform support for PSU faculty from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The staff is support specialists, instructional designers, and platform administrators. The upcoming information session will be held in the OAI office, 209M Smith Union. [READ MORE](#)

New to Academic Affairs

Starting Monday, Feb. 16, [Carol Hawkins](#) will join the Office of Academic Affairs as the new director of academic employees and labor relations for Portland State. Hawkins previously held the position of labor relations manager at Eastern Washington University. On March 1, [Scott Marshall](#) will start as the new vice provost for academic and fiscal planning. Marshall currently is the interim dean and a professor in the PSU School of Business Administration.

Fearless coder

At age 16, Tesca Fitzgerald ‘13 became one of the youngest students ever to graduate from PSU, wowing professors with her coding skills and earning a degree in computer science. Two years later, she’s deep into a doctoral program at Georgia Tech University in Atlanta, where she researches artificial intelligence programs that allow machines to interact with and learn from humans. [READ MORE](#)

Dinner fundraiser supports families

The Helen Gordon Child Development Center at PSU will host a dinner fundraising event “Come Along for the Ride!” on Saturday, Feb. 28. The event will feature a family-style dinner prepared by Portland chef Chris DiMinno, music by the Portland Timbres, silent and live auction and more. Funds raised by the event will support temporary assistance scholarships for families experiencing hardship, ongoing support for low-income families and program support for the center. Tickets cost \$60 and are available [online](#).

Event explores ethics during outbreaks

The Northwest Association for Biomedical Research will host a Community Conversation exploring biomedical science and ethics on Tuesday, Feb. 24. “What Would You Do? Personal and Community Ethics During a Disease Outbreak” will be co-facilitated by Dr. John Tuohy from Providence Center for Health Care Ethics and Paul Newton from the Legacy Research Institute. The event costs \$5 to attend and will be held from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. at the Lucky Labrador at 1700 N Killingsworth St. [READ MORE](#)

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[Men’s Basketball: PSU vs. North Dakota](#)

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[Crowdsourcing Cycling Safety and Route Data with the “Orcycle” Smartphone App](#)

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