

Instrumental Ensembles Concert Has Something for Everyone

By Christopher Gibson



Concordia University's various performing arts programs have a lot to offer. The instrumental ensembles on campus—including the concert band, percussion ensemble, string ensemble, and guitar ensemble—have been rehearsing all semester and their hard work will be showcased in a concert October 30 at 7:30pm in the Buetow Auditorium.

There will be a wide range of musical groups and styles present at the concert bringing a little something that everyone can enjoy.

New talents and faces are what makes each new music year exciting. When asked what it is she looks forward to most about this concert, freshman band member Erika Chatt answered, "Getting to see the music we've worked hard on come to life!"

"We've worked hard to put this all together for the enjoyment of the community," said fifth year senior and tuba player Tim Walsworth, "so we just want everyone to show up and have a good time with what we've prepared for them."

A sure highlight of the concert will for sure be the concert band's piece, "Music for a Darkened Theatre," which features excerpts from composer Danny Elfman's musical scores including *Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Spiderman*, and *Edward Scissorhands*.

Upon entering the bulk of the semester thoughts quickly turn to papers, midterms, and longing for breaks. Too often do we forget about the more enjoyable things that come with the business of a school year. The concert will be a fun evening of music from all genres and sounds so that everyone's ear can have its fill. Come out and show your support for another great group of students from Concordia.



Jazz Band



Vocal Jazz

Six Sentences & Writing Club Sponsor Unique Writing Contest

By Rachel Kuhnle

The Writing Club and Six Sentences.com—a literary blog that features thousands of original contributions by writers from all over the world—are hosting a writing contest for Concordia students. Submission is free, but there is one catch: all stories must be exactly six sentences in length.

"Flash fiction," said English Professor and Writing Club adviser Matt Ryan, who is teaching a 2-credit Flash Fiction course through the School of Continuing Studies, "is exactly what the name suggests. It's a very short story. Since you don't have many words, most of the story is implied." He cited an example of short fiction written in only six words by Hemmingway, "For sale: Baby shoes, never worn."

"If that story doesn't move you," said Ryan, "you just might be dead."

"I've truly been amazed by how quickly writers take to this concept, how much fun they have, and the quality of the resulting pieces," said Robert McEvily, creator and editor of Six Sentences, WHEN recently was named by Writer's Digest Magazine as one of the 101 Best Websites for Writers. "Students—and writers in general—respond to Six Sentences because it allows them to express themselves in a manageable way. It's a welcome break from bigger projects, and the perfect medium to hone the craft."



Remember, though, there are prizes, too! The Grand Prizewinner will receive a Certificate of Merit, a custom print of their piece, and a check for \$100 or their choice of a \$100 Amazon Gift Card or a \$100 iTunes Gift Card. Five Runner-Up Prizewinners will receive Certificates of Merit, custom prints of their pieces, and a check for \$20 each or their choice of a \$20 Amazon Gift Card or a \$20 iTunes Gift Card.

"I'm a fan of Six Sentences," said Ryan, "and Flash fiction is great for students because it's less of a time commitment. It's also terribly exciting."

Submissions are welcome through Sunday, November 15 at midnight and may be sent to concordiasix@yahoo.com. If you have any questions, feel free to email Writing Club president Rachel Kuhnle at kuhnler@csp.edu.