The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
By William Finn
MARY J. TIMKEN THEATRE (LOCATED IN FINE ARTS BUILDING)
MARCH 1, 2, 8 & 9 AT 7:30 P.M.
MARCH 3 & 10 (ASL) AT 2 P.M.
An eclectic group of six tweens vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the students spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, post-inducing, life-un-affirming “ding” of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves! At least the losers get a juice box.

Of Mice and Men
By John Steinbeck
BLACK BOX THEATRE (LOCATED IN FINE ARTS BUILDING)
APRIL 12, 13, 19 & 20 AT 7:30 P.M.
APRIL 14 & 21 (ASL) AT 2 P.M.
Two drifters, George and his friend Lennie, have just arrived at a ranch to work for enough money to buy their own place. Lennie is a man-child, a little boy in the body of a dangerously powerful man. When the ranch boss’ wife is found dead, it is obvious that Lennie accidentally killed her. George wrestles with moral questions as he sets off to find Lennie before the ranchers.

JAY Trio Presents
Music for Dancing:
Tangos, Waltzes and Ragtimes
SEPT. 25, 7 P.M.
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM

Student Showcase Concert
NOV. 26, 7 P.M.
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM

Kent State Stark Concert Band
DEC. 4, 7:30 P.M.
MARY J. TIMKEN THEATRE

For the Longest Time
University Chorus and Chorale Concert
DEC. 5, 7 P.M.
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM

Faculty Artist Recital
Melissa Davis, soprano and Jerry Wong, piano
FEB. 27, 7 P.M.
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM

Oblivion Project
The Tangos of Argentinian Composer Astor Piazzolla
MARCH 5, 7 P.M.
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM

Joy and Tragedy: An Evening of Piano Music
Donna Lee, piano
MARCH 14, 7 P.M.
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM

Glenn Schaft and friends
Percussion Performance
MARCH 20, 7 P.M.
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM

Mark Nowakowski and Sebastian Birch
Composition Recital
APRIL 15, 7 P.M.
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM

Student Showcase Concert
APRIL 22, 7 P.M.
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM

Vance Powell
Q & A with internationally acclaimed recording producer and engineer
MARCH 7, 7 P.M.
MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM

All music performances are free, tickets not required.
For a complete list of music events please visit www.kent.edu/stark/music-events

Tickets may be purchased online at www.kent.edu/stark/theatre or by calling the Box Office at 330-244-3348. Prices are: $10 adults; $7 students under 17 and senior citizens; Kent State students free with current ID.
Sarah Thomas

Sarah Thomas changed the game in the world’s most quintessential male-dominated sport – football – when she became the first female NFL referee. Now, she’s inspiring others to dream big and believe anything is possible.

Since her addition to the NFL’s roster of referees, Thomas has become a pioneering inspiration to people everywhere, embodying the notion that with a belief in self, inner drive, hard work, preparation, and a mindset of being the best you can be, no barrier or ceiling is impenetrable.

Thomas provides key insights on overcoming adversity – and the odds – finding your passion while maintaining work-life balance, decision-making, and not only succeeding as a female in a male-dominated industry, but achieving breakthrough success for men and women alike.

TICKETS AVAILABLE SEPT. 10

Mira Sorvino

Mira Sorvino is an Academy Award-winning actress, documentary filmmaker, United Nations Goodwill Ambassador, silence breaker and passionate voice of the #MeToo movement and lifelong champion of victims of social injustice.

After graduating from Harvard University with a degree in East Asian studies, Sorvino’s breakout acting role was in Woody Allen’s 1995 film, “Mighty Aphrodite”, which won her an Academy Award, Golden Globe Award and Critics Choice for best supporting actress.

Raised in a family of activists, her social conscience was ignited by her mother’s participation in the March on Washington with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It served as a catalyst for her own social activism and a lifetime of serving others.

A long-time advocate for human rights, Sorvino promotes empowerment of women everywhere as a cause worth fighting for.

TICKETS AVAILABLE OCT. 22

Mary Frances Berry

For more than four decades, Mary Frances Berry, Ph.D., has been one of the most visible and respected activists in the cause of civil rights, gender equality and social justice.

Serving as chairperson of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, Berry led the charge for equal rights and liberties for all Americans over the course of four presidential administrations. She made history as one of the founders of the monumental Free South Africa Movement (FSAM), for which she received the Nelson Mandela award.

In her most recent book, “History Teaches Us to Resist: How Progressive Movements Have Succeeded in Challenging Times”, Berry chronicles more than 50 years of progressive victories and the winning tactics behind them. She reveals what works, what doesn’t – and how to achieve positive change in our world.

TICKETS AVAILABLE JAN. 28

Nicholas Sparks

Before he was a world-famous novelist, Nicholas Sparks worked a variety of jobs, including real estate appraisal, waiting tables, selling dental products by phone and starting his own small manufacturing business, which struggled from the beginning.

In 1994, at the age of 28, he wrote “The Notebook” over a period of six months, and in October 1995, Warner Books bought the rights. Now, with more than 105 million copies of his books sold worldwide, literary sensation Sparks is the author of 19 New York Times No. 1 bestselling books and is a cultural phenomenon in his own right.

Sparks takes audiences deeper into the sleepy towns and poignant relationships that ignite the lives of his romantic page-turners, weaving in his own personal story of hard work, rejection and triumph.

TICKETS AVAILABLE MARCH 18

All Featured Speakers Series programs are free and open to the public; however, tickets are required. Tickets will be available at the Main Hall information desk at 7:30 a.m. on the specified date listed with each speaker. For more information, please visit www.kent.edu/stark/featured-speakers-series

ART EXHIBITIONS

THE WILLIAM J. AND PEARL F. LEMMON VISITING ARTIST GALLERY
FINE ARTS BUILDING
MONDAY - THURSDAY: 11 A.M. - 6 P.M.
FRIDAY: 11 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Threshold: Selected Works
AUG. 27 - SEPT. 21
By Carol Diamond

Mutual Aid
OCT. 1-26
Paintings by Tom Berding, Alannah Farrell, Robin Feld, Barbara Marks, Ophir Agassi, Barbara Laube, Gerri Ranchins, Katharine Dufault, Perri Neri, Andrea Kantrowitz, Tony Cuneo, Robert Solomon, Susan Lichtenstein, Randi Reiss-McCormack, Kathy Cantwell, Claire McConaughy, Patty Spergel, Molly Herman and Alix Bailey

Elegy
NOV. 1 - DEC. 7
By Sue Collier & Sarah Schuster

Queuing
FEB. 7 - MARCH 2
By Molly Burke

65th Scholastic Art Awards
JAN. 14 - 30
CAMPUS CENTER
THE WILLIAM J. AND PEARL F. LEMMON VISITING ARTIST GALLERY
M.J. AND PAT ALBACETE STUDENT ART GALLERY
MONDAY - THURSDAY: 11 A.M. - 6 P.M.
FRIDAY: 11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Painters Prints
MARCH 7 - APRIL 6
VanDeb Editions - Featuring work by Andrea Belag, Deborah Freedman, Joanne Freeman, Joseph Haske, Mark Saltz and Marjorie Van Dyke

Practice
APRIL 11 - MAY 4
By Stacia Yeapanis

All art exhibits are free, tickets not required