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Yin He Dance Company, 2/15

A Winter of Engagement

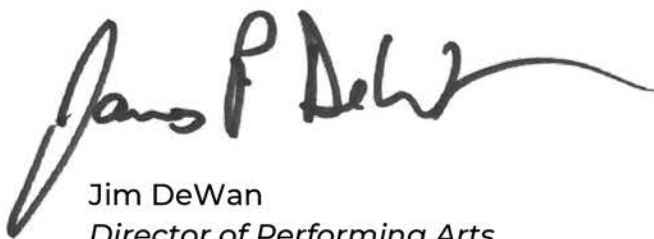
Food and music go together like Rocky and Bullwinkle. Now, the more you know about food, the more you're likely to enjoy it. (That's why the toitiest of your hoity hashhouses are always blabbing on where your duck was born, or how your bean was raised.) Likewise, the more you know about music – and the musicians who play it – the more you can engage with its performance.

Engagement comes in many forms: rapt delight in Dole Hall, lovely chats with your lovely friends in Mimi's whilst the music cascades 'round you...

Regardless, get to know the artists whom it is our good fortune to present to you here, in your home: Peruse this rag for a quick tease, then ask our friend Mr. Google about these coming performers. You'll find astonishing stories and storied careers. Better yet, stick around after their shows and chat them up. They, too, are lovely. And interesting.

This year, more than ever, make the arts – and the artists – part of your excellent life here at Plymouth Place.

Oh, and to bring that opening metaphor back around, we've got loads of programs that combine food and music, and sometimes dance. Make your reservations. It's going to be a great winter.



Jim DeWan
Director of Performing Arts

January

Sunday, January 4 | 3pm | Dole Hall

Sunday Concert Series presents Rengin Altay Sings Cole Porter

It's "Anything Goes" when this beloved mainstay of Chicago theater and cabaret circles brings her favorite songs from one of the 20th century's greatest writers. With Chuck Larkin, piano, and Seamus Moore, saxophone.

Tuesday, January 6 | 4:30 to 6pm | Mimi's

Jazz Tuesdays: Keri Johnsrud, vocals; Jim Sellers, piano

"Keri Johnsrud's singing throughout is remarkable, light and soft with elements of poignancy, innocence and sometimes even sensuality." – *Michael Bailey, All About Jazz*

Thursday, January 8 | 1:30pm | Dole Hall

"A Winter Concert" featuring the Plymouth Place Chimers and Plymouth Place Chorus.

Saturday, January 10 | 4:30 to 6pm | Mimi's

Old Town School of Folk Music presents Sami Scot

This veteran lounge piano doyenne has played everywhere from Vegas to Europe to Chicago's celebrated Pump Room. Bring your requests!



Sami Scot, 1/10

Tuesday, January 13 | 4:30 to 6pm | Mimi's

Jazz Tuesdays: Nicholas Olynciw, piano

Winner of the American Jazz Piano Competition Bösendorfer Prize and the 2019 Downbeat Award for Best Graduate Jazz Instrumental Soloist.

Tuesday, January 13 | 7:15pm | Dole Hall

Dole Hall Presents: The Jeremy Kahn Jazz Trio, featuring Eric Schneider, sax and clarinet, and Lawrence Kohut, bass

A Plymouth Place favorite returns to warm up your winter night. "The fluidity, sleekness and invention of Kahn's pianism helps explain why so many vocalists and ensembles seek his contributions." — *Howard Reich, Chicago Tribune*

Wednesday, January 14 | 5:30pm | Mimi's

Sue Petterson, vocals, with Kara Kesselring, piano

An evening of pop favorites and cherished classics from two of Plymouth Place's own.

Thursday, January 15 | 4 to 5pm | Mimi's

LT @ PP!!

Lyons Township High School students show us that, musically speaking, the future's in good hands. Come and enjoy!

(Note: Bar serving only non-alcoholic beverages until 5pm.)

January

Sunday, January 18 | 3pm | Dole Hall

Sunday Concert Series presents Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra String Trio

Linda Veleckis, violin, Kristen Wiersum, violin, and Lisa Kristina, piano bring a thrilling afternoon of duets, trios and piano solos.

Tuesday, January 20 | 4:30 to 6pm | Pub

Jazz Tuesdays: Mike Allemana, guitar

The Director of Jazz Ensembles at the University of Chicago has performed with a host of musical legends, including 15 years with bebop icon Von Freeman.

Tuesday, January 20 | 7:15pm | Dole Hall

Dole Hall Presents: 84, Charing Cross Road, with Joe Dempsey and Katherine Keberlein

Two legends of Chicago theater bring to life this award-winning two-person play adapted from the memoir of writer Helene Hanff about her twenty-year correspondence with Frank Doel, chief buyer for the antiquarian booksellers Marks & Company.

Thursday, January 22 | 4:15pm | Dole Hall

The Wellness Dance: The Bayou Bop – Early Mardi Gras with Le Travaillant

"Laissez les bons temps rouler!" at this special co-production of Wellness, Hospitality and Life Enrichment. Cocktails and snacks at 4:15, then live music at 5 with Chicago's premier Cajun and Zydeco dance band Le Travaillant. Dance instruction provided from the Old Town School of Folk Music!!! Followed by a sumptuous **Mardi Gras feast at 6:15pm. Make dinner reservations through the Call Center: (708) 588-6423.**

Saturday, January 24 | 5 to 6:30pm | Thirty North Lounge

Jazz at Thirty North with Casey Dahl, piano

Check out the future of jazz piano with this recent master's recipient from the Jazz Studies program at the DePaul School of Music. **Make dinner reservations through the Call Center: (708) 588-6423.**

Sunday, January 25 | 3pm | Dole Hall

Young Artist Series presents Evelyn Zhang

17-year-old Buffalo Grove guitarist Evelyn Zhang is a rising soloist who recently made her debut on WFMT's acclaimed *Introductions* program. Evelyn has worked with distinguished artists such as Colin Davin and Maestro Vladislav Bláha, and was featured in the Interlochen Classical Guitar Intensive.



Le Travaillant, 1/22



Evelyn Zhang, 1/25

January

Tuesday, January 27 | 4:30 to 6pm | Mimi's

Jazz Tuesdays: Kevin Fort, piano

Praised as “one of the rare piano players who can temper his technical brilliance in the service of the composition” (*Scene Newspaper*), this Northwestern’s Bienen School of Music faculty member is a champion of the straight-ahead jazz tradition while embracing modern influences.

Wednesday, January 28 | 7:15pm | Dole Hall

Dole Hall Presents: Northside Brass

One of Chicagoland’s best-loved instrumental groups returns to Plymouth Place with a program of classical favorites and reimagined pop songs, arranged for two trumpets, trombone, French horn and tuba.

February

Sunday, February 1 | 3pm | Dole Hall

Sunday Concert Series presents Bethany Thomas

Black History Month starts with this Chicago-based actor, singer and songwriter. “Bethany Thomas has clearly found the kind of star turn that can change a career, and a life, while generating immense happiness, awe and bravos among her audiences.”

– Hedy Weiss, *Chicago Sun Times*

Special Black History Month Sunday Supper Club at Thirty North following the concert. Make dinner reservations through the Call Center: (708) 588-6423.

Tuesday, February 3 | 4:30 to 6pm | Mimi's

Jazz Tuesdays: Kat Sherman, vocals; Nicholas Olynciw, piano

As a master’s student at University of North Texas (the nation’s oldest academic jazz program), Kat Sherman was named Best Graduate Jazz Voice Soloist by *Downbeat* magazine. Now a composer and arranger as well, she’s paying it forward from the Jazz Studies faculty at DePaul.

Saturday, February 7 | 4:30 to 6pm | Mimi's

Old Town School of Folk Music presents Bear Williams

Black History Month continues with Bear Williams and his celebration of African American artists. Bear has an extensive background in jazz, R&B, gospel, folk and blues. Throughout his career, he has collaborated with The Staple Singers, Whitney Houston, Diana Ross, Anita Baker and countless others.



Bear Williams, 2/7

February

Tuesday, February 10 | 4:30 to 6pm | Mimi's

Jazz Tuesdays: Dennis Luxion

After recording and touring through Europe with jazz legend Chet Baker, Dennis Luxion returned home and established himself as one of Chicago's most sought-after pianists. "Ask anyone in Chicago about the city's top pianists, and Dennis Luxion's name comes up pretty quickly."

– Neil Tesser, *Chicago Music Examiner*



Yin He Dance Company, 2/15

Tuesday, February 10 | 7:15pm | Dole Hall

Dole Hall Presents: Mark Streder and Bethany Norman

An evening of classic cabaret songs from two veteran Chicago entertainers.

Thursday, February 12 | 4 to 5pm | Mimi's

LT @ PP!!

Lyons Township High School students show us that, musically speaking, the future's in good hands. Come hear the next generation of musical talent!

(Note: Bar serving only non-alcoholic beverages until 5pm.)

Thursday, February 12 | 4:15 to 6pm | Dole Hall

The Wellness Dance: A 60's Shindig

Heidi Mokrycki brings her 60s playlist to teach iconic dances like The Jerk, The Swim, The Monkey, The Twist and The Pony. You might want to come in costume! **Snacks and drinks at 4:15pm, dancing at 5pm.**

Make reservations through the Call Center: (708) 588-6423.

Saturday, February 14 | 5pm | Dole Hall

Plymouth Place Valentine's Day Cabaret

One of the best nights of the year at Plymouth Place, an elegant 3-course meal from Chef Lily Corpus, followed by Great Love Songs, with Diva Montell, soprano, and George Holmes, tenor, with pianist Linda O'Connor.

Cocktails at 5, dinner at 5:30, and show starts at 6:30.

Make dinner reservations through the Call Center: (708) 588-6423.

Sunday, February 15 | 3pm | Dole Hall

Sunday Concert Series presents Yin He Dance Company

Celebrating the Lunar New Year, Chicago's Yin He Dance Company presents folkloric, classical, and contemporary Chinese dance, bridging east and west, past and present via repertory works passed down by master teachers as well as new works from members of the Chinese diaspora.

Special Chinese New Year Sunday Supper Club at Thirty North following the concert. Make dinner reservations through the Call Center: (708) 588-6423.

February

Tuesday, February 17 | 4:30 to 6pm | Mimi's

Jazz Tuesday's with Andy Brown, guitar

Often compared to the legendary Joe Pass, Brown is one of Chicago's most revered instrumentalists. "Brown is capable of presenting his complicated arrangements so that the listener often has the impression that three musicians are playing simultaneously." – *Hans Kraus, Die Rheinpfalz (Germany)*

Wednesday, February 18 | 2pm | Game Room

The Civil Rights Movement: A Celebration in Poetry, Stories and Song with Zahra Glenda Baker

Bringing Black History Month to life, Zahra Glenda Baker is recognized for her work as a folk and jazz vocalist, dramatic actor and engaging storyteller. She has performed at countless venues nationwide and also is a Storytelling Facilitator for Goodman Theater's GeNarrations program.

Sunday, February 22 | 3pm | Dole Hall

Young Artist Series presents Dr. Cloudia Huang & Dr. Soo Young Lee

Esteemed faculty from the Music Institute of Chicago present an afternoon of romantic favorites and contemporary music on cello and piano, including works from Robert Schumann and Dmitri Shostakovich.

Tuesday, February 24 | 4:30 to 6pm | Mimi's

Jazz Tuesdays: Brad Williams, piano

A Grammy-nominated pianist/arranger for Woody Herman's Thundering Herd, Brad Williams is a composer, vocalist and producer as well as the former musical director for Chicago's iconic Gold Star Sardine Bar.

Wednesday, February 25 | 5:30 to 6:30pm | Mimi's

Sue Petterson, vocals, with Kara Kesselring, piano

An encore presentation of time-honored favorites and pop classics from two of Plymouth Place's own.

Wednesday, February 25 | 7:15pm | Dole Hall

Dole Hall Presents: The Karin Ursin Trio

The former CSO member brings two of her distinguished friends to perform an entertaining variety of music for flute, clarinet, and piano.

Saturday, February 28 | 5 to 6:30pm | Thirty North Lounge

Jazz at Thirty North with Richard Johnson, piano

Check out this jazz legend, former member of the Wynton Marsalis Septet and current faculty member at the Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University. **Make dinner reservations through the Call Center: (708) 588-6423.**



Zahra Glenda Baker, 2/18



Ching-Yun Cloudia Huang
2/22

March

Sunday, March 1 | 3pm | Dole Hall

Sunday Concert Series presents Andy Tecson's Jazz Passion

The result of a collaboration between Pastor David Abrahamson and composers Andy Tecson, Bobby Lewis, and Bobby Schiff, the Jazz Passion portrays, with modern language in the jazz idiom, the events celebrated during Christianity's Holy Week with an ensemble of 25 of Chicago's finest jazz musicians and singers.

Tuesday, March 3 | 2pm | Dole Hall

Jane Addams: Immigration in Chicago, with Joyce Haworth

Illinoisan Jane Addams – reformer, philosopher, founder of Hull House, and Nobel Prize winner – has a unique story. Historian Joyce Haworth traces Addams' unhappy youth, her move to a Chicago slum and opening of a "settlement house" – and on a personal note, why she could be so irritating to her friends.

Tuesday, March 3 | 4:30 to 6pm | Mimi's

Jazz Tuesdays: Michael Stryker, piano

The head of the Jazz Studies program at University of Illinois, Chicago.

Wednesday, March 4 | 4:15pm | Dole Hall

The Wellness Dance: Tango!!! Tango!!! Tango!!!

Ignite your passion at this special co-production of Wellness, Hospitality and Life Enrichment. Cocktails and snacks at 4:15, followed by music at 5 from the Janice Lee Tango Quartet, with on-the-spot tango instruction from Ann Cusack. **Special Argentinian dinner to follow at 6:15pm. Make dinner reservations through the Call Center: (708) 588-6423.**

Tuesday, March 10 | 4:30 to 6pm | Mimi's

Jazz Tuesdays: Petra van Nuis and Andy Brown

"Singer Petra van Nuis and guitarist Andy Brown could legitimately be called Chicago's First Couple of Jazz...Her vocal quality stays seamlessly the same throughout her range, and her straight-tone style, with no hint of vibrato, is highly expressive. Her naturally cool, hip, yet engaging demeanor provides the perfect foil for these suave and sophisticated songs." – *Sandor Slomovits, Ann Arbor Observer*



Janice Lee Tango Quartet
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March

Thursday, March 12 | 3 and 7:15pm | Dole Hall

Dole Hall Presents: St. Patrick's Day Concert with Paddy Homan and Friends

Some of the biggest names in Irish Traditional Music join our own Paddy Homan for an electrifying celebration of music, song and dance.

Saturday, March 14 | 4:30 to 6pm | Mimi's

Old Town School of Folk Music presents Jonas Friddle

From the mountains of North Carolina, Jonas Friddle is a singer and old-time banjo player whose original songs have garnered a John Lennon Songwriting Award, First Place in the Great American Song Contest and a nomination for Album of the Year at the Independent Music Awards.

Sunday, March 15 | 3pm | Dole Hall

Sunday Concert Series presents The World Champion Trinity Irish Dancers

Elevating children, the community, and the world through the power and grace of Irish dance, Trinity "ushered in a new era for Irish step dance" (*Chicago Tribune*), opening new avenues of artistic freedom that led directly to commercial productions such as "Riverdance."

Special Irish Sunday Supper Club at Thirty North following the concert. Make dinner reservations through the Call Center: (708) 588-6423.

Tuesday, March 17 | 4:30 to 6pm | Mimi's

Jazz Tuesdays: Tommy Muellner, piano

"Tommy swings, grooves, is soulful, and in total command of his instrument, plus I love him, he's one of my favorites!"

– *Joey DeFrancesco, internationally acclaimed Jazz organ master*

Tuesday, March 17 | 5 to 6:30pm | Thirty North and Sarah Tudor

St. Patrick's Day Celebration with Cathryn Cowell

Equal parts classical violinist and Irish fiddler, she's just as comfortable playing with the Illinois Philharmonic as she is playing jigs and reels at the local Irish pub.



Trinity Irish Dancers, 3/15

March

Sunday, March 22 | 3pm | Dole Hall

Young Artist Series presents Leo Zupko

Award-winning violinist Leo Zupko is in his first year at Northwestern University. Winning top prize in the International Young Artist Concerto Competition, he has performed at distinguished venues, including the Young Steinway Concert Series and the Epiphany Tuesday Concert Series at the Church of the Epiphany in Washington, D.C.



Leo Zupko, 3/22

Tuesday, March 24 | 4:30 to 6pm | Mimi's

Jazz Tuesdays: Jim Sellers, piano

"Sellers uses his virtuosity and eclectic knowledge to excellent effect...novel approaches and notable musical surprises."

– *Chicago Jazz Magazine*

Saturday, March 28 | 5 to 6:30pm | Thirty North Lounge

Jazz at Thirty North with Deanna Witkowski

"One of the best of the new generation of jazz piano players."

– *Jazz Journal International*

Tuesday, March 31 | 4:30 to 6pm | Mimi's

Jazz Tuesdays: Steve Ramsdell, guitar

Jazz, classical, and pop favorites from the Music Faculty at College of DuPage.



Deanna Witkowski, 3/28

Series & Venues

Dole Hall Presents is a resident-curated series featuring local, regional and national artists. Performances range from theater pieces featuring celebrated Chicago actors to diverse concerts from jazz to classical, from pop to blues. **Select weeknights, 7:15pm. Check schedule for dates.**

The Sunday Concert Series features renowned performers from across the artistic spectrum — cabaret, classical, jazz and more, along with masters from the world of dance. Our beautiful stage has a state-of-the-art sound system and Steinway grand piano. **1st and 3rd Sundays in Dole Hall, 3pm.**

Jazz Tuesdays brings locally based, internationally regarded musicians to Mimi's, our lower level pub that's newly refurbished with a stage and professional sound system. Performers include Chicago legends, seasoned road warriors, and faculty from prestigious collegiate jazz programs. **Weekly, 4:30 to 6pm.**

The Old Town School of Folk Music Presents showcases faculty from Chicago's legendary cultural institution. Since 1957, The Old Town School has been not only a world class educational facility, but a coveted performance space that has introduced artists from around the globe to Chicago audiences. **2nd Saturday in Mimi's, 4:30 to 6pm.**

Jazz at Thirty North presents top-tier soloists in our premier dining establishment. From Chicago-based headliners to internationally touring artists, the music is the perfect accompaniment to Chef Mark Sabbe's new American cuisine. **4th Saturday, 5 to 6:30pm.**

Young Artists Series presents musically gifted, highly-trained students — and occasionally their teachers!—from Chicagoland's most esteemed classical and jazz studios. **4th Sunday in Dole Hall, 3pm.**

The Wellness Dance is a healthy monthly social with food, drink, and dance instruction. Sometimes a DJ, sometimes live music, always a great time. **Select weekdays at 4:15pm in Dole Hall. Check schedule for dates.**



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