



Music Therapy Recitals Provide Unique Opportunities for Clients, Students

In pursuit of her a music therapy degree, Emma Keeling will spend a few days of her senior year at Purdue University Fort Wayne helping at music therapy recitals. After serving as a client escort for two years, she ascended to stage manager last year, a position that saw her changing chairs, music stands, lighting, and whatever else was necessary. Once, she even performed with a client.

"I love the recitals because you can feel the positive energy, and I support the clients, music therapists, and families," Keeling said. "While these recitals are often fun, they are also a demonstration of music therapy's results in action."

Exhibiting the fruits of their labor is why Peggy Farlow, senior lecturer, and local music therapist Shauna Rupert started the recitals in 2010. The fall and spring concerts provide clients, all of whom have special needs, the opportunity to show what they have learned by performing with the support of their music therapists. The fall recitals will be held on Saturday and Sunday, starting at 2:30 p.m. in the Music Center's Rhinehart Recital Hall. Both are free to attend; another recital will be held in February.

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Monday's State of the University Address to Chart a Future Course

This year's State of the University address is scheduled for Monday. Faculty, staff, and students are all invited to hear from Purdue Fort Wayne leaders, who will share updates and plans.

The event will begin at noon in Auer Performance Hall, followed by a short reception.



Join Other PFW Families at the Community Arts Academy This Fall

The Community Arts Academy in the College of Visual and Performing Arts is dedicated to instilling an appreciation of the arts in children by offering summer camps and year-round classes in art, music, theatre, and dance. Nearly 25% of the students participating in opportunities offered through the academy come from Purdue Fort Wayne families.

More than 10 options make up the **fall 2025 schedule**. New this year is a Halloween Makeup Workshop for children in grades 4–8 that will take place on two upcoming Saturdays, Oct. 4 and 18.

All instructors are VPA faculty, staff, graduates, or advanced students. There's still time to register for the classes, workshops, and lessons, but act soon because a few begin Sept. 20. **Click here** to learn more or email Molly Papier, CAA director, at **mpapier@pfw.edu**.

Guidelines for Youth Programs, Camps, and Events on Campus

Every year, Purdue University Fort Wayne welcomes hundreds of youngsters to campus where they take part in programs, camps, and events offered by PFW colleges, schools, and other campus units. To ensure that they have a safe and fun experience, the university abides by Purdue's policy for **Programs Involving Minors**.

PFW employees who are planning a program, camp, or event for minors—anyone under 18 years old—or are working with a community organization that plans to bring those in this age range to campus, need to follow the **Operating Procedures for Programs Involving Minors** and register the program, camp, or event at least 30 days before its start date.

To learn more about this process, contact Mary Encabo Bischoff, director of youth programs, at mary.encabo@pfw.edu.

Eventful

There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. To find your favorites—or discover new activities—check the full [events calendar](#) often to see what's happening on campus.

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Sat., noon–5:30 p.m.

Korea Festival

Experience a taste of Korean culture. Look forward to fun activities, delicious food, cultural goods, and dance performances to enjoy with your family and friends...

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Tues., 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Day on the River

Relax, explore, and connect with others at this fun-filled outdoor event. Take a break, try something new, and get to know your fellow Mastodons...

In a Snap

Seen and noted around campus. Monitor our university social feeds for more great moments of Mastodon life.



Runners on Mastodon Way take off from the starting line during the You Matter 5K on Saturday, an event dedicated to raising awareness for suicide prevention. Chi Eta Sigma at PFW, a student organization that promotes academic excellence in counseling, was a sponsor.

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