

# MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

## INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED CONCERT PIANIST

### *Leon Bates to Perform*



Tickets for the performance are available at the door for \$20/adults, \$10/senior citizens and college students with school ID; admission is free for students under 18 years old.

Leon Bates appears by special arrangement with Joanne Rile Artists Management. For more information, please contact the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at 301-447-5308

On Tuesday, February 7, the musical strains of America's legendary composer Duke Ellington will emanate from the campus of Mount St. Mary's University. This unique all-Ellington program will be performed by **internationally renowned concert pianist Leon Bates**. The concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Knott Auditorium.

Since winning the Philadelphia Orchestra's Senior Auditions as a student, Bates has emerged as one of America's leading pianists. He is invited to the most prestigious concert halls and his performances have warranted critical and audience accolades in such halls as the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall and Philadelphia's Academy of Music and Kimmel center. His many television appearances include NBC's *The Today Show* and CBS *News Sunday Morning*, and he took part in the filming of the *Music in the 20th Century* telecast on PBS. His performances have also included engagements with the New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Boston Pops, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Vienna Symphony and Prague National Symphony, as well as with the Duke Ellington Orchestra in Rome's Olympic Stadium before an audience of 20,000 as a tribute to Christopher Columbus. Recordings of his performances are available on the Naxos, Orion, and Performance Records labels.

Bates is also celebrated as a master teacher, whose work has inspired America's youth to open their hearts and minds to the love of music. He is a favorite on college campuses because of his broad interests beyond the world of classical music. His importance to the music world was noted with an honorary Doctorate from Washington and Lee University, and the Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Award for his extensive work with children. Bates' commitment to social and cultural diversity, along with his passion for American music, have led to the creation of programs such as *Gershwin by Request*, and the all-Duke Ellington program that has been delighting audiences everywhere.

## Fulbright Scholar ON CAMPUS THIS WINTER

Hossam Elouan, a screenwriter and film critic from Egypt, will visit the Mount for six weeks during the upcoming spring semester, and will team teach a course, *Comparative Politics: Middle East*, with Dr. Kristen Urban. Elouan's visit is part of the Fulbright "Visiting Specialist from the Middle East" program.

"Mount St. Mary's is especially enthusiastic about this opportunity to welcome an internationally reputed specialist from the Middle East at this time when a mutual understanding between western and Middle Eastern Islamic cultures is of utmost importance for world peace," says Indrani Mitra, associate professor of English. Campus events such as a Middle Eastern film series are being planned during his time here.

Fluent in several languages, Elouan is a graduate of the Cairo Film Institute and currently works as a scriptwriter and freelance researcher in Egypt. His publications on film and art are numerous including pieces in the "Alif Journal of Contemporary Poetics," newspapers "Al Sharq Al Awsat" and "Al Watan," and in the Omani Cultural Magazine, "Nizwa." He also lectures extensively on arts in the Middle East.

Previously Elouan served as a Visiting Fulbright scholar at the University of California at Davis in 2004, and at the University

of California in Los Angeles in 2003, where he worked with Professor Richard Walter, chair of the Screenplay Department. "I am highly interested in promoting cross-cultural understanding with an appreciation for cultural diversity," says Elouan.

Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the

late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Scholar Program's purpose is to build mutual understanding between people of the United States and other countries. It is America's flagship international educational exchange activity and thousands of faculty from the U.S. and other countries have studied, taught or conducted research abroad through its program. "Our students in particular benefit immensely from exposures to a wide range of perspectives on international issues," says David Rehm, the Mount's associate provost.

For more information please contact the Office of Communications at 301-447-5366.



Fulbright Scholar Hossam Elouan will present a film screening: *On Boys, Girls, & the Veil*, Thursday, January 26, 7 p.m., Laughlin Auditorium

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Stay up-to-date with Mount events by visiting [www.msmary.edu](http://www.msmary.edu), click on "upcoming events" in the upper right corner. For athletic schedules, stats and player interviews, visit [www.mountathletics.com](http://www.mountathletics.com)

## ADMISSIONS EVENTS

### FILM SCREENING:

#### *On Boys, Girls, & the Veil*

Thursday, January 26

7 p.m., Laughlin

A short film, directed by Yousri Nasrallah, Egypt, that examines gender identity and the dimensions of veiling within the larger context of Egyptian society. Presented by Visiting Fulbright Scholar, Mr. Hossam Elouan, filmmaker and screen-play writer from Egypt

#### Christian Brugger "Capital Punishment, Abolition, and Catholic Moral Philosophy: An Ethically Principled Perspective"

Thursday, February 2

7 p.m., Knott Auditorium

E. Christian Brugger is assistant professor of ethics in the department of religious studies at Loyola University in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is the author of *Capital Punishment and Roman Catholic Moral Tradition*, in which he traces the history of this moral issue. He will discuss his findings during this presentation.

#### Admissions Academic Major Day

February 3: Science

February 10: Education and Undecided

February 17: Business

Get an in-depth look at what it is like to be a science, education or business major at the Mount through simulated classes, interactions with faculty and current students and discussions with the Career Center. If you are undecided as to your major, attend our program on February 10 to learn how our Freshman Experience and Core Curriculum can help you choose a major.

#### Instant Admissions for the Mount's Accelerated Professional Studies Program!

The Mount's Division of Continuing Studies will be offering Instant Admission Nights now through March. Bring your most recent college transcript (unofficial copies will be accepted) and receive an on-the-spot evaluation with a Mount advisor, with instant enrollment in the MPAS program if you meet the program criteria. Questions? Call 301-682-8315.

#### Instant Admission Nights

Location: Mount's St. Mary's University, Frederick Campus

Before Session 2: Tuesday, January 31, 5-6 p.m.

Thursday, February 2, 5-6 p.m.

Saturday, February 4, 9-10 a.m.

Before Session 3: Monday, March 13, 5-6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15, 5-6 p.m.

Saturday, March 18, 9-10 a.m.

## ATHLETICS

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST.  
January 28, 7 p.m.

ROBERT MORRIS  
February 2, 7 p.m.

HOMECOMING  
ST. FRANCIS (PA.)  
February 4, 7 p.m.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST.  
January 28, 3 p.m.

HOMECOMING  
ST. FRANCIS (PA.)  
February 4, 3 p.m.