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The Seen and Heard: An Evening of Art and Song recital.

Happening at A-State

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Culture Historian Hagstrom Miller to Speak at Museum Event

In celebration of Black History Month, Arkansas State University Museum will host a lecture by culture historian Dr. Karl Hagstrom Miller, chair and associate professor in the McIntire Department of Music at the University of Virginia, on Thursday.

His 3-5 p.m. presentation is free and open to the public.

Hagstrom Miller, who is author of the book, "Segregating Sound," will speak on "Hearing Race and Region in American Popular Music." Visitors will consider such topics as whether musical styles are black, white, or otherwise racial in origin during an open discussion.

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ASBTDC to Hold Start Your Small Business Now Seminar in Mountain Home

Arkansas Small Business and Technology Development Center (ASBTDC) at Arkansas State University will host a "Start Your Small Business Now" seminar in Mountain Home, Feb. 27, at The Sheid on the campus of Arkansas State University-Mountain Home. The seminar runs from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Center director Laura Miller will teach the seminar and will discuss essential startup steps, legal business structures, regulations and licensing, key issues that affect business success and common pitfalls entrepreneurs face.

The program is offered free of charge, thanks to co-sponsorship with FNBC Bank, First Community Bank, First Security Bank and Simmons Bank. Pre-registration is required. To register, visit asbtcd.org or call 870-972-3517.

The ASBTDC at A-State is a partnership of the U.S. Small Business Administration, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock College of Business and the Arkansas State University Neil Griffin College of Business. The ASBTDC assists start-ups, existing businesses and technology businesses. Core services include free consulting and market research plus low to no-cost training.

A-State Receives 10th Military Friendly Status Designation

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Arkansas State University has been designated as a Military Friendly® School with a bronze rating for 2020-21. The Military Friendly schools list, in its 11th year, sets the standard for higher education institutions to provide the best opportunities for veterans and their spouses.

A-State, who has been on the list nine times, is among the institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation after being evaluated using both public data sources and responses

from a proprietary survey. More than 1,000 schools participated in the 2020-21 survey with 695 earning the designation.

The 2020-21 Military Friendly® Schools list will be published in the May issue of G.I. Jobs magazine and can be found at militaryfriendly.com.

"Our ability to apply a clear, consistent standard to colleges creates a competitive atmosphere that encourages colleges to invest in programs that are better for the military community as a whole," stated Josh Rosen, Military Friendly's national director. "Thank you to Arkansas State University for your commitment to the

military community. We are excited to celebrate this designation with Arkansas State and we have some really big things planned in 2020 to share this information with the nation."

Methodology, criteria, and weightings were determined by Vqictory with input from the Military Friendly® Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community.

Through the Office of Multicultural Affairs at A-State, the Military and Veteran Student Success program presents opportunities for military and veteran students to be active

on campus. The main goal is to assist veterans with campus life and student engagement.

The office assists military affiliated and veteran students with identifying on-campus

resources and departments that offer services to veterans. To better focus its core mission, A-State recently shortened the Beck PRIDE Center for America's Wounded Veterans to the Beck Center for Veterans.

Arkansas State assists with numerous educational opportunities to veterans through the GI Bill and other programs. In addition, the Beck Center for Veterans, which is part of the new Veteran Success Center, provides combat-wounded veterans with first class educational programs and services at A-State.



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Theatre's Presentation of 'God of Carnage' Opens Feb. 21

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Arkansas State University's Department of Theatre continues the 2019-20 season with "God of Carnage" by Yasmina Reza and translated by Christopher Hampton.

Performances will be 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21-22; 2 p.m. Feb. 23; and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28-29. The presentations take place in Simpson Theatre, located in Fowler Center on the Arkansas State University campus.

On a playground in Brooklyn, Alan and Annette's son hit Michael and Veronica's son in the face with a stick, resulting in two broken teeth. The four parents meet for a civil discussion of the incident. While the evening begins with polite pleasantries, it veers off course into rum-fueled vitriol as the adults devolve into bickering children. Reza's comic masterpiece displays humanity at its most primal and most hilarious extremes.

The cast includes Carson



Photo courtesy of A-State Theatre Department

Amy Faughn (center) in the Theatre Preview for "God of Carnage."

Ecker, a theatre major from Bryant, as Alan Raleigh; Amy Faughn, a theatre and psychology major from Jonesboro, as Annette Raleigh; Bryce Moore, a theatre major from White Hall, as Michael Novak; and Hayley Scott, a theatre major from North Little Rock, as Veronica Novak.

The director is Brandon

Sterrett, instructor of theatre, with Claire Thomas, a theatre major from Batesville, as the assistant director. Scenic design is by Jeff McLaughlin, assistant professor of theatre.

Deaa Sims, a theatre major from West Memphis, is the scenic charge artist. Costume design is by Claire Abernathy, assistant professor of theatre,

and Alissa Hughes, a theatre major from Monette, as assistant costume designer. Lighting design is by Elizabeth Escobedo, a theatre major from Russellville. Sound design is by Caisa Sanburg, assistant professor of theatre. The stage manager is Grace Dial, a theatre major from Paragould. Assistant stage managers are

theatre majors Paydon Bradley of Trumann, Alec Lazarani of Memphis, and Kaitlyn Vacco of Yellville.

The prop master is Whitley Fore, a theatre major from Harrisburg. The master electrician is Cody Preston, a strategic communication major from Bono. The house manager is Starke McGehee, a theatre major from Arezzo, Italy. The sound board operator is Jonathan Clark, a theatre major from Batesville, and light board operator is Mallory Smith, a theatre major from Bono.

Wardrobe crew includes theatre majors Bailey Larrison of Little Rock and Jericho Smith of McCrory. The publicist is theatre major Kori Denison, from Batesville.

"God of Carnage" contains adult themes and language that may be upsetting to younger viewers.

Tickets for "God of Carnage" can be purchased at AState.edu/tickets or by calling the A-State Box Office Monday-Friday from 8:30-5 p.m. at 870-972-2781.

Debate at A-State

College Republicans to hold Primary Debate

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Debates for state representatives for the district 53 primary race will take place on campus next week.

At 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, candidates Bobby Long, Cole Peck and John Milligan will hold a public debate in Centennial Hall. The debate, held by the A-State College Republicans, is open for students, faculty, staff and community members to attend.

Matthew Willard, a member of the College

Republicans, said people should get involved during presidential election years so they can stay informed.

"It is important for students to

"Arkansas is one of 14 states holding primaries on March 3."

get involved in politics because it helps them stay informed of the major events that occur in

our country," Willard, a history major, said. "It is also important to be involved in politics because it allows students to influence how our country, state, and local government is being run."

Arkansas is one of 14 states holding primaries on March 3, 2020, also known as "Super Tuesday," having joined other states on the date after the signing of a bill calling for simultaneous state, local, and presidential primaries on the first Tuesday in March in presidential election years by governor Asa Hutchinson on March 21, 2019

Juarez Co-Authors Research into Black Holes

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A paper by Dr. Montserrat Juárez, professor of physics and mathematics, A-State Campus Queretaro, in collaboration with Dr. Moises Bravo of Universidad Católica del Maule, has been accepted for publication in Classical and Quantum Gravity. Research for the paper, "Thermodynamics and Cardy-Like Formula for Non-Minimally Dressed,



Juarez

Charged Lifshitz Black Holes in New Massive Gravity," started in 2018.