

SPA opens noon concert to student acts

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COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Students who typically sit in the audience for the SPA Noontime concerts are now getting their chance to come onstage.

As part of the Student Programming Association's (SPA) Noontime Concert Series, an April 9 student showcase will feature some of Penn State's most talented musicians.

"If students are trying to get their names out there, get in the local music scene, or start a band, this is just one outlet that we're going to try and be able to use," SPA Noontime Series

Chairman Zachary Krieger said. Four to eight acts — bands, solos, singing, instrumental or abstract — will be selected to play in the concert. Each act will be given a 15- to 30-minute set during the two-hour performance, which has been extended by one hour from last semester's showcase.

The only requirement, Krieger said, is that the musicians are Penn State students.

Anita Oh, who played in the fall semester's showcase, said the experience was very valuable — for multiple reasons.

"I had a really great time performing. It was great to get my music out and heard," Oh (fresh-

man-journalism) said. "I did it to have fun, and music is a passion of mine. So I would say, for that aspect, it was great."

Krieger (sophomore-bioengineering) said he noticed many student musicians talking in the hall during last semester's auditions. One of these chats led to the creation of the Songwriters Club.

"I was really happy with that happening," Krieger said. "It gives even the people who don't get the chance to perform the chance to get something else started."

Pat Troester, who played in last year's showcase, said SPA gives a moment to shine to musicians

who may not have a venue to play in otherwise — as nerve-racking as the actual event may be.

Krieger asks anyone who is interested in auditioning to e-mail his or her actual name, performance name, cell phone number and clips of or links to sample tracks and band information to spanoontime@gmail.com.

Krieger recommended sending links to MySpace music pages, YouTube videos, Facebook videos or fan pages.

E-mail applications must be in by this Friday at noon, he said. The Noontime Concert Series committee will then decide which acts it will audition and contact

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Applications are due by noon on Friday, and auditions will be held March 29

those acts by e-mail before the auditions are held.

Auditions will be held March 29 at a time and place to be announced at a later date.

To e-mail reporter: lbc146@psu.edu

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By Jacqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 23, 2010. This year, misunderstandings come from out of nowhere. It is important to stay centered, observe and not to take others' actions personally. You could find developing this attitude challenging, but most worthwhile. Remain positive and direct. You know what is needed to make your life work. Often you will opt to head out alone or take the lead. If you are single, relating could be challenging, as often you feel pressured by situations - outside and within the relationship. If you are attached, learn to defuse tension and stress with your sweetie. Someone born under the sign CANCER can be difficult to deal with.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** Tension builds. You might wish you could be at home. Some of you might be fortunate enough to be able to do just that. Challenges blow in from left field, and you wonder what to do and which way to go. Tonight: Stay close to the hearth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Others have a lot to say, whether you want to hear it or not. Remain upbeat and positive, despite pressure. Refuse to react to someone's words or voice. Detach and take the high road. You'll gain depth and understanding. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Slow down and take a hard look at your finances. Your style and manner of communicating draws many people,

especially in a meeting. Don't commit unless you are sure of yourself. Know what you want. Stay upbeat. Tonight: Gather your bills. Take a hard look at your budget.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** You wake up gung-ho and ready. Though you hit a hassle or two, you will come out on top. Your energy and magnetism mark your decisions. Visualize rather than cause yourself a problem. Tonight: Do whatever makes you happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Know when you cannot win and need to step back. How you handle a personal matter could change radically as pressure builds. What might be wise is to remain nonreactive. Think about personal issues rather than act on them. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** You make the right decisions, even under stress. You know which way to go. Stay on top of your work, and be aware of a building conflict. Ingenuity and sensitivity could save the day. Nurture a key person. Tonight: Where people are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** If you're wondering what is the wisest approach to a conflicted situation, toss the issue out to those who might be impacted by it. You would be well advised to keep your own counsel about opinions. Your personal life continues to challenge you. Tonight: Happy at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Take an overview, understanding you cannot change what someone feels. If you can, find some way that two different attitudes could merge or at least coexist. Avoid black-and-white and either-or situations. Tonight: Feed your

mind some candy!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** You might want to rethink an association, especially if you keep encountering conflicts. Work with someone directly, understanding what is going on with him or her. Allow only so much personal talk if you want to accomplish a lot. Tonight: Togetherness works.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Others simply have Lady Luck on their side. The wise Goat will back off and allow key people to have their way. You might feel resistant, but that attitude will only cause a problem. Stay light and easy with others. Tonight: Go along with someone else's choice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** Emphasize what you can get done as opposed to what you would like to accomplish. Maintaining a realistic perspective might be more important than you realize. You could be making mountains out of molehills. Stop. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Your ingenuity could prevent a conflict between two major interests. Many people are vested in your choices. Detach with care, knowing what you want and desire. A smile goes a long way in healing a rift. Tonight: Let go of work and stress.

BORN TODAY
Actress Joan Crawford (1905), R&B vocalist Chaka Khan (1953), actress Keri Russell (1976) ...

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