WILLIMANTIC — The Jazz Ensemble at Eastern Connecticut State University presented a concert on Dec. 2 in the Fine Arts Instructional Center (FAIC) Concert Hall.

Lee Gendron (Class of 2019), of Quinebaug, was one of the students who performed in the concert. Gendron majors in Communication.

The Eastern Jazz Ensemble is composed of students who play traditional jazz instruments, including saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, bars, guitar and drums. The ensemble performs works from the standard and modern big band repertoire.

Directed by Stacy Dziuk, the ensemble performed several selections from Thad Jones, T. Monk, Benny Golson, Fred Sturm and many more, providing a unique and entertaining show.

This traditional ensemble will continue to entertain Eastern students, faculty and community members with music from a wide variety of genres and eras. In addition to performing compositions from traditional and contemporary jazz composers, the ensemble also enjoys improvisation.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE FALL CONCERT

The Percussion Ensemble at Eastern Connecticut State University presented a concert on Dec. 4 in the Fine Arts Instructional Center (FAIC) Concert Hall.

Mackenzie Muscara (Class of 2017), of Dayville, was one of the students who performed in the concert. Muscara majors in Music.

The ensemble presented a collection of large ensemble works and chamber repertoire, including Rick Dior’s “Science Fiction.” The concert also included an original composition for solo marimba and percussion quartet by music professor Jeffrey Callais.

The ensemble will continue to entertain Eastern students, faculty and community members with music from a wide variety of styles and eras in the percussion and marimba ensemble repertoire.

OPERA WORKSHOP FALL CONCERT

The Opera Workshop at Eastern Connecticut State University presented “From the Sublime to the Ridiculous,” its end-of-semester concert, on Dec. 3 in the Fine Arts Instructional Center (FAIC) Concert Hall.

Halie Poirier (Class of 2018), of Putnam, was one of the students who performed in the concert. Poirier majors in Music.

Featuring scenes from the operettas of Bernstein, Strauss, Gilbert and Sullivan, the Opera Workshop provided a family-friendly afternoon of operatic performance.

The Opera Workshop is a course designed to offer students hands-on experience in stage movement, character development and scene study. Students develop these skills while exploring repertoire from opera, operetta and musical theater.