September

Recital: Jeff Calvi and Matt Bronson, percussion (FR)
Friday, Sept. 29, 2017, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
Eastern faculty members Jeff Calvi and Matt Bronson perform solo literature for percussion, including the premieres of Beanthorn in Havana for four-hand Marimba and percussion trio. This is a Friday Faculty Recital Series event.

October

Voice Masterclass
Travis Sherwood, baritone
Monday, Oct. 9, 2017, 14:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
Baritone, Travis Sherwood, shares his expertise with members of the Eastern voice studio as they present songs and arias. This event is cosponsored by Eastern SHRM.

Eastern Wind Ensemble
Friday, Oct. 13, 2017, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
The Eastern Wind Ensemble presents a concert featuring classics of the wind band repertoire.

Guest Artists: BNSWORLD / PARALAX
Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
This is a Friday Faculty Recital Series event.

Eastern Concert Band
Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
The Eastern Concert Band presents an evening of entertaining classics and lighter fare from the wind band repertoire.

November

Recital: Okon Hwang, piano and the S.O.T Piano Trio (BR)
Friday, Nov. 3, 2017, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
This multi-media event, S.O.T Piano Trio (violonist Seulay Park, pianist Okon Hwang and cello Yen-Ting Lin) will collaborate with a visual artist, movement specialists, and media designers to present pieces by Carnivale, Rochefoucauld and Astor Piazzolla. This is a Friday Faculty Recital Series event.

Guest Ensemble: Willimantic Orchestra
Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, 3:00 p.m.; Concert Hall
Willimantic Orchestra will also present concerts on 4/18 and 5/6/18. For more information please visit www.willimanticorchestra.org.

Guest Ensemble: Classic Brass
Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
For more information about Classic Brass, a Connecticut based British-style Brass band, please visit www.classicbrass.org.

Magnificently Wistful
Eastern Concert Chorale and Friends
Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
Eastern Concert Chorale and Friends present an entertaining and informative concert featuring a variety of choral works. These works that have been rethought to compositions and occasions, and may even contain unintentional mistakes that are now accepted and even expected in modern performance.

Chamber Music Recital
Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
An evening of student chamber ensembles performing repertoire from the Baroque period to the present.

December

Eastern Jazz Ensemble
Friday, Dec. 1, 2017, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
The Jazz Ensemble, featuring student soloists, performs a variety of big band music.

NEWLY ANNOUNCED EVENT: The Night Before Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, 2:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
Music Program Alumni, Faculty, and current Students collaborate to present this fully staged and costumed presentation of the holiday classic, which captures the child-like excitement and mystery of the season. This 50-minute opera is great for children and families.

Eastern Percussion Ensembles
Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, 3:00 p.m.; Concert Hall
Join us for a concert featuring works for large percussion ensemble, chamber percussion groups, and world percussion ensemble.

January

3 O’clock Band
Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, 7:10 p.m.; Concert Hall
The Jazz Combo “3 O’clock Band” is a variable-sized ensemble, playing classic jazz tunes from a variety of eras, ranging from standards and bebop to recent jazz and rock.

Sounds of the Season
Eastern Wind Ensemble and Eastern Concert Band
Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
Join us as we celebrate the “Sounds of the Season” in a joint concert of the ECSU Wind Ensemble and the Eastern Concert Band.

World Percussion Concert
Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
Experience the rich history of drumming in Korea, India, West Africa, the Middle East, and the Americas. This event is perfect for children and families!

February

Operas Scenes: If Music be the Food of Love
Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
Eastern Opera Workshop and members of the English Program collaborate on a celebration of Shakespeare’s contributions to both literature and music. From fair Verona to Shakespeare’s Upper West Side, travel the musical worlds inspired by the plays of William Shakespeare.

Guest Artists: Cuatro Puntos
Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
This is a Friday Faculty Recital Series event.

Celebrating Debussy (1862-1918)
Friday, Feb. 23, 2018, 14:10 p.m.; Concert Hall
In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the composer’s death, the Music Program presents an hour-long tribute to the great Claude Debussy. Performances will be accompanied by primary source readings selected by Musicologist, Dr. Timothy Cochran. This program is part of the Music Program’s Friday Recital Series event.

Plano Music from Movies
Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
Student and faculty pianists will present piano pieces from various movies including: Big, The Planet, La La Land, and The Painted Hall.

March

Recital: Emily Jo Riggs, soprano and David Rubena, piano (FR)
Friday, Mar. 2, 2018, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
Join us for an entertaining evening of songs and arias from opera and musical theatre. This is a Friday Faculty Recital Series event.

NEW DATE! Eastern Wind Ensemble
Wednesday, Mar. 7, 2018, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
The Eastern Wind Ensemble presents a concert featuring classics of the wind band repertoire.

NEWLY ANNOUNCED EVENT: A Tribute to Puerto Rico
Monday, Mar. 19, 2018, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
Guest Artists: Jose A. Zayas-Cabera, saxophone; Joel Gordon, saxophone; and Caryo D. Faris, piano; will perform a diverse program of classical music for saxophone and piano and conclude with a special tribute to Puerto Rico.

April

MASQUERADE: This is the World (FR)
Friday, April 6, 2018, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
This epic work for two-pieces and two-percussion is based on Edward Hopper’s 1942 painting, Aighetheads. The piece captures the strength and enduring nature of the American experience. Okon Hwang, piano; Eric Outzette, piano; Matt Bronson, percussion; Jeff Calvi, percussion. This is a Friday Faculty Recital Series event.

NEW DATE! An Evening of Jazz w/ the Straight-Up Jazz Trio (FR)
Monday, Mar. 26, 2018, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
Expand the unexpected as this trio gives their interpretation of jazz standards, Broadway and recent pop tunes. With special guest Emily Riggs. This is a Friday Faculty Recital Series event.

May

Korean Music Concert
Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
This concert features both traditional and contemporary music from Korea including Korean narae ensembles, classical art music and Gyeop.

Eastern Wind Ensemble
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
The Eastern Wind Ensemble presents a concert featuring classics of the wind band repertoire.

World Percussion Concert
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Experience the rich history of drumming in Korea, India, West Africa, the Middle East, and the Americas. This event is great for children and families!

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2017-2018 Music Program Season Calendar

Music Program Honors Recital and Awards Ceremony
Sunday, Apr. 8, 2018, 2:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
Join us as we honor our students for their academic achievements in both performance and musicology. Reception to follow.

Diversity, Adversity, and Education: A Multimedia Presentation
Eastern Chamber Singers and Eastern Concert Choir
Sunday, April 15, 2018, 2:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
Eastern Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will explore those topics and their relation to each other through this multimedia presentation. This concert is presented in connection with World Value Day.

Chamber Music Recital
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Friday, Apr. 27, 2018, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
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Opera Scenes: The Things We Do For Love
Saturday, Apr. 29, 2018, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
Eastern Opera Workshop presents an afternoon of scenes from opera and operetta. From the comic to the tragic, students study and prepare scenes that explore the crazy things we do for love.

New Music at Eastern
Sunday, Apr. 29, 2018, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
Join us for a concert featuring premier performances of new composition by Eastern Students.

3 O’clock Band
Monday, May 30, 2018, 7:30 p.m.; Concert Hall
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