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Pacific Lutheran University  
School of Arts and Communication / Department of Music presents

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Welcome to Lagerquist Concert Hall.

Please disable the audible signal on all watches and cellular phones for the duration of the concert.

Use of cameras, recording equipment and all digital devices is not permitted in the concert hall.

**PROGRAM**

**Wings**..... **Joan Tower (b. 1938)**

**Soprano Sax Concerto** ..... **Jennifer Higdon (b. 1962)**

**Like Lightnings** ..... **Hilary Tann (b. 1947)**

**Sonata in C-sharp Minor**..... **Fernande Decruck (1896-1954)**

*I. Très modéré expressif*

*II. Noël*

*III. Fileuse*

*IV. Nocturne et Rondel*

## About the Performers

Praised by the *Tacoma News Tribune* for his “effortless lyricism” as well as his “smooth tone and fluid virtuosity,” saxophonist **Erik Steighner** has performed with ensembles including the Austin Symphony Orchestra, the Federal Way Symphony, the Northwest Sinfonietta, the Pacific Northwest Ballet Orchestra, the San Antonio Symphony, and Symphony Tacoma. Steighner has served on the faculty of Texas State University and currently teaches at Pacific Lutheran University and Tacoma Community College. He is also on faculty at the University of Puget Sound Community Music Department and is founder and conductor of the South Sound Saxophone Ensemble. Steighner has premiered dozens of solo and chamber works and appears on CD releases from labels including Albany Records, Alea Publishing, Mark Custom, Naxos, Reference Recordings, and Vienna Modern Masters. Steighner holds bachelor’s degrees in music and English from the University of Puget Sound and master’s and doctoral degrees in saxophone performance from The University of Texas at Austin. He is a Conn-Selmer artist and plays on Selmer Paris saxophones and mouthpieces.

Russian-born pianist **Oksana Ezhokina** is Chair of the Piano Faculty and Associate Professor of Music at PLU. An artist of great breadth and versatility, she appears frequently as guest recitalist and chamber musician on concert series across the United States and abroad. She has soloed with the Seattle Symphony, St. Petersburg Chamber Philharmonic in Russia, Tacoma Symphony, and performed in venues such as the Phillips Collection in Washington DC, Benaroya Hall in Seattle, Davies Orchestra Hall in San Francisco, and Klassik Keyifler Festival in Turkey. A dedicated performer of new music, she has premiered works by Marilyn Shrude, Wayne Horvitz, Bern Herbolzheimer, and Laura Kaminsky, among others. She has been featured on multiple live radio broadcasts on such stations as WFMT-Chicago, KUOW and KING FM in Seattle, Maine Public Radio and NPR Performance Today. Her collaborations have included concerts with the Seattle Chamber Players, Avalon String Quartet, violinists Ian Swensen and Andrew Jennings, and cellists Johannes Moser and Anthony Elliott. Ezhokina holds a doctor of musical arts degree in piano performance from Stony Brook University. She is the pianist of the Volta Piano Trio, whose recordings for the Con Brio label received accolades in multiple international music magazines, such as *The Strad*, *Gramophone* and *American Record Guide*. A sought-after teacher, she has given piano and chamber music masterclasses in colleges and universities across the US and is in demand as an adjudicator. Additionally, Ezhokina is Artistic Director of several flagship classical music programs at the Icicle Creek Center for the Arts, including the International Chamber Music Festival/Institute and Winter Piano Festival, which annually welcomes advanced pianists from the most prestigious colleges and conservatories in the US and Canada.

### *Want to skip the line at the door?*

Tickets are available for purchase online up to two hours prior to each ticketed performance.

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Simply select the event you’d like to attend and click “Buy Tickets” to visit the event ticketing page on [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

The Campus Concierge can also be reached by calling 253-535-7411 for phone sales.

# Fall Events

at Pacific Lutheran University

ALL MUSIC EVENTS ARE IN MARY BAKER RUSSELL MUSIC CENTER, LAGERQUIST CONCERT HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

## SEPTEMBER

- 15 Sunday, 3pm**  
Regency Series: Regency Jazz Ensemble
- 22 Sunday, 3pm**  
Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series: Paul Tegels, University Organist  
Tickets: \$17 general admission; \$10 Senior Citizen (60+), Military, Alumni, PLU Community; \$5 PLU students & 18 and under
- 29 Sunday, 3pm**  
Artist Series: Early Music Concert

## OCTOBER

- 5 Saturday, 8pm**  
Regency Series: Regency Voices
- 6 Sunday, 3pm**  
Artist Series: Erik Steighner, Saxophone
- 8 Tuesday, 8pm**  
University Symphony Orchestra
- 11 Friday, 12pm**  
Orchestra Festival concert, free admission
- 12 Saturday, 5pm**  
Artist Series: Jason Gilliam, Euphonium
- 13 Sunday, 3pm**  
University Wind Ensemble
- 13 Sunday, 8pm**  
Regency Series: Regency String Trio. Jennie Lee Hansen Recital Hall
- 20 Sunday, 3pm**  
Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series: Bruce Neswick, Organist.  
Tickets: \$17 general admission; \$10 Senior Citizen (60+), Military, Alumni, PLU Community; \$5 PLU students & 18 and under
- 20 Sunday 5pm**  
Consonare Amici. Jennie Lee Hansen Recital Hall, free admission
- 22 Tuesday and 23 Wednesday, 8pm**  
Choral Concert
- 27 Sunday, 5pm**  
Regency Series: Lyric Brass Quintet

## NOVEMBER

- 2 Saturday, 1pm**  
Regency Series: Camas Wind Quintet. Jennie Lee Hansen Recital Hall
- 5 Tuesday, 8pm**  
University Symphony Orchestra
- 6 Wednesday, 8pm**  
Music of Norway: Knut Vaage & the Valen Piano Trio. Scandinavian Cultural Center, Anderson University Center
- 8 Friday, 8pm**  
University Jazz Ensemble. Eastvold Auditorium, Karen Hille Phillips Center
- 9 Saturday, 3pm**  
PLUtonic/HERmonic. Eastvold Auditorium, Karen Hille Phillips Center
- 9 Saturday, 8pm**  
Choral Union. Tickets: \$17 general admission; \$10 Senior Citizen (60+), Military, Alumni, PLU Community; \$5 PLU students & 18 and under
- 14-16 Thursday-Saturday, 7:30pm; and 17 Sunday, 3pm**  
Leoš Janáček's *The Cunning Little Vixen*. Eastvold Auditorium, Karen Hille Phillips Center. Tickets: \$17 general admission; \$10 Senior Citizen (60+), Military, Alumni, PLU Community; \$5 PLU students & 18 and under
- 21 Thursday, 8pm**  
Keyboard Students Recital, free admission
- 22 Friday, 8pm**  
Steel Band & Percussion Ensembles, free admission
- 23 Saturday, 3pm**  
Woodwind Students Recital, free admission
- 23 Saturday, 4:30pm**  
Brass Students Recital, free admission

## NOVEMBER, Cont.

- 23 Saturday, 4:30pm**  
Brass Students Recital, free admission
- 24 Sunday, 3pm**  
University Wind Ensemble
- 24 Sunday, 8pm**  
Guitar Orchestra and Ensemble, free admission

## DECEMBER

### *O Nata Lux, A PLU Christmas Concert*

Tickets go on sale Monday, November 4

Saturday, December 7, at 8pm - Lagerquist Concert Hall  
Sunday, December 8, at 2pm - Lagerquist Concert Hall  
Monday, December 9, at 7:30pm - Benaroya Hall, Seattle  
Saturday, December 14, at 8pm - Lagerquist Concert Hall  
Sunday, December 15, at 2pm - Lagerquist Concert Hall

- 3 Tuesday, 5:30pm**  
Saxophone Quartets & Jazz Combos. The Cave, Anderson University Center, free admission
- 6 Friday, 8pm**  
Piano Ensemble, free admission
- 7 Saturday, 12pm**  
Sølvvinden Flute Ensemble, free admission
- 8 Sunday, 7pm**  
PLU Ringers. Trinity Lutheran Church, free admission
- 10 Tuesday, 6pm**  
Chamber Music Kaleidoscope, free admission
- 10 Tuesday, 8pm**  
String Kaleidoscope, free admission
- 11 Wednesday, 8pm**  
University Concert Band, free admission
- 12 Thursday, 8pm**  
Sounds of Christmas, featuring the University Singers and Knights Chorus
- 15 Sunday, 5:30pm**  
Songwriters Workshop. Jennie Lee Hansen Recital Hall, free admission
- 15 Sunday, 8pm**  
Composers Forum, free admission
- 17 Tuesday, 5pm**  
Consonare Amici. Jennie Lee Hansen Recital Hall, free admission

## JANUARY

- 11 Saturday, 5 and 6:30pm**  
Northwest High School Honor Band, free admission
- 20 Sunday, 5pm**  
PLU Honor Orchestra for Strings, free admission

### To Order Tickets:

- On Line: <http://www.eventbrite.com/o/pacific-lutheran-university-8233304504>  
On Campus: PLU Concierge Desk (253-535-7411)  
At the Concert: Lobby Desk in Mary Baker Russell Music Center

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