

MEREDITH COLLEGE FOCUS ON EXCELLENCE

2006-2007

Focus on Excellence is a program of cultural events planned especially for the Meredith Honors students, Scholars, and Teaching Fellows. The intent of this program is to provide these students an opportunity to enhance their learning experience through art, dance, history, music, and theater, while promoting friendships among students with similar interests.

Focus on Fellowship

Picnic and Lecture

Gazebo Area/Alumnae House and Amphitheater

Thursday, August 31, 2006, 5:30 PM

Kick off an "Extraordinary" year with a joint Teaching Fellow, Honors, and Scholars' Picnic. Meet new Honors, Fellows, and Scholars, and afterwards attend the Presidential Lecture by Doris Kearns Goodwin, author of *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II*, the book selected for Meredith's 2006 Summer Reading Program.

Focus on Freedom

Enemy Within Exhibit and IMAX

Exploris Museum

Sunday, September 10, 2006, 2:00 PM

Exploris decided to host *Enemy Within Exhibit* in order to gain a better understanding of the world in which we live. This exhibit explores nine major events in American History and how the country responded. Some highlights include over 145 historic photos and documents, artifacts include fragments of the planes that hit the World Trade Center, Ku Klux Klan robes, J. Edgar Hoover's personal phone, and nine computer polling stations where visitors can express their opinions about balancing individual freedoms of national security. Explore the IMAX at Exploris:

Feature Show to be announced. Transportation and dinner at nearby City Market on your own.

Focus on Theatre

The Lion King

Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

Wednesday, October 18, 2006, 8:00 PM

"Experience the phenomenon of Disney's *The Lion King*. Marvel at the breathtaking spectacle of animals brought to life by award-winning director Julie Taymor, whose visual images for this show you'll remember forever. Thrill to the pulsating rhythms of the African Pridelands and an unforgettable score including Elton John and Tim Rice's Oscar-winning songs "Can You Feel The Love Tonight" and "Circle of Life." Let your imagination run wild at the Tony Award-winning Broadway sensation that Newsweek calls "a landmark event in entertainment." This musical is Raleigh's most eagerly awaited stage production ever to come to Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

7:00 PM Meet in the Rotunda for a short introduction to this spectacular musical, *The Lion King*.

7:30 PM Bus will leave to go to Memorial Auditorium.

Focus on Art

Monet in Normandy

North Carolina Museum of Art

Sunday, November 12, 2006, 3:00 PM

Meet at the Art Museum to see more than 40 paintings of impressionist Claude Monet. It is the first exhibition that focuses on Monet's work in Normandy, France, where he spent most of his career. You may choose to walk by way of the Beltline Bridge or drive. It is a lovely walk, and on the way, there are beautiful sights to see including the Interactive Sculpture Gardens. If you are a member of the Art Museum, you will receive a free ticket., but you have to call the box office and reserve the ticket.

Focus on Ballet

Monet Impressions

Carolina Ballet, Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

Thursday, January 11, 2007

In coordination with the *Monet in Normandy* Exhibition, the Carolina Ballet will present an evening new works inspired by the paintings of Claude Monet, highlighting the French life in his paintings of the mid 1800's.

7:15 PM Meeting in front of Johnson Hall to go by t to Memorial Auditorium.

Focus on Symphony

The Temptations

Meymandi Concert Hall

Friday, February 23, 2007

North Carolina's Symphony describes this concert as "Motown at its very best—as cutting-edge as tomorrow and as soul-satisfying as yesterday. If you fell in love to "You're My Everything," and danced your heart out to "Papa Was A Rollin' Stone," this is a concert you will not want to miss."

7:15 PM Meet in front of Johnson Hall to go to Memorial Auditorium.

Focus on Rock

All Shook Up

Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

Sunday, March 25, 2007, 7:00 PM

You guessed it! This one is a rock'n'roll story that features favorites of Elvis Presley such as "Heartbreak Hotel", "Burning Love", "Jailhouse Rock", Blue Suede Shoes", "It's Now or Never", and "Don't Be Cruel." "The best retro rock show since GREASE"—NBC-TV. 6:15 PM Meet in front of Johnson Hall to leave by t to Memorial Auditorium.