

# Showcasing student creativity



On May 22, Archer Gallery was filled with visitors for the opening of the 2019 Art Student Annual Exhibition. This event showcases the best artwork produced by Clark art students in the past academic year. Students compete not only for a spot in the show, but also for awards sponsored by local businesses and organizations.

The exhibition is on display through June 15. Archer Gallery is open 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and noon to 5:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The gallery is located in the lower level of the Penguin Union Building on Clark College's main campus.

Additional photos of the show are available on our Flickr page.

# 2019 Art Student Annual Award Recipients

## **Best in Show and Most Ambitious**

**Stevie Hale**, *"New Mythology"*

Sponsored by the Clark College Bookstore and the Portland Institute for Contemporary Art

## **Best Drawing**

**John Gasaway**, *"Bling"*

Sponsored by the Clark College Bookstore and Collage Art Supply

## **Best Ceramics**

**Shirley Morgan**, *"Boh, Of Course"*

Sponsored by Georgie's Ceramics

## **Ceramics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**Jessica Joner**, *"Peonies"*

Sponsored by Clay Art Center

## **Ceramics, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**Stephanie Bowen**, *"Enlightened"*

Sponsored by Georgie's Ceramics

## **Best Graphic Design**

**Michael Fulgaro**, *"Visit Northwest"*

Sponsored by Artist and Craftsman Art Supply

## **Best Metal Art**

**Channa Smith**, *"Ready to Potlatch"*

Sponsored by MESA at Clark

## **Best Painting**

**Danielle Truckey**, *"Portrait of a Girl"*

Sponsored by Gamblin Paints

## **Painting, 2<sup>nd</sup> place**

**Jewel Indino, “Abstract Figure”**

Sponsored by Liquitext Paint Company

**Painting, 3<sup>rd</sup> place**

**Katie Hyland, “Listening In”**

Sponsored by Golden Paint Company

**Best Photography**

**Keyanna Owen, “Untitled”**

Sponsored by ProPhoto

**Best Photography, Darkroom**

**Michelle Berg, “Big Picture”**

Sponsored by Blue Moon Camera

**Best Photography, Digital**

**Avalon Guerra, “Window Pane”**

Sponsored by ProPhoto

**Photography Award of Distinction**

**T.J. West, “Homeowrk”**

Sponsored by Blue Sky Gallery

**Best Video**

**Hayley Estep, “Woman Not Product”**

Sponsored by Northwest Film Center

**Merit Award**

**Sage Makela, “Album Covers”**

Sponsored by the Clark College Bookstore

**Award of Distinction**

**Don Anderson, “A Man Has Many Moods”**

Sponsored by the Clark College Bookstore

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# Commencement ceremony to be held on June 20



*Graduates lining up at the 2018 Commencement Ceremony*

On Thursday, June 20, Clark College will honor its 83rd graduating class at the 2019 Clark College Commencement ceremony. The ceremony will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Sunlight Supply Amphitheater. The keynote speaker is Julianna Marler, CEO of the Port of Vancouver USA (see full bio below).

More than 700 students are expected to participate in the ceremony, celebrating the completion of their bachelor's degree, associate degree,

certificate, and/or high school diploma or equivalency.

The ceremony also will include the announcement of 2018-2019 Community College President's Award.

This annual scholarship is given to a Clark College graduate who is transferring to a degree program at Washington State University Vancouver (WSUV) and who demonstrated leadership potential, a commitment to community service, and academic achievement. The scholarship award provides full-time tuition and is renewable for one additional year, essentially providing full tuition to complete a bachelor's degree.

The Sunlight

Supply Amphitheater is located at 17200 NE Delfel Road in Ridgefield, Wash.

Tickets are not required to attend. Anyone needing accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in this event should contact Clark

College's Disability Support Services Office at (360) 992-2314 or (360)

991-0901 (VP), prior to the event. For more information visit [www.clark.edu/cc/commencement](http://www.clark.edu/cc/commencement).

## **About Julianna Marler**



### *Julianna Marler*

Julianna Marler is the CEO of the Port of Vancouver USA. Prior to her appointment, she served as the port's Chief Financial and Administrative Officer. Marler is the first female CEO in the port's 105-year history and one of just a handful of female port CEOs in the U.S.

Prior to joining the port in 2008, Marler worked at the City of Vancouver for nine years, where she served as the procurement services manager. Recipient of a 2018 Iris Award – an award honoring women of achievement in Southwest Washington – Marler engages in ongoing activities to encourage and support women in leadership positions.

Marler is a Vancouver Rotary Club member and serves on the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Greater Portland Inc Board of Directors, American Association of Port Authorities Board of Directors, and the Washington State University Vancouver Advisory Council. She was recently appointed to the



Association of Washington  
Business Board of Directors.

A native of Vancouver, Marler  
attended Clark College and received her bachelor's degree in  
Business  
Administration from Washington State University Vancouver.

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## Clark College Theatre ends season with "Proof"



Clark College Theatre finishes its 2018-2019 season with Proof  
by David Auburn.

Winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for Best  
Play, Proof is an emotional examination of the relationship

between genius and mental illness. On the eve of her twenty-fifth birthday, Catherine, a troubled young woman, has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Now, following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions; the arrival of her estranged sister, Claire; and the attentions of Hal, a former student of her father's who hopes to find valuable work in the 103 notebooks that her father left behind. Over the long weekend that follows, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness—or genius—will she inherit?

This production's cast includes: Kelli English as Catherine; Patti Tipton as Claire; Ryan Larson as Hal; Dan Haggerty as Robert. The director is Zak Campbell.

This show contains adult themes, language, and content.

View additional photos of "Proof" on Flickr.

Show Dates: May 17, 18, 23, 24, and 25. All show times are at 7:30 p.m. in the Decker Theatre, Frost Arts Center, on Clark College's main campus. Maps and directions are available at [www.clark.edu/maps](http://www.clark.edu/maps).

Ticket Information: Students (with ID) \$10; Alumni (with membership) \$10; Senior Citizens \$12; General Admission \$15. Tickets may be purchased online at [http://www.clarkbookstore.com/site\\_theatre.asp](http://www.clarkbookstore.com/site_theatre.asp), or call 360-992-2815.

If you need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in this event, contact Clark College's Disability Support Services Office at 360-992-2314 or 360-991-0901 (VP), or visit Penguin Union Building room 013, as soon as possible.



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# Family fun at El Día del Niño/El Día del Libro



*Young attendees enjoying a puppet show and story time at the 2015 event*

On Friday, April 26, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Clark College invites the community to participate in an evening of free, family-friendly activities that celebrate both Latino culture and the value of literacy.

“Celebración de Mi Gente: El Día del Niño/El Día del Libro” (“Celebration of My People: Day of the Child/Day of the Book”) is an annual event hosted by the college. It is free and open to the public. It is always held on or near the Mexican holiday of

Día del Niño (April 30), which is also celebrated as Día del Libro by the American Library Association. The festival will feature interactive performances and activities, dancing, face-painting, bilingual games, environmentally sustainable crafts, and delicious snacks. Clark College's mascot, Oswald the Penguin, will be on hand for photos with visiting children.

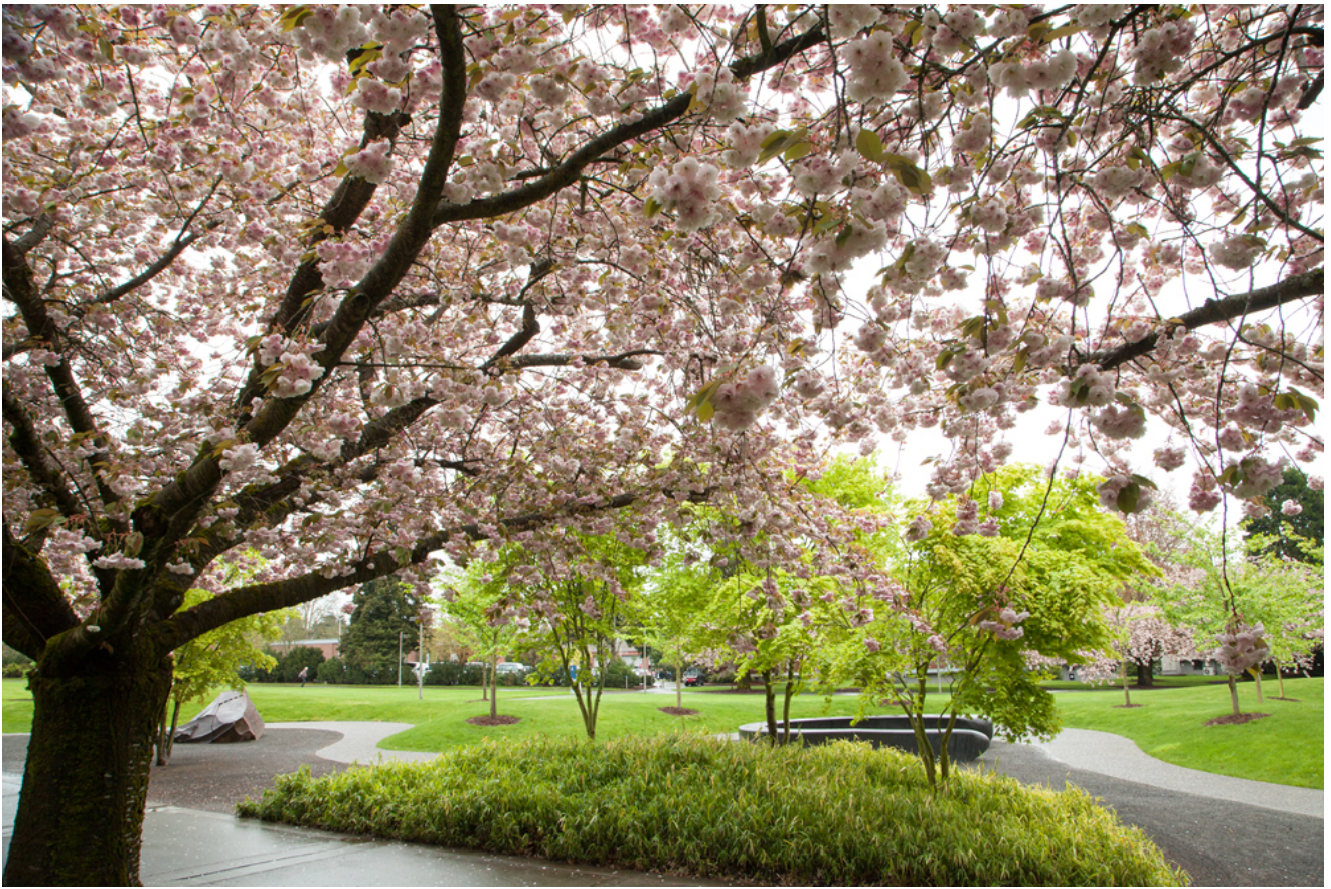
The event will be held in the Gaiser Student Center on Clark College's main campus. Clark College is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. Driving directions and parking maps are available at [www.clark.edu/maps](http://www.clark.edu/maps). Anyone needing accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in this event should contact Clark College's Disability Support Services Office at 360-992-2314 or 360-991-0901 (VP), prior to the event.

Photos from Clark's 2017 Celebración de Mi Gente are available on Flickr at [https://www.flickr.com/photos/clark\\_college/albums/72157683286542155](https://www.flickr.com/photos/clark_college/albums/72157683286542155). Video of past celebrations can be viewed on Clark YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/gNxuROUfDdY>.

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# Sakura Festival is coming



On Thursday, April 18, Clark College's 2019 Sakura Festival will honor the historic ties of friendship between the sister-cities of Vancouver, Washington, and Joyo, Japan.

The festival will begin at 1:00 p.m. with opening remarks near the Royce E. Pollard Japanese Friendship Garden, which is located next to the Beacock Music Hall on Clark's main campus. Dignitaries who are scheduled to speak include Mayor Anne McEnerny Ogle, Clark College President Bob Knight, Japanese Consul General Takashi Teraoka, and Clark College Japanese Scholarship recipient Kiho Takedoa.

The opening ceremony will include a koto performance by Yukiko

Vossen and a performance by the Clark College Women's Choral Ensemble. The koto, a stringed musical instrument, is the national instrument of Japan.

From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., the Sakura celebration will continue in the Gaiser Student Center, where guests will enjoy family-friendly cultural activities including performances by the Clark College Japanese Cultural Club, traditional calligraphy by Sora Shodo, a greeting from the college's Child & Family Studies program, and drumming by members of Takohachi TakoQ. Cookies and tea will be served. Information about the Sakura Ceremony is available at [www.clark.edu/cc/sakura](http://www.clark.edu/cc/sakura).

All events are free and open to the public. The Sakura Festival is sponsored by Clark College, the City of Vancouver, and the Vancouver Rotary.

Clark College is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. Driving directions and parking maps are available at [www.clark.edu/maps](http://www.clark.edu/maps). Individuals who need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in this event should contact Clark College's Disability Support Services Office at 360-992-2314 or 360-991-0901 (VP) or visit the Penguin Union Building room 013.



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# Get a Running Start at Clark



*The 2018 graduating class included 476 Running Start graduates—a new record for the college, which has the largest Running Start program in the state.*

High

school students and their families have an opportunity to attend a free Running

Start Information Night at Clark College on Wednesday, March 13, from 7:00-8:00

p.m. in the O'Connell Sports Center gymnasium on Clark's main campus.

The

information session, which outlines the process for entering the Running Start

program in fall 2019, is open to the public with no registration required.

Attendance is optional but encouraged as attendees will hear from Running Start participants and learn about the program's eligibility criteria, benefits, and more.

Running

Start allows eligible juniors and seniors to earn college credit while fulfilling their high school graduation requirements. Participants in the Running Start program attend Clark classes alongside the general college population. They can choose from a full range of academic and professional and technical courses, as long as the students meet the criteria and the classes are college-level.

The

program, which can significantly reduce the cost of a four-year college degree, has proven popular in Southwest Washington. In addition to the potential cost savings offered through participating in the program, Running Start also provides an opportunity for students to challenge themselves academically.

According

to Christina Smith, an instructor in Clark's Department of English, there are a number of qualities that Running Start students can foster in order to successfully navigate the college environment. "Curiosity, deep desire to learn, and willingness to



ask questions in and out of class—these are the traits and skills that lead to success in college,” said Smith.

Reid Brown, a current Running Start student, emphasized that frequent communication with professors can be helpful, along with utilizing services such as tutoring and meeting with advisors. “The environment at Clark is very inviting to young students and there are many resources available to help them with the transition into the college community,” said Brown.

With careful planning and dedication, some Running Start students earn their associate degree from Clark by the time they complete high school. One such student is Maria DeBartolo, who will graduate this June with her high school diploma and an associate degree in Nursing from Clark. “I will be ready to enter a nursing program, which is something that I never thought I would be able to do at 17 years old,” she said.

Running Start students pay for books, transportation, and some fees, but do not pay full Clark College tuition. Students can be part-time or full-time in Running Start. Fees are subject to change by the Washington State Legislature. A fee waiver is available for those demonstrating financial need.

Clark College is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way in Vancouver,

Wash. Parking will be available in the college's Red lots on the east side of Fort Vancouver Way and in the Purple Lot on the west side of Fort Vancouver Way. Driving directions and parking maps are available at [www.clark.edu/maps](http://www.clark.edu/maps).

Individuals who need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in this event should contact Clark College's Disability Support Services Office at 360-992-2314 or 360-991-0901 (VP), or visit Penguin Union Building (PUB) room 013, as soon as possible.

For more information on Running Start, visit the Clark College website at [www.clark.edu/runningstart](http://www.clark.edu/runningstart). For information about Running Start Information Nights, call 360-992-2366.

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## **Recipients of the 2019 Iris Awards Announced**



*Iris Awards will be presented to (left to right) Ann Fischer, Stacey Graham, Rekah Strong, Lynn Valenter, and Maureen Montague (H-ROC Iris Award).*

Five women representing exceptional leadership, philanthropy and community service are the winners of the 2019 Iris Awards, honoring women of achievement in Southwest Washington. They will be recognized at an awards reception on Thursday, March 7.

#### Awards

will be presented to Ann Fischer, founder of the Healthy Equitable Living Project; Stacey Graham, president of the Humane Society for Southwest Washington; Rekah Strong, executive director of Educational Opportunities for Children and Families; and Lynn Valenter, vice chancellor for finance and operations at Washington State University Vancouver. H-RoC, a non-partisan political action committee dedicated to the advancement of elected and appointed female leaders in Southwest Washington, has chosen Columbia Springs Executive

Director Maureen Montague for the Iris Award they sponsor.

The award ceremony takes place in Gaiser Student Center on Clark College's main campus. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the ceremony begins at 6:00 p.m. The event is open to the public and tickets are on sale through the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce at <https://www.vancouverusa.com/events/details/2019-iris-awards-reception-18904>. The cost is \$35 per person. A table sponsorship, which includes eight tickets, can be purchased for \$310. Seating is limited.

Clark College is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. Driving directions and parking maps are available at [www.clark.edu/maps](http://www.clark.edu/maps). Anyone needing accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in this event should contact Clark College's Disability Support Services Office at (360) 992-2314 or (360) 991-0901 (VP), or visit Penguin Union Building room 013, by February 26.

## About the Iris Awards

The Iris Awards follow in the tradition of the Southwest Washington Women of Achievement Awards, which began in 1985 at Clark College. In 2012, the event was reintroduced as the Iris Awards, still celebrated on or around International Women's Day (March 8) and with the same core

mission: honoring  
the lasting and far-reaching contributions of women in  
Southwest Washington and  
beyond.

This  
year's awards are sponsored by Clark College, the Clark  
College Foundation,  
the *Vancouver Business Journal*, the Greater Vancouver Chamber  
of Commerce,  
and H-RoC.

## The 2019 Iris Award Honorees

**Ann Fischer**



*Ann Fischer*

Ann Fischer is the founder of  
the Healthy Equitable Living Project (HELP), a food pantry  
located at the First  
Presbyterian Church in Vancouver. HELP was launched in 2013,  
when the Vancouver  
Health Department asked if the church could assist local  
schools in serving  
families who were experiencing food insecurity. Fischer began  
by soliciting  
donations from neighborhood grocery stores to help five

families. Over the past six years, HELP has expanded to serve between 50 and 60 families from 14 different schools.

Through the food pantry, Fischer makes sure people are not only fed, but fed well. Fischer hand-selects many of the products that the pantry offers, with a focus on high-quality, nutritious, and organic foods. It is not unusual for Fischer to remember individual patrons' specific dietary needs, from vegan to gluten-free. She also created the pantry's Breakfast Club, where families are served a hot breakfast while they wait to shop, giving them a chance to build community and friendships.

Fischer has a long record of service in the community, ranging from supporting her local church to organizing fundraisers for children's organizations. For 25 years, she ran an antique shop called Turnabout that offered assistance to people who were transitioning their living situations.

## **Stacey Graham**



*Stacey Graham*



Stacey Graham has served as president of the Humane Society for Southwest Washington (HSSW) since 2013. Graham's career spans 40 years leading for-profit and nonprofit organizations. Her wide-ranging work experience includes positions in the Oregon Legislature and Oregon Governor's Office, as well as key roles in public relations and advertising agencies, the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, and the Vancouver-based First Independent Bank.

Graham joined the HSSW team charged with creating a sustainable and effective business model; raising the level of awareness and visibility of the Humane Society in the local community and animal welfare industry; and dramatically increasing the save rate of the animals in care. Under her leadership, HSSW launched a five-year, \$6 million capital campaign. In 2018, HSSW was named the Best Nonprofit in Clark County.

Graham's community service includes serving as city council president in her hometown of Stayton, Oregon; on the boards of the Clark County YWCA, The Historic Trust, the Lighthouse Community Credit Union, Nonprofit Network of Southwest Washington, Metropolitan Family Service, Northwest Pilot Project, Portland Radio Project and H-RoC; and on the Empower Women + Girls steering committee. Graham has helped develop strategic plans for many local nonprofits, including North

County Community Food Bank, Vancouver Symphony, Partners in Careers, Clark County Arts Commission and Pink Lemonade.

## **Rekah Strong**



### *Rekah Strong*

Rekah Strong is a highly accomplished public and non-profit executive. She currently serves as the executive director for Educational Opportunities for Children and Families (EOCF), the largest early learning organization in Southwest Washington.

Prior to this position, Strong served as chief of operations and equity officer for the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette and chief diversity and inclusion officer for Clark County. Earlier in her career, Strong spent more than a decade working for the State of Oregon to improve outcomes for children and families in Oregon's child welfare system.

Strong has a long record of public service and community involvement in Southwest Washington. During her tenure with Clark County, she helped lay the initial framework and push

for the Clark County Freeholder process and expansion of the Clark County Council. More recently, she was reappointed by Governor Jay Inslee to serve as a Clark College trustee and actively advocates for education. She was also recently selected as the newest board member of Clark County's Developmental Disability Advisory Board, and has served on the boards of We Reign Youth Foundation and Southwest Washington Chapter Red Cross.

A Clark College alumna, Strong earned her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and master's degree in Social Work from Portland State University. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Social Work Research.

### **Lynn Valenter**



*Lynn Valenter*

As the vice chancellor for finance and operations at Washington State University Vancouver, Lynn Valenter leads a range of functions including budget and accounting, capital planning, dining services, facilities operations, human resources and public safety. She began her career at WSU Vancouver more than 20 years ago, holding roles as facilities and auxiliary services manager and director of finance and

operations before being named as vice chancellor in 2015. Valenter has been instrumental in increasing WSU Vancouver's public engagement and service during an important period in the campus's growth.

Valenter's engaged, enthusiastic, and equitable leadership style has been of service to both the university and the local community. As an active member of Empower, she supports initiatives that help local girls and women, and she is a frequent volunteer with Winter Hospitality Overflow, an organization that helps people in need during the winter months. Her board service includes Camas Civil Service, Institute for Metropolitan Studies at Portland State University, Columbia Credit Union, H-RoC, Greater Portland Inc., and the Columbia River Economic Development Council. In 2016, Valenter was honored by the *Portland Business Journal* as a part of their Women of Influence in the nonprofit category.

### **Maureen Montague**



## *Maureen Montague*

It is no exaggeration to say that Maureen Montague has been involved in the Southwest Washington region her entire life. A graduate of Hudson's Bay High School, she returned to Vancouver after earning her bachelor's degree from Lewis and Clark College in Portland and began working for Janus Youth Programs, serving at-risk youth in a shelter setting.

After leaving her job to become a stay-at-home mother, Montague remained deeply involved in her community. A visual artist and a published writer, she volunteered at local arts nonprofits and was a founding member of North Bank Artists. These activities gave her experience with grant-writing and collaborating with partner organizations on events, skills that would become useful in her developing career. Additionally, her writing skills led her to be recruited to serve on the digital team for President Barack Obama's 2012 re-election campaign.

In 2013, Montague was hired as the executive director of North Bank Artists, where she organized the Vancouver Arts District with community partners. In 2016, she was named the executive director of Columbia Springs, an environmental education nonprofit and protected urban natural area on the Old Evergreen Highway

in Vancouver. Her work is focused on financial sustainability, program development, and improvement of all community services.

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## Clark College Theatre presents “Godspell 2012”



Clark College Theatre continues its 2018-2019 season with the 2012 revamped version of the musical *Godspell*.

*Godspell 2012* is a masterful retelling of the original musical sensation, injected with contemporary references and dazzling new arrangements. It was the first major musical theatre offering from three-time Grammy and Academy Award winner



Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked, Pippin, Children of Eden*), and it took the world by storm. A small group of people help Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques, and a hefty dose of comic timing. An eclectic blend of songs, ranging in style from pop to vaudeville, is employed as the story of Jesus' life dances across the stage.

The cast includes: Jacqueline Baxter, Andrew Hallas, Sammy Williams\*, Breanna Kurth, Christina Taft\*\*, Moe Lewis, Danielle Neblock\*, Michelle Eussen \*\*, Colin Smith\* and Janoah Stegall\*. The director is H. Gene Biby and April Brookins Duvic provides vocal direction. *Note: Cast member names marked with a single asterisk are current Clark College students; double asterisks indicate Clark College alumni.*

Show Dates: Feb. 22 and 23, March 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9. All show times are at 7:30 p.m. in the Decker Theatre, Frost Arts Center, on Clark College's main campus.

Ticket Information: Students (with ID) \$10; Alumni (with membership) \$10; Senior Citizens \$16; General Admission \$20. Tickets may be purchased online at [http://www.clarkbookstore.com/site\\_theatre.asp](http://www.clarkbookstore.com/site_theatre.asp), or call 360-992-2815. View the entire Clark College Theatre season at [www.clark.edu/cc/theatre](http://www.clark.edu/cc/theatre).

For more photos of the show, visit Clark's Flickr album.

If you need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in this event, contact Clark College's Disability Support Services Office at 360-992-2314 or 360-991-0901 (VP), or visit Gaiser Hall room 137, as soon as possible.

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# Clark College Automotive Technology holds Open House



## Clark College Automotive Technology Open House

The Clark College Automotive Technology department welcomes prospective students and their families to its annual Open House on Wednesday, February 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This

event is free and open to the public, though organizers ask guests to RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/clark-college-automotive-open-house-tickets-55283786293>.

It takes place in the college's automotive shop in Building AA-1 on Clark's main campus at 1933 Ft. Vancouver Way. The closest parking is in Orange Lot 1.

For maps and directs visit [www.clark.edu/maps](http://www.clark.edu/maps). Light refreshments will be served.

Guests will be able to tour the program's 14,000 square-foot facility, meet with faculty and staff, connect with local dealership managers, and speak with professional technicians about career opportunities. They will also be able to learn about the college's Dealer Ready programs, which allow students to earn income and work experience through internships during the course of their degree program.

### **About the Clark College Automotive Technology Department**

With a program history that spans more than 40 years, Clark College's Automotive Technology department has received community recognition for producing top-tier automotive technicians and for its focus on hands-on learning and partnerships with dealerships that include Toyota, Honda, Dick Hannah, and Audi.

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## **Poet Laureate visits Clark**



Claudia Castro Luna

The Clark College Columbia Writers Series continues its 2018-2019 season with noted poet Claudia Castro Luna. This event, which is free and open to the public, will be held on Thursday, January 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Gaiser Hall room 213 on Clark College's main campus.

Claudia Castro Lunais the **Washington State Poet Laureate**. She served as **Seattle's Civic Poet** from 2015-2017 and is the author of the Pushcart-nominated *Killing Marías* (Two Sylvias Press) and *This City*, (Floating Bridge Press) and the creator of the acclaimed Seattle Poetic Grid. Born in El Salvador, she came to the United States in 1981. She has a Master of Arts degree in Urban Planning, a teaching certificate, and a Master of Fine Arts in poetry. Her poems have appeared in Poetry Northwest, *La Bloga*, Dialogo and *Psychological Perspectives*, among others. Her non-fiction work can be read in several anthologies, among them *This Is The Place: Women Writing About Home*, (Seal Press). Castro Luna is currently working on a memoir, *Like Water to Drink*, about her experience escaping the civil war in El Salvador. Living in English and Spanish, she writes and teaches in Seattle. Since 2009, she maintains **Cipota bajo la Luna**, a blog with reflections, writing, and reviews.

The Columbia Writers Series was launched at Clark College in 1988, bringing local, national and international authors to the college and the region. This year's lineup of authors will continue with:

Winter

- February 2019 (date TBA): Elizabeth McCracken, award-winning fiction writer.

Spring

- May 20, 2019: Alexis Madrigal, author, journalist, and staff writer at *The Atlantic*.
- May 21, 2019: Gina Oschner, award-winning author and Clark alumna
- May 22, 2019: Release of *Phoenix*, Clark College's award-winning arts and literary journal

Information

about the Columbia Writers Series is available at [www.clark.edu/cc/cws](http://www.clark.edu/cc/cws).

This

event is held on Clark College's main campus at 1933 Ft. Vancouver Way. Directions

and maps are available online. Individuals

who need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in

this event should contact Clark College's Disability Support Services (DSS) Office

at 360-992-2314 or 360-991-0901 (VP). The DSS office is located in room 013 in

Clark's Penguin Union Building.