



Past Inspires Passion for “John Proctor Is the Villain” Costume Designer

When the play “John Proctor is the Villain” opens in Purdue University Fort Wayne’s Williams Theatre on Friday, it will be a showcase project for the actors involved, but also for costume designer Rin Ulick. It’s something Ulick never dreamed could happen before coming to campus.

When the Elkhart native became a theatre major, they concentrated on becoming an actor, appearing in six plays at PFW. The focus started slowly and shifted when taking a required intro to design class as a sophomore.

“Something just clicked because it makes my love for art and research and history and also theatre more vivid, checking all the boxes for me,” Ulick said. “It was a different way of expressing my love for theatre and hit a different intellectual mark than anything had.”

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Walters' Work in the Greenhouse Keeps Campus Beauty Blooming

A traditional saying from India says the beautiful fruit is always hidden behind the leaf.

That might be the perfect way to describe Holly Walters and her duties as a groundskeeper on the Facilities Management team at Purdue University Fort Wayne. Along with her colleagues, she's one of the reasons why the natural beauty of the campus stands out. Most winter days, Walters is tucked away in the greenhouse near the northwest corner of Kettler Hall, repotting annual plants, enticing seeds to sprout, and helping Daniel Freese, a groundskeeper crew chief, get everything organized for the spring planting.

“There’s just something about her hands, not just a green thumb, but beyond that because everything she touches grows,” said Rama Cousik, associate professor of special education who also **knows her way around this realm.**

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Student Emergency Absence Policies to Be Covered at Wednesday Session

Employees who are new to Purdue University Fort Wayne, unaware of the student emergency absence policies, or just interested in learning more are invited to join the Office of Student Conduct and Care for a one-hour information session that will provide an overview of the various student emergency absence policies, what can be excused and what cannot, documentation required, and more.

Wednesday | 11 a.m.–noon | online via Teams

March 4 | 10–11 a.m. | Walb Student Union, Room 114

Register for a session by emailing scc@pfw.edu.

Eventful

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FEBRUARY

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Wed., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Key of T

Key of T is an immersive music and theatre experience featuring genderqueer and transgender singer Ari Agha, alongside pianist Mackenzie Lyn Marr. In this performance, the audience will actively participate by forming a choir. Key of T delves into Ari's personal journey of voice...

FEBRUARY

Bands Concert

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Thurs., 7:30–9:30
p.m.

The university bands welcome Matthew Giallongo, director of vocal studies, as he performs selections including some of Copland's Old American Songs. An "around the world" music trip is in store from the Symphonic Band and the concert will culminate in John Mackey's Wine Dark Sea by the...

FEBRUARY

John Proctor is the Villain

21, 22, 23

8 p.m.
2 p.m. on Feb. 23

At a high school in small town America, an English class is studying *The Crucible*, but the students are more preoccupied with navigating young love, sex ed, and a few community scandals. As they delve into the American classic, the students begin to question the play's perspective and the...

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The King's Singers a cappella group held a Wednesday afternoon workshop with William Sauerland, director of choral studies, and vocal students prior to their evening performance in Rhinehart Recital Hall. The six-member group has received numerous awards, including two Grammys and an Emmy, as well as a place in Gramophone magazine's inaugural Hall of Fame.

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