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# H A L E L I B R A R Y

## *Concert Series*

*What started with a grand piano has become a cultural happening.*

Much of the credit goes to Mary Ellen Titus.

Titus, who received her bachelor's, master's and doctorate from the College of Education, was president of the Friends of the K-State Libraries in April 2003 when the board voted to purchase a seven-foot Mason & Hamlin grand piano. Once the piano was refurbished in 2006, the Friends launched the Hale Library Concert Series.

This spring marks the 10th anniversary of the volunteer-run partnership between the Friends and the School of Music,

Theater, and Dance. Titus and the Friends have organized more than 40 concerts featuring the faculty of the K-State music program and dozens of guest artists from around the country.

Craig B. Parker, associate professor of music, has written the concert notes and worked with Titus to coordinate the series since its inception.

"No one has done more for the musical culture of Manhattan than the indefatigable Mary Ellen Titus," Parker said.

"These concerts have given the performers a chance to showcase their virtuosity, collaborate with colleagues in repertoire that they might otherwise never have a chance to perform, and interact with listeners in a friendly, intimate environment."

Titus, who remains an active member of the Friends of the K-State Libraries, also initiated an ongoing youth concert series in All Faiths Chapel to bring music and music education to all Manhattan school children in kindergarten through third grade.



*Mary Ellen Titus, long-time Friends volunteer*

*There are still chances to enjoy this year's Hale Library Concert Series performances. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Hale Library's fifth floor and include wine, dessert and chocolate.*

### **January 29, The Atma Trio**

Members of the Atma Trio are Slawomir Dobrzanski, associate professor, piano; Blanka Bednarz, associate professor at Dickinson College, viola and violin; and Cheung Chau, assistant professor at Utah Valley University, cello.

### **April 22, Ascendo<sup>3</sup> Trio**

The Ascendo<sup>3</sup> Trio will present the world premiere of "Paradox Found" by Craig Weston, chair of the theory, history and composition division. Trio members are Anna Marie Wytko, associate professor, saxophone; Joseph Wytko, emeritus professor from Arizona State University, saxophone; and Cameron Hofmann, professor at Baylor University, piano.

### **June 10, Jazz in June**

The Kansas State University Jazztet—Kurt Gartner, professor, percussion; Wayne Goins, professor, guitar; Paul Hunt, professor, trombone; Tod Kerstetter, professor, clarinet; and Gordon Lewis, instructor, bass—will be joined by Beau Thomas Jarvis, pianist.

### **For ticket information, visit [lib.k-state.edu/friends](http://lib.k-state.edu/friends)**

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