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City Music Center's New Adult Learning and Lecture Series

The new Adult Learning & Lecture (A.L.L.) Series, presented by City Music Center of Duquesne University (CMC), provides interactive educational experiences for adult learners interested in expanding their awareness and understanding of music and its impact (past, present, and future) on business, culture, politics, and the ever-changing social landscape.

A.L.L. Series events include workshops, master classes, film screenings, panel discussions, guest artists, and performances. This spring, the A.L.L. Series will feature Emmy Award-winning film director, composer, and Pittsburgh community leader, Emmai Alaquiva. His presentation, Finding Your Melody, invites participants to experience the magic of live music production and song creation as he draws parallels between the art form and his own dynamic life story.

Some additional highlights this season include:

**Pianistic Pioneers**, with David Allen Wehr (Jack W. Geltz Distinguished Piano Chair): A series of interactive performance talks that illustrate the historical context and impact of three iconic composers of piano music.

**Choral Singing, the Phenomenon**, hosted by Dr. Caron Daley (Director of Choral Activities) and special guest Dr. Christopher Kiver (Director of Choral Activities at Penn State University): An exploration of choral singing and its ability to shape and build communities, featuring a cameo performance by the Duquesne University Pappert Chorales.

**Life in the Neighborhood**, with the legendary Joe Negri: A jazz guitar master class and interactive performance talk emphasizing Joe’s experience on stage and screen alongside his own historical account of the role of jazz in the Pittsburgh community.

You can view the complete calendar of events at duq.edu/ALLSeries.

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Special thanks to the Paws on the Bluff Planning Committee for their hard work to make this a successful endeavor:

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Paws on the Bluff

A very special thanks to the Duquesne community and all who graciously supported and donated to the first annual Paws on the Bluff, a partnership between Animal Friends and Duquesne University. Animal Friends is a non-profit companion animal resource center serving the needs of pets and people in the Pittsburgh region for more than 70 years.

The Duquesne community made donations of dog/cat food, treats, and/or toys to distribute to area food banks, aiding families with pets, who sometimes have to make difficult decisions to go without food for themselves in order to better care for their animals.

In its first year, Duquesne was able to make a very large donation to Animal Friends. Below is a comprehensive list of everything included:

- **254 LBS.** of dog food
- **105 LBS.** of cat food
- **70 BAGS/BOXES** of treats
- **DOZENS** of toys, collars, and leashes
- **$500** in financial donations

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