



Friday, February 6, 2009
2009 Annual Winter Concert



Ida Trebicka **Sara Silva**



Karthik Rajakumar.. **Santiago, Leia & Luis Bueno**



Skip Greenblatt..... **Lillian and Craig Slutzker**



The Dessert Reception

The Annual Winter Piano Concert was held at Slutzker Center for International Services on **January 31**. The event was organized by Elane Granger, associate director, Lynn Donyk, administrative specialist, and Fariba Rahmzadeh, international student advisor. The wonderful performers were representative of seven countries and entertained approximately sixty guests and

staff of the Slutzker Center. Ida Trebica, professor of Music and native of Albania, was the featured musician and performed a piano solo as well as accompanying several other musicians throughout the evening. Other musicians contributed to the evening: Juliette Sabbah, from France, piano; Juan Velasquez, from Colombia, violin; Skip Greenblatt, from the U.S., piano; Pinak Lonkar, from India, piano; Karthik Rajakumar, from India, vocalist; Sara Silva, from Colombia, violin; Michelle Di Bona, from the U.S., piano; Kristy Labbate, from the U.S., vocalist; Santiago, Leia and Luis Bueno, from the Dominican Republic, guitar and singing as a family group; and, Katie Strunk, from the U.S. and Slutzker Center student employee, played the flute. Pat Burak, director of the Slutzker Center, served as Master of Ceremonies. Guests of honor were Lillian Slutzker, Slutzker Center benefactor, and her son Craig. A dessert reception, including a surprise birthday celebration for Craig, was held immediately following the concert. Dr. James Duah-Agyeman, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs of Syracuse University also joined us for the evening and led the singing of "Happy Birthday".

Important Announcements:

- The Slutzker Center for International Services will be closed on Monday, **February 9th at 3:30pm**.
- The On-Campus Employment Seminar for **9:30am** Friday, **February 20th**, is cancelled. Please plan accordingly.
- CINTAX passwords are now available. The only way to request a CINTAX password is from our website at http://international.syr.edu/Form_CINTAX_Password_new.html It is important that you complete all fields on the form to receive a password. There is a maximum of 3 – 5 business day turn around time for the password.

**There will be two tax seminars to be held in March:
Monday, March 9 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm (Maxwell Auditorium)**

Monday, March 23 from 2:00pm – 5:00pm (Maxwell Auditorium)

Sayings of the Week:

**"Be true to your work, your word, and your friend."
by Henry David Thoreau**

**"There are always flowers for those who want to see them."
by Henri Matisse**

2 Women's Basic Physical Defense Class or Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes offered for Spring 2009 Semester

DPS offers two free Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) self-defense classes for women this semester, one starting February 6, the other starting March 24. To register, call 443-5483 or e-mail jlentz@syr.edu.

The R.A.D. course is 12 hours in length, broken down over a four-week period.

Class One Dates: Fridays – **February 6, 13, 20, 27**
Location: Women's Building Dance Studio (1st Floor)
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Class Two Dates: Tuesdays – **March 24, 31, April 7, 14**
Location: The Skybarn on South Campus
Time: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Get involved at the R.A.P.E. Center!

The R.A.P.E Center is crisis counseling and support and so much more!

Here's what's going on:

Have you ever wanted to play Sex Jeopardy? If so, keep **Sex-Esteem** in mind. Sex-Esteem is a peer education group that meets weekly and talks about sexuality issues, gathers information about resources on campus and develops skills to facilitate discussions about sexuality with other students on campus. The idea behind Sex-Esteem is to create opportunities for students to talk openly and non-judgmentally with their peers about all sorts of sexuality topics and issues. Such open dialogue and communication has the potential to lead to healthy, respectful relationships with oneself and others, free from violence of any sort.

e5m, "Every Five Minutes," is an interactive peer theater troupe that engages an audience in open discussion about what each of us can do to work toward ending sexual violence. Through a presentation entitled, "Imagine a World Without Sexual Violence," the troupe explores social and cultural attitudes that foster violence. e5m meets weekly throughout the semester.

Take Back the Night is an annual event that brings the community together to speak out against sexual and other forms of interpersonal violence. Committees made up of volunteers begin working in January to organize this event. Take Back the Night 2009 events will be held in various areas around campus April 13- 15th.

AMI: A Men's Issue is a recognized student organization that works closely with the R.A.P.E. Center. AMI provides leadership among men who wish to live in a respectful environment free from sexual violence. At weekly meetings, the members of AMI explore masculinity and what it means to be a male in a society where sexual violence is prevalent. AMI is involved in a variety of violence prevention work on campus.

R.A.P.E. Center volunteers help promote the work of the R.A.P.E. Center. This fall, 2008 volunteers accomplished the following activities:

- **Assisted** at the Syracuse Welcome 2008 event, "Get Real... Speak Up!"
- **Tabled** in Schine for Wellness Monday and National Coming-Out Day
- **Organized** closets for the R.A.P.E. Center
- **Made copies** of handouts for First-year Forums
- **Put together** training manuals for members of Sex- Esteem and e5m
- **Organized** packets of information for new volunteers
- **Prepared** booklets for participants in Mentors in Violence Prevention trainings
- **Sought** donations of clothing for hospital visits
- **Spoke** with students in "Power, Conflict, and Violence in Families" (CFS 478) about volunteering and being social activists.

If you are interested in becoming part of the R.A.P.E. Center team by joining one of these volunteer groups or would like more information, please email Jill Sneider at jasneide@syr.edu or follow the link below to learn more about the R.A.P.E. Center and fill out an application.

Syracuse University R.A.P.E. Center

111 Waverly Avenue
(lower level of the Health Center Building)
315-443-7273

Confidential

Appointments and walk-ins during regular hours.

Advocates are available 24 hours a day, year- round, to respond to students seeking assistance.

<http://students.syr.edu/rapecenter/>

PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS:

- Immediately report suspicious activity, criminal incidents, or other emergencies.
- Walk with others or request a free walking escort.
- Always lock the door to your residence and any

- ground level windows.
- Never volunteer information over the phone to a stranger.
- Report lost or stolen ID cards to the ID Card Office or to DPS.
- Never give out your personal identification number (PIN).
- Use a good locking device to secure your bicycle and register your bicycle with the DPS.
- Don't hitchhike, use the transportation systems offered by the University.
- Know how to use the "[Call Trace](#)" systems for harassing or obscene phone calls.
- Place your name or an identifiable mark in your textbooks.
- Refrain from propping or disabling locking mechanisms on doors or entrances.
- Remove as many opportunities for crime to occur as possible.

Additional Tips for Off-Campus and South Campus Students

- Be sure all outdoor lighting fixtures on your apartment are working.
- Place items of value out of sight and in locked areas.
- Determine who is on the other side of the door before opening it.
- Report any suspicious activity to the Syracuse Police Department (911) or DPS (443-2224 or 711).
- Be sure you have blinds or curtains on your windows to discourage window peepers.
- Keep your doors locked at all times, even if you are leaving for a short time.

VEHICLE PROTECTION SAFETY TIPS:

Protect your car by using common sense and taking precautions. Follow these simple guidelines to reduce the chance of your car being burglarized:

- Be sure to lock your doors and close your windows when exiting your car.
- Park in well lit areas, near other cars.
- Keep valuables out of sight, preferably locked in the trunk.
 - When parking your car, turn the front wheels to the left or to the right and put the emergency brake on.



English Conversation Program:

We invite anyone (students, spouses, partners or scholars) interested in improving informal English language skills to join our English Conversation Program. This program offers FREE weekly one hour meetings. Besides improving your English language, you will have a chance to meet other international students and learn more about life in America from your English speaking group leader, while the focus is on informal conversation. Meetings are conducted during office hours at the Slutzker Center for International Services. Blue sign-up Request forms for the program are available at the downstairs desk.

Please indicate clearly your e-mail address and the days and times you would be able to attend the meetings.

Riet DeKleermaeker mdekleer@syr.edu (Coordinator English Conversation Program) will inform you by e-mail about the day and time of your group meeting.

We are looking forward to welcoming many new participants to this special program!

Your "WEEKLY SALSA UPDATE" is organized as follows:
(Including new links to our website too!)



Sec 1) Special Notices

Sec 2) [Where to Dance This Week](#)

Sec 3) [Weekend Lessons](#)

Sec 4) [La Familia's Weekly Dance Class Schedule](#)

Sec 5) NEW! Local Latin Radio Shows

Check out our [EVENTS CALENDAR!](#)

www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com / (315) 636-7133



Friday, Feb 6th - 9:30-2am - \$5

Johnston's Ballybay Pub, 550 Richmond Ave, Syracuse

The semi-formal event of the season!

Ladies, you all have a cute little number that's been lurking in the back of your closet, just waiting for its chance to shine... well here it is! Troop out that gorgeous

dress and join us for a night of the most sizzling salsa in the depths of a Syracuse winter! Semi-formal attire is not required, but highly recommended - Gents, look sharp for your dames!

Valentine's Day Latin Dance

Orchestra "Son Boricua" will be back... at Metro Lounge & Cafe on VALENTINE'S DAY!!!! Bring your sweetheart and friends to the chicest club in town for a wild night of dancing to LIVE Salsa!

Valentine's Day Latin Dance

Saturday Feb 14th - 9:30-2am - \$10 (\$8 for students with ID)

Metro Lounge & Cafe, 505 Westcott St, Syracuse

Note:

If you would like to submit a request to publish your news or events in our SCISNEWS letter. Please contact Daniela Baban Hurrele at dbabanhu@syr.edu

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