

University of Maryland School of Music Presents
AN EVENING OF STEELBAND
The UMD Steelbands



Sunday, December 8, 2024 • 8PM

GILDENHORN RECITAL HALL

AT THE CLARICE SMITH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



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Presents

AN EVENING OF STEELBAND

UMD Steelbands
Josanne Francis
Music Director

Combined Bands

Engine Room Traditional

7 O'Clock Band

Ethel Austin "Super Blue" Lyons
Arr. Josanne Francis

My Beautiful You Len "Boogsie" Sharpe
Arr. Liam Teague

5:30 Band

Old Lady Traditional
Arr. Josanne Francis

This Christmas Donny Hathaway & Nadine McKinnor
Arr. A. Scanterbury

INTERMISSION

7 O'Clock Band

Baja Traditional
Arr. Josanne Francis

My Favorite Things Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein
Arr. A. Scanterbury

5:30 Band

Conga Line Alan Sheppard & Dean Straker
Arr. Josanne Francis

Combined Bands

One Love Bob Marley
Arr. Josanne Francis

Like ah Boss Machal Montano
Arr. Josanne Francis



Award-winning steelpan musician and educator **JOSANNE FRANCIS** engages a cross-section of styles, including traditional calypso, jazz, Indian and European classical. She has collaborated with renowned artists such as Etienne Charles, Jon Batiste, David Rudder and Andy Narell, and has appeared with the Michigan Philharmonic and Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. She has also graced the stages of Carnegie Hall, the John F. Kennedy Center, Strathmore, Lincoln Center and Dizzy's.

Francis recently received her Ph.D. in music education at the University of Maryland, College Park with research interests in culturally-positioned community music. During her time as a UMD student, she placed second in the 2023 Concerto Competition and won the 2024 Dr. Mabel S. Spencer Award for Excellence in Graduate Achievement. She also co-directed the groundbreaking Caribbean 2023 halftime show that featured a steelband and marching band collaboration on the field.

Francis is a Maryland Center for Creative Classrooms teaching artist and offers annual summer training for Maryland music teachers. The Trinidad & Tobago native has garnered multiple grants, served on numerous panels, and headlined several festivals nationally and internationally, including the Port-au-Prince International Jazz Festival in Haiti, the Smithsonian National Art Gallery's Jazz in the Garden Series and the National Folk Festival. She has delivered a TEDx presentation, co-created the thriving performance outfit Elite Pan Consortium and launched Steel on Wheels LLC, an educational program that provides accessible steelband and percussion education. She has also served as an artist in residence and artist in residence mentor at Strathmore Music Center.

In Prince George's County and beyond, Francis has been a community leader through her roles as artistic director and executive director at the Cultural Academy for Excellence, an arts-in-education program. Additionally, she served as a music teacher at the International High School at Langley Park, where she built a music program from scratch, coached track and field, and led the steelband.

At UMD, Francis serves as the lead community engagement program coordinator with the Office of the Provost's Center for Community Engagement, and is the founding steelbands director with the School of Music.

THE UMD STEELBANDS (beginning and advanced) are focused on the steelband traditions of Trinidad and Tobago and include steelpan instruments and engine room (drum set, congas, cowbell, guiro, brake drum, etc.) Founded in 2024 under the direction of Josanne Francis, the ensembles learn and perform music utilizing both traditional and non-traditional steelpan teaching methods. The ensembles perform a wide variety of music including calypso, reggae, pop and classical music, as well as new music written for steelpan/steelband. UMD steelbands perform at events across campus, in the College Park community and the greater D.C. area.

Both steelbands are open to all UMD students. Reading Western European sheet music is not a prerequisite for beginning steelband but is a useful skill for advanced steelband.

5:30 BAND

Josanne Francis, *Music Director*

Jolene Blair
Evan Bossenbroek
John Burke-Mcgoldrick
Yonatan Cohen
Jenna Dietrich
Natalia Escalona
Noah Hill
Peter Kozlov
William Morgan
Darren Shillingford
William Valdes

7 O’CLOCK BAND

Josanne Francis, *Music Director*

Emily Blake
Nabilah Chowdhury
Gavin Gibson
Nicholas González
Britney Hansford
William Morgan
Ally Rizzo
Henry Sheppard
Darren Shillingford
Landon Stone
Grace Tifford

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