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THE PULSE

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Sept. 12-13, 2026

THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Oct. 1-4, 2026

LATIN RHYTHMS BY THE ONU ORCHESTRA

Oct. 18, 2026

RADIUM GIRLS

Oct. 22-25, 2026

ONU BAND-O-RAMA: AMERICA

Nov. 1, 2026

THE ONU HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

Nov. 19-21, 2026 (Ada)

Dec. 4-6, 2026 (Lima)

ONU ORCHESTRA AND CHORAL HOLIDAY CONCERT

Dec. 10, 2026

ART IN MOTION DANCE CONCERT

Feb. 6-7, 2027

17TH INTERNATIONAL PLAY FESTIVAL: INDIGENOUS AMERICA

Feb. 18-21, 2027

FEELIN' THE SPIRIT WITH THE ONU SYMPHONIC BAND

March 21, 2027

SWEET CHARITY

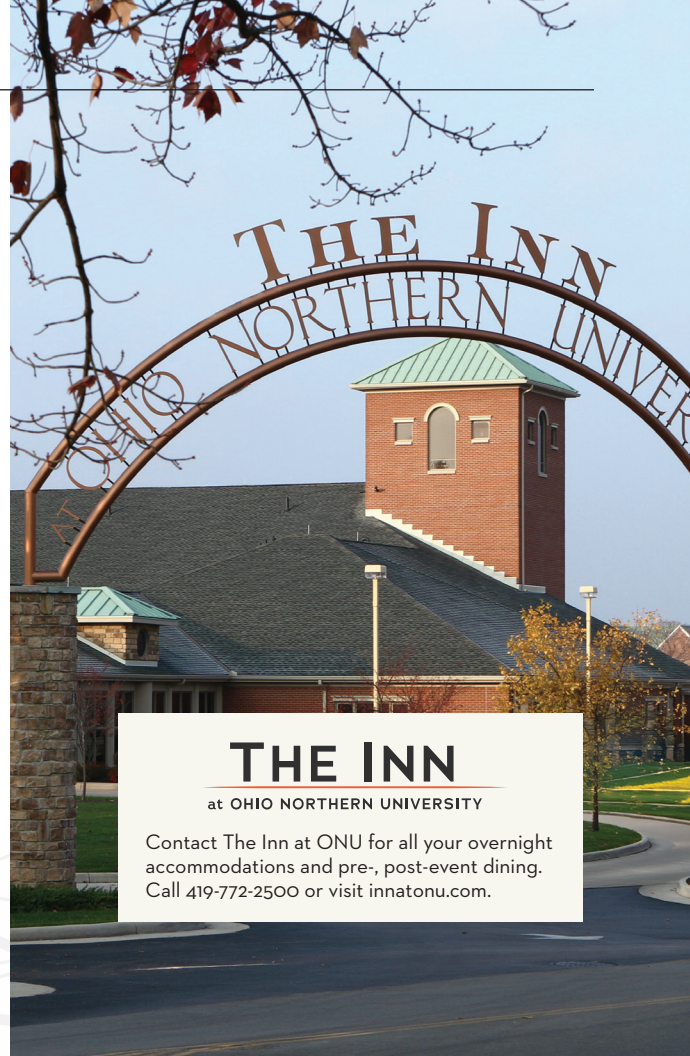
April 15-18, 2027

AMERICAN SOUNDS BY THE ONU ORCHESTRA

April 25, 2027

50TH ONU SPRING BAND FESTIVAL

May 2, 2027



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<i>Ticket Type</i>	<i>Theatre Events</i>	<i>Music Concerts</i>
Adult	\$20	\$10
ONU Employee	\$15	\$5
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ONU Student	\$5	\$5

**All credit card purchases include a \$2 per ticket processing fee, unless an Angel for the Arts.*

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sole Defined

THE PULSE

featuring **SOLE Defined** with
The ONU Dance Company

Rooted in the rich traditions of African Diasporic dance forms and transforming audiences from passive spectators into active participants, this immersive performance takes viewers on a dynamic, polyrhythmic journey, blending tap dance, body percussion, and dance and audience engagement into a powerful, multilayered expression of rhythm and movement.

Biggs Theatre

**SEPT.
12**

7:30 P.M.

**SEPT.
13**

2 P.M.



THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Music & Lyrics by William Finn

Book by Rachel Sheinkin

Conceived by Rebecca Feldman

This Tony Award-winning musical comedy follows an eclectic group of midpubescents as they compete in a local championship while navigating the awkwardness and pressures of adolescence.

Stambaugh Studio Theatre

OCT.
1-4

7:30 P.M.

OCT.
3-4

2 P.M.



Latin Rhythms

with Patricio Cosentino, Tuba

LATIN RHYTHMS BY THE ONU ORCHESTRA

The ONU Orchestra welcomes guest artist Patricio Cosentino who has revolutionized the role of the tuba in the musical landscape and cemented his position as one of today's most influential artists, reaffirming the richness and value of Latin American music on the international stage. The program will also present José Pablo Moncayo's *Huapango* and the *Conga del Fuego* by Arturo Nuevo Marquez.

Biggs Theatre

**OCT.
18**

4 P.M.



RADIUM GIRLS

BY D.W. GREGORY

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Written with warmth and humor, this fast-paced stage play (based on the true story of female factory workers) follows Grace Fryer as she battles her deteriorating health and her employer, who tries to cover up the dangers of radium, a supposed "miracle cure."

Stambaugh Studio Theatre

OCT.
22-24

7:30 P.M.

OCT.
24-25

2 P.M.



ONU BAND-O-RAMA: AMERICA

As the grand finale to the gridiron season, The ONU Marching Band presents favorites from their 2026 halftime shows celebrating our nation's 250th birthday with John Williams' *Liberty Fanfare*, Lin-Manuel Miranda's *Alexander Hamilton*, Lee Greenwood's *God Bless the USA*, and a number of patriotic favorites. Wear your red, white, and blue as we celebrate this historic year with a special presentation for nation's veterans.

Biggs Theatre

NOV.

1

4 P.M.



The beloved tradition of The *ONU Holiday Spectacular* is back for its **31st Year!** The fully staged musical revue ushers in the holiday season and includes dancing and singing while showcasing the performance talents of ONU students and area children. The *ONU Holiday Spectacular* features festive carols, lavish sets, ballerinas, toy soldiers and St. Nick himself.

Ada: *Public Sales Begin Oct. 7*

NOV.
19-21

7:30 P.M.

NOV.
21

2 P.M.

Lima

DEC.
4-5

7:30 P.M.

DEC.
5-6

2 P.M.



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ONU ORCHESTRA AND CHORAL HOLIDAY CONCERT

The ONU Orchestra, University Singers and Chamber Singers join forces to bring joy and a meditative spirit before the rush of the holidays. Selections from the *Nutcracker*, John Williams' *Home Alone*, and other favorites, including *Sleigh Ride* will usher in the holidays!

Biggs Theatre

DEC.
10

7:30 P.M.



ART IN MOTION

with The ONU Dance Company

Step into a world where choreography and technology collide to create a living canvas where the stage responds to the dancers through a captivating fusion of movement and media. Utilizing bio-responsive sensors, real-time data, projections, digital imagery, and dynamic lighting, each performance crafts a unique canvas that evolves alongside the performers as advanced technology amplifies the beauty of dance.

Biggs Theatre

FEB.

6

7:30 P.M.

FEB.

7

2 P.M.



INDIGENOUS AMERIKA

17TH INTERNATIONAL PLAY FESTIVAL: INDIGENOUS AMERICA

Immerse in vibrant Indigenous storytelling, exploring narrative and artistic practices through a performance that celebrates contemporary Native, First Nations, and Indigenous voices to amplify Native perspectives by blending traditional roots with modern narratives into a dynamic performance.

Stambaugh Studio Theatre

**FEB.
18-20**

7:30 P.M.

**FEB.
20-21**

2 P.M.



ONU SYMPHONIC BAND
**FEELIN'
THE SPIRIT**

Spring is a time for awakenings and new beginnings which this concert will emulate with exciting and uplifting melodies, driving rhythms and pure emotion featuring Frank Ticheli's super emotional arrangement of *Amazing Grace*, *Chorale* and *Alleluia* by John Barnes Chance and *God's Country* by Rossano Galante.

Biggs Theatre

**MARCH
21
4 P.M.**



SWEET CHARITY

Book by Neil Simon

Music by Cy Coleman

Lyrics by Dorothy Fields

Based on an original screenplay by

Federico Fellini, Tullio Pinelli and Ennio Flaiano

Hapless but unflappable Charity Hope Valentine desperately seeks love in New York City in the 1960s. In this exuberant, groovy, hilarious musical comedy, Charity tries again and again to find her dream and make something of herself.

Underwritten by **FARMERS**
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Biggs Theatre

**APRIL
15-17**

7:30 P.M.

**APRIL
17-18**

2 P.M.

The background of the poster is a dark blue gradient with a subtle pattern of white dots, resembling a starry night sky. At the top, a close-up of piano keys is visible, with the white keys illuminated by a soft blue light. At the bottom, a white line-art silhouette of a city skyline, including a prominent skyscraper, is shown. The title 'RHAPSODY in Blue' is centered in the middle of the image.

RHAPSODY *in Blue*

AMERICAN SOUNDS BY THE ONU ORCHESTRA

Featuring ONU and Ada's own Dean Altstaetter on Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, this program will be full of Americana favorites to celebrate the USA's 250th anniversary.

Biggs Theatre

APRIL

25

4 P.M.



50TH ONU SPRING BAND FESTIVAL

Over the years this celebration of instrumental music has touched literally thousands of young musicians, many who are now professional musicians and play in their hometown bands with a heightened sense of awareness and appreciation of the music we love. Featuring 200 instrumentalists from the Ohio High School All-State Honors Band and the ONU Symphonic Band, the concert hosts a nationally renowned composer and conductor.

Biggs Theatre

**MAY
2**

4 P.M.



SUNDAY MATINEE CHATS

Join us after every Sunday theatre matinee for a conversation with each show's creative team and performers to learn more about the show, its processes and behind-the-scene details.

The Pulse Sept. 13

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee Oct. 4

Radium Girls Oct. 25

Art In Motion Feb. 7

17th International Play Festival: Indigenous America Feb. 21

Sweet Charity April 18

NEW!

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTIONS

Celebrate with us in the Freed Lobby on the following dates and congratulate our performers and crews.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee Oct. 1

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Choral Homecoming Concert

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Percussion Ensemble and Steel Drum Band Concert

Nov. 8 at 4 p.m. | Snyder Recital Hall

ONU Jazz Ensemble Concert

Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. | Bear Cave

SPRING 2027

Winter Choral Concert

March 4 at 7:30 p.m. | Snyder Recital Hall

Percussion Ensemble and Steel Drum Band Concert

April 4 at 4 p.m. | Snyder Recital Hall

ONU Jazz Ensemble Concert

May 4 at 7:30 p.m. | Bear Cave

Spring Choral Concert

May 7 at 7:30 p.m. | Snyder Recital Hall



DAY OF DANCE

FEB. 6, 2027 | 1-5 P.M.

For intermediate-advanced 6-12th grades

Participants will study with ONU dance faculty and guest artists in four 50-minute classes consisting of warm-up and progressions, tap, contemporary and jazz. Registration includes one free admission to the Art In Motion Dance Concert on Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. or Feb. 7 at 2 p.m.



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JUNE 20 - JUNE 25

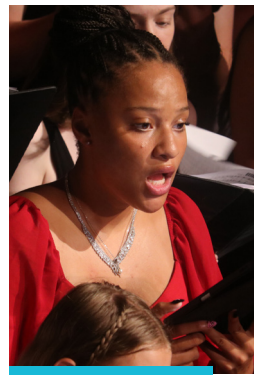
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- Season Opening Night Reception: Sat., Sept. 12 prior to the 7:30 p.m. performance of **The Pulse**
- Pre-Concert Reception: Sun., April 25 prior to the 4 p.m. **American Sounds by the ONU Orchestra**

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AT A GLANCE

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ONU Jazz Ensemble Concert*

May 4 at 7:30 p.m. | Snyder Recital Hall

Spring Choral Concert*

May 7 at 7:30 p.m. | Snyder Recital Hall

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June 20-25

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