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## LIMITLESS TALENTS AND GIVING SPIRITS YANKTON MUSICIAN & ADVOCATE SHINE!

### Interdisciplinary Chronicles: A Full Theatrical Experience



Right: Eugenio Zapata will be performing his piano concert "interdisciplinary Chronicles" 7 p.m., Saturday, June 19 at the Summit Activities Center.  
Left: Grace Trenhaile, Emily Vortherms and Taylor Hirsch, all students at Judi's Dance Studio, will be assisting Zapata with dance performances throughout the show.

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Concert pianist Eugenio Zapata's upcoming piano concert, "Interdisciplinary Chronicles," promises a full theatrical experience for all arts lovers.

Story telling through piano, dance, theater, photography, video, poetry and social messages make up the musical extravaganza set for June 19 at 7 p.m. at the Summit Activities Center large theater.

"It's something that's out of the mold. It has a great variety of music and all arts are integrated. The idea is to bring in music that is less known, but still very beautiful," said Zapata, director, pianist and choreographer for the show.

Zapata will play traditional classical tunes the first half of the concert. Featured composers include Mozart, List and Brahms. The second half showcases music from Latin America, including one piece from Colombia, Zapata's home country.

"It's not quite salsa, but the rhythm does pick up," Zapata said of the second half's musical lineup.

Some pieces are about romance or betrayal, while others make statements about social issues. The pieces are supposed to remind the audience that "everyone has a story."

Three dancers, who do some acting and pantomime, too, accompany Zapata onstage. They are Emily Vortherms, Taylor Hirsch and Grace Trenhaile, all students at Judi's Dance Studio in Yankton.

Dr. Richard Lothius, a professor at Mount Marty College, shot the photography, while S & K Video Productions assisted with the video material featured in the concert.

Zapata edited all the material together. His artistic influence is quite evident in the performance, too, as his romantic and emotional styles shine through.

"I bring a lot of energy to my

playing," Zapata said, "I try to communicate a lot of different emotions."

The experience will spark some personal reflection in audience members, too.

"There are moments where you'll laugh, and moments when you're going to cry," Zapata said.

The show will make only one stop in Yankton, then continue touring in South Dakota, North Dakota and Iowa. So far the show has received "very good reception," Zapata said.

"You'll have a wonderful show and you'll be supporting the arts and talent in Yankton," Zapata added.

Zapata's love for all arts makes this show extremely special.

After earning his undergraduate degree in Colombia's capitol city, Bogota, he played piano for a theater group. He took dance and movement classes along the way, but it wasn't until he was working on his Ph.D. that he formally meshed all these passions and talents together.

"It was one of those, 'it was meant to be' moments," Zapata said.

After finishing his doctorate degree in fine arts from Texas Tech University in 2004, he moved to Yankton to teach at Mount Marty College. He taught music theory, music appreciation, piano and jazz dance classes.

Today, Zapata teaches private dance and music lessons independently. He also teaches music appreciation courses online through the International Hispanic Online University, as well as some dance classes as Judi's Dance Studio.

"Interdisciplinary Chronicles" starts at 7 p.m. on June 19 at the Summit Activities Center large theater. A reception with refreshments will follow immediately after the show.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling Eugenio Zapata at 605-760-3866 or e-mailing him at zapata39@gmail.com. All tickets are \$5.

For more information about Zapata and his work, go to [www.eugeniozapata.com](http://www.eugeniozapata.com).

### Neubauer Named Art Advocate Of The Year

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An advocate, according to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, is a person who defends or maintains a cause, one that supports or promotes the interests of another. If they were looking for an example of a person who exemplifies those qualities, a great choice would be the new Yankton Area Arts Advocate of the year, Joan Neubauer.

While Neubauer only returned to Yankton a few years ago, she has made an immediate and large impact on arts in the area.

"I am and always have been a Yankton resident, even when I wasn't living here," Neubauer said. "I went to grade school here, high school here, and then, I went to Yankton College."

In the mid 1990's, while still living in California, Neubauer was invited to become a member of the Board of Trustees for Yankton College and was soon elected to be the Chair of that Board which she continues to do today.

According to a release from the Yankton Area Arts Association, "Yankton College alumni know Neubauer as the spiritual "cheerleader" for college activities, which are too many to enumerate. She has merged her areas of interest by producing, directing and performing in productions in the Y.C. Alumni Hall; she blended her interests in education and music by creating, along with the Yankton Children's Choir Board (of which she is President) a Summer Day Camp for aspiring young singers. She celebrates the history of Yankton by



PAM MEYLOE, YANKTON AREA ARTS

Lyndall Cornette, the president of Yankton Area Arts is pictured presenting the Arts Advocate of the year Award to Joan Neubauer. The annual award goes to someone who supports and encourages art within the Yankton community.

telling of those who came here by stagecoach to create the religious and educational foundation of, not only the city, but also the state."

In December of 2007 Neubauer returned to Yankton and, since then, there has been no stopping her.

"I feel like the arts have given me so much — this community has given me so much — that I need and want

to give back," she said.

Neubauer who has been a life long teacher fell in love with theater while attending Y.C. From those first plays performed in Yankton, she went on to become a member of the Vanguard Theatre Group. In 2000 she returned to Yankton and did a summer

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The first 100 fathers to earn 10 points while using their club card will receive a Shake-It flashlight at the Player's Club booth.

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