



Dr. Sarah Schouten, horn, currently serves as Instructor of High Brass at Edinboro University and as Lecturer of Horn at the Pennsylvania State University (2017-2018 academic year). In addition to her university duties, she is an active free-lance artist, clinician, and teacher in Western and Central Pennsylvania. Her orchestral experience includes the Ocala Symphony, the Altoona Symphony, the Pennsylvania Centre Orchestra, the Nittany Valley Symphony, the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, Sinfonia Gulf Coast, and the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra.

In addition to teaching and orchestral performing, Sarah is a member of Just Two, a horn/guitar duo with Thomas Cody. She has been an active lecturer and performer at numerous conferences, workshops, and festivals including the Southeast Horn Workshop, the International Horn Symposium, the Stander Symposium, the Music at Penn's Woods Festival, and Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. She has also given recitals and masterclasses, as a soloist and chamber musician, at The Pennsylvania State University, Florida State University, Ouachita Baptist University, The University of South Alabama, and Pensacola Junior College.

Dr. Schouten earned her DM from Florida State University, her MM from The Pennsylvania State University, and BA in history, Spanish, and music, from the University of Dayton. She is also an alumnus of The Pierre Monteux School for Conductors and Orchestral Musicians.



Dr. Amber Shay Nicholson, piano, has served on the keyboard faculties of both Slippery Rock University and the University of Southern Mississippi. She received her bachelor of music, master of music, and doctorate of musical arts degrees in piano from Eastman School of Music, where she studied extensively with Nelita True.

Nicholson performs regularly as both a solo pianist and collaborative artist. Recent recitals have included performances at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro University, Slippery Rock University, and SUNY Fredonia. She has also performed at the International Workshops in Stavanger, Norway and the International Summer Music Academy in Leipzig, Germany. She won the 2001 Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3 concerto competition at Eastman School of Music and received a special prize at the Vladimir Horowitz

International Piano Competition in Kiev, Ukraine. From 1996-2004, Nicholson was named a Liberace Scholar and received scholarship support from the Liberace Foundation for the Performing and Creative Arts.

Nicholson recently completed a CD project of Russian music for cello and piano, including the Rachmaninoff and Prokofiev cello sonatas, with Alexander Russakovsky, cellist. It was released on the Brilliant Classics label in April 2014. A second CD project with Russakovsky was recorded in August 2015, this time featuring music of French composers. (Release date TBD.)

Nicholson holds professional certification as a teacher of piano through the Music Teachers National Association. She has adjudicated many festivals and student competitions. She currently lives and teaches in Tidioute, PA with her husband Jeremy and four young children.



Dr. Gary S. Grant, Professor of Music Education since 1993, has served as Director of Bands (1993-2002) and Music Department Chair for 13 years. He received an undergraduate degree in Music Education from the University of Illinois, and a Masters in Conducting and PhD in Music Education from the University of Missouri. Before joining the Edinboro faculty, Dr. Grant was the Assistant Director of Bands at the University of Missouri. His responsibilities include teaching music methodology, conducting, arranging, and supervision of student teachers.

Dr. Grant is active as a clinician and adjudicator for Concert, Jazz, and Marching Bands internationally. While on sabbatical (2011-2012), he researched technology in the classroom, and has presented numerous technology related

lectures in the areas of the iPad as a teaching tool, website design and creation, and on-line teaching.

Twice a finalist for the Edinboro University Educator of the Year award (2010, 2014) and twice nominated to "Who's Who Among America's Teachers", Dr. Grant received the 2005 Edinboro University Advisor of the Year award in recognition for his contributions towards a student-centered learning environment. PHI MU ALPHA Sinfonia awarded him the prestigious Orpheus Award (2009) for significant and lasting contributions to the cause of music in America.

Co-coordinator of the Scotland Study Abroad Program, Dr. Grant has traveled to Scotland three times, teaching 'Music of the British Isles', and is organizing another trip in 2018. Originally from the Northwest Chicago suburbs, he lives in Edinboro with his wonderful wife and amazing dogs.

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Dr. Sarah Schouten, horn
Dr. Amber Shay Nicholson, piano
Dr. Gary Grant, narrator

Friday, October 20, 2017 • 12:15 p.m.
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Program

Songs and Dances

Prelude
 Tanguito
 Canción
 Soaring
 Cymru
 Moonlight

Paul Basler
 (b. 1963)

Aesop's Fables

The Tortoise and the Hare
 The Mouse and the Lion
 The Wind and the Sun
 The Dove and the Ant
 The Mule

Anthony Plog
 (b. 1947)

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| Friday October 6 | Dr. Daniel Burdick, tuba Dr. Elizabeth Etter, piano |
| Friday October 20 | Dr. Sarah Schouten, horn Dr. Amber Shay Nicholson, piano Dr. Gary Grant, narrator |
| Friday November 3 | Prof. Elisa Ramon, soprano Dr. Amber Shay Nicholson, piano |
| Thursday November 30 | Dr. Kahlil Sarikey, guitar |
| Friday February 2 | Dr. Sarah Schouten, horn Thomas Cody, guest guitar |
| Friday March 2 | Dr. Allen Zurcher, saxophone Dr. Elizabeth Etter, piano |
| Friday April 6 | Dr. Elizabeth Etter, piano Prof. Howard Lyon, violin Dr. Sarah Schouten, horn |

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