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Children, Families Take Center Stage at Spivey Hall This Summer

Music Camp, World Music Festival Will Entertain and Educate in June

MORROW GA (May 17, 2018) - Clayton State University's **Spivey Hall** (spiveyhall.org), the Southeast's premier recital hall renowned internationally for its superior acoustics and the excellence of its classical, jazz and world music artists, will host events focused on children this June. Spivey's **Summer Music Camp** is a fun, week-long day camp (**June 11 – 15, 2018, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**) for boys and girls entering grades 4 through 7. Its **Fifth Annual Summer World Music Festival** will include six performances by world music artists over three days, **June 26-28, 2018**.

"Spivey Hall is a unique venue in the Atlanta cultural scene," said Melanie Darby, Spivey Hall's education manager. "The setting by the lake makes a beautiful backdrop for these two summer events, both offering children and families a personal, interactive music experience."

The Summer Music Camp is intended for young people who enjoy making music with others and want to explore music in all its forms. Participation is open to students with and without previous music experience. The camp emphasizes total musical development through a broad range of activities and instruments: chorus, percussion, tone chimes, folk dancing and piano. Campers will participate in group activities and games, meet new friends, and discover new talents, all culminating in a free public concert in Spivey Hall.

Limited spots are available for the summer camp; only 45 students will be accepted. Extended care is available. [Registration](#) is available online, and applications are processed on a first come, first serve basis.

Spivey's Summer World Music Festival is a power-packed, three-day celebration, this year featuring graceful Bollywood dance, energetic Flamenco rhythms, romantic Russian ballads, and swingin' New Orleans Zydeco. In between concerts, festival goers can enjoy DIY craft tables and an "instrument petting zoo." The Clayton State University Center will again this year offer a globally-inspired menu and concert goers can picnic by the lake before or after performances.

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Each day of the festival features the music of two different countries and cultures:

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Moksha Dance

India

Moksha Dance presents an exciting and interactive introduction to Bollywood Dance and its evolution in history, film and the global community. Many of its dancers are immigrants from all over the world; the cultural diversity inspires the group to collaborate and share. From Mumbai to Hollywood and Indian Classical Dance to Hip-hop, the rhythms of this exciting, cross-cultural art form will make the whole family want to join in the dance.

Atlanta Okinawa Kenjin Kai

Japan

Atlanta Okinawa Kenjin Kai exists to preserve and promote the culture of Okinawa, a Japanese prefecture comprising more than 150 islands in the East China Sea between Taiwan and Japan's mainland. Known for its tropical climate, broad beaches and coral reefs, as well as World War II sites, the area is populated by the Ryukyuan people, one of the longest living people in the world. Spivey audiences will experience the musical traditions of these beautiful islands through the group's dance, music, and traditional costumes.

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Aire Flamenco

Spain

Emotional, exciting, and expressive, **Aire Flamenco** will transport you to the neighborhoods of southern Spain through dance, guitar and song, with Arabic, Indian, European, African and Latin American influences. Dancer, teacher and producer **Julie Galle Baggenstoss** brings Flamenco to a variety of American audiences; she has performed Flamenco with the Atlanta Opera, Georgia State University's School of Music, The Latin American Association, Coves Darden P.R.E., and at universities and museums from the Southeast to the Midwest. She is a member of the faculty of Emory University's Dance Program, where she teaches Flamenco as part of the university curriculum.

Troika Balalaikas

Russia

From the Steppes to the Caucasus, the Kremlin to the Crimean, **Troika Balalaikas** brings you music from the heart of the vast Russian continent. This unique ensemble performs on various sizes of balalaikas, a three-stringed triangular shaped instrument, as well as the round-bodied three-stringed domra. Singing in Russian, the ensemble recreates a sense of old world history and the spirited excitement of Russian folk melodies and rhythms.

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Maculelê Capoeira

Brazil

Capoeira Maculele Decatur (ACCM) is a non-profit organization and a Capoeira martial arts center located in Decatur, Georgia. Capoeira is more than just a martial art – it is a challenging yet enjoyable art form uniquely combining kicks, acrobatics, dance and live music. The enslaved people living on Brazilian plantations who weren't allowed to openly practice traditional forms of self-defense developed an ingenious method of disguising their training by combining it with dance-like movements, singing, and the rhythms of primitive instruments. In capoeira classes, students develop physically, emotionally, and mentally as they train Capoeira's challenging movements, learn to play traditional instruments, sing music in Portuguese, and apply their training in an exciting improvised "game" that helps students develop their personal strength, response time, creativity, courage, and self-expression.

The Crawdaddys

America: Cajun Country

The Crawdaddys is comprised of Atlanta-based musicians that love the multi-cultural music of New Orleans. As a music educator, Crawdaddys founder **Paul Vogler** created several programs including the award-winning summer program "The Bessie Bus" that incorporates the music of New Orleans. The Crawdaddys' Summer World Music Festival performance will bring traditional Dixieland music from the heart of Louisiana to Spivey Hall! New Orleans Jazz, Blues, Cajun and Zydeco music at its best!

Spivey Hall's Summer World Music Festival concerts are priced to make them easily accessible to families, camp groups and senior citizen groups. Tickets for individual concerts are priced at \$3 per concert in advance and \$5 at the door; individual day passes (two concerts) are just \$6 (available for purchase in advance only), and festival passes for all three days (six concerts) are \$15. All tickets are available for purchase [online](#) now or by calling Spivey Hall Education at (678) 466-4491. Groups of ten or more may reserve their tickets and request an invoice by calling Spivey Hall Education; payment is due three weeks prior to the concert.

The Spivey Hall Summer World Music Festival is supported in part by the Georgia Council for the Arts through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. Georgia Council for the Arts also receives support from its partner agency, the National Endowment for the Arts.

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About Spivey Hall

Currently celebrating its 27th season, Spivey Hall is the South's most acoustically superior recital hall, presenting the best in classical, jazz and world music. Located on the picturesque campus of Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia, just fifteen miles southeast of Atlanta, the hall wins accolades from artists, patrons and journalists alike.

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An intimate venue with just 390 seats, Spivey Hall promotes for the concert-goer a personal connection with the artist both during and after the performance. Spivey's extraordinary acoustics and reputation for distinguished programming attract outstanding international musicians who regularly perform at the nation's major concert venues such as Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall. Spivey Hall also presents regular performances on its magnificent 4,413-pipe Albert Schweitzer Memorial Organ, custom-built in Italy by Fratelli Ruffatti.

Clayton State University's Spivey Hall gratefully acknowledges support received for the 2017-2018 concert season from The Walter and Emilie Spivey Foundation, the [Spivey Hall Friends](#), the [Georgia Council for the Arts](#), the [National Endowment for the Arts](#), [South Arts](#), and the [Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation](#), as well as from media partners [WABE 90.1 FM](#) and [Jazz 91.9 WCLK](#).

For more information, visit spiveyhall.org, and follow Spivey Hall on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

About Spivey Hall Education

Since 1993, educational programming has been an integral part of Spivey Hall offerings serving students, teachers, and adult musicians. Commanding half of Spivey Hall's schedule, these programs hold the greatest promise for the future, enriching the lives of individuals throughout greater Atlanta.

Hosting a variety of interactive, educational programming, Spivey Hall annually serves approximately 15,000 pre-kindergarten to adult professional patrons from all over Georgia through curriculum-based performances, workshops, camps, and training opportunities for students and educational professionals. For more information, visit clayton.edu/spiveyhall/Education.

About Clayton State University

A unit of the University System of Georgia, Clayton State University is an outstanding comprehensive metropolitan university located 15 miles southeast of downtown Atlanta. For more information, visit clayton.edu.

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