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*Christmas  
2025  
Gala*



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## *Office of the President*

Season's Greetings!

Welcome to the 2025 Northwestern State University Christmas Gala, a treasured event that has brought joy to audiences for over three decades.

We're thrilled to have you with us as the School of Creative and Performing Arts presents this beloved holiday tradition. This year's Gala showcases the talents of over 400 musicians, dancers, vocalists, drama students, and artists, all guided by their dedicated professors.

As a key part of the renowned Natchitoches Christmas Festival, the School of Creative and Performing Arts celebrates the holiday spirit in a way we hope will add warmth and inspiration to your season.

Each year, NSU hosts nine performances over three days, a gift to our community and holiday visitors. Your presence and continued support are vital to the Gala's ongoing success and popularity.

We hope you enjoy this celebration of festive cheer, which captures the magic of Christmas in Natchitoches and at Northwestern State University.

On behalf of the Northwestern State family, Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,



James T. Genovese  
President, Northwestern State University

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The School of Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) welcomes you to A.A. Fredericks Auditorium and the 2025 Christmas GALA. If this is your first time attending our annual Christmas GALA, we are so happy you are joining us during this special time of the year. If you are one of our many returning guests, welcome back and thank you for supporting our School.

The Christmas GALA is an artistic collaboration among the four departments of CAPA (Music, Fine and Graphic Arts, Theatre and Dance, and New Media/Journalism/Communication Arts), and what you see onstage are the efforts and results of more than 400 students, faculty, and staff who have been meeting, planning, rehearsing, and polishing throughout the course of the academic year. We hope you enjoy the traditional audience favorites as well as a few new surprises. NSU and the School of Creative and Performing Arts are thrilled the GALA continues to be one of the many highlights of the Natchitoches Christmas Festival, and we are proud to be a part of the Christmas memories of more than 12,000 community members, visitors, and school children.

We hope you enjoy the performance, and again, thank you for your dedication to our School. On behalf of all of us in the CAPA family, we wish you and yours “Merry Christmas” and “Happy Holidays”.

If you wish to be added to our mailing list, please do not hesitate to contact us at: 318.357.4522, or [nfburrellc@nsula.edu](mailto:nfburrellc@nsula.edu).

**Scott Burrell**

*Director, School of Creative and Performing Arts  
and Professor of Theatre*

The Dear School of  
**CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS**



NSU's Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) is dedicated to creating a diverse, inclusive and equitable experience for all students, faculty and staff. CAPA will not tolerate racism or discrimination and is committed to creating a fair, empathetic, and just environment.

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## **Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice Estelle Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts**

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# PROGRAM

Preshow Jazz .....	Jazz Band, Vocalists
"The Most Wonderful Time of Year" arr. Paul Murtha	
"Santa Baby" – Joan Javits, Philip Springer, and Tony Springer, arr. Alan Glasscock	
"Baby, It's Cold Outside" – Frank Loesser, arr. Paul Murtha	
"Zat You, Santa Claus?" – Jack Fox, arr. Victor Goines	
"Jingle Bells" – J. Pierpont, arr. John Clayton	
President's Welcome Video .....	President James T. Genovese
"Christmas Festival Overture" by Leroy Anderson .....	Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony
"Sparklejollytwinklejingley" from <i>Elf the Musical</i> arr. Andy Beck .....	Musical Theatre Elves
Where in the USA is Santa Claus?! .....	Santa, Mrs. Claus, Elves
"The Christmas Waltz" arr. Jerry Brubaker .....	Ballet Dancers, Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony
"Children, Go Where I Send Thee" arr. Kevin Phillip Johnson .....	Lyrica and Orpheus Choirs, Percussion
"Christmas in New York" arr. by Michele, Anders, and Astrom .....	Rockettes, Vocalists
"Short Circuits" by Lalo Davila .....	Percussion Ensemble
"A Holly and Jolly Sing-Along!" arr. James M. Stephenson .....	Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony
"Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" by Leon Jessel .....	Toy Soldiers, Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony
"Merry, Merry Christmas" by John Legend .....	Demon Heat
Hip Hop Mix .....	Hip Hop Ensemble
"Mo Money Mo Problems" by Notorious B.I.G	
"Upgrade U" by Beyoncé	
"Lip Gloss" by Lil Mama	
"Chicken Noodle Soup" by DJ Webstar	
"Finesse" by Bruno Mars & Cardi B	
"Mele Kalikimaka" arr. Jay Althouse .....	Chamber Choir
"Christmas in Vegas" by Terry Fator .....	Demon Dazzlers
"The Christmas Can-Can" arr. Walter Chase .....	Musical Theatre Elves
One Solitary Life .....	Santa, Ensemble
Finale .....	Full Company
"This Christmastide" by Donald Fraser – Claudette Cruz, soprano	
"Christmas Fanfare" arr. Shane Thomas – Trumpet Studio	
"We Wish You a Merry Christmas" arr. Shane Thomas	

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## NSU Jazz Orchestra

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### Director:

**Mr. Galindo Rodriguez**

#### Alto Saxophone

Hayden Hiron  
Colin Stevens

#### Tenor Saxophone

Jarrett Thomisee  
Kaden Abshire

#### Baritone Saxophone

Ronald Turizo

#### Trumpet/Flugelhorn

Ever Naun Galeas  
Wolfgang Alejandro Otero  
Fredy Hernandez  
Hannah Hughes

#### Trombone

Neil Higginbotham  
Mateo Vela  
Reon Bell

#### Bass Trombone

Francisco Riego

#### Guitar

Layton Zeringue

#### Piano

Erick Cabrera

#### Bass

Jonathan C. Romero

#### Drum Set/Latin

Angel Maradiaga  
Rafael Melgar

#### Singers

Lailah Belvin  
Josue Bustillo  
Claudette Cruz  
Jeremiah McKinney  
Kathryn Wilkinson

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## President's Welcome Video

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**Coordinator: Cole Gentry**

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## Natchitoches- Northwestern Symphony

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### Director:

**Dr. Douglas Bakenhus**

#### Violin 1

Emilio Castro,  
concertmaster<sup>+</sup>  
Carlos Diaz del Valle,  
assistant concertmaster  
Perla Hipp  
Abigail Morales Ramos  
Juliana Miller  
Lawson Kirsch  
Ana Campos<sup>#</sup>

#### Violin 2

Oscar Andres Carballo Torres  
Natalie Hyde  
Jose Mario Villeda  
JaNia Wallace  
Chloe Hanchett  
Ana Baltazar  
Abigail Williams  
Jessica Aylin Mata  
Hernandez  
Jessyca Ludwig  
Na'Riaya Sowell

#### Viola

Ronald Zaldana Sanchez,  
principal  
Norman Martinez  
Emma Felton  
Salome Uribe  
Matthew Samaha  
Gabrielle Meziere

#### Cello

Jesus Calderon, co-principal  
Brad Christian Powell,  
co-principal  
Santiago Rovira  
Maira Avellaneda<sup>+</sup>  
Aill Harris  
Sienna Henderson<sup>#</sup>  
Alejandro Restrepo Cardozo<sup>+</sup>

#### Bass

William Shupak, principal  
Jonathan Chaparro  
Rafael Melgar Caceres  
Spencer Meyer  
Zavion Sowell<sup>\*</sup>  
Macyn Lacour<sup>#</sup>

#### Keyboards

José Luzuriaga Herrera

#### Flutes/Piccolo

Parrel K. Appolis, principal<sup>+</sup>  
Lennon Cooke  
Keeley Falgout  
Hope Foster  
Cecilia Linares<sup>+</sup>  
Tucker Uebersax<sup>+</sup>

#### Oboe/English Horn

Jaden Atkins  
Ethan Bolyer  
Aliyah Gonzalez  
Valentina Restrepo  
Yesenia Zapata, principal

#### Clarinets/Bass Clarinet

Madison Allen  
Valerie Galliano  
Hope Smith, principal

#### Bassoons/Contrabassoon

Turner Sugg, principal  
Victoria Gomez Borajas

#### Trumpets

Madison England  
Anthony Foto  
Evelyn Garner  
Kaleb Hathaway, principal  
Jack Stanley

Horns

Hannah Bell, principal  
Phillip Coleman  
Kevin Juarez Lopez  
Josias Revollo

Trombones

Jorge Bravo Chavez,  
principal  
Mateo Vela

Bass Trombone

Francisco Riego

Tuba

Taylor Carrell+

Percussion

Hannah Buckley  
Walker Libbe, principal+  
Sam Wyant

+ Graduate student  
# Natchitoches Central High  
School student  
\* LSMSA student

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**Musical Theatre  
Ensemble**

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**Director: Dr. Sloane Artis**

**Choreographer:  
Mr. Brett Alan Garfinkel**

ShayAnna Arlene Beatty  
Beau Bernard  
Judah Jamaian Castille  
Dylan Freeman  
Ayden Hymel  
Harleigh Miller  
Tristan Olivier  
Mia Jolie Rodriguez  
Tyler Sibley  
Ashlyn Underwood  
Malachi White  
Understudies:  
Andrew Abbott

Camin Cooper  
Ada Shoup  
Otto Straus

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**Santa's Adventure  
Across the USA**

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**Directed and  
Written by:  
Dr. Sean Bartley  
Liz Bonnette  
Abigail Delanoix**

Caroline Losavio  
William Kielwasser  
Amaya Perkins  
Bella Michler  
Jezek Maxwell

Understudies

Oli Harrison  
Gabe Williams  
Emily Titlow  
Emma Collins  
Riley Corden

Pre-Show Elves

KeShaun Bridgewater  
Roseanna Files

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**Ballet Dancers**

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**Choreographer:  
Ms. Kirstin I. Riehl**

Jaeda Barrett  
Victoria Freeling  
Nicole Miller  
Makenzie Scroggs

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**NSU Choirs**

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**Director of  
Choral Activities:  
Dr. Shane Thomas**

**Associate Director of  
Choral Activities:  
Mr. Adam Philley**

**Chamber Choir**

Soprano

Claudette Cruz  
Dorcia Gillam  
Audrey Gorum  
Lhareen Lazo  
Madison Lenser  
Claire Parent  
Candace Paul  
Ashlyn Underwood

Alto

Allison Flores Reyes  
Holland LaGrone  
Torin Merchant  
Jaime Perdue  
Ashlynn Rice  
Abbygale Sims  
Emma Wale  
Kat Wilkinson

Tenor

J. Cole Becton  
Juan Campos  
Douglas Flores Reyes  
Harry Hoben  
Gabriel McCalmon  
Jeremiah Mckinney  
Joel Ramos Alvarado  
Colin Sebren  
Phillip Voorhees



Bass

Garner Allen  
Jace Atchison  
William Boyd  
Josue Bustillo Aguero  
Carlos Diaz del Valle  
Lyle Harriman  
Joshua Noyola  
Professor Adam Philley  
Maximillian Pinkney

**Lyrica**

Piper Adams  
Moly Sofia Amezquita  
Maira Avellaneda  
Natalie Barker  
Lily Bedenbaugh  
Lailah Belvin  
Rayven Benton  
Sa'Maya Boxley  
Adrianna Bradford  
Amya Brown  
Abbygail Casnave  
Camin Cooper  
Naydu Daza Maya  
Veronica Galliano  
Dorcia Gillam  
Victoria Gomez Borajas  
Astrid Gomez Bravo  
Irene Gomez  
Valerie Gongre  
Audrey Gorum  
Aliya Green  
Sachiri Henderson  
Perla Hipp  
Jillian Huff  
Natalie Hyde  
Ayden Hymel  
Holland LaGrone  
Miracle Latigue  
Lhareen Lazo  
Madison Lenser  
Torin Merchant  
Bella Michler  
Haleigh Miller  
Fernanda Morales  
Katelyn Nugent  
Melissa Patino Mejia

Jaime Perdue  
Hope Powell  
Rosalie Ray  
Ashlynn Rice  
Allyce Richards  
Roye'l Roberts  
Jasmine Shadd  
Abbygale Sims  
Tyla Stewart  
Belen Tenesaca Bermeo  
Arien Thibodeaux  
Anunye Thomas  
Salome Uribe-Cardona  
Emma Wale  
Lauren Walsworth  
Adeleine Whittle  
Kathryn Wilkinson

**Orpheus**

Garner Allen  
Jace Atchison  
William Boyd  
Erick Cabrera  
Jesus Calderon Pena  
Daniel Carballo  
Oscar Andres Carballo Torres  
Fisher Cooley  
Riley Corden  
Connor Cowan  
Ian Davidson  
Leonardo Donado  
Blake Fontenot  
Ever Naun Galeas Atunez  
Felipe Guerrero Morales  
Riley Hopper  
Darrick Jasmine Jr.  
Kevin Juarez Lopez  
José Luzuriaga Herrera  
Angel Maradiaga  
Gabriel McCalmon  
Jeremiah McKinney  
Steven Mendoza  
Thomas Miller  
Michael Mumphrey  
Juan Miguel Padilla  
Maximillian Pinkney  
Manuel Riego Fernandez  
Santiago Rovira Ortiz

Richard Salzer  
Santiago Sanchez  
Colin Sebren  
Ronald Andres Turizo Bueno  
Jose Villeda  
Hal Williams III  
Gabe Williams

North Pole Rapper

Matthew Pickrell

Understudy

Fisher Cooley

Percussion

Garrett Moss  
Jacob Naqvi  
Wyatt Paulk  
Mason Windham

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**Rockettes**

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**Director: Ms. Pia Wyatt**

**Vocal Coach:  
Dr. Sloane Artis**

Jaeda Barrett  
Cameron Bruno  
Payton Desselles  
Ellie Dufrene  
Jesse Foshee  
Victoria Freeling  
Avery Danielle Holmes  
Lilyasta Laning  
Nicole Miller  
Eliza Person  
Allyce Richards  
Ava Schorr  
Makenzie Scroggs  
Cara Thomason  
Ashlyn Underwood  
Liza White  
Journey Wills

Singers

Kyra Alexander  
Arianna Carrier  
CeeCee Doucet  
Hannah Miller  
Halle Ortego  
Tyla Stewart  
Dani Warino  
Mackensie White  
Adeleine Whittle

Percussion

Sam Wyant

Piano

Candace Paul

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**NSU Percussion Ensemble**

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**Director: Dr. Oliver Molina**

Guillermo Chapa-Poulos  
Mars Heard  
Caden Hooter  
Peyton Johnson  
Garrett Moss  
Jacob Naqvi  
Wyatt Paulk  
Mason Windham

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**Toy Soldiers**

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**Choreographer:  
Ms. Joy Campbell**

Jaeda Barrett  
Caleb Barton  
J Cole Becton  
Makenzie Brown  
Cameron Bruno  
Camin Cooper  
Vee Duran  
Victoria Freeling  
Dylan Freeman  
Avery Danielle Holmes  
Kwincy Pierre  
Allyce Richards

Mia Jolie Rodriguez  
Ariyonna Sarpy  
Ava Schorr  
Tyler Sibley  
Arien Thibodeaux  
Cara Thomason

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**Demon Heat**

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**Director: Ms. Jena Elfer  
Assistant Director:  
Ryne Bates**

Ava Arnold  
Samantha Bailey  
Jordan Barnes  
Halle Duncan  
Cadyn Green  
Abigail Harris  
Breanne Martell  
Carmen Morales  
Clare Norwood  
Amilee Parks  
Xavier Robinson  
Zarie Shelvin  
Avary Stutzman  
Jasmine Tatum  
Devonna Taylor  
Victoria Watson

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**Hip Hop Ensemble**

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**Choreographer:  
Mr. Nhan Ho**

Beau Bernard  
Cameron Bruno  
Ariyonna Sarpy  
Arien Thibodeaux  
Amya Brown  
Judah Jamaican Castille  
Payton Desselles  
Ellie Dufrene  
Jesse Foshee  
Darrick Jasmine Jr.  
Ruben Kho  
Nyah Lynch  
Nicole Miller

Tristan Olivier  
Eliza Person  
Susana Polo Gómez  
Makenzie Scroggs  
Liza White

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**NSU Demon Dazzlers**

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**Director:  
Ms. Brandi Chasteen**

Alexis Blalock  
Cameron Bruno  
Payton Desselles  
Victoria Freeling  
Eliza Person  
Allyce Richards  
Ariyonna Sarpy  
Makenzie Scroggs

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**Finale**

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**Director:  
Dr. Shane Thomas**

Singer

Claudette Cruz

Trumpet Studio

**Director:  
Mr. Galindo Rodriguez**

Kasin Domingue  
Connor Duplechinn  
Madison England  
Keegan Faulkner  
Kaden Finnerty  
Anthony Foto  
Ever Naun Galeas Atunez  
Joshua Garcie  
Evelyn Gardner  
Kaleb Hathaway  
Mason Haydell  
Fredy Hernandez  
Hannah Hughes  
Morgan Hunter  
Wolfgang Otero  
Alyssa Toney  
Layton Zeringue

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## Production Team

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**Director:**  
**Dr. Shane Thomas**

Stage Manager  
Annie Rivera-Flores

Asst. Stage Managers  
Lola Meyn  
Abbi Poole  
Preston Rasco  
Kendrah Shields

### Costumes

Costume Designer  
Ms. Jessica Parr

Costume Shop Manager  
Ms. Elizabeth Guy Lofton

Wardrobe Head  
Haleigh Miller

Costume Elf  
Liz Bonnette

Dressers  
Kema Amine  
CeeCee Doucet  
Ash Fisher  
Mycah Francis  
Ja'Leigha Gray  
Julissa Guevara  
Kalyssa Mall  
Halle Ortego  
Jay Trosclair  
Ashanta Wilson

Hair and Makeup Crew  
Makenzi Smith  
Emily Titlow  
Dani Warino  
Mackensie White

Costume Workshop  
Kema Amine  
Lailah Belvin

Beau Bernard  
Lily Bedenbaugh  
Liz Bonnette  
Arianna Carrier  
Will Collins  
Seth Curole  
CeeCee Doucet  
Vee Duran  
Ash Fisher  
Dylan Freeman  
Ja'Leigha Gray  
Louise Guy  
Lacy Hunter  
Ayden Hymel  
Daylin LaCour  
Ainsley Leaman  
Aydan Lemonier  
Caroline Losavio  
Lola Meyn  
Haleigh Miller  
Harleigh Miller  
Michael Mumphrey  
Apollo Oglesby  
Tristan Olivier  
Halle Ortego  
Toby Sanders  
Kendrah Shields  
Ada Shoup  
Ashlyn Underwood

### Sound

Sound Design  
John Wells

Sound Supervisor  
Ashley Harkey

Mixer  
John Wells

Board Op  
Sarah Graves

A2s  
Roseanna Files  
Caleb Jeffery  
Alejandra Peña Martínez

Deck Audio  
Angel-Lena Wade

### Lights

Lighting Designer  
Mr. Andy Killion

Lead Electrician/Programmer  
Abigail Delanoix  
Ashley Harkey

Light Board Op  
Ian Vendetta

Spot Ops  
Naeer Barker  
Cash Day

Light and Sound Workshop  
Moses Brown  
Nikolas Brunk  
Elizabeth Campbell  
Ian Davidson  
Sarah Graves  
Ian Vendetta  
Tyler Sibley  
Malachi White  
Adam Whitten

### Scenic/Props

Scenic and Props Designer  
Mr. Will Sawyer

Technical Director  
Mr. Robert Richoux

Assistant Technical Director  
Milton Garcia Hernandez

Sleigh Design  
Halle Diel

Fly Crew  
KeShaun Bridgewater  
Hope Chauffe  
Kaydon Drake

Deck/Props

Abigail Clause  
Halle Diel  
Peighton Landry  
Raleigh Lusignan  
Max Miller  
Josie Randle  
Toby Sanders  
Christian Wells  
Adam Whitten  
Kaitlyn Williams

Props Workshop

Naeer Barker  
C. Hope Chauffe  
Vee Duran  
Emma Estrada  
Ash Fisher  
Sarah Graves  
Abbi Poole  
Jay Trosclair

Scenic Workshop

Andrew Abbott  
Naeer Barker  
Lily Bedenbaugh  
KeShaun Bridgewater  
Moses Brown  
Seth Curole  
Aydan Lemonier  
Raleigh Lusignan  
Lola Meyn  
Apollo Oglesby  
Mackensie White  
Elijah Witman

**Front of House**

Program Designer

Ms. Daphne Hines

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Ms. Karn Richoux

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Dr. Sean Bartley  
Mr. Robert Richoux

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Madeline Grant  
Oli Harrison  
Astro Herr  
Faith Hinds

Ushers

Kyra Alexander  
Carter Ball  
Jay Batiste  
I'yonna Berryman  
Arianna Carrier  
Tuw~Tuw Clay  
Will Collins  
Seth Curole  
Reese Dickinson  
Scarlett Duhe'  
Shayla Gordon  
Peyton Hill  
Lacy Hunter  
Chris James  
Rod James  
Daylin LaCour  
Grace Lauricella  
Ainsley Leaman  
Aydan Lemonier  
Rebekah Love  
Hannah Miller  
Kendall Murry  
London Newton  
Apollo Oglesby  
Trinity Patrick  
Macie Purvis  
Madisyn Rippeon  
Lillie Robertson  
Syrus Schafer  
Trinitee' Thibodeaux  
Lauryn Vernon  
Candon Wall  
Elijah Witman

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**Fiber Studio**

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**Manager**

**Dr. Leslie Gruesbeck**

Finale Soloist Dress

Diana Mercado Garcia  
Anna Kent

Sha Young  
Leslie Gruesbeck

Hanchey Gallery and  
Fredericks' Lobby and  
House Decor

Emily Autry  
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Draven Castie  
Tony Chou  
Tayla Crandell  
Bailey Craven  
Leonardo Donado  
Benny Estes  
Reagan Estrella  
Bailey Friloux  
Violet Hawkins  
James Hilty  
Saniya Johnnie  
Robert Lilly, III  
Juno Ly  
Sarah Mayeaux  
Connie McKenna  
Julian Miller  
Santiago Rovira Ortiz  
Harlie Pickett  
Shelby Pickett  
Rosalie Ray  
Grace Rougeau  
Ash Seringy  
Karma Seringy  
Sarah Thibodaux  
Keyanna Williams

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**Brass Ensemble**

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Dr. Masahito Kuroda  
Kazue Seo  
Nyanza Federick  
Niel Higginbotham  
Miguel Garcia  
Alex Mills  
Mr. Galindo Rodriguez



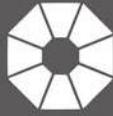
# Thanks

## **The Christmas Gala cast would like to extend thanks to:**

Mr. Scott Burrell, Director of the Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts; Dr. Francene Lemoine, Dean; Dr. Greg Handel, Provost; the Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts faculty and staff; Dr. Shane Thomas, Director of GALA; President James T. Genovese; City of Natchitoches, the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor; Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Society; NSU Student Government Association; Trevor O'Bannon; Red River Sanitors; NSU Foundation; NSU Publications, NSU Print Shop; Chris Reich; Kelly G. Krouse, Coordinator of Administrative & Client Relations; Maryann O'Shea; First United Methodist Church of Natchitoches; NSU University Programming Council; Natchitoches Historic District Development Commission; and the many loyal supporters of CAPA whose attendance at our performances and generous financial contributions encourage our spirit of excellence.

***Because you give, the Arts exist.  
Thank you!***





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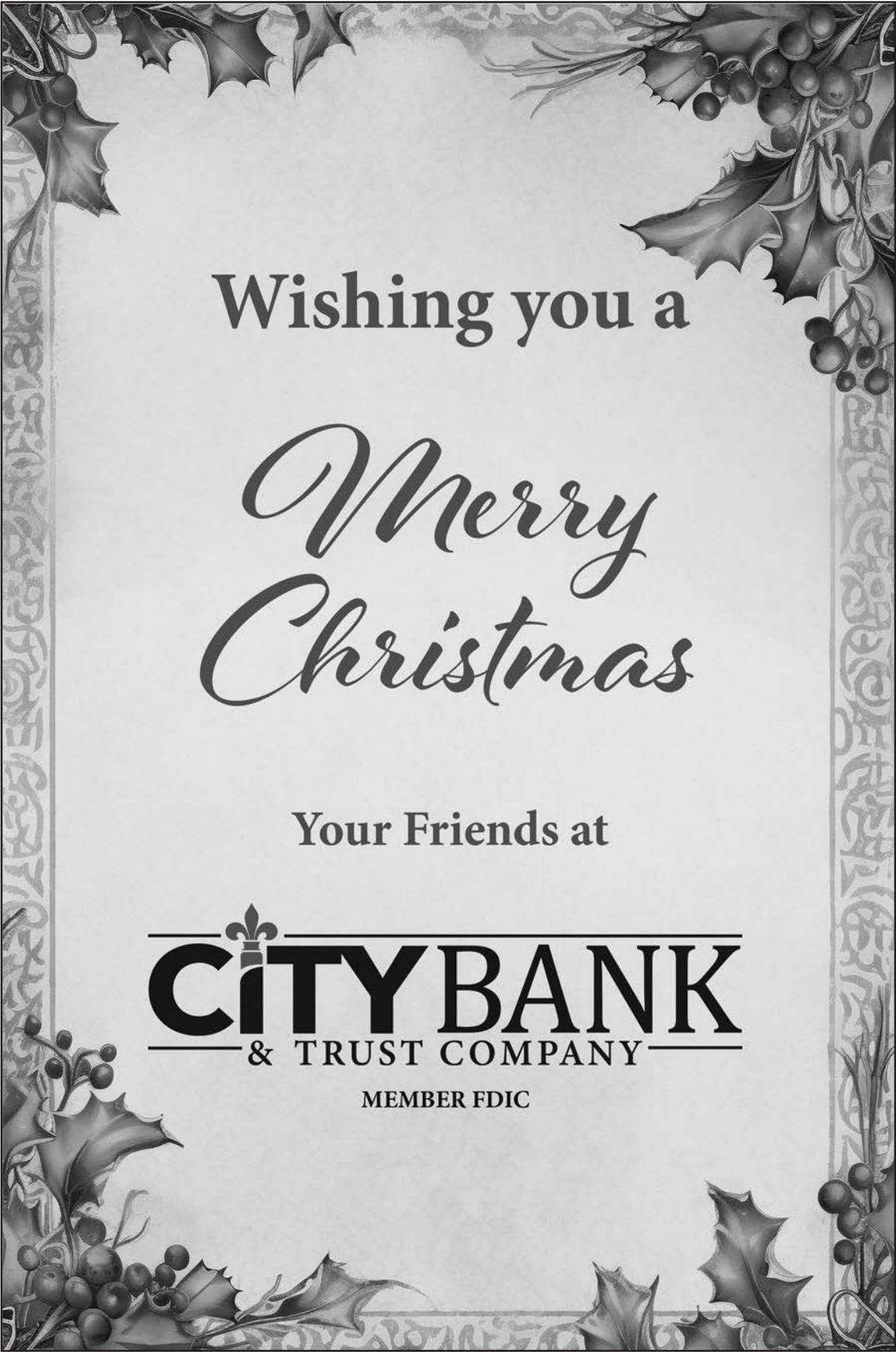
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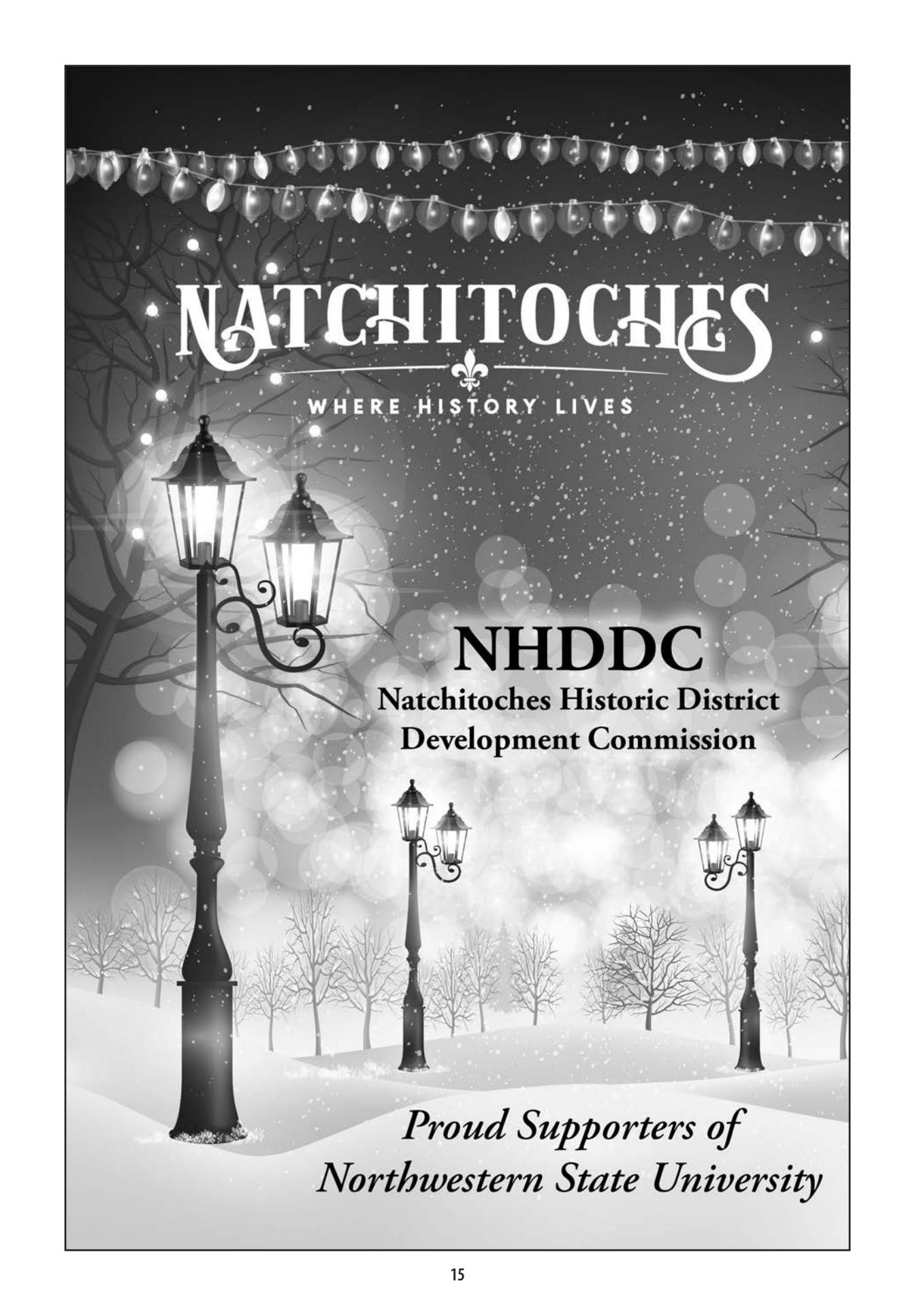
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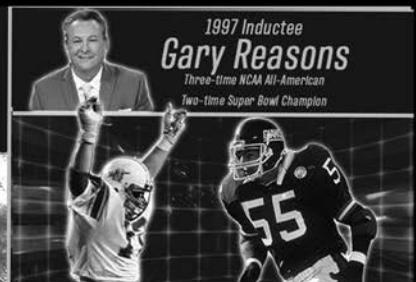
*The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Foundation wishes you a joyous holiday season!*



**Christmas Festival Day**  
**Open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

**Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum**  
800 Front Street | Natchitoches, La. 71457  
Open Tuesday - Saturday | 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Look for Hall of Fame inductee Gary Reasons and Miss Louisiana Gabby McLeod in the Christmas Festival Parade*



**Visit [LaSportsHall.com](http://LaSportsHall.com) for information on upcoming events, becoming a LSHOF Team Member, museum enhancements and the 2026 Induction Weekend June 25-27.**



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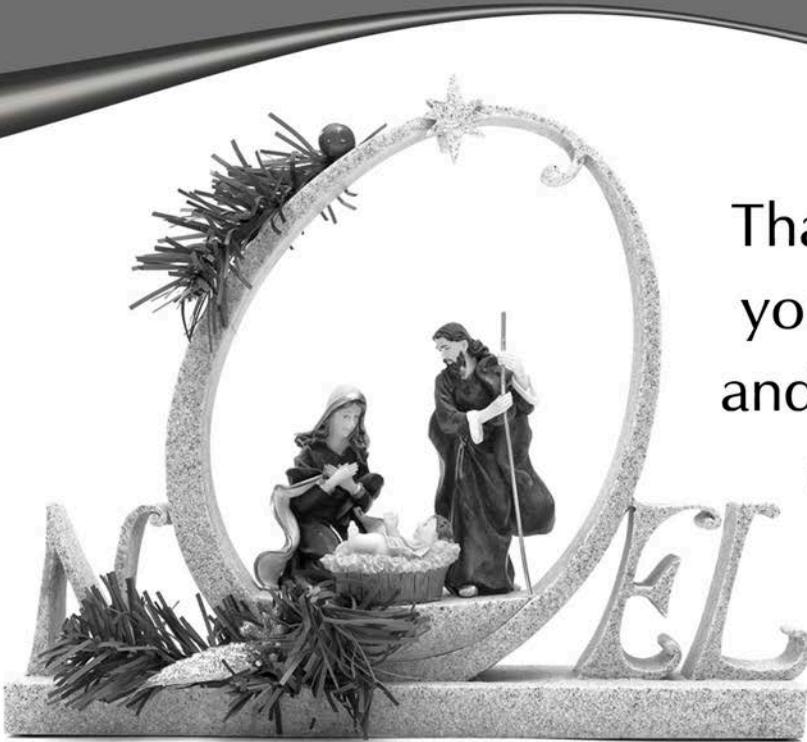
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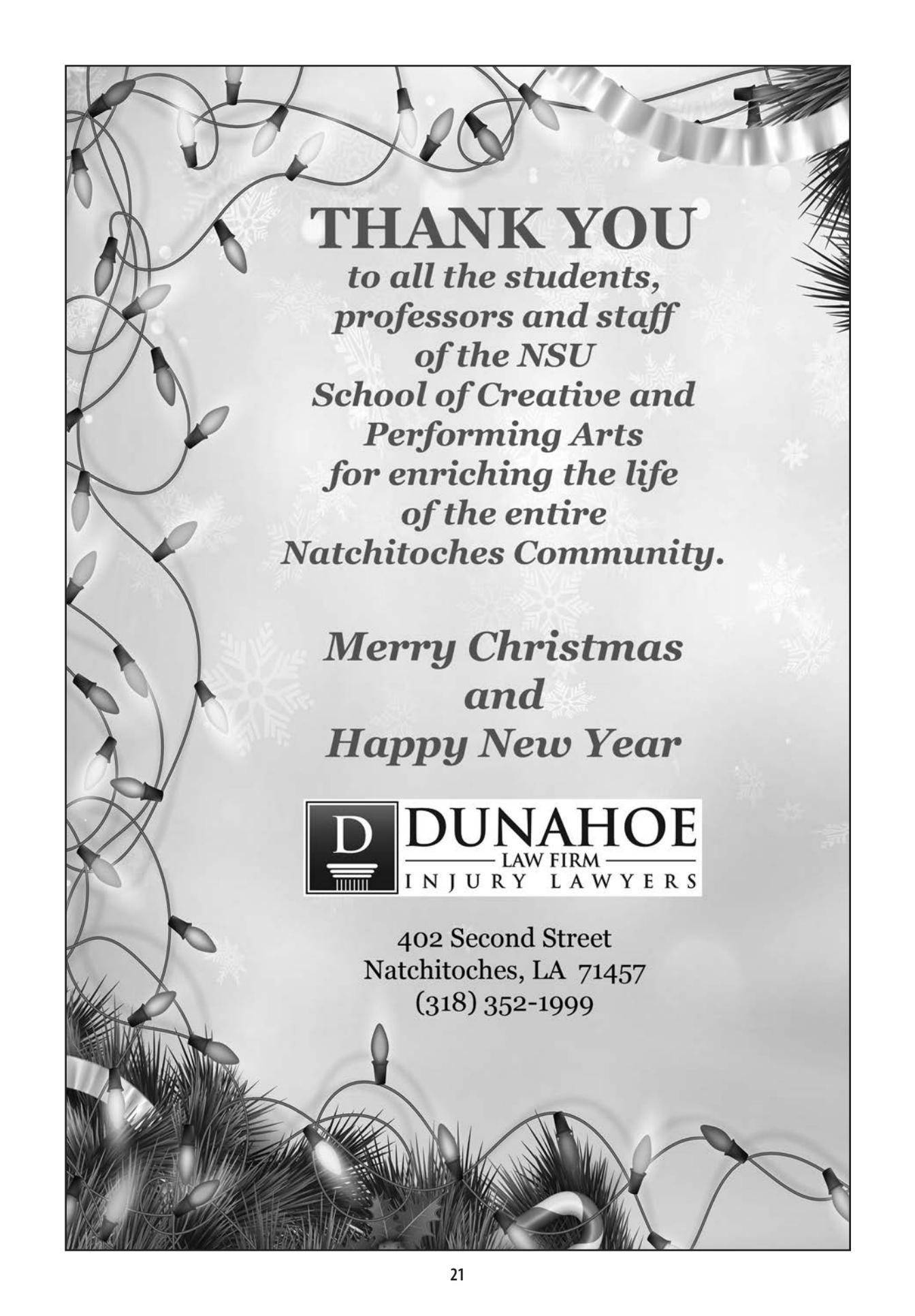
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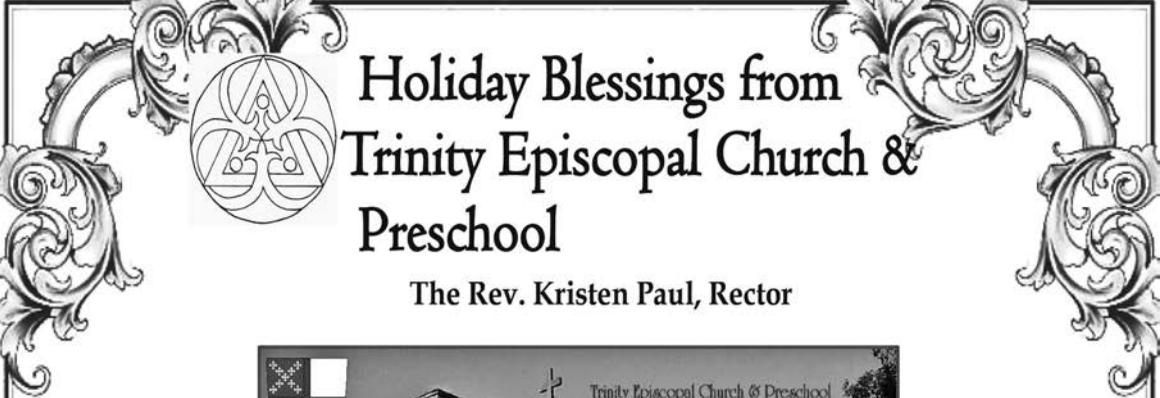
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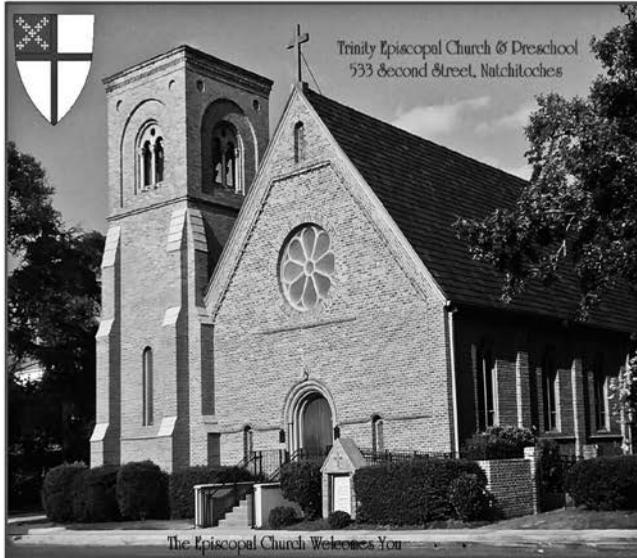
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CAPA Messiah Sing-Along: Tuesday, December 16th, 7:00 PM

Blue Christmas Service: Sunday, December 21st, 6:00 PM

Holy Eucharist in Celebration of the Nativity (Christmas Eve):

Wednesday, December 24th 7:00 PM

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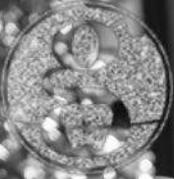
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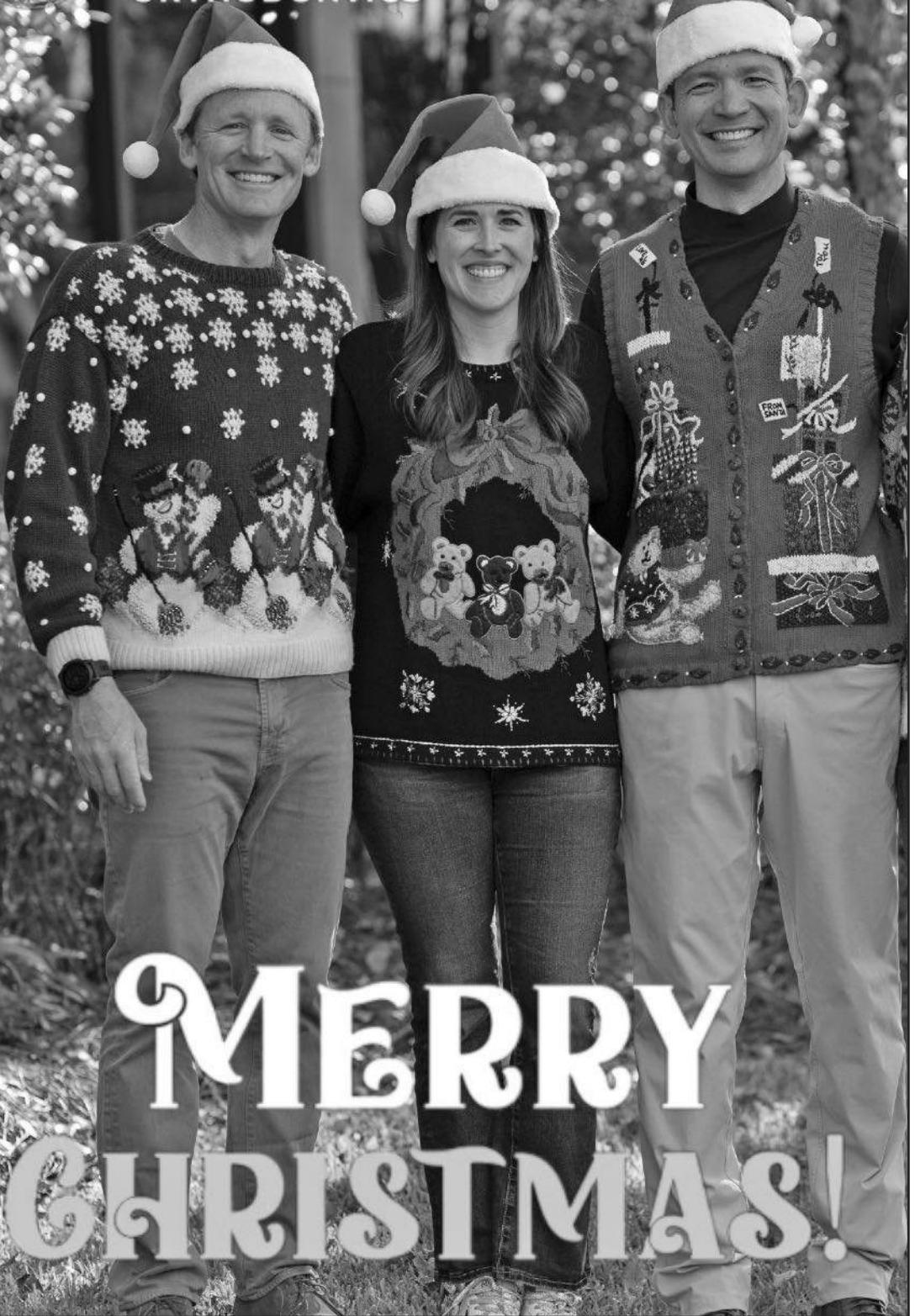
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1:45-3:15pm Class 3  
3:30-5:00pm Class 4  
5:30-6:30pm Dinner  
6:45-8:30pm Evening Activity

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