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Message from the Editors:

Happy New Year Sharks! We at the DPVA are geared up and ready to go for the next semester! We hope you all took time over the break to enjoy moments and make memories with friends and family.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Victoria Biddle, our newest student editor for our newsletter, and to say "see you later" to our previous editor, Sierra Shreves. We look forward to seeing all you will accomplish in the name of "ART"!

Thank you for reading and we look forward to sharing more exciting news from the Department of Performing and Visual Arts with you in the future! If you have any questions about the DPVA or any upcoming events, don’t hesitate to contact us at (954) 262-7632 or email us at moretto@nova.edu!

-Alyiece Moretto-Watkins, Staff Editor

If you missed our last issue, click on the image to the left to take a look!
We started off the year by welcoming back our Razor’s Edge Shark Talent Scholars and welcoming the incoming Tertius Class of Shark Talent freshmen! This incredible group of students went through orientation and learned all about what our department does. They then went on to play a few games to get to know each other, one of which included creating Colgate commercial skits! They had a lot of fun, all while getting prepared to take on the 2018-2019 school year!

Our department held our annual PVA Meet and Greet where students interested in the arts met with staff, faculty, and our Shark Talent Scholars. They were able to ask questions about upcoming performances and exhibitions, classes, and student experiences. We had an incredible turnout with over 100 students attending!

A handful of NSU students worked with City Theatre to produce City Reads. These students read short scenes in front of an audience for City Theatre to gauge the audience reactions and see which ones the company will move forward with. Students had the opportunity to work with Margaret Ledford, an artistic director at City Theatre, and gained experience working with a professional theatre company.
**The Mayfly: A 24hr Theatre Project**

10/6/2018

The Mayfly: A 24hr Theatre Project was a huge success. This was the kickoff of our Season of Events, and it sold out! Students cast, wrote, directed, rehearsed, and performed five short plays all within 24 hours. They were each asked to bring in a prop and/or costume piece, and the writers selected different pieces as inspiration throughout their creative process. It was a great performance with an amazing turn out, and we couldn’t have asked for a better start to our Season of Events!

**Facing Forward**

10/18/2018

The DPVA partnered with the Florida Breast Cancer Foundation to promote breast health awareness with Facing Forward. We “pinned out” the Performance Theatre for this informative comedy, and the audience learned quite a bit! The students and alumni that performed in this short show were able to take a topic that can be very intimidating and frightening and create an environment where people of all ages could learn and laugh about it. We worked hard to educate, advocate, and empower, and we succeeded!

**Dance Awareness Day**

10/24/2018

This year’s Dance Awareness Day had a record turn out! We hosted over 100 high schools last year, and this year we almost doubled that number. There were classes ranging from Indo-Caribbean, to Flamenco, to Urban Contemporary, being taught by current dance majors, NSU dance alumni, NSU dance faculty, and guest artists as well! It was a great day of classes that got everyone moving!

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Our Shark Talent Scholars partnered with John Knox Village and the Venetian Arts Society for this year’s Art Sage Celebration, which featured Tony Award Winning Actor Levi Kreis! Levi Kreis won a Tony for his role as Jerry Lee Lewis in *Million Dollar Quartet*, and he was kind enough to come perform on campus! He performed a few songs in the Don Taft University Center Spine during lunch hour to promote the official performance, then met fans after the show, signed autographs, and took pictures! The show was completely sold out, we even had to pull more chairs for students to sit onstage with Levi during the performance! This performance was incredible and truly inspiring, and Levi made a great impact with the students as well.

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Art and Design Program here at NSU, our gallery was named Decade, and all of the pieces were 10x10. We had different events every Wednesday leading up to the official Gallery Opening on November 2nd, including a roundtable discussion, meditative yoga, a scavenger hunt, and a collaboration with Radio X! This exhibit consisted of works by students, alumni, staff, faculty, and guest artists. We had a great turn out, and the Wednesday events really caught people’s attention!

This year’s Dance Works celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Dance Program here at NSU! It featured choreography by dance majors, staff, faculty, and guest artist Agatha Wright. Our dancers had a bunch of fun; they even wore onesies since Tech Week and Halloween overlapped! It was a fantastic show with a very high-energy cast, and we had a great turn out. Dean Yang even stopped by for a picture before opening night!
Our production of Little Shop of Horrors was phenomenal! All three shows sold out online before opening night, which has never happened before! President Hanbury and Dean Williams attended our opening night! Our students, staff, and faculty put so much time and effort into every aspect of this show, including the set, the Audrey II puppets, the costumes, and of course the acting, singing, and dancing, and it was very much worth it. This was the most successful show of the semester, if not in PVA history so far, and it was all thanks to the hard work put in by everyone involved. We couldn’t have done it without you!

Our Portraits in Music concert celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Music Program here at NSU, and we had a great turn out! We had a nearly full house and the audience loved the variety of music. The Mako Band, Pistris Ensemble, and music staff and faculty played everything from classic holiday music, to hits by Chris Brown, to a piece from The Greatest Showman. Audience members were dancing, clapping, and singing along during the performance, and there was a wonderful reception immediately afterwards featuring great food, drinks, and a photo booth!