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Report on New Voxman Music Building

UIRA Members to Enjoy a 'Construction Concerto' October 6 from 10:30 to noon in UCC Recital Hall

The sound of music these days is more like the Construction Concerto at the corner of Burlington and Clinton. A UIRA program October 6 about the building of the new Voxman Music Building will feature **David Gier**, director of the School of Music; **Jason McKane** of Mortenson construction company; and **Kevin Monson** of Neumann Monson Architects, local architects of record for the project designed by LMN Architects of Seattle, the firm that designed Benaroya Hall in Seattle.

This program will take place on **Monday, October 6, from 10:30 to noon in the University Capitol Center UCC recital hall, first floor, across from the UI Quick Care offices**. For a small preview, you can go to the University of Iowa home page, click on Arts, then click on School of Music, and see building the updates in the lower left side.

Gier will discuss the challenges of building in a tight urban space, and of balancing the faculty's opportunities to dream big within the constraints of post-flood FEMA constraints and contemporary building codes. He is passionate about ways that the faculty and students of the School of Music will be able to offer programs to the wider community with this new facility.

Audience members may wish to check out the view over the construction site from the top of the Clinton-Burlington Street parking ramp either before or after the presentation. The exterior walls will rise later in the fall, so the views may be less dramatic in the future. ###

Hills Bank to Sponsor UIRA Travel Photo Contest, Will Include Exhibit/Reception 2-4 p.m. Oct. 22

Winning entries in the UIRA's Travel Photo Contest will be exhibited at a reception sponsored by Hills Bank and Trust Company. The event will take place **2-4 p.m. October 22 (Wednesday) in the basement meeting room of the Hills Bank at 1009 Second St., Coralville**.

The contest, which UIRA inaugurated last year and attracted more than 50 entries, is being continued under the sponsorship of Hills Bank. Besides the reception, Hills Bank will provide funding for contest prizes and poster-board mounting and enlarging (16 x 20-inch) of all winning entries.

 The contest offers three entry categories: photos taken (1) in the state of Iowa; (2) in the USA outside Iowa; and (3) outside the USA. Prizes will be awarded in each category. Entrants may submit no more than three photos in one or more of the three categories. There is no entry fee. Current UIRA members are eligible to participate. The deadline to submit entries is December 31. Photos must be submitted in digital format and will be judged on originality, creativity and photo quality. Photos taken over the past two years can be entered. Complete contest details are posted at: www.uiowa.edu/~uira/pdf/travel-photo-contest.pdf.

To see winning photos in the 2013 contest, go to the UIRA website at this link:
uira.shutterfly.com/pictures/396#396. ###

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Dean Borg Collects Prize for Survey Response

UIRA member **Dean Borg** responded to UIRA's recent electronic survey of member activities and came away with \$100.

UIRA offered \$100 to some lucky responder to the survey. **Borg's** name was drawn from among those responding.

UIRA member contributions to the University and community range from financial donations to serving on committees and advisory boards, from volunteering at the hospital to serving as boosters for the University and community. Results of the survey are being distributed to UI administrators to illustrate the varied ways in which retirees contribute to the University, according to **Gene Spaziani**, who conducted the survey.

A complete report of findings is being compiled and will be posted at the UIRA website. ###

UIRA Calendar: 2014-15

October 6—Program about the Voxman Music Building Project, 10:30 to Noon, University Capitol Center (UCC), recital floor (first floor, across from UI Quick Care offices).

October 9—Flu/Pneumonia Clinic with optional fitness screening, Noon to 4 p.m., Hills Bank, Coralville (1009 Second St.). **(Consent form enclosed.)**

December 31—Deadline for submitting entries in the 2014 Travel Photo Contest.

March 30, 2015—Health Program: "On Purpose: Lessons in Healthy Aging from the Frog and the Dung Beetle," **Dr. Victor Strecher**, professor and director for innovation, University of Michigan School of Public Health. Watch for details.



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