The Michigan State University College of Music is launching its year with something old and something new.

With one year into the newly renovated Fairchild Theatre, the College of Music is inaugurating the season with an old show under a new name at 8 p.m. Saturday.

For the past several years, the College of Music has performed a Collage Concert at the Wharton Center’s Cobb Great Hall. This week, they’ll take the same concert format and move it to the Fairchild with a new name to go with the new venue.

A Fairchild Fanfare will be the season opener as part of the MSU Federal Credit Union Showcase Series. It is a 90-minute concert in which more than 90 performers move on and off the stage in a musical montage. Performers include choirs, jazz groups, faculty artists, chamber music groups, music ensembles, and opera singers.

“This concert showcases the extraordinary talents of our students and faculty artists whom we are privileged to host at Fairchild Theatre,” said James Forger, dean of the College of Music. “We’re proud to offer such exciting and diverse programming, and we are grateful for the generosity and support of our donors, our university, and the community.”

Not only are there different kinds of performers, but the music genres will vary as well. There will be instrumental and vocal performances of classical, contemporary, musical theater and jazz.

Some of the selections include:

• “Make Our Garden Grow” by Candide, University Chorale

• “Lizamander” by Russell Pinkston, a duet for flute and computer

• Duo for viola and cello in E flat major by Beethoven, with Suren Bagratuni on cello and Yuri Gandelsman on viola

• Variations on a theme from Carmen, by Georges Bizet, being performed by Minsoo Sohn on piano

• “Groove Merchant” by Jerome Richardson, performed by the Jazz Faculty and Student Sextet

Other performances will include a soprano duet, a vocal sextet, a woodwind quintet, and a string duo.

• A Fairchild Fanfare, 8 p.m. Saturday, MSU College of Music, Fairchild Theatre, Auditorium Building on MSU's campus. Tickets: $20 for adults, $18 for seniors, $10 for students. (517) 353-5340 or www.music.msu.edu.

Act II: Ixion Wants Writers

Ixion Ensemble plans to close its season with a show so new it may not yet be written.

The Ensemble is calling for writers to submit their original work that explores relationships with women to be performed in a show called “Goddesses.” Goddresses will be a collection of these short, original works. Each one must meet the following criteria:

• No longer than 20 minutes

• Single or no set requirements

• No more than 6 actors
According to the Ixion Call for writers, the plays are “exploring our relationships with women. Whether they are traditional goddesses of myth or domestic divas, we are looking for stories that explore our relationships with the women in our lives or in our dreams. Writers are encouraged to find inspiration wherever it strikes and craft a play that explores our relationship with goddesses.”

The deadline for submissions is Sept. 30. Submissions can be emailed to ixionensemble@gmail.com with “Goddesses” in the subject line.

Those plays that are selected to be a part of “Goddesses” will earn a $100 stipend at the conclusion of the production.

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