



Detailed Event Information
Phi Mu Alpha 75th Anniversary Celebration
April 4,5 & 6, 2014



**Here is complete information about all of the events held in conjunction with the
Gamma Epsilon Chapter's 75th Anniversary Celebration.**

Questions/concerns? Please email:

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Lodging:

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Okemos at the special rate of \$114/night (plus taxes). The Hampton Inn is located ¼ mile North of the Okemos Exit (Exit 110) on I-96. Please call the motel directly at 517-349-6100 and ask for the Phi Mu Alpha rooms (Group Code: PMA).

Please note: the Special Rate is available until March 14, 2014. You must call the motel directly (Gamma Epsilon is not handling motel reservations)

Other motels located in the same area are:

- Holiday Inn Express and Suites
- Fairfield Inn
- Comfort Inn
- Staybridge Suites

East Lansing lodging includes:

- East Lansing Marriott at University Place (one block from Union Bldg)
- Kellogg Center

Alumni Welcome Dinner – Friday Evening – April 4, 2014:

A Friday Evening Alumni Buffet Dinner will be held in the first floor conference area of the Hampton Inn in Okemos. This dinner is open to **ALL** Phi Mu Alpha members/family/friends (new or old) and regardless of whether or not you are staying at the Hampton Inn. To accommodate different arrival times of Brothers, the dinner will be available from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Please stop by for a casual evening of good food and good conversation. Though food service will conclude at 8:00 pm you are welcome to continue conversations in the conference area of the motel.

Cost for the dinner is \$18/person. Collegiate Brothers (those who are currently students) will pay a reduced fee of \$9/person (the cost is being underwritten by the Alumni Brothers of Gamma Epsilon).

Please note: Deadline for registering for the dinner is March 19. Use the Registration/Information Form to register.

Saturday Morning Campus Tour – 10:00 am – April 5, 2014:

Special arrangements have been made to visit three new landmarks on the MSU campus. Drive your own car (or carpool with others). We will need to know exact numbers for the Campus Tour so please indicate your participation on the Registration/Information Form.

10:00 am – Saturday Morning - Stadium Press Box/Alumni Association – Enter the Press Box on the West side of the stadium (parking available by Press Box entrance). A representative of the MSU Alumni Association will meet us in the ground floor lobby of the new MSU Press Box at Spartan Stadium (constructed in 2003). We'll meet at the foot of Sparty – the “original” Sparty – and learn how the new Sparty on campus was constructed from a mold of this original one. Then, on to the elevators for a ride to the 8th floor and the Spartan Stadium Press Box. Newer, bigger and higher than the old one! We'll also visit the Hungtington Bank Club and the offices of the MSU Alumni Association. After our half hour visit we're off for the short ride to:

10:45 am – Saturday Morning - Fairchild Theater – Enter Fairchild Theater on North side/stage entrance of building (parking available directly across the street). Now under the auspices of the College of Music as their exclusive performance venue, the 600 seat Fairchild Theater opened in October as “an amazing acoustical experience” that provides close proximity to performers with full air conditioning. Construction of this new performance facility began with the complete gutting of the old Fairchild, including the removal of large portions of the floor. The 75-year-old facility renovation included ceiling clouds, an adjustable acoustic shell and sound-absorbing banners; the extension of the stage; the installation of a new hydraulic orchestra pit seating up to 55 musicians; AV/sound reinforcement systems; wiring for video and webcasting; three additional rehearsal spaces; a new Steinway D grand piano; and a recording/video control room.

A representative from Dean Forger's office will meet us for a personalized tour of this long-awaited world-class facility. At the conclusion of our 30 minute visit we will get back in our cars and head to:

11:30 am – Saturday Morning - Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum – Main entrance to the Broad is at the Southwest corner of the building – directly opposite Student Services Bldg (parking available in ramp West of Olin Health Center & Berkey Hall). MSU's newest attraction is “The Broad” – a contemporary art museum on the Northern edge of campus. Designed by the internationally acclaimed architect Zaha Hadid, the museum was made possible through a \$28 million dollar donation from businessman Eli Broad and his wife, Edythe. Construction was completed in November 2012 after over two years of construction which demanded the solving of numerous challenges to traditional building techniques. The angular facade is composed of pleated stainless steel and glass. A representative of The Broad will meet us in the lobby for a short presentation about the building, its construction, the art that is featured, and the impact it has had on the local area. Following the short presentation you will be able to wander the museum at your own pace. And then:

You're free to have lunch on your own. With the museum located on Grand River Avenue (directly across the street from where a group of Phi Mu Alpha Brothers rented space above a barber shop in the early 50s) you will find numerous restaurants.

Rehearsal of “When Day Is Done” – 1:45 pm – Demonstration Hall – Saturday Afternoon - April 5, 2014:

All Brothers, young and old, collegiate members, Alumni Brothers, Faculty Brothers and Brothers visiting from other chapters are cordially invited to join together for a special vocal rehearsal of the composition that has been commissioned to honor the memory of Brother Bob Grof. Though many Sinfonians are instrumentalists, you don't have to be a singer to participate! Written by Brother Joe Spaniola (Gamma Epsilon, 1984) and conducted by Brother Dale Bartlett (Gamma Epsilon, 1953) this choral work has been composed for male chorus with brass quintet. The premiere of “When Day Is Done” will be Sunday – April 6, 2014 at 1:30 pm in the new Cook Recital Hall, Music Building. This will be our only rehearsal. All Brothers who have registered for the 75th Anniversary weekend will receive an advance copy of the music via email.

Music and sound files will be sent via email to everyone who registers for the 75th Anniversary Celebration. Hopefully this will provide a headstart on getting ready for the premiere.

Joe Spaniola has created a wonderfully creative and complex composition that is sure to gain much attention. What a great opportunity to be a part of this premiere.

The rehearsal will take place in Demonstration Hall, the new home of the Spartan Marching Band. Enter the building on the North side – the doors face the Sparty statue (parking is available on South side of building or across street in front of IM Bldg). Family and friends are invited to listen to the rehearsal.

Initiation of New Members of Phi Mu Alpha – 3:00 pm – Demonstration Hall – Saturday Afternoon - April 5, 2014:

Following the conclusion of the rehearsal of “When Day Is Done” the Brothers of Gamma Epsilon will initiate into active status the Spring 2014 Probationary Class. All Alumni Brothers, Faculty Brothers, and Brothers from other chapters in the Region are invited to join with Gamma Epsilon in this initiation ritual. Sorry, the ritual is closed to those who are not Phi Mu Alpha members.

Gala 75th Anniversary Banquet – Lincoln Room, Kellogg Center – 6:00 pm – Saturday Evening - April 5, 2014:

The 75th Anniversary Banquet will be held in the Lincoln Room of Kellogg Center (main floor- South end of building). There is a choice of 4 entrees for the banquet - Vegetarian Jumbalaya, Red Wine Braised Beef Brisket, Pecan Crusted Chicken, or Pan Roasted Salmon. Your choice(s) should be indicated on the Registration/Information Form and returned to Gamma Epsilon.

Cost for the dinner is \$30/person. Collegiate Brothers (those who are currently students) are being treated to the dinner by the Alumni Brothers of Gamma Epsilon.

Parking is available in the ramp on the South side of the building with direct access into Kellogg Center. Parking Vouchers for free use of the ramp will be available at the dinner.

Please note: Deadline for registering for the dinner and indicating entrée choice(s) is March 19. Use the Registration/Information Form to register.

Alumni Pinning Ceremony – Lincoln Room, Kellogg Center – 7:30 pm – Saturday Evening - April 5, 2014:

A special part of the evening's festivities will be the awarding of Recognition Pins to those Alumni Brothers who have passed the 10, 25 & 50 year anniversary of their initiation. It will be an open ceremony and all are invited to cheer for each awardee! Alumni receiving Recognition Pins must be

present at the ceremony to receive the pin. Costs associated with the Recognition Pins are being taken care of by Gamma Epsilon chapter.

Please note: You must indicate your name and the pin for which you are eligible on the Registration/Information Form. This form must be returned no later than March 19, 2014.

Post-Banquet Informal Get-Together – State Room Lounge, Kellogg Center – Following the Banquet:

Following the Banquet everyone is invited to move down the hall to the State Room Lounge for continued casual conversation and refreshments. No reservation is needed for the Get-Together. Individuals will pay their own expenses.

75th Anniversary Concert & Premiere of “When Day Is Done” – 1:30 pm – Sunday Afternoon - April 6, 2014:

The concert will be held in the newly redesigned Cook Recital Hall on the main floor of the Music Building. The concert will be divided into two parts. The first part will feature Phi Mu Alpha Collegiate and Alumni Brothers in a concert of music by American composers. Following a short intermission the attention turns to the Premiere of “When Day Is Done”. This composition, composed by Joe Spaniola (Gamma Epsilon, 1984) and conducted by Dale Bartlett (Gamma Epsilon, 1953), has been commissioned by the Alumni Brothers of Gamma Epsilon chapter to honor the memory of Major Robert L. Grof (Gamma Epsilon, 1957). Bob, a native of Lansing and a singer/manager of MSU’s State Singers, was killed in action as a helicopter pilot in Viet Nam. “When Day Is Done” is built around a poem by Michigan’s “Unofficial Poet Laureate” – Edgar Guest (1881-1959). The premiere will be comprised of Phi Mu Alpha voices (Collegiate, Alumni and Faculty Brothers) and a Phi Mu Alpha Brass Quintet.

Street parking is available on West Circle Drive, in front of the Museum or on the East side of the Library. Parking is often a problem in this area so please allow extra time to walk, if needed, from a Visitor Parking Lot.

Please note: Seating in Cook Recital Hall is limited so you are encouraged to arrive early.

Donations in support of the 75th Anniversary Celebration, the Commissioning of “When Day Is Done”, and Alumni support of Gamma Epsilon Chapter are encouraged and welcome. Please see the **Registration/Information Form** for details on how you can assist. Thank You!

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