



## Seeing Change by Being the Change

In her 12 years as a professional, Tori Stevens, a 2008 Bachelor of Applied Arts in Communication and 2012 Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership graduate, has provided leadership in the higher education and corporate arenas in positions such as a Trainer, Teacher, Career Developer, Talent Acquisition Specialist, and Project Manager. Today, as the owner of a successful coaching, training, consulting and speaking company evoYOUtion, she applies all of these experiences and her CMU education to support her clients and audiences.



Tori first decided to make CMU her educational home when she visited as a high school senior. She appreciated the welcoming atmosphere and open learning environment. During her freshman year, her floor's Resident Assistant suggested she take the Foundations of Communication Theory course with Mary Ann Renz. For Tori, this course was an awakening. Until then, it seemed she had always been lacking the language needed to understand and explain "the why behind how people function."

Starting with that first core theory class and continuing through her major, Tori learned how to apply personal communication skills that have been threaded throughout her professional career. She gained listening and interpersonal observation expertise to be able to come to a better understanding of personalities. This allowed her to help facilitate communication across a diverse range of people. She says that every job she has ever been offered came due to networking skills she honed during her undergraduate experience.

An additional skill that Tori shares with her evolYOUtion clients and audiences is self-advocacy. Throughout her career, she saw that she couldn't just wait around for others to act in her best interests, so she made the decision to learn to articulate her value and continually be open to new opportunities- like starting a business. She wants to see a world in which professionals appropriately self-disclose their strengths and gain confidence to take risks stepping into new careers or even other industries. Inspired by Ghandi's quote, she had to "be the change" she wanted to see so that she can help others make the changes they need in their own lives and careers.

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## January 2020 Events

Below is a list of upcoming events and broadcasts produced by CMU's College of the Arts and Media. For the latest event information visit [here](#).

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### Art & Design

*University Art Gallery Hours are Tuesday - Friday, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Contact Anne Gochenour at [goche1as@cmich.edu](mailto:goche1as@cmich.edu) for further information on University Art Galley exhibits.*

### **Guns: Loaded Conversations**

**January 15 – February 8**

**Reception: Wednesday, January 15 | 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

## University Art Gallery

This exhibit, juried by independent curator and writer, Dr. Vicky A. Clark, features 33 art quilts by both national and international artists. The exhibit seeks to engage viewers of differing opinions regarding gun violence to listen to each other and to encourage community initiatives that may inspire action in seeking solutions.

## School of Music

*All concerts are held in the School of Music Staples Family Concert Hall unless otherwise indicated and are free unless followed by an asterisk.*

### **Faculty Artists: Brass Quintet**

**Tuesday, January 21 | 7:30 p.m.**

### **Alumni Artists: Kip Franklin, Mina Son and Angela Biedenbender; with music by David Biedenbender\***

**Thursday, January 23 | 7:30 p.m.**

### **Marimba Studio Recital**

**Sunday, January 26 | 1:00 p.m.**

Chamichian Recital Hall

### **Faculty Artist: Fangye Sun**

**Tuesday, January 28 | 7:30 p.m.**

### **Faculty Artists: Rebels & Rule-breakers**

**Thursday, January 30 | 7:30 p.m.**

## Theatre and Dance

### **Encounters**

**Thursday – Friday, January 23 – 24 | 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, January 25 | 2:00 p.m.**

Studio Theatre Dance Production

Moore Hall Theatre-on-the-Side | **Limited first-come, first-served seating**

Contact Jim Hickerson at [hicke1jr@cmich.edu](mailto:hicke1jr@cmich.edu) for further information.

Free and open to the public.

*\*Tickets may be purchased at Ticket Central in the CMU Events Center, or by calling 989-774-3045. Tickets and event details are also available online at [www.cmich.edu/ticketcentral](http://www.cmich.edu/ticketcentral) and prior to the event at the door.*

*An additional box office service fee may be charged.*

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*If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Maxine Davis at [davis1mi@cmich.edu](mailto:davis1mi@cmich.edu) or (989) 774-1885. You can also visit the websites below.*

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