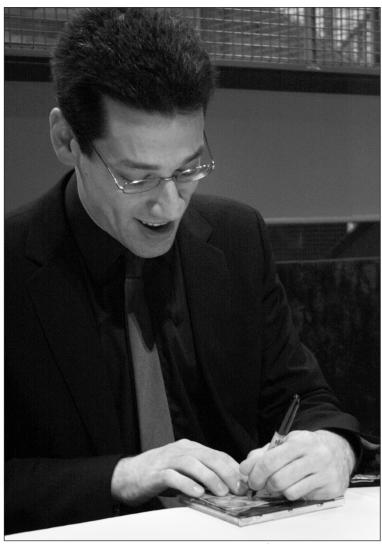
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### **CAMPUS** | EVENT

# **Biss perfoms the right notes**



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Pianist Jonathan Biss laughs while signing autographs following his performance Thursday night in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Pianist ends concert with 'Ballade,' encore

### By JENNIFER BROWN Staff Reporter

Jonathan Biss brought together modern and old style music during his Thursday night performance in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

In the first half, he memorized all the songs he performed, including the Sonata in C Major by Franz Schubert.

"The modern pieces I tend to use music for," Biss said. "The rest of the program I have memorized."

Prior to playing the Sonata, Biss took the time to explain each of the two halves.

"Franz Schubert didn't complete either of these two halves," he said. "The first half is laid-back, and the second half is tightly strung."

Biss won the Leonard Barstein Award in 2005 and has performed in the International Music Festival of 2007.

"I think he plays with a lot of expression," Derek Maninfior, a freshman piano player said. "I'm glad he's performing works that are not well-known, such as Selections from Jatekok."

Biss even brought some Mozart to his concert.

"The Mozart had grace, and

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— Neil Wright, sophomore psychology major

the Schubert had powerful climaxes," said Harrison Cole, a senior music performance major said. "He played beautifully the entire time."

Nocturne in D flat Major delivered powerful beats and melodies to the audience who attended. The performance received Biss a standing ovation.

"I really like that Eastern's starting to get this kind of thing," said Neil Wright, a sophomore psychology major. "He was phenomenal, and more than I expected."

The last musical selection of the evening, Ballade No. 4 in f minor, Op. 52 composed by Frederic Chopin, gave a soothing end to his performance.

"The love for music is what gives me the courage to keep playing," Biss said. "It's what keeps me going."

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## **CAMPUS BRIEFS**

# Illinois Secretary of State services to be on campus

The Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Services will be on campus from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

State law allows driver's license renewal up to one year in advance. Proper identification is required for new and duplicate driver's licenses and state ID cards.

The mobile services available today will include driver's license's, state ID cards, vehicle sticker sales, collegiate license plates, passenger/b-truck license plates, vehicle title and registration, organ tissue donor registration and parking placards for persons with disabilities.

### Presenter to give demonstrate of karate

There will be a karate demonstration at 1 p.m. today in the Arcola/Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Gus Albear will be the presenter.

### Auditions begin for Pink Panthers

Auditions for The EIU Pink Panther Dance Team will take place April 17 to 19 in the Student Recreation Center with registration beginning at 4 p.m. in the Lantz main hallway. All incoming freshmen, transfer and current Eastern students with jazz, lyrical, kick and hip-hop dance experience are encouraged to audition. More information can be found

at eiu.edu/~eiupinks. Anyone with questions can contact Lisa Dallas at Imdallas@eiu.edu or at 581-3716.

---Complied by News Editor Matt Hopf

### CORRECTION

In Thursday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, it was incorrectly stated that the Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Services was on campus Thursday. The services are available today. *The DEN* regrets the error.

Performance Thursday night in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna "The "The "The "The "CAMPUS | RHA

### By RASHIDA LYLES COWAN Staff Reporter

Painful words are hard to forget but releasing these words by painting them on bricks helps an individual overcome that pain.

Painting bricks for "Writing on the Wall" is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

The Residence Hall Association will be sponsoring this event.

Students will have the opportunity to write any hurtful word on the bricks that are full of racism and hate.

The wall will be constructed on April 20 out-

side the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union facing the Booth Library and will stand until April 23, when it will be torn down to symbolize tearing down barriers between people.

Paint bricks with hate words to end hate

RHA President Justin Schuch said they are looking for volunteers to help monitor the wall for vandalism. The shifts that need to be filled are from 2 to 4 a.m.

Also during the meeting, letters were passed around to ask members to sign in support of building the proposed Renewable Energy Center.

Student Senate members Mark Olendzki and Omar Solomon introduced the letters to RHA.

The Renewable Energy Center would replace

the more than 80-year-old coal burning steam plant on campus.

Students rely on the steam plant for heating, cooling and other energy needs on campus.

A bill introduced in the Illinois Senate would allow the plant to be constructed.

The energy center project was put on hold in November to consider alternative funding for the \$40 million project and for further consultation with community members.

The next RHA meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday in Stevenson Hall.

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