

Faculty News March 2025

In their farewell concert at NMSU on March 22, Music Department faculty, **Dr. Jim Shearer**, tuba, and **Dr. Laura Spitzer**, piano, who are retiring at the end of the spring semester, along with Celeste Shearer, performed several works at Atkinson Recital Hall, including a piece commissioned by the Shearers.

Dr. Yoshiko Arahata presented a lecture-recital on a solo piano suite, "Forest of Memories" by Makiko Kinoshita, at the College Music Society Great Lake Chapter Conference in Chicago.

Throughout the semester, NMSU Music Department faculty will perform in and direct concerts featuring NMSU students. For more information on upcoming concerts and recitals, visit the [Music Department calendar here](#). All department events are free to the public.