

Notes and News

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March-April 2008

From the Director

Dear Students and Parents:

We have had a fantastic Spring so far! Such outstanding performances from Solo and Ensemble, our Pre-Assessment concert, a memorable performance of Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, and KMEA Festival Assessment have made this Spring memorable.

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At KMEA Festival, Women's Choir, Singers, Chorale and Madrigals all performed outstandingly, represented Lafayette well and maintained outstanding attitudes during a very busy day. A very special Thank You to Singers and Chorale for giving a great performance after a week of missed rehearsals (director absence, Cats performance, ACT)! Be sure to read some of the outstanding comments from our judges included later in the newsletter.

The next important upcoming event is our 3rd Annual Chorus Banquet. Please mark your calendars for Friday May 2 at 6:00 pm. We want everyone to attend this special event! We will celebrate an outstanding year including recognizing many students and their achievements! You won't want to miss this. Stay tuned for more information and reservation forms in the coming days.

Registration is now open for Vocal Camp 2008! So be sure to register your students (see last page of newsletter).

Lastly, be sure to mark your calendars for our Spring Concerts – they are listed in the dates section on the next page.

See you at our concerts.

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Spring Semester Schedule

SCAPA Voice Masterclass	Choir Room	Thurs March 27, 3:30-5:00
Spring Break	No School	March 29 - April 6
Mandatory Spring Trip Parent Meeting	Choir Room	Thursday April 17, 6:00
Spring Trip	Indianapolis, IN	Friday, April 25-26
LHS Singers, Chorale, Madrigals, Swing		
General Booster Business Meeting	Choir Room	Monday April 28, 5:30
Massed Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Tues April 29, 6:00-8:30
Choir Banquet/ Awards (All Choirs)	LHS Cafeteria	Friday May 2, 6:00 pm
SCAPA Senior Recital	Location TBA	Sunday May 4, Time TBA
Massed Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Tues May 6, 6:00-8:30
<i>Ice Cream Concert (All Choirs)</i>	Beeler Auditorium	May 8, 7:00 pm
Underclassmen SCAPA Voice Juries	Choir Room	Mon, Thur May 12, 15, 3:30-
Massed Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Wed May 14, 6-8:30 pm
Senior Inspiration (Baccalaureate)	Calvary Baptist	Sunday, May 18, 3:00 pm
(Singers, Madr, Chorale)		
Spring Concert (Singers, Madr, Chorale)	Singletary Center	Monday, May 19, 7:30 pm
Madrigal Concert	Location TBA	<u>Friday May 23</u> , 7:30 pm
LHS Commencement (Singers, Madr, Chorale)	Rupp Arena	Sunday, June 1, 4:00 pm
<i>Summer Vocal Camp</i>	LHS Music Dept.	June 16-20

Download the Spring schedule online.

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/schedule.html>

Spring Chorus Banquet

**Mark your Calendars for this year's
Chorus Banquet**

Friday May 2, 6:00 pm

The 2008 Lafayette Chorus Banquet and Honor Ceremony will be held on **Friday, May 2, at 6:00 pm** in the LHS Cafeteria.

We invite **ALL** Chorus Students and families to help commemorate an outstanding year with the Lafayette Choirs. We will honor underclassmen with many special underclassmen awards as well as honor our graduating seniors! Graduating seniors will be our guests and are invited to attend free of charge, compliments of Chorus Boosters.

Stay tuned for more information to come!



Spring Trip



Bobby McFerrin, Chick Corea, and Jack DeJohnette in Concert.

Chick Corea's four-decade career is the stuff of jazz lore - his groups are hotbeds of imagination, seething with the joy of making music while creating influential, limit-stretching musical experiences. Of course, the same could be said of fellow Miles Davis alum Jack DeJohnette, and of Bobby McFerrin, one of the natural wonders of the music world whose work encompasses both classical and jazz through vocal performance, conducting, and composition. This sensational trio comes together for the first time for what promises to be an unforgettable night of jazz.

On **April 25 and 26** we will travel to Indianapolis, IN to take in a concert of 3 jazz greats at Clowes Memorial Hall on Butler University Campus.

Students in Singers, Madrigals, Chorale, and Swing Choir are eligible for the Spring Trip.

Cost for the trip is \$130.00.

Final payment of \$65.00 due on March 28!

Mandatory Pre-Trip Parent Meeting – Thursday April 17, 6:00 pm

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/indianapolis.html>

UofL Chamber Choir Competition

The Lafayette Madrigals performed at the 5th Annual Margaret Comstock Chamber Choir Festival on Feb 16. The group captured first place with outstanding comments from judges and clinician.

"I LOVE your tone! You sing everything so consistently well. Excellent soprano solo in the [Esto Les digo piece, **Sarah Tubbesing**]! Excellent choice of literature. Excellent conducting. Beautifully prepared, choir – thank you for an excellent performance today. I think you all have an excellent conductor, and it is obvious to me that you work very hard in your rehearsals and enjoy singing." – Tom Merrill, Xavier University

"Wonderful Literature. Nice shaping of phrases – acknowledging prosody of words. Lovely interpretation of [Italian piece]." – Michael Lancaster, Southern Seminary

"I worked with them like they were a really outstanding choir – not a high school choir – but a really outstanding choir that just wants to be better." – Kent Hatteberg, Clinician, University of Louisville



Upcoming Concerts

Ice Cream Concert

May 8, 7:00

Beeler Auditorium

Join us for our Spring Concert and of course, some ice cream, compliments of the chorus boosters. All choirs will be performing at this concert!

SPRING CONCERT

Singers, Chorale & Madrigals
Present

Mozart Coronation
Mass
and other works

Monday May 19, 7:30 pm
Singletary Center.

Madrigal Concert

Friday May 23, 7:30 pm
Location TBA
(NOTE the DATE CHANGE)



KMEA Festival Assessment

On Saturday March 15, Women's Choir, Singers, Chorale and Madrigals participated in the KMEA District 7 Festival Assessment. Festival is one of the most important performances of our year because it is the only time of the year where we are critically evaluated and most importantly are asked to demonstrate music literacy skills.

All groups received distinguished ratings on their performance and sight-reading.

I wanted to share with you some of the outstanding comments we received from the four judges:

"Good tone production. Good blend, vowel matching. Excellent repertoire." – Dr. John Campbell, Georgetown College, judge #1

It is great seeing and hearing you today! Keep up the great Lafayette tradition! – John Stegner, Retired LHS director, judge #2

"Fun Festival performances Great job!" - Stegner
Wow! – Stegner

"I love the repertoire that you are offering your students! A variety of styles!" –Beth Arnold, Transylvania University, judge #3

"You challenge your students and they rise to the challenge. Easy evaluation! I enjoyed your performances today and admire your work and musicianship!" – Arnold (Chorale Performance)

Technique: "Yes! Yes! Yes!"

Interpretation: "Excellent! Lovely colors and shapes of phrases! Lots of dynamic interest." – Arnold (Madrigal performance)

"It scared me when you read through it so fast from the beginning, but the actual "sing" was perfect." – Judy Langford, sight-reading judge

Nice appearance; great discipline! – Langford



From Ms. Gabbard

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, it is time to double check your calendars for upcoming SCAPA dates. First, the March master class scheduled for Thursday, March 27th will be **required for seniors only**. We will use this time to rehearse combined pieces as well as to plan and complete a special project for the recital. Seniors (and parents) please bring pictures chronicling your years at SCAPA. I promise they will be returned unharmed after the recital. Please plan on staying from 3:30-4:30 on Thursday, March 27th.

Because underclassmen will not have a recital this semester, April's master class time will be an underclassmen vocal showcase. All voice majors are required to attend, however seniors will not perform. This will be good practice leading up to juries in May. Parents and family members are invited to attend if possible.

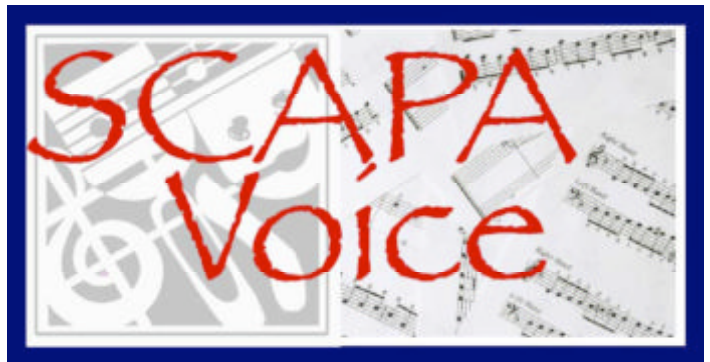
The senior recital will take place on Sunday, May 4th at 2:30pm. The location is the same as the winter recital, The Episcopal Church of St. Michael the Archangel, located at 2025 Bellefonte Drive. All seniors will be performing 2 selections as well as a possible combined piece. All vocal majors are required to attend. Please join us for this final performance of these talented singers!

Finally, vocal juries for underclassmen will be held on Monday, May 12th and Thursday, May 15th. We will begin at 3:30 and will hear as many as possible on each day. Look for a sign-up sheet early in May.

Once again, vocal practice logs are due weekly. You can log your time on your personal account at www.charmsmusic.com. If for some reason this is not working for you, please let me know and turn in a paper copy of your log instead. These weekly grades may not seem like much at the time, but they do add up by the end of the semester.

Remember...practice logs are not accepted past the due date.

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www.lafayettechoir.org/scapavoice.html

Important SCAPA dates

- **Masterclass**
Thursday, Mar 27, 3:30-4:30
- **Masterclass**
Thursday, April 17, 3:30-5:00
- **Senior Recital**
Sunday, May 4, 2:30 pm
St. Michael Episcopal Church
- **Voice Juries**
Monday, May 12, 3:30
Thursday, May 15, 3:30

Practice Logs

Don't forget to submit your SCAPA Voice practice logs each week!

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/charms>



Chorus Boosters

Help Needed:

If your student is involved in any of these events, please consider volunteering.

Ice Cream Concert:

Servers for Ice Cream Concert. If you would like to help serve ice cream, please contact Rhonda Story – 4story@insightbb.com

Spring Choir Banquet Help:

Parents needed to help set up, decorate, take down and/or serve in the banquet line. If you can help with any of these jobs, please contact Shari Jackson – sjackson@lafayettechoir.org

All Booster Business Meeting

Monday April 28, 2008: 5:30
Choir Room

The purpose of this meeting is for first reading of proposed amendments to the **Booster ByLaws**. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Jeff or Rhonda Story for any questions. Proposed amendments will be emailed to the Booster membership prior to this first meeting.

The Second reading and approval of proposed amendments will occur prior to the Ice Cream Concert on May 8, 2008.

It's time to begin thinking about next year....

If you are interested in serving on the booster board next year or serving in another capacity of service for the department, please let Mr. Marsh or Jeff Story 4story@insightbb.com know of your intention to help. This is a great organization that really makes a difference for our program and our kids.

Accounts Receivable Chair - Track student credits and payments.

Fundraising chair – Assign sub-chairs for various fundraisers.

Fundraising sub-chairs - Distribute paperwork, order forms. Order product, pass out product, keep track of credits, collect/count money.

Volunteer Coordinator – Secure volunteers, chaperones.

Auction Chair - plan Silent auction along with the Choir Gala.

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Next Board Meeting:

Monday April 28
5:30 pm
Choir Room

Board meetings are usually held the 4th Monday of each month and are open to anyone.



Students in the Spotlight



Chorale sings Chichester Psalms



Madrigal Singers perform on March 4

Cats! Congratulations to the following choir students for a great production of Cats!

Josh Babcock, Shannon Baker, Gabby Barker, Katherine Bennett, Katie Berger, Jimmy Betts, Alaina Broderson, Erin Brown, Taylor Frederick, Luke Hansen, Elaina Henderson, Julia Hendrick, Becca Howell, Will Huffer, Sarah Hutchinson, Emma Jackson, Alex Koszewski, Emily Lee, Siobhan Lister, Emily McClannahan, Evan Miller, Fiona Mowbray, Reilly Richardson, Theresa Smyser, Tyler Stahl, Sydney Steele, Charles Stephens, Ryan Story, Blake Sugarman, Bonnie Stuck, Ellie Todd, Sarah Tubbesing, Wood VanMeter, Douglas Waterbury-Tieman.



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June 16-20
Announcing dates
for LHS Choir **18th**
annual summer
vocal camp for
current Lafayette
students and
students from
feeder schools
(rising 8th
graders and
older).

Come experience one of the area's finest choral camps. Enjoy quality instruction, great music, fun, and friendship. Fees: only \$50.00 Includes instruction (except private vocal lessons), T-shirt and music use. – Register online –

www.lafayettechoir.org/vocalcamp.html



Solo and Ensemble

On Saturday February 23, the Lafayette had the largest participation from any school in the Lexington district at KMEA solo and ensemble! Congrats to those students who participated:

Lindsey Adamson, Josh Babcock, Katherine Bennett, Katie Berger, Alaina Broderon, Candace Bruner, Meredith Burns, Cathy Christian, Alex Edwards, Griffin Gentry, Luke Hansen, Jami Hart, Liberty Hart, Emma Jackson, Alex Koszczewski, John Krebs, Siobhan Lister, Kailey Marshall, Elliot Mattox, Emily McClanahan, Andrew Miller, Micah Miller, Alyca Morrison, Fiona Mowbray, Ellie Osborne, Martha Parker, Anna Peterson, Reilly Richardson, Christina Roach, Sharon Rodriguez, Taylor Slone, Alyssa Sutphen, Sydney Steele, Ryan Story, Bonnie Stuck, Patrick Toll, Sarah Tubessing, Ellie Todd, Wood VanMeter, Will Whalen, Becca Wise, Hannah Yates.

Students in the Spotlight:

If you have an idea for an article, or students who need to be recognized, please submit it to

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