

Notes and News

lafayette choir

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December 2007

From the Director

Dear Students and Parents:

Looking back of the previous semester, we have had a great first half of the year! I'd like to thank the Chorus Booster Board for their hard work and support this year. They have allowed us to have successful fundraisers, a successful Gala and Silent Auction, and Awesome Raffle Fundraiser.

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Ms. Gabbard and I are particularly excited about this semester's addition of the Vocal Mastering Musicianship Program. We have had four outstanding private teachers (Dee Ann Gray, Patricia Herren, Daniel Wade, and Danielle Warren), teaching over 45 students. The program has already made a tremendous impact on the program.

The month of December will see multiple performances in the choral department. We will kick off with the SCAPA Voice Major recital, followed by the Winter Concert in Beeler featuring the Men's and Women's Chorus and Swing Choir. The Madrigals will again perform at the Lafayette Faculty meeting. And finally, Lafayette Singers, Madrigals and Chorale will perform in concert at Singletary. These concerts will feature the talent and hard work of our students. Be sure to invite friends and family to these upcoming concerts to support the students.

Next semester promises to have many more exciting performances and fun opportunities! Here's looking toward 2007. I can't wait!

I hope everyone has a great winter break! See you at our December concerts.

Ryan Marsh
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Spring Semester Schedule

Chorale Extended Rehearsal	Choir Room	Friday, Jan 4, 7:00-10 pm
Distr. 7 All-State Reh.(mandatory fr All-Staters)	Georgetown College	Saturday, Jan 12, 9-2:00
SCAPA Voice Masterclass	Choir Room	Thurs Jan 18, 3:30-5:00
LHS Musical – Once Upon a Mattress	Beeler Auditorium	Thur Jan 17-Sun 20
UK Male Chorus Day	Singletary Center	Saturday Jan 19, 9:00 -4:00
LHS Chorus Invitational (All Choirs)	Beeler Auditorium	Friday Jan 25, 4-9:00 pm (Free Concert – 8:00 pm)
Chorale Rehearsal	Choir Room	Tuesday Jan 29, 3:20-4:20
Women’s Choir Festival (all day field trip)	Singletary Center	Concert Fri Feb 1, 7:30 pm
All-State Choirs @ KMEA Convention, Madrigal Rehearsals for UofL Chamber Choir Competition	Louisville, KY Choir Room	Wed Feb 6 - Sat Feb 9 Tuesday Jan 22, 3:20-4:20 pm Tuesday, Feb 5, 3:20-4:20 Monday Feb 11, 3:20-4:20 Tuesday Feb 12, 3:20-4:20 Wednesday Feb 13, 3:20-4:20 Thursday Feb 14, 3:20-4:20
UofL Chamber Choir Competition	UofL Sch. of Music	Fri, Feb 16, 12:00-10:30 pm
SCAPA Voice Masterclass	Choir Room	Thurs Feb 21, 3:30-5:00
Chorale Rehearsals	Choir Room	Thurs Feb 20, 3:20-4:20 pm Friday Feb 22, 3:20-4:20 pm Tuesday, Feb 26, 7:00-8:30 Thursday Feb 28, 3:20-4:20 Monday Mar 3, 7:00-8:30
Vocal Solo and Ensemble Contest	Scott Co. H.S.	Saturday February 24
Pre-Contest Concert	Location TBA	Tuesday March 4, 7:30 pm
SCAPA Voice Masterclass	Choir Room	Thurs March 27, 3:30-5:00
SCAPA Musical (Cats)	Opera House	Thurs March 13-16
KMEA Choir Contest	**Scott County HS**	Saturday, March 15
Spring Break	No School	March 29 - April 6
Spring Trip LHS Singers, Chorale, Madrigals, Swing	Indianapolis, IN	Friday, April 25-26
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
Madrigal Concert	Location TBA	Friday May 16, 7:30 pm
Spring Concert	Singletary Center	Monday, May 19, 7:30 pm
LHS Baccalaureate (Singers, Madr, Chorale)	Norsworthy Aud - IAKSS	TBA
LHS Commencement (Singers, Madr, Chorale)	Rupp Arena	TBA



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. We will stay Friday night, participate in a choir clinic on Saturday morning, eat at Circle Center Mall, and have other fun activities in the afternoon. We will return to Lexington on Saturday evening.

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

**Anticipated cost for the trip will be \$150.00.
More info to come soon! Start banking credits now!**

Upcoming Concerts

- **Winter Concert - Tuesday December 4, 7:30 pm**
Beeler Auditorium (Men, Women, Swing)
Call Times: Men: 5:30; Women: 6:00; Swing Choir: 6:30.
- **SCAPA Voice Major Recital - Fri, Dec 7, 7:00 pm**
St. Michael Episcopal (Bellefonte Dr.) Required for SCAPA Voice majors
- **Winter Concert: - Tuesday December 11, 7:30 pm**
Singletary Center (Advanced Choirs)
Call Times: All Choirs: 5:30 pm. On stage at Singletary, ready to sing.



National Anthem Performers

If you or a small ensemble would like to sing the national anthem for a home basketball game, you can sign up in the choir room.

In order to be eligible to sing at a game, you must sing for Mr. Marsh or Ms. Gabbard at least one week prior to the game.

The sign-ups are posted on the board in the choir room.



Mastering Musicianship

VOICE

The Choral Department will be beginning an M2 program for private voice study in the Spring of 2008. The program offers students the opportunity to take individual voice lessons over a 10-week session each semester. The advantages to this program are cost and convenience. The rate for private lessons in Lexington is approx. \$15 per half-hour lesson or more. The M2 program at Lafayette is only \$100 for the 10-week session, and the majority of the private instruction takes place in the practice rooms of the Lafayette music department, under the direction of highly qualified music consultants. Enrollment spots are limited.

Register NOW online!

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From Ms. Gabbard

As November comes to a close, we can reflect several successful SCAPA voice events such as the latest installment of our master class series. On November 15th, Dr. Joyce Wolf (professor of voice at EKU) spoke with our studio about proper performance etiquette and stage presence. Several students helped to demonstrate the correct way to enter and exit the stage during a performance, as well as how to take a bow, acknowledge the accompanist, etc. Dr. Wolf also provided critique of performances by the following students: **Emma Jackson, Ryan Story, Micah Miller, Sydney Steele and Douglas Waterbury-Tieman**. Congratulations on a job well-done and thank you for being so responsive to Dr. Wolf's advice. We will not have another master class until February due to the end of semester events and various other activities happening in January.

On Friday evening November 16th, prior to the production *All the Way Home*, SCAPA hosted a coffee house/art lease which featured several vocal performers. **Emma Jackson and Andrew Miller** performed a duet. **Katherine Bennett, Wood VanMeter and Alaina Broderson** performed solos. Thank you to these students for volunteering their time to perform!

Finally, just before Thanksgiving break, we held our fall semester vocal juries. This is a time for students to perform pieces they have been preparing all semester for a grade. This year we also used the jury grade to determine participation in the winter recital. All students who earned a 92% or above on the jury will be singing for the recital. Congratulations to everyone for being so well-prepared. Your hard work in private lessons and in class is really paying off!

To wrap up the semester, on Friday, December 7th we will have our **Winter Recital** at the Episcopal Church of St. Michael the Archangel (located on Bellefonte). The recital will begin at 7:00pm. Please invite family members and friends. All students are required to attend whether or not they are performing! Performers are to be at the church at 6:00pm and should already be warmed-up when they arrive. We will only have time for sound checks between 6:00 and 7:00. Attire for the event is "church" dress. For men that means dress slacks, shirt and tie, dark shoes. For women this means dress or skirt of appropriate length, dress slacks and blouse or sweater, and dark shoes. Please, NO tennis shoes, jeans, sweatshirts, or t-shirts.



www.lafayettechoir.org/scapavoice.html

Important SCAPA dates

- **SCAPA Vocal Recital**
Friday, Dec 7, 7:00 –
St. Michael Episcopal Church
- **Solo and Ensemble Registration Due**
Friday, Jan 18
- **Solo and Ensemble Contest**
Saturday, Feb 23
Scott County High School

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the recital as I am sure you are looking forward to hearing these wonderful performers!

Laura Gabbard
SCAPA Vocal Instructor/ Director
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Practice Logs

Don't forget to submit your SCAPA Voice practice logs each week!
<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/charms>



Chorus Boosters

Raffle 2007

Drawing on Tuesday December 11, 7:30pm
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Student Credits and Incentives:

- **\$1 credit** for each ticket sold after 5.
(Students who opted out and choose to sell - receive \$1.50 credit on every ticket sold.)
- **\$75.00 prize** for the student who sold the winning ticket
- **2 - \$100.00 prize drawings**
1 entry for students who sell 15 tickets or above.
(+ 1 entry for every 5 tickets sold above 15).

FINAL TURN IN DATE DECEMBER 5

Make Checks payable to Lafayette Chorus Boosters
Winner is responsible for picking up the item and any applicable taxes.

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LAFAYETTE CHORUS BOOSTER ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

All vocal music families are invited and encouraged to join the Lafayette Chorus Booster Association whose work is to support the Lafayette Choral Department, its Directors, and the Vocal Music students. Membership entitles you to be a voting member of the organization and is only \$10.00 per year per family.

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Next Board Meeting:

Monday January 28
5:30 pm
Choir Room

Board meetings are usually held
the 4th Monday of each month.





Students in the Spotlight

ACDA Southern Division Honor Choir:

Congratulations to Gabby Barker, Alex Edwards, Bonnie Stuck and Will Whalen for being accepted to the American Choral Director's Southern Division Honor Choir. The convention and honor choirs will be held in Louisville in March of 2008.

Transylvania Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Talent Competition:

The talent contest was formed in 1946, for students grades 9-12, and is a way to identify gifted students and promote the arts. Gabby Barker came in first place and received \$200. She will travel to Mississippi during Spring break to represent this organization at their District competition. Winners here move on to the national competition in Alabama.

Women's Choir Festival

Looking ahead to next semester, we are very excited about a new choral event that will take place in February, 2008. The Lafayette Women's Chorus will host an invitational women's chorus festival at the Singletary Center on Friday, February 1st. This will involve our women's chorus along with ladies from other LHS choirs, the women's chorus from Western Hills High School and the women's choirs from Scott County High School. This large ensemble will rehearse a variety of choral literature with clinician Dr. Sue Ellen Ballard (Director of Choral Activities, EKU) all day on Friday and will then present a concert in the evening. Each choir will sing individually as well as combined. We are looking forward to the start of a new tradition in the advancement of our women's choir program here at Lafayette!



Solo and Ensemble

The Kentucky Music Educators Association sponsors district level Solo and Small Ensemble contests across the state. The Lafayette choral department urges all choir students to participate in district 7 (Lexington District) assessment each year. It is extremely valuable for students to participate in solo and ensemble contest. Signups will be due by January 18.

This is an excellent opportunity for those studying privately and those wanting another opportunity to sing. M2 Teachers and Mr. Marsh and Ms. Gabbard will coach students as they prepare for contest. <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/soloandensemble.html>



lafayette choir Invitational

On **Friday January 25, 2008**, the Lafayette Choral Department will be hosting a chorus event for **seventh** and **eighth** grade choir students. The event will consist of a workshop and performance with the Lafayette Choirs. Students will get the opportunity to work with the directors, get to know other choir students, learn more about what awaits them, and learn more about the audition process in the Spring.

Students need not prepare anything prior to coming to Chorus Night. We will teach them all they need for the performance that evening. Our Boosters will provide pizza dinner. If you know a current 7th or 8th grade student that may be attending Lafayette, encourage them to sign up to attend. Contact Mr. Marsh to sign up for the Choir Invitational.

ryan.marsh@fayette.kyschools.us, or 381-3492 (choir office)
<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/invitational.html>

Students in the Spotlight:

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