

February 2007

From the Director

Dear Students and Parents:

Greetings and welcome back to a new semester. We are back after taking January off from publishing the newsletter.

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We have had several exciting events already this semester including the 7 participants in the UofL Honor Choir, 17 participants in the UK Male Chorus Day, 27 7th and 8th grade guests at the Lafayette Choral Invitational. We had 25 All-State students singing in the three All-State Choirs at the Kentucky Music Educator's Conference in Louisville at the beginning of this month.

A special word of thanks to our Booster parents for helping with the Choral Invitational! They fed pizza dinner 200 students and helped the event run smoothly. We couldn't do it without their help!

The advanced choirs are hard at work in preparation for the Orlando competition and tour. If you are participating in this trip – please stay tuned for all trip related announcements. We are only 2 and a half weeks away from the trip and each announcement is more and more time-sensitive.

Be sure to pay your final trip balances by the Feb 20 deadline!

We have many exciting upcoming events this semester. Check out all of the events listed on page 2.

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Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **SCAPA Voice Masterclass – Wed Feb 21, 3:30-5:00 – Choir Room**

SCAPA Voice students will work with Dr. Hunter Hensley, Director of Choral activities and voice teacher at EKU. This class is mandatory for all SCAPA Vocal students. All other choir students are welcome and encouraged to attend. <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/scapavoice.html>

- **Combined Rehearsal for Orlando Tour – Thursday Feb 21 & March 1 – Choir Room.**

These rehearsals are required for all students participating in the Orlando competition.

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

- **Vocal Solo and Ensemble Contest – Saturday Feb 24 – Scott County High School.**

Contest Info and directions to Scott County on the choir website.

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

- **Mandatory Trip Meeting – Thursday March 1, 8:00 pm – Cafeteria.**

This meeting is mandatory for parents of students participating in the Orlando trip. Rules, expectations, and travel tips will be covered. <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/orlando.html>

- **Pre-Tour Concert – Sunday March 4 – 7:00 pm - Central Christian Church.**

Come hear the choirs as they perform for our home-town crowd prior to departure.

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

- **Spring Competition – Wed-Sun March 4-7 - Orlando, Florida.**

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

- **SCAPA Voice Masterclass – Wed Mar 15, 3:30-5:00 – Choir Room**

This class is mandatory for all SCAPA Vocal students. All other choir students are welcome and encouraged to attend. <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/scapavoice.html>

- **SCAPA Musical – Guys and Dolls – Mar 22-24 – Opera House**

<http://www.friends-scapa.org/>

- **KMEA District Choir Festival Assessment – Tues Mar 20, During School – UK Singletary Ctr.**

Men, Women, Singers, Chorale and Madrigals are all participating.

- **Massed Choir Rehearsal – May 1 and 16, 6:00-8:00 – Choir room.**

Mandatory rehearsal for Singers, Chorale and Madrigals. Rehearsal for Vivaldi Gloria

- **Choir Banquet/Awards – Friday May 4, 6:00 pm – LHS Cafe**

Men, Women, Singers, Chorale and Madrigals are all participating.

- **SCAPA Junior-Senior Vocal Recital – Sun May 6, Location and time TBA.**

- *Ice Cream Concert (All Choirs)* – Thurs May 10, 7:00 pm – Beeler Auditorium.

- **Underclassmen SCAPA Vocal Juries – Mon, Thurs May 14, 17, 3:30-? - Choir Room.**

- **Madrigal Concert – Fri May 18, Christ Church Cathedral - 7:30 pm.**

- **Spring Concert – Mon May 21, 7:30 – Singletary Center for the Arts.**

Singers, Madrigals and Chorale

- **LHS Baccalaureate – Sun May 20, Location and time TBA.**

- **LHS Commencement – Date TBA, Rupp Arena, time TBA.**

Check out our Online Calendar:

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

Download the Spring Schedule:

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



Fundraiser

Andy Frain - UK Women's Basketball

There are still some Andy Frain opportunities available. Please contact Jeff Story if you are interested.

- Arrive 2 hours before the game
- Stay for a little while after the game.
- Games at Memorial Coliseum
- Contact Jeff Story: 229-3042
- Must be 18 years old to work

Please report to the front doors on the east side. Parking is available in the parking garage next to Kennedy's book store on Limestone St.

Solo and Ensemble

Solo and Ensemble contest is **Sat Feb 24** at [Scott County High School](#). A schedule has been sent out to all participants. Directions can be found online www.lafayettechoir.org/soloandensemble.html

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School Shows

- * Thu, March 22, 10 am & 12 noon
- * Fri, March 23, 10 am & 12 noon

Public Shows

- * Thurs., March 22, at 7 pm
- * Fri., March 23, at 8 pm
- * Sat., March 24, at 2 pm & 8 pm

Tickets for performances at The Lexington Opera House are \$10/student and \$12/adult in advance or \$11/student and \$13/adult at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased by calling 233-3535, however there is a \$3-\$4 per ticket service charge for tickets ordered by phone. You can avoid this charge by purchasing your tickets directly at The Lexington Center Box Office, 430 W. Vine St., Lexington, KY.

For more information contact Carolyn Waterbury-Tieman at (859) 381-3332, ext. 1102 or

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Chorus Boosters

From the Presidents:

The Choral department is gearing up for the upcoming Music Fest Competition and Orlando trip. Lots of planning and preparations are in the works including final payments, finalized itinerary, important student permission forms, trip planning meetings, etc.

We will be sending out information as we have it finalized. Bus sign-up sheets will be posted soon in the choir room.

Mandatory Pre-Trip Meeting

All parents need to plan to attend the pre-trip planning meeting on Thursday March 1, at 8:00 pm.

We will cover the following during this meeting.

- Rules and expectataions
- What to bring/Pack/Wear
- How much money to bring
- Finalized Itinerary
- Chaperone Expectations
- Emergency Contact Info

****REMINDER that the final trip payment balance is due on Tuesday Feb 20. ALL PAYMENTS ARE DUE AT THIS TIME. Do not be late.**

There can be no cancellations at this point. If you cannot go on the trip for any reason, you still owe for the full trip amount.

Booster Links

Here are some Links to important Booster Information:

www.lafayettechoir.org/boosters.html

Credit Policies

www.lafayettechoir.org/credits.html

Fundraising Info

www.lafayettechoir.org/feesandfundraisers.html

Fee Info

www.lafayettechoir.org/fees.html

In-Lieu of/Opt-Out

www.lafayettechoir.org/optout.html

Sponsorship Campaign

www.lafayettechoir.org/sponsorship.html

CHARMS

www.lafayettechoir.org/charms

Don't forget our Sponsors!

Many thanks to our corporate sponsors for the 2006-2007 Season! You will see our Corporate Benefactors and Donors listed each month in the Choir Newsletter!

Please show your appreciation for their support by choosing them for your shopping/service needs.

Next Board Meeting:

Feb 26, 2007 6:00 pm
Choir Room

Board meetings are usually held the 3rd Monday of each month.



Orlando 2007

LHS CHOIR TOUR
MARCH 7-11, 2007

www.lafayettechoir.org/orlando.html



Students in Singers, Chorale, Madrigals and Swing Choir are eligible for this tour

****Important Student Forms****

The Following forms need to be completed by March 1. You can bring these completed forms to the mandatory parent meeting on March 1.

- **Student Medical Form**
- **Parent Permission Form**
- **Teacher Permission Form**

These forms are available in one packet online.

<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/OrlandoTripFormPacket.pdf>

Trip Coordinator:

Jeff Story

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Payment Schedule

Feb. 20 – Final Payment due

Total Trip Cost: \$570

Important Upcoming Orlando Trip Dates:

Thurs Feb 28 - 6:00-8:15 - Mandatory rehearsal for the Orlando trip.
Thurs March 1 - 6:00-8:15 - Mandatory rehearsal for the Orlando trip.
Thurs March 1 - 8:00 - Mandatory pre-trip meeting -
for all parents of students going on the trip
Sun March 4 - 7:00 pm Pre Tour concert - Central Christian Church

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Best wishes for a great year!

An advertisement for Music of Lexington Institute. It features a young boy playing a violin and another boy playing a piano. The text includes: "The Ultimate in Quality Individual & Group Music Instruction", "Enroll Today!", "MUSIC OF LEXINGTON INSTITUTE", "Early Childhood Music Ages newborn & up", "Instruction Provided by Established Artists/Teachers to students of all ages", "Piano, Rock & Classical Guitar, Strings, Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion & Voice.", "Partial funding has been provided by The Kentucky Arts Council, a state agency in the Commerce Cabinet, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts.", "273-9991", and "www.musicinstituteoflexington.org".



From Ms. Gabbard

SCAPA voice students have been hard at work preparing for two upcoming events in the month of February. On Wednesday, February 21st, Hunter Hensley, from Eastern Kentucky University, will be conducting a master class with all SCAPA vocal majors. This event, as in the past, is mandatory and will last from 3:30 until 5:00 in the choir room. We are very excited to have several students performing for this event and, of course, anyone is invited to attend.

Our second major event in the month of February is the KMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival. This takes place on Saturday, February 24th at Scott County High School. All SCAPA voice students are required to participate and should see Ms. Gabbard or Mr. Marsh for their scheduled performance times.

Rehearsals for the SCAPA musical *Guys & Dolls* are in full swing. The students are working extra hard to stay on track despite snow days! This is going to be a great production and I encourage everyone to see it. Show dates are, March 22-24 at the Opera House.

Students, don't forget to log practice hours on www.charmsmusic.com or turn in practice logs each week. Keep in mind your goals for this semester and continue to work hard!

Laura Gabbard
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www.lafayettechoir.org/scapavoice.html

Important SCAPA dates

- **SCAPA Performance class**
Wed Feb 21, 3:30-5:00
Dr. Hunter Hensley, EKU
- **Vocal Solo and Ensemble Contest**
Saturday February 24
Scott County High School
- **SCAPA Performance class**
Wed Mar 15, 3:30-5:00

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Office Hours: 1:20 - 3:20

Practice Logs

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

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



Choral Invitational

On Friday January 26, the Lafayette Choral Department hosted 27 middle school students at our Choir Invitational. The event was a great success in welcoming future singers into the program.

The event will consist of a workshop and performance with the Lafayette Choirs. The middle school students learned two pieces and performed them at the culminating concert with the combined chorus of nearly 200 students. Our current students were great role models in this event.

Thanks to all the booster parents and students who helped out with serving dinner!

[See photos on page 8.](#)

Women's and Men's Choirs

This year the Women's and Men's choirs will participate in the KMEA Large Ensemble District Festival. This is an adjudicated event during which the choirs will perform pieces for a panel of judges who will in turn give a rating on a scale of Novice to Distinguished. The choir will also be judged on sight reading ability. This involves reading a piece of music they have never seen before. The event takes place during the school day on Tuesday, March 20th at UK's Singletary Center for the Arts. [Look for more information to be sent home in the coming weeks](#) as we find out about performance times, attire, etc. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase the skills of this ensembles!

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Students in the Spotlight

Congratulations to the following Lafayette Chorus *Sound of Music*

Cast, Crew & Pit students. We have so many talent students in the choral department.

Antoinette Comer, Alli Duncan, Leah Watkins, Hannah Yates, Erin Brown, Bonnie Stuck, Sarah Tubbesing, Shannon Baker, Sydney Steele, J. Douglas Waterbury-Tieman, Jamison Kerr, Reilly Richardson, Elliott Mattox, Trey Alexander, Paige Weherley, Chris Stahl, Josh Babcock, Jimmy Betts, Ryan Story, Alex Thomas, Amanda Leonard, Katie Natella, Ellen Trammel, Rebecca Hertog, Lydia Kabalen, Sarah Isaacs, Pete Canon, Luke Hansen, Sarah Hutchinson, Christian Smith, Jaylah Hayes, and Joe Elswick.

Congratulations to the UofL Honor Choir participants:

The following students participated in the UofL Honor Choir. They performed the Mozart Requiem along with over 100 student from across Kentucky and Indiana. Trey Alexander, Lydia Kabalen, Miles Meehan, Anthony Miller, Katie Natella, James Pendergrast, and Maggie Wittman

Congratulations to UK Male Chorus Day participants:

Nathan Hagan, Alek Scott, Chandler Smith, Christian Smith, Stephen Warner, Taylor Begley, Jimmy Betts, Philip Corley, Tristan Pendley, Lucas Hansen, Will Huffer, Troy Carman, Pete Canon, Kevin DeVries, Mario Felice, Earl Hazell, and Charles Stephens.



LHS Choral Invitational 2007



Choral Invitational 2007 -7th and 8th graders



Choral Invitational – 8th graders



Choral Invitational Massed Chorus





UK Male Chorus Day 2007



All-State Mixed Chorus 2007

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