

Notes and News

lafayette choir

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From the Director

Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome back to a new semester. It took no time to get back into the swing of things. Many events are gearing up with signups and rehearsals.

This Month....

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Several important events including Women's Choir Festival, Choir Invitational, and All-State are coming up.

The all new Women's Choir Festival is an event sponsored by the Lafayette Choral Program. We have invited Scott County High School and Western Hills High School (Frankfort) to participate. There will be over 250 women involved in the festival. This is a very exciting event to provide opportunities and elevate the level of our Women's choir. See more info later in the newsletter.

Our next initiative this semester is recruiting. This includes our Choral Invitational on Jan 25. All choir students are expected to attend to help promote the choirs. This is a fun event to get to know new students and showcase our singers. We also want to encourage current Lafayette students to join the program. If you know of a student who is not currently singing – be sure to encourage them to make a place for chorus in their schedule next year. Be sure to tell Mr. Marsh or Ms. Gabbard their names so we can be sure to encourage them as well.

See you at our concerts.

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Spring Semester Schedule

Distr. 7 All-State Reh.(mandatory fr All-Staters)	Georgetown College	Saturday, Jan 12, 9-2:00
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,	Louisville, KY	Wed Feb 6 - Sat Feb 9
Madrigal Rehearsals for UofL Chamber Choir Competition	Choir Room	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 15, 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 23
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	Indianapolis, IN	Friday, April 25-26
LHS Singers, Chorale, Madrigals, Swing		
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

Download the Spring schedule online.
<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/schedule.html>



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

- **Choral Invitational - Friday January 25, 8:00 pm**
Beeler Auditorium (All Choirs)
Invitational Workshop begins at 4:00 pm.
- **UK Male Chorus Day Concert - Saturday, Dec 19, 4:00 pm**
Singletary Center (Participating Men)
- **Women's Choir Festival - Friday February 1, 7:30 pm**
Singletary Center (Women's Choir and SCAPA Vocal Major girls)
- **Chorale Presents: Chichester Psalms - Tuesday March 4, 7:30 pm**
First Presbyterian Church (Chorale, Singers and Madrigals)



UK Male Chorus Day

Saturday January 19, 2008

The University of Kentucky Choral Department (Dr. Jefferson Johnson, Director of Choral Activities) sponsors the Male Chorus Day each year as a way to get men involved in and excited about singing. The Acousticats, UK's a cappella Pop ensemble work with students throughout the day. You'll want your student to be a part of this great opportunity!

Cost: \$10.00

Sign up with Mr. Marsh by Friday Jan 11.

Sat Jan 19, 2008

9:00 am Registration

4:00 pm Free Concert

Candy Sales – Jan 4-18.



\$52.00/box sold due at the end of candy sales

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From Ms. Gabbard

Welcome Back! I hope that everyone had a relaxing, enjoyable break and that you are all ready to get back to work in preparation for a very busy semester. Our first event of the semester is the **Women's Choir Festival on Friday, February 1st**. This is a new event which will consist of an all day rehearsal at Singletary Center, followed by a performance in the evening. All SCAPA women are required to participate, along with all members of the women's choir as well as Swing choir ladies. We will also combine with Scott Co. High School and Western Hills High School for part of the performance. We will have 2 after school rehearsals prior to this event since we do not all meet together during the school day. These rehearsals will take place on **January 23rd and January 31st from 3:20 until 4:30**. Music/information packets are available from Ms. Gabbard.

Other upcoming events include a Master Class on Thursday, February 21st from 3:30-5:00. If you are interested in performing, please see Ms. Gabbard. Attendance is required for Master Classes. Another mandatory event is KMEA Solo & Ensemble Contest. This will take place at Scott County High School on Saturday, February 23rd. Please turn in your registration forms and fees ASAP! All voice majors must perform solos for this event. You may also participate in a small ensemble if you would like.

Just like last semester, 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. The first log is due by the end of the week of your first lesson with me.

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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

Practice Logs

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



Chorus Boosters

Help Needed:

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

LHS Choir Invitational (all choirs)

Adults needed to help serve pizza at Invitational. Contact Shari Jackson to help. sjackson@lafayettechoir.org

Women's Choir Festival (SCAPA Girls, Women's Choir)

Chaperones needed at Singletary for shifts during the day on Fri. Feb 1. Contact Ms. Gabbard if you can help.

Chamber Choir Competition (Madrigals)

Parent drivers needed to take students to UofL *Secret Garden* at Floyd Central High School on Friday Feb 15. Contact Mr. Marsh

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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

Katie Berger, senior SCAPA Vocal Music Major, sings and dances at the National Catholic Youth Conference. Selected by audition in May, Katie served as choir member, liturgical dancer and featured soloist at this biennial event held at Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio, November 8 – 10, 2007. After being selected, she attended a three-day intensive training program in Ohio in August where music and choreography were learned by a 42-member choir and dance troupe. She was chosen from this group for the honor of performing the Conference theme song, “Discover the Way,” at the general session programming with over 20,000 people in attendance. She was also selected to sing with noted Catholic song-writer and performer, John Angotti, the song, “We Will Be the Light.”

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

Signups Due Friday Jan 11

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 11.

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.

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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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