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From the Director

Dear Students and Parents:

We have had a fantastic Spring so far! Such outstanding performances from Solo and Ensemble, our Pre-tour concert, Orlando competition, and KMEA Festival Assessment have made this Spring memorable. Read about the details of our successful performance throughout the newsletter.

I would like to call your attention to some exciting upcoming events. First is the the upcoming masterclass with the University of Kentucky AcoUstiKats. UK's premier men's a cappella pop ensemble. They will be performing for and working with students on Wednesday March 28 at 3:30. Everyone is welcome!

The second upcoming event is the Annual Chorus Banquet. Please mark your calendars for Friday May 4 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 wont want to miss this. The banquet will be catered by Corky's BBQ. Stay tuned for more information in the coming days.

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

Ryan Marsh

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Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **SCAPA Masterclass – April 12, 3:30-5:00 – Choir room.**

Mandatory masterclass for SCAPA Voice majors. Dr. Sue Ballard will be our guest clinician.

- **Massed Choir Rehearsal – May 1, 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**

Students from all choirs will be honored at this event. Be sure to attend.

www.lafayettechoir.org/banquet.html

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

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

- **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.**

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

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

Singers, Madrigals and Chorale

(Date Change) • Madrigal Concert – Fri May 25, Location TBA - 7:30 pm. (Date Change)

- **LHS Commencement – Friday June 1, Rupp Arena, time TBA.**

- **Summer Vocal Camp – June 18-22, 2007, Choir Room 8:30-3:30**

www.lafayettechoir.org/vocalcamp.html - for online registration!

Check out our Online Calendar:

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

Download the Spring Schedule:

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

Spring Chorus Banquet

Mark your Calendars for this year's Chorus Banquet

The 2007 Lafayette Chorus Banquet and Honor Ceremony will be held on

Friday, May 4, 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!





June 18-22
Announcing dates for our annual summer 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 today. Tell your friends.

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Rewarding schools that use technology

Lafayette Choral Department recently applied for a Best Buy Teach Award. These awards recognize and reward schools that make learning fun by integrating interactive technology into the curriculum. This year, thousands of schools applied for only 1300 Best Buy Teach awards. I am proud to tell you that Lafayette has received

a \$2500 Best Buy Teach Award!

The award recognized our three-pronged approach to student technology use, including our existing 4 station computer lab, student tutorial software, and class web site – primarily used by the AP Music Theory program.

We will use the Teach Award to Purchase two new Apple Mac Mini computers to allow students to work with Apple's Garage Band Software – a music sequencing program to allow students to create their own music. These new tools will benefit all the choir students – not just theory students.

Next goal: Build a full 17-station music technology lab to integrate with our existing music keyboard lab.

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Chorus Boosters

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 Ryan.marsh@fayette.kyschools.us 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.

Some of the possible ways you can help include –but are not limited to the positions below (some may already be spoken for – but don't let that stop you!)

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 – Coordinate Andy Frain opportunities, Corkys Opportunities, etc. Secure volunteers, chaperones.

Sponsorship Campaign -

Implement sponsorship campaign – collect ads, layout program, coordinate with printer. Send thank-you letters.

Gala Chair - Plan food and decorations for Gala/Silent Auction. Work with Auction chair. Print programs, etc

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

Uniforms –arrange summer attire fittings for advanced singers, inventory, repairs, assigning, replacements, cleanings.

T-Shirts – Design, order t-shirts for the department, vocal camp and any major trips

Banquet Chair – Plan banquet, senior gifts, caterer, tickets, invitations.

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

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Sponsorship Campaign

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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:

April 16: 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



Orlando Competition A Success

The Orlando trip was a successful trip by all accounts. The students were outstanding representatives of the Lafayette music department and everyone had a great time performing, taking in all that Disney has to offer and enjoying the Florida weather!

The choirs competed in 3 categories, Men, open class; Women, open class; and Mixed Choir, Class AAAA.

The choirs brought home trophies for **First place** Men's Choir, **First Place** Women's Choir, and **First Place** Mixed Class AAAA and **Choral Grand Champion award**.

The choirs all received Distinguished ratings for their performance. They received a clinic with a nationally recognized clinician after each performance.

Earl Hazell also won outstanding vocal soloist for his solo in the Men's version of O Captain, My Captain! Go **Earl!**



Special Thanks!

Special Thanks to our Chaperones and Adult Travelers for helping to make this an outstanding trip!
Ray Alexander, Tracey Alexander, Liz Edwards, Hollice Lamb, Kim Lee, Nancy Leonard, Jeanine Lister, Martha Meehan, Laura Gabbard, Julia Gentry, Donna Miller, Jeff Story, Jerry Tieman, Carolyn Waterbury-Tieman, Dianne Toll, Kathleen Tubbesing, Laurie Wade

Check out our Orlando photos - www.lafayettechoir.org/gallery

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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

The SCAPA vocal majors have been very busy throughout the months of February and March. On February 21st, Dr. Hunter Hensley, from ECU, presented a Master Class after school. Performers for this event included **Alyssa Sutphen, Bonnie Stuck, and David Burton**. Dr. Hensley provided the group with some insight into breathing techniques and then proceeded to work with the individual singers mentioned above. It was a very informative, beneficial event as the students were preparing for KMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival which occurred on Saturday, February 24th. All vocal majors were required to participate and all received proficient and distinguished ratings. Congratulations!

During the month of March, several of our junior vocal majors have been preparing and auditioning for the Governor's School for the Arts, an academy that takes place each summer. Good luck to all who have worked very hard on this audition process! **Reilly Richardson, John Krebs, Katie Berger, Griffin Gentry, Emily McClanahan, Bonnie Stuck, Patrick Toll, Sarah Tubbesing, Douglas Waterbury-Tieman, and Trey Alexander** also spent countless hours rehearsing for SCAPA's production of *Guys & Dolls*, which took place March 22-24th at the Opera House. Thanks for all of your work and dedication to the show!

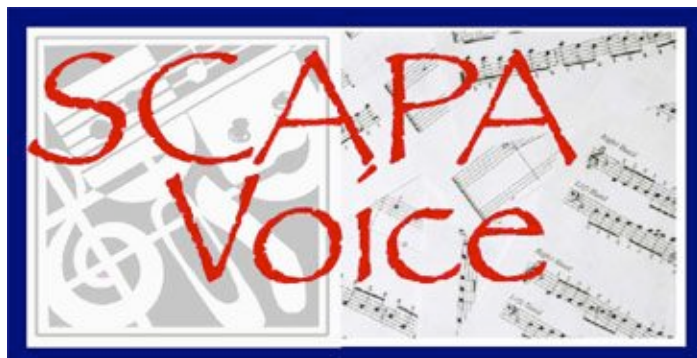
Our final March event is a performance by the **acoUstiKats** on March 28th. This is the University of Kentucky's a cappella men's ensemble. This is a MANDATORY event for all vocal majors and is taking the place of this month's Master Class. We would like to invite everyone to attend. The bigger the audience, the better!

For the month of April, we will have a Master Class on Thursday, April 12th. Sue Ellen Ballard from ECU and Berea will be our clinician for this event. For those who have not yet performed for a master class this year, this is your final opportunity! Please see Ms. Gabbard as soon as possible if you are interested. Attendance is **MANDATORY** from 3:30 until 5:00. Also in April, as mentioned in an earlier email, we have been invited to sing for the "Teachers Who Make a Difference" Celebration on Saturday, April 28th. This will take place at the UK Student Center. Voice students will provide approximately an hour of prelude music and will then open the celebration with an ensemble selection. Ms. Gabbard will be speaking to you soon about participation in this event. More details about arrival times and attire will be available soon.

Finally, the Junior & Senior Recital will take place on Sunday, May 6th. All juniors and seniors are required to participate. Underclassmen are required to attend. More details to follow.

Keep working hard for these final few weeks and don't forget to turn in practice logs or log hours on www.charmsmusic.com each week.

Laura Gabbard
SCAPA Vocal Instructor/ Director



www.lafayettechoir.org/scapavoice.html

Important SCAPA dates

- **SCAPA Performance class**
Thur Mar 12, 3:30-5:00
Dr. Sue Ballard, ECU
- **Junior/Senior Vocal Recital**
Sunday May 6
Location TBA
- **SCAPA Voice Juries**
May 14 - signups
May 17 - signups

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Practice Logs



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

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



KMEA Festival Assessment

This past week, the Lafayette Choirs participated in the Lexington District KMEA Festival Assessment. Lafayette had the most choirs participating in our district. As always, the choirs represented Lafayette and the Choral program very well. Their sight-reading was outstanding as was their performances. This is an important event – because it is the only event where we are assessed on our musicianship skills (literacy, etc) by adjudicators from our state.

- Women’s Choir – Distinguished Rating
- Beginning Men’s Choir – Proficient Rating (First time participate in KMEA contest)
- Lafayette Singers – Proficient Rating
- Lafayette Chorale – Distinguished Rating
- Lafayette Madrigals – Distinguished Rating

Special Thanks to **Gay Biggs, Donnia Krebs, Hollice Lamb, Gina Smith, Debbie Thomas, and Dianne Toll** for their help in chaperoning during this event. We could not move this many people back and forth without their help!

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Students in the Spotlight

Solo and Ensemble Contest participants:

Congratulations to the participating students in the KMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest on Feb 24 and Scott County High School. They gave great performances at this event.

Trey Alexander, Joshua Babcock, Gabrielle Barker, Katie Berger, Erin Brown, Shannon Brunk, David Burton, Troy Carman, Cathy Christian, Devan Connors, Kevin DeVries, Alex Edwards, Beth Ferland, Griffin Gentry, Jami Hart, Earl Hazell, John Krebs, Elliott Mattox, Emily McClanahan, Anthony Miller, Micah Miller, Alyca Morrison, Johannil Napoleon, Ellie Osborne, Hannah Reid, Reilly Richardson, Christina Roach, Karrie Smith, Celia Sogin, Sydney Steele, Bonnie Stuck, Alyssa Sutphen, Patrick Toll, Sarah Tubbesing, Douglas Waterbury-Tieman, Randi Wilson.

Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of SCAPA's *Guys and Dolls*:

Congratulations to the cast and crew of SCAPA's production of *Guys and Dolls*. The following Lafayette Choir students participated in *Guys and Dolls*.

Trey Alexander, Josh Babcock, Katie Berger, Jimmy Betts, Erin Brown, Pete Canon, Cathy Christian, Raven Darkomensah, Joe Elswick, Kara Ferguson, Luke Hansen, Hannah Johnson, John Krebs, Emily Lee, Siobhan Lister, Emily McClanahan, Miles Meehan, Evan Miller, Reilly Richardson, David Rivera, Katie Sink, Theresa Smyser, Celia Sogin, Lindsey Spencer, Bonnie Stuck, Chris Stahl, Tyler Stahl, Ryan Story, Patrick Toll, Ellen Trammel, Sarah Tubbesing, Douglas Waterbury-Tieman, Maggie Wittman

Congratulations also to **Ms. Gabbard**, as the production's vocal director.



Women's Rehearsal – Orlando



Men's Performance – Pre Tour Concert



Lafayette Tour Choir Warmup



Lafayette Full Chorus Performance





Awards Ceremony – Orlando Musicfest

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