

Notes and News

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From the Director

Why Learn Music?

Music is a science...

It is exact, specific; and it demands exact acoustics. A conductor's full score is a chart, a graph which indicates frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody, and harmony all at once with the most exact control of time.

This Month....

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Music is mathematical...

It is rhythmically based on the subdivisions of time into fractions, which must be done instantaneously, not worked out on paper.

Music is a foreign language...

Most of the terms are in Italian, German, or French; and the notation is certainly not English - but a highly developed kind of shorthand that uses symbols to represent ideas. The semantics of music is the most complete and universal language.

Music is history...

Music usually reflects the environment and times of its creation, often even the national and or cultural feeling.

Music is physical education...

It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lip, cheek, and facial muscles, in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragmatic, back, stomach, and chest muscles, which respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets.

Music is all these things, but most of all,

Music is art...

It allows a human being to take all these dry, technically boring (but difficult) techniques and use them to create emotion. That is one thing science cannot duplicate: humanism, feeling, emotion.

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Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **Raffle Fundraiser - November**
- **UK Men's Chorus Fall Extravaganza – Nov 9, 7:30 – Memorial Hall**
- **SCAPA Voice Masterclass - Thurs, Nov 15, 3:30-5:00**
(Required for SCAPA Voice majors – open to all choir students.) <http://scapavoice.lafayettechoir.org/>
- **SCAPA Voice Juries: - Mon-Tue November 19-20, Sign up for Times - Choir Room**
- **Booster Board Meeting - Monday November 26, 2007 5:30 pm - Choir Room**
- **Winter Concert: - Tuesday December 4, 7:30 pm – Beeler Auditorium (Men, Women, Swing)**
- **SCAPA Voice Major Recital - Fri, Dec 7, 7:00 pm**
(Required for SCAPA Voice majors) <http://scapavoice.lafayettechoir.org/>
- **Winter Concert: - Tuesday December 11, 7:30 pm – Singletary Center (Advanced Choirs)**

Important Spring Semester Dates:

- * **District 7 All-State Rehearsal** (Mandatory for All-Staters) – Saturday Jan 12
- * **Lafayette Choral Invitational** – Friday, January 25
- * **Women's Choir Festival** – (For LHS Women's Choir) – Friday Feb 1.
- * **KMEA All-State** –Louisville, Feb 6-9
- * **UofL Chamber Choir Competition** – Friday Feb 15.
- * **KMEA Festival Assessment** – Scott County High School – Saturday March 15.

Check out our Online Calendar:
Download the Fall Schedule:

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



MEN'S CHORUS

Dr. Jefferson Johnson, Conductor



University of Kentucky

Men's Chorus Fall Extravaganza



Featuring the UK Men's Chorus,
Three Men and a Tenor,
acoUstiKats, and GrassKats

November 9, 2007
7:30 p.m.

Memorial Hall

Tickets:
VIP seats \$35;
Adult/Seniors \$20;
Students/Children \$7

UK Student Center (859) 257-8427
or any Ticketmaster location

Governor's School for the Arts Artshops

The Kentucky Center Governor's School for the Arts provides hands-on arts opportunities for the state's talented high school students who are dancers, actors, musicians, creative writers, future architects or visual artists. GSA's primary components include a three-week summer residency program utilizing distinguished professional and teaching artists, students are immersed in a rigorous curriculum and supportive learning environment that allows them to explore the discipline and freedom of the creative process.

The purpose of these FREE Artshops is to provide high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors with the opportunity to spend a day in a facility close to their hometown in a hands-on arts enrichment opportunity to participate in a masterclass in their artform led by a GSA faculty member or guest artist. Students also learn about the GSA summer program, audition and application procedures, as well as other arts opportunities in their area.

The Kentucky Center Governor's School for the Arts is holding free, one-day ArtShops throughout Kentucky this fall, and it's the perfect chance to experience what GSA is all about. Students choose an art form to specialize in from GSA's core offerings of architecture, creative writing, dance, drama, instrumental music, musical theatre, new media, visual art and vocal music.

Artshops Brochure: <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/GSAArtshops.pdf>

Artshop Registration: <http://www.kentuckygsa.org/students/about-artshops.asp>

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From Ms. Gabbard

The month of October was full of events for SCAPA vocal majors. All upper-classmen were required to audition for KMEA Senior High All-State Choir. Based on their scores, several students were selected to represent Lafayette at auditions at the district level. Congratulations to the following SCAPA students for their efforts in these auditions:

Ryan Story, Emily McClanahan, Micah Miller, Katie Berger, Bonnie Stuck, Alyssa Sutphen, Reilly Richardson, Alex Edwards, Patrick Toll, Sydney Steele, Griffin Gentry, Sarah Tubbesing, John Krebs, Douglas Waterbury-Tieman, and Hannah Yates.

Gabby Barker and Jami Hart participated in the NATS vocal competition at the end of October. Both of these young ladies received excellent comments from the judges for this event!

As we look to the future...there is an opportunity for performance on Friday, November 16th at SCAPA Bluegrass. The performance will be for an art showcase/coffee house prior to the opening of the SCAPA production "All the Way Home" (also featuring many of our vocal majors). If you are interested in performing, please inform Ms. Gabbard by Friday, November 9th.

Vocal juries will take place on November 19th and 20th. This is only 2 weeks from now! Please keep this in mind as you go to your private lessons and as you are practicing each day. Each student must sing 2 pieces and at least one must be classical in nature. Both pieces must be memorized. Remember, your performance at the jury will determine whether or not you will participate in the winter recital. Sign-up sheets for this event will go up soon.

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! Call times, attire, etc. will be announced closer to the event.

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Important SCAPA dates

- **SCAPA Master Class**
Thurs, Nov 15, 3:30-5:00 - Choir Rm
Dr. Joyce Wolf will present.
- **SCAPA Bluegrass Arts Showcase**
Friday, Nov 16, – SCAPA Bluegrass
- **SCAPA Vocal Juries**
Mon/Tue, Nov 19-20, 3:30 -Choir Rm
- **SCAPA Vocal Recital**
Friday, Dec 7, 7:00 –
St. Michael Episcopal Church



Practice Logs

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

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



Chorus Boosters

Volunteers:

Special thanks to all our volunteer for this past month. **Dianne Toll, Kathleen Tubbesing** and **Rhonda Story** all helped with All-State Auditions. Debbie Thomas also helps in the Choir library

Thanks to **Shari Jackson** for all her work on the Cookie Dough and Candle Fundraiser. Also thanks to our parents who helped organize and distribute cookie dough. **Yvonne Carman, Jennifer Todd, Dorothy VanMeter.**

We could not operate without our many many adult volunteers who help throughout the year. Many hands make light work.

Upcoming Fundraisers

Fall Raffle

November 1-15 <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/feesandfundraisers.html>

Candy Sales

January 5-15 <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/feesandfundraisers.html>

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.

Special Tax Request



The Chorus Booster Association, Inc. is in need of assistance from someone who has experience with non-profit organization tax preparation. If you or someone you have a connection to fits this description, please contact Mr. Marsh or Rhonda & Jeff Story. 4storys@insightbb.com.

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Next Board Meeting:

Monday Nov 26
5:30 pm
Choir Room

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





Students in the Spotlight

Freshmen All-State:

This past weekend the following freshmen participated in KYACDA All-State Honor Choir. **Katherine Bennett, Alaina Broderson, Candace Bruner, Emma Jackson, Alex Koszewski, Kailey Marshall, Andrew Miller, Fiona Mowbray, Elizabeth Preston, Cameron Sallee, Taylor Slone, Ellie Todd.**

Katherine Bennett was a featured soloist with the SATB Mixed chorus. Congratulations, Katherine!

Outstanding All-State Auditions:

Some info about the auditions: Lexington District has 2 sub districts including schools from Fayette, Scott, Harrison, Clark, Franklin, Bourbon, Woodford, and Jessamine counties. District 7 is tied w/ Jefferson County as the largest district in the state. (226 students auditioned in total). LHS had 27 auditionees.

- We had the top 7 scores in our sub-district 7B (all voice parts combined)
- We had 7 of the top 10 scores in the entire district 7 A&B combined.
- Lafayette had the top 4 Alto quartet scores in 7B.
- Lafayette had the top 6 Alto total scores (quartet and s/r combined) in 7B
- Bonnie Stuck (senior) had the highest Alto quartet score in 7B.
- Elliott Mattox (sophomore) had the highest Tenor total score in 7B.
- Katie Sink (senior) had the highest Alto total score in 7B.
- Ryan Story (junior) had the highest Bass total score in 7B.
- Sarah Tubbesing (senior) had the highest Soprano total score in 7B.

And this is my Favorite!!!! ----

- Lafayette had 9 perfect scores of 10 on sight-singing.
- 5 – 9.9's on sight-singing. - And 5 more 9.?
- There were only 17 perfect Sight-singing scores in all of District 7 (we got 9 of them).

• **Hannah Johnson, Elliott Mattox, Katie Sink, and Sarah Tubbesing** got perfect 100's (quartet and sight singing combined.)

• **Hannah Johnson, Elliott Mattox, Micah Miller, Sonya Rich, Katie Sink, Patrick Toll, Sarah Tubbesing, Erin Wade, and Douglas Waterbury-Tieman** all achieved PERFECT sight-singing scores!

Congratulations to the following students who represented Lafayette at the District 7 All-State Auditions: **Josh Babcock, Katie Berger, Jimmy Betts, Erin Brown, Alex Edwards, Griffin Gentry, Hannah Johnson, John Krebs, Elliott Mattox, Emily McClannahan, Micah Miller, Sonya Rich, Reilly Richardson, Stephen Rodriguez, Katie Sink, Theresa Smyser, Tyler Stahl, Sydney Steele, Ryan Story, Bonnie Stuck, Alyssa Sutphen, Patrick Toll, Sarah Tubbesing, Erin Wade, Douglas Waterbury-Tieman, Leah Watkins, Hannah Yates.**



Schmidt Vocal Competition:

Congratulations to SCAPA Vocal Majors who participated in the Schmidt Vocal Competition sponsored by the University of Kentucky. The Schmidt Youth Vocal Competition was started in 1992 in Indianapolis, Indiana, and then moved to Evansville, Indiana. Recently the Foundation has added an additional site which will be the future home of the William E. Schmidt Youth Vocal Competition. This new site is located in Lexington, Kentucky, at the University of Kentucky. All future competitions around the country will be coordinated from this site.

Each of the four students received recognition for their performances in the competition. In total, Nearly 30 students participated from 3 states. (17 Seniors, 8 Juniors and 4 Sophomores).

Patrick Toll and **Sarah Tubbesing** were finalists.

Gabrielle Barker was one point away from making finals and was one of four chosen to participate in a master class. She was also chosen as Most Promising Sophomore and received \$100.

Sarah Tubbesing (senior) placed 3rd, receiving \$1000.

Alex Edwards received the award for audience favorite.



Students in the Spotlight:

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