

Notes and News

lafayette choir

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October 2007

From the Director

Dear Students and Parents:

The past few weeks have seen an extremely successful Gala and Silent Auction and Bluegrass Choral Festival. We have 47 students signed up for M2 lessons which are well under way.

This Month....

2. Important Dates
3. Fundraising
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Many thanks to our wonderful parents who worked so hard to make the Gala a success. Special thanks to Kathleen Tubbesing, Kathy Sink and Dianne Toll for chairing the event and auction. Thanks to Penny Christian and Linda Boyle for chairing the food committee. And lastly, thanks to Jim Richardson for providing the sound system. There are many others who made this event go so smoothly. We could not have done it without you.

Thanks to all those who contributed to making our sponsorship campaign a huge success. We met our goals again this year.

I am also excited to announce that the choral department will again be welcoming a student teacher this semester. Mark Benz will be beginning his work this month. Mr. Benz is a very talented musician finishing his degree from the University of Kentucky. I know the students will enjoy working with him. Please welcome him for this semester!

Ryan Marsh
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Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **SCAPA Voice Masterclass - Mon, Oct 15, 3:30-5:00**
(Required for SCAPA Voice majors – open to all choir students.) <http://scapavoice.lafayettechoir.org/>
- **Fall Informance - Tuesday October 16, 2007 7:00 pm - Beeler Auditorium** (Men, Women's Choir)
- **Schmidt Vocal Competition - Saturday October 20, 2007 8:00 - 5:30 pm - UK Center Theatre.**
(Voice students participating with their voice teacher)
- **Booster Board Meeting - Monday October 22, 2007 5:30 pm - Choir Room**
- **National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Vocal Competition**
Friday/Saturday October 26-28, 2007 (Voice students participating with their voice teacher) NKU
- **All-State Auditions - October 29, 2007 – Tates Creek High School**
Lafayette Choir students in grades 10-12 are eligible to audition for the KMEA All-State choirs. Students must pass the LHS in-house audition in order to participate.
<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/allstateauditions.html>
- **Raffle Fundraiser - November**
- **Freshmen All-State – Friday and Sat November 2 and 3**
Interested students already submitted audition tapes. Acceptance notification will be made later this month. <http://www.lafayettechoir.org/freshmenallstate.html>
- **SCAPA Voice Masterclass - Thurs, Nov 15, 3:30-5:00**
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- **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)

Check out our Online Calendar:

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

Download the Fall Schedule:

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



Fundraisers

All Orders Due –
October 12!



Delivery Date: TBA

Cookie Dough Details may be found on the web.
<http://www.lafayettechoir.org/cookie dough.html>

Goal: 10 tubs per chorus member

Minimum: 3 tubs per chorus member

Credits: \$2.50 per tub after the 3 tub min.

Make Checks Payable to LHS Chorus Boosters

Incentives: Candy Draws

FUNDRAISING OPT-OUT CONTRIBUTIONS

The booster board is again offering an “In-lieu-of” fundraising possibility for those who may be overburdened with several organizations to fund raise for or for those who would simply prefer not to sell items.

If this sounds like the right choice for you, Lafayette Chorus Boosters are suggesting a yearly In-lieu-of contribution of \$75. This in-lieu-of takes the place of your student participating in three major fund-raising initiatives for the choir. These three sales include: **Cookie Dough**, **Raffle**, and **Candy Sales**. Those taking part in the In-Lieu-Of program will not qualify for fundraising credits. In-lieu-of Donations to the Lafayette Booster organization are Tax-Deductible.

It's not too late to make your contribution if you do not plan to participate in the fundraisers.

Sponsorship Campaign

Our second annual sponsorship campaign recently wrapped up with tremendous success! Many many thanks to our generous sponsors and patrons for this year.

Special Thanks to Claude Christian for doing the page layout for the program!

When you see our concert program, you will see first hand how supportive our community is. Thanks to all the parents and students who helped sell ads. Thanks especially to Harp Enterprises, one of our corporate benefactors who donated printing services so that we could be more profitable in this campaign.

Upcoming Fundraisers

Cookie Dough Sales

October 2-13

Earn Credits for Fees and M2 and bank toward travel.

Fall Raffle

November 1-15

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

Candy Sales

January 5-15

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



Private Lesson Opportunity



The Central Music Academy exists to provide music performance education for the children of Lexington. Chartered in 2004, the Academy partners with the community and other arts organizations to reach every child regardless of experience or financial need, enabling them to develop artistically, intellectually, and socially through musical study.

All are encouraged to apply, and tuition is free for those in financial need: if you qualify for free or reduced lunches at school, you qualify for free lessons at CMA. The music lessons are available in all areas of musical performance including voice, winds, strings, and percussion. Certain instruments will be available on loan from Central Music Academy and practice facilities are available at Central Music Academy's headquarters in Central Christian Church on East Short Street.

You can also contact Mr. Marsh for an application.

<http://web.mac.com/centralmusic>

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From Ms. Gabbard

The past month has been busy for SCAPA vocal majors. All were required to participate in the Bluegrass Choral Music Festival at UK in September. SCAPA was well-represented as 6 vocal majors were selected as soloists for the festival concert. Congratulations to Bonnie Stuck, Katie Berger, Wood VanMeter, Katherine Bennett, Ellie Todd and Alaina Broderson!

Several SCAPA and Lafayette students were selected to participate in the KCDA Jr. High All-State Choir in November. They are: **Emma Jackson, Katherine Bennett, Ellie Todd, Alaina Broderson, Candace Bruner, Taylor Slone, Alex Koszewski, Andrew Miller, Cameron Sallee, Fiona Mowbray, Kailey Marshall, Kristina Beard, and Elizabeth Preston.** Congratulations to all of these 9th graders!

At our first Master Class of the year, Edie Tidwell, professor of voice at UofL provided feedback to the following performers: **Patrick Toll, Andrew Miller, Jami Hart and Katherine Bennett.** All of the students received some very valuable input during the class. On Saturday, October 6th, 31 SCAPA vocal majors performed solos or duets at the Choir Gala. Congratulations to all for a fantastic evening!

In preparing for the month ahead, our next master class will be Monday, October 15th from 3:30 until 5:00. This event is mandatory. We will not have a clinician this month but will use this time as a performance class for our students to sing for one another. Several students will participate in competitions during the month of October and this performance class will give them an extra opportunity for practice prior to their competitions. On Saturday, October 21st, **Kevin DeVries, Sarah Tubbesing, Patrick Toll, Alex Edwards and Gabby Barker** will participate in the Schmidt Vocal Competition hosted by the University of Kentucky. The following weekend, several students will also compete in the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) competition at UK. Good luck to all who will participate.

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Important SCAPA dates

- **SCAPA Master Class**
Mon, Oct 15, 3:30-5:00 - Choir Rm
- **KMEA District All-State Auditions**
Monday, Oct 29, - Tates Creek High
- **Freshmen All-State**
Fri/Sat, Nov 2-3, Heritage Hall
- **SCAPA Master Class**
Thurs, Nov 15, 3:30-5:00 - Choir Rm
- **SCAPA Vocal Juries**
Mon/Tue, Nov 19-20, 3:30 -Choir Rm
- **SCAPA Vocal Recital**
Friday, Dec 7, 7:00 - Location TBA



Practice Logs

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



Chorus Boosters

Chorus Gala and Silent Auction

THANKS FOR
EVERYTHING!

Thank you to all of you who helped in making the gala a success. We appreciated all of the volunteers who contributed their time and talents in support of the Lafayette Chorus.

We would also like to extend a big thanks to our students whose beautiful voices entertained us all evening, as well as to our directors, Ryan Marsh and Laura Gabbard, for their hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Tubbesing, Kathy Sink, and Dianne Toll
Co-chairs, Gala & Silent Auction

A big thank you to all of the chorus families that helped with food and publicity for the gala. We had a great turnout, as well as a wonderful time. We couldn't have done it without you. We appreciate all of your hard work!

Sincerely,

Penny Christian and Linda Boyle, Food Committee

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. 4storyrs@insightbb.com.

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Next Board Meeting:

Monday Oct. 22
5:30 pm
Choir Room

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





Students in the Spotlight

Freshmen All-State:

Congratulations to these freshmen for being selected for the Kentucky Choral Director's All-State Honor Choir.

Kristina Beard, Katherine Bennett, Alaina Broderson, Candace Bruner, Emma Jackson, Alex Koszewski, Kailey Marshall, Andrew Miller, Fiona Mowbray, Elizabeth Preston, Cameron Sallee, Taylor Slone, Ellie Todd

UK Bluegrass Choral Music Festival

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the UK Bluegrass Choral Music Festival on Sept 20 and 21

Gabbie Barker, Taylor Begley, Katherine Bennett, Katie Berger, Jimmy Betts, Alaina Broderson, Erin Brown, Madeline Carey, Troy Carman, Catherine Christian, Colette Comer, Raven Darkomensah, Kevin DeVries, Alex Edwards, Griffin Gentry, Jami Hart, Sara Isaacs, Alex Koszewski, John Krebs, Kailey Marshall, Emily McClanahan, Emily McGillivray, Andrew Miller, Micah Miller, Fiona Mowbray, Kirsten Olson, Ellie Osborne, Martha Parker, Anna Peterson, Reilly Richardson, Christina Roach, Theresa Smyser, Sydney Steele, Ryan Story, Bonnie Stuck, Blake Sugarman, Alyssa Sutphen, Alex Thomas, Ellie Todd, Patrick Toll, Sarah Tubbesing, Wood VanMeter, Jin Wang, Douglas Waterbury-Tieman, Leah Watkins, Brian Weinberger, William Whalen, Rebecca Wise, Emily Woods, Hannah Yates

Also during the event Lafayette students were chosen for 6 of the 8 soloists!

These soloists were: **Katie Berger, Bonnie Stuck, Wood VanMeter, Katherine Bennett, Alaina Broderson, and Ellie Todd**

GALA: Special thanks to **Katie Berger** and **Douglas Waterbury-Tieman** for sharing their excellent emcee talents at the Gala.

All-State Auditionees:

Congratulations to all who auditioned for the Lafayette In-House Auditions. Due to KMEA rules, we are only allowed to audition 15% of our total choral enrollment. We had 67 auditionees and narrowed the field down to 27. It is always a competitive event and our 5 guest judges did an outstanding job of picking our All-State representatives.

The judges were very impressed with the musicianship and vocal ability of all of our students. The quartets were all strong and really well prepared. The sight-reading scores were quite good. All who auditioned should be very proud! You did an outstanding job! It is great experience. I just wish we could take more students to audition.

Congratulations to the following students selected to represent 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, Evan Miller, Micah Miller, Sonya Rich, 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.**

Alternates: **Reilly Richardson, Taylor Begley, Kevin DeVries.**





Swing Choir Performs at the Gala



Chorale Performs at the Gala

Fall Informance

Tuesday October 16, 2007 7:00 pm

Lafayette Beeler Auditorium

Join us for our Fall Concert featuring **Men's & Women's Choirs**

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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