

LAFAYETTE CHORAL DEPARTMENT

Notes and News

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Spring 2004

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By **Ryan Marsh** rbmarsh@fayette.k12.ky.us

As I sit to write this letter, we are set to come back from Spring Break no doubt ready to hit the ground running a mad dash to the end. I want to draw your attention to some upcoming events and reflect on some recent successes. We have had an extremely successful Spring semester thus far. We had tremendous participation in the KMEA All-State Choruses with 26 students participating (and from what they tell me - the largest number sent from any school in the state). We had two singers represent Lafayette in the Southern Division American Choral Directors Association Honor Choir in Nashville. The Madrigals won First place at the University of Louisville Margaret Comstock Chamber Choir festival. We had 3 choirs (Men, Singers and Madrigals) participate and all received Distinguished ratings at the KMEA District Festival Assessment.

All of these successes have not come without hard work and dedication by our talented students. These successes and the practice of striving for excellence have positioned us to have an extremely strong end of the year concert group. We have four great concerts planned to end out this year. We start the concert group off on May 3, 7:00 pm with the Swing Choir Cabaret and Dessert Concert. This concert will be held at First Church of God, 505 Kingston Road, off North Broadway and will feature many talented soloists and the larger ensemble.

Next in the lineup is the Madrigal Concert on Thursday May 6 at Christ Church Cathedral – 166 Market St. The (award winning ☺) Madrigal Singers have been preparing a terrific program of music from around the world. Be sure not to miss this one.

The next concert is our annual Ice Cream concert to be held on Thursday May 13 at 6:00 pm beginning in Beeler Auditorium. Hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream will be served following the concert. All choirs will perform a variety of music. We will also take a few moments to honor our seniors at the end of the evening.

Our final concert of the Spring season is the Lafayette Singers Concert to be held on Tuesday May 18, 7:30 pm at the Singletary Center for the Arts on the UK campus.

We have expanded our performance lineup slightly this semester to give our groups more opportunities to share their art. Mark these dates on your calendar and come support these tremendously talented and hard working students. Come witness a year of hard work and music making!

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Choral Department Ice Cream Concert:

The Lafayette High School Choral Department will present its annual Ice Cream Concert/Social on Thursday, May 13, at 6 p.m. The concert will be in Lafayette's Beeler Auditorium. The evening will include music by the various choral groups at Lafayette, followed by the ice cream social in the school cafeteria (includes grilled hamburgers/hotdogs, chips, cookies/brownies, drink, and ice cream sundae). Students will be recognized for outstanding contributions for the year during the social. Cost of our "all you can eat" meal is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students over 12, and \$2.50 for children under 12. Call (859) 224-1204.

Meijer Cards

Sign up for your FREE Meijer guest card. You can sign up online or by US mail. Go to a Meijer service desk for an application or to: <http://www.meijer.com/mymeijer/SignUp1.asp?pgm=mcr&url=/rewards/mcrsignup2.asp>

Our organization's # is 973665 - You must indicate this # online or on the form when signing up.

Meijer's Corp. then keeps track of the total money spent by our group's members and their company then "rewards" our organization with a form of rebate check, based on the percentage of \$\$ we've spent at their stores as a group. **THIS IS MONEY GIVEN BACK TO OUR GROUP FOR OUR KIDS** for dollars we are going to spend for merchandise

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Congratulations All-Staters!

Soprano:

Laura Beam
Rachael Bower
Fachel Farrar
Alysha Graves
Stafford Hartman
Erin Keesy
Leslie Williams

Alto:

Ashley Dickinson
Sam Kaelin
Laura Seithers
Alyssa Story

Tenor:

David Crooks
Philip Dunn
Josh Hamilton
Will Daniel Mudd-Simmons
Allen Pendergrast
Andre Ribera
Patrick Shaw

Bass:

Hunter Bryant
Brandon Fox
Scott Horn
Tanner Jones
Jan Koszewski
Seth Kravetz
Charles Krebs
Bobby McNeil
James Pennington

Pictures of All-State Chorus can be found at the following link:
<http://kmea.org/CONFERENCE/KCAPhotos/index.htm>


From Mrs. Graham:

Swing Choir

Dessert and Cabaret Concert

Monday May 3,
7:00

First Church of God,
505 Kingston Road, off
North Broadway.

 Congrats to Rachel Bower and Stafford Hartman for representing Lafayette in the Southern Division American Choral Director's Honor choir in Nashville. Stafford also had a solo.

SUMMER VOCAL CAMP

By **RYAN MARSH**

It is that time of year again! Time to mark summer vocal camp on your calendars! July 12-16 is Vocal Camp. (Don't worry it doesn't conflict with Band.) You don't want to miss this excellent opportunity for fun, friendship, and music-

making. This summer we will be focusing on next year's All-State audition piece as well as rep. for the upcoming year and some other fun music. We will again be offering voice classes and individual lessons for those who are interested. Mrs. Graham will lead the middle school

chorus and Mr. Marsh will lead the high school chorus. Camp is \$40 for the week. More info is available at the chorus web site and in the insert of this newsletter. Encourage any singer attending or soon to attend LHS choral department to participate.



Arts Advocacy!

The FACTS: Highlights of Arts Education Research

The following article is taken from: http://www.artsusa.org/public_awareness/facts/

DID YOU KNOW?

Young people who participate in the arts for at least three hours on three days each week through at least one full year are:

- 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement
- 3 times more likely to be elected to class office within their schools
- 4 times more likely to participate in a math and science fair
- 3 times more likely to win an award for school attendance
- 4 times more likely to win an award for writing an essay or poem

Young artists, as compared with their peers, are likely to:

- Attend music, art, and dance classes nearly three times as frequently
- Participate in youth groups

nearly four times as frequently

- Read for pleasure nearly twice as often
- Perform community service more than four times as often. ¹

The facts are that arts education...

- makes a tremendous impact on the developmental growth of every child and has proven to help level the "learning field" across socio-economic boundaries. ²
- has a measurable impact on youth at risk in deterring delinquent behavior and truancy problems while also increasing overall academic performance among those youth engaged in after school and summer arts

programs targeted toward delinquency prevention. ³

Businesses understand that arts education...

- builds a school climate of high expectation, discipline, and academic rigor that attracts businesses relocating to your community.
- strengthens student problem-solving and critical thinking skills, adding to overall academic achievement and school success.
- helps students develop a sense of craftsmanship, quality task performance, and goal-setting — skills needed to succeed in the classroom and beyond.
- can help troubled youth, providing an alternative to destructive behavior and

another way for students to approach learning.

- provides another opportunity for parental, community, and business involvement with schools, including arts and humanities organizations.
- helps all students develop more appreciation and understanding of the world around them.
- helps students develop a positive work ethic and pride in a job well done. ⁴

**For more Arts
Advocacy Info
Check Out:**

www.music-for-all.org

www.supportmusic.com

¹(Living the Arts through Language + Learning: A Report on Community-based Youth Organizations, Shirley Brice Heath, Stanford Univ. and Carnegie Foundation For the Advancement of Teaching, Americans for the Arts Monograph, November 1998)

²(*Involvement in the Arts and Success in Secondary School*, James S. Catterall, The UCLA Imagination Project, Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, UCLA, Americans for the Arts Monograph, January 1998)

³(YouthARTS Development Project, 1996, U.S. Department of Justice, National Endowment for the Arts, and Americans for the Arts)

⁴(Business Circle for Arts Education in Oklahoma, "Arts at the Core of Learning 1999 Initiative")

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Important Dates

Department Auditions April 5-23

Swing Choir Cabaret and Dessert Concert

May 3, 7:00 pm First Church of God,
505 Kingston Road, off North Broadway.

Madrigal Concert May 6, 7:30 pm
Christ Church Cathedral, 166 Market St.

SCAPA Vocal Sr. Recital Sun May 9 2:30 pm.
St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr.

Ice-Cream Concert May 13, 6:00 pm
Beeler Auditorium and LHS Cafeteria

Singers Spring Concert May 18, 7:30 pm
Singletary Center for the Arts

SCAPA Brown Bag Lunch Recitals
May 19, 20, 21 (During Lunch Time – ask your singer)

Baccalaureate: May 23, 2:00 pm
Immanuel Baptist Church, 3100 Tates Creek Road
Singers will sing.

Commencement: May 27, 4:00 pm
Rupp Arena: Singers will sing.

Summer Vocal Camp July 12-16
LHS Music Department

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/groceries anyway.
Anyone -- (friends, neighbors and co-workers) can sign-up and designate "LHS Chorus - # 973665" to receive reward money. If a student is involved in more than Chorus, Meijer's allows the reward to be divided as much as three ways per member. AGAIN the Chorus' # for sign-up is 973665!!

*There's only one
thing that
matters, That
wherever we go
and however we
go , We hear the
music of life.*

-Unknown

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