



Take Note!

Noteworthy Headlines from the
College of the Ozarks Music Department



Shine Ahead for C of O Music Dept

The dreary weather during the first week of classes did not get C of O students very excited to begin a new semester. However, seeing the lineup of this semester's music events has been like a break in the clouds!

New classes and harder lessons are challenging the students to work diligently toward achieving their semester goals. Whether it is a Senior Trumpet Recital, a musical theatre production, or a Chapel Choir tour to Washington D.C., each activ-

ity presents a challenge and an opportunity to succeed. We hope that you will continue supporting the music department by attending our recitals and concerts. So mark your calendars for these exciting events, and we'll see you there!

FEBRUARY

Christian Guitarist **David Smart**,
Feb. 9, Jones Auditorium, 7:00

Music Dept. **Variety Showcase**,
Feb. 10, Newman Recital Hall, 4:00 pm

Springfield Symphony Concert,
Feb. 14, Royal Oak Forum, 2:15 pm

Music Department **Student Recital**
Feb. 24, Newman Recital Hall, 4:00 pm



MARCH

Jones Auditorium
5th, 6th, 8th, 9th @ 7:30 pm
7th @ 2:30 pm

Visiting Choir from Kenyon, Ohio
March 8, Newman Recital Hall, 5:00 pm

Senior Recital—**Joshua Hickam, Clarinet**
March 14, Newman Recital Hall, 3:00 pm

Springfield Symphony Concert,
March 21, Royal Oak Forum, 2:15 pm

Music Department **Student Recital**
March 31, Newman Recital Hall, 4:00 pm



APRIL

Guest Organist **Vicki Claborn**,
April 7, Chapel, 4:00 pm

Chorale Concert, April 8, Royal Oak Forum, 7:00 pm

Senior Recital—**Laura Croce, Trumpet** April
10, Newman Recital Hall, 3:00 pm

Springfield Symphony Concert,
April 11, Royal Oak Forum, 2:15 pm

Music Department **Student Recital**
April 14, Newman Recital Hall, 4:00 pm

Jazz Band/Handbells Concert
April 15, Jones Auditorium, 7:00 pm

Senior Recital—**Joel Miller, Piano**
April 17, Newman Recital Hall, 3:00 pm

Junior Recital—**Caleb Lawson, Piano/Leslie McCullough, Vocal**
April 18, Newman Recital Hall, 3:00 pm

Ozark Mountain Band and Choral Festival,
April 22-24, Jones Auditorium,
Chapel, Gymnasium

Cirque de Variete
April 26-27, Jones Auditorium, 7:00 pm

Music Department **Student Recital**,
April 28, Newman Recital Hall, 4:00 pm

Concert Band Spring Concert,
April 28, CC Patio, 7:00 pm

Music in the Parks **Band and Choral Festival**,
April 30-May 1, Jones Auditorium, Chapel



Chapel Choir to Travel This Spring

"We don't have to leave the country to do mission work," said Mr. Gregg Busch, director of the C of O Chapel Choir, when asked about

the nature of the choir's upcoming trip. Seventy choir members and ten sponsors will be traveling during Spring Break, March 18th through March 26, to Washing-

ton D.C. and New York City. The nature of this trip is not typical of most choirs. Mr. Busch is emphatic about the serving heart of the students in chapel choir. While in the Nation's capitol, the choir will have the opportunity to sing during the morning worship services at the National Presbyterian Church, to share with veterans at the Veteran's retirement home, and to attend worship services and share with the members of Grace D.C. church. As they travel to New

York City, the choir is looking forward to singing in St. Paul's Chapel next to Ground Zero, and possibly spending time with students from a Christian college in Brooklyn. They will also be visiting various historical and cultural landmarks. However, the focus of this trip is to share our faith and experiences with our brothers and sisters on the east coast. Mr. Busch said it best when he exclaimed, "we seek to carry Christ."



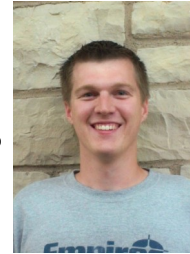
The Chapel Choir sings during the annual Christmas Card to the Community, December 2009.

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Down the Hall: *Opinions from Ethan*

My roommate asked me the other day why I was pushing myself this semester with as much music as I am. My reply was simply, "That's what all music majors do." He then pointed out that I was always running around and never hanging out in the room. My roommate is an English major. I did give his question some thought, however. Why am I SO very busy? I have so much going on in my life, as do all of us here in the music department with rehearsals, classes, practice times,

and work. So why is it that I'm constantly running around and never sitting in my room playing videogames with my roommate? The answer I've come up with is simple: because I chose to. I love being here, at this school and in this department, for all the musical oppor-



tunities it affords me to do, and I want to do as much as I can. Sure it adds stress to my life, but I don't see that as a negative kind of stress. The stress comes from me doing what I love to do, and because I love it, I find joy in it. So, it seems to me that music majors may be constantly running around from one rehearsal to the next with their hair undone and dropping papers behind them, but I daresay they're humming a melody as they go with a smile on their faces!

By: Ethan Hall, senior Music Education Major

Seussical! The Musical

The cast of *Seussical* is hard at work preparing for this spring's production. Meeting for stage rehearsals five nights a week, and also in the choir room on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for music practice, everyone is in the full swing of putting on this exciting and colorful musical. The story is a combination of many of Dr. Seuss's most famous books. It



follows Horton the Elephant as he tries to rescue the Whos on a small speck of dust. Along the way, Horton is mocked and ridiculed by many famous Seuss characters, including the Sour Kangaroo and the Wickersham Brothers, but he always sticks to the belief that "a person's a person, no matter how small."

The music department has partnered with the theatre department in this production with several music majors in the cast, including Ethan Hall as

Horton, Kasey Gaar as the Sour Kangaroo, Jachin Mann as one of the Wickersham Brothers, and multiple chorus members. Over a dozen students have also begun preparing the music to play in the orchestra. *Seussical* offers many challenges for both the actors and musicians, but everyone is excited and hard at work for opening night. *Seussical* will be performed March 5th through the 9th. The play is directed by Lisa Young and conducted by Gregg Busch. For ticket information call 417-690-2466.

Music Majors Achieve Academic Honors at Annual Dean’s Banquet

Each year, The College of the Ozarks honors all of those students with outstanding academic achievement by recognizing them at a banquet put on by the office of the Dean of the College. Students who took at least 15 credit hours last semester and earned a GPA of 3.6 or higher are placed on the Dean’s List, and those who took at least 15 credit hours and earned a 4.0 GPA are placed on the Presi-

dent’s list. Several of our music majors achieved one of these honors during the Spring or Fall semesters of 2009, and the music department would like to congratulate each of them.

President’s List:

Grant Allen, Bridget Holmes, Caleb Lawson, Gregory Lilley, and Leslie McCullough

Dean’s List:

Carissa Armour, Jenna Dunnam, Stephanie Fitzgerald, Kasey Gaar, Allen Green, Lora Guerin, Joshua Hickam, Jachin Mann, Joel Miller, Adam Parker, Jenny Parker, and Betsy Wilson.

Also, at this year’s banquet, the C of O Jazz Combo provided the evening entertainment.

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Music Department Upgrades with New Technology

Last fall, the music department acquired new audio recording equipment which will enable the students and professors to record and monitor the growth and improvement of their rehearsals, applied lessons and concerts. The Zoom H2 recorder can record directly to a memory card and can then be easily downloaded to a flash drive or computer hard drive. This provides the student and the professor with a high quality recording which is used for study and evaluation before the next lesson, rehearsal, or concert. This semester, a digital video recorder was purchased and

will be used to video the conducting class, applied lessons, recitals, and concerts. It works much like the audio recorder in that students can insert their memory card and download their sessions for immediate review.

With this new technology, the music department is able to post recordings on the web. We have a YouTube account where you can view and listen to our latest work. Go to: www.youtube.com and in the search box, type: “cofomusicdept.” From there you will see a list of recordings which have been added and there will be more to come!

Another exciting tool for students in composition is the use of the midi lab. Students are able to use high quality digital samples of acoustic orchestral instruments to compose original works, background scores for movies, accompaniments, and the list goes on!

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Keeter Center Performers

Dobyns Dining Hall

*Thursday, Feb. 4—Amy Ziler/Leslie McCullough,
Piano/Vocals*

Friday, Feb. 5—Amanda Kull, Violin

Saturday, Feb. 6—Amanda Kull, Violin

*Sunday, Feb. 7—Amy Ziler/Leslie McCullough,
Piano/Vocals*

Thursday:
6:00-8:00pm
Friday/Saturday:
5:30-8:00pm
Sunday:
11:00-2:00pm

*Thursday, Feb. 18—Amy Ziler/Leslie McCullough,
Piano/Vocals*

Friday, Feb. 19—Grant Allen, Piano

Saturday, Feb. 20—Caleb Lawson, Piano

*Sunday, Feb. 21—Lora Guerin/Amanda Kull,
Piano/Violin*

*Thursday, Feb. 25—Caleb Lawson/Dominique
Bennett, Piano/Vocals*

*Friday, Feb. 26—Betsy Wilson/Kasey Gaar,
Piano/Vocals*

*Thursday, Feb. 11—Caleb Lawson/Dominique
Bennett, Piano/Vocals*

Friday, Feb. 12—Grant Allen, Piano

*Saturday, Feb. 13—(Valentine's dinner, no music
department performers)*

*Sunday, Feb. 14—Amanda Brinkmann/Amanda
Kull, Piano/Violin*

Saturday, Feb. 27—Grant Allen, Piano

Sunday, Feb. 28—Amy Ziler/Leslie McCullough, Piano/Vocals

We invite you to join us at the Keeter Center at any opportunity you have! We welcome and encourage your comments, complaints, suggestions, and of course, compliments. Please fill out a comment card or email the Keeter Center or the Music Department and we will accommodate your needs as best we can!

Music Education Students Attend Annual Conference

Each year, the Missouri Educators National Conference (MENC) and the Missouri Music Educators Association (MMEA) sponsor a weekend of seminars, workshops, and concerts at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks; and each year, the College of the Ozarks sends music education majors and members of the local MENC chapter to the conference for enrichment and experience in their field.

This year, due to severe weather forecasts, it did not appear that our students would be able to attend. However, a few brave music majors

set out and weathered the storm anyway. Johnathan Willis, Ethan Hall, Leslie McCullough and Lora Guerin left for Tan-Tar-A on Thursday while the weather was still clear. When they got there, they met up with Allen Green and Grant Allen as well, who had come the day before. They had a great time attending workshops and concerts, and they each came back with a handful of helpful materials.

Our students especially enjoyed listening to our own senior pianist Grant Allen perform

in the Missouri All-Collegiate Jazz Band. He was selected to perform last semester after undergoing a thorough audition process. The C of O music department was proud to have Grant represent us!



Allen Green, Lora Guerin, Johnathan Willis, Leslie McCullough, and Ethan Hall join Grant Allen around the piano after his performance with the All-Collegiate Jazz Band.



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