ARMS GROUND FORCES JAZZ COMBO VISITS C OF O

College of the Ozarks was blessed with the opportunity to hear the Army Ground Forces Jazz Combo named The Jazz Guardians play in the Royal Oak Forum. The group is comprised of fourteen active duty Army musicians from within the Army Ground Forces Band commanded by Major Treg Ancelet. One must undergo highly selective auditions to be in this ensemble. The group has a male and female singer. The male singer/lead guitarist, Specialist Jake Stith, is pictured (left). This concert was open to the public. They played hits like “At Last,” “The Way You Look Tonight,” “Strike the Band,” and “West Coast Blues.”

We were also blessed with another great opportunity the following morning. The group performed again, this time in the Recital Hall. Students and other guests were allowed to ask questions of the group. The female vocalist, Sergeant Shirley Dirden, who had a voice that would take your breath away, was asked many questions. She informed the audience that she was one of the first to be accepted by the Army as a vocalist. She started as a medic. Someone overheard her singing and asked her to sing the National Anthem. After that, she never returned to the medical field. When asked where she received vocal training, Sgt. Dirden replied with a smile, “God gave me this voice! I’ve never had a voice lesson.” She did, however, speak about using proper breath support and the importance of warm-ups and vocal health.

The group practices several hours a day. Rehearsal begins in the morning, they take a break, and continue in the afternoon. They tour the country performing clinics for all ages, high-visibility military functions, state and local jazz festivals, as well as national tours to promote jazz and to recruit young jazz musicians of today.

You can follow The Army Ground Forces Band on Facebook and Twitter. To learn more about The Army Ground Forces Band and to see a schedule of their performances, visit www.forscom.army.mil/band.
Diane Chapman is a senior General Music Major with a Christian Ministry Minor from Houston, Missouri. She has been involved in many musical groups throughout her life. She has participated in many high school vocal festivals and competitions. Diane has received awards as a soloist, as part of a chamber ensemble, and as part of a full choir. She earned 1s and 2s in competition, and was an SCA honor choir participant.

Diane’s favorite musical memory is singing with the Chorale in Italy. She marks participating in the College of the Ozarks Chorale and a worship band called ConsuME as her best experiences yet. There are many things that she would like to do in her lifetime concerning ministry and music. After college, she plans on composing and building her own MIDI system. Diane plans on staying in Branson and seeing where the Lord takes her.

Diane’s Senior Recital will be April 15 at 3 pm in the Newman Recital Hall.

Jachin Williams Mann is a senior Music Ministry Major with a Christian Ministry Minor. Jachin has played alto saxophone for twelve years. He participated in junior high and high school jazz and concert bands. He has played piano for six years, and has been singing in choirs at College of the Ozarks for four years. He was an All-Region Jazz Band and Concert Band member ’04-’06. He was an All-State Band member in ‘05. Jachin was also recipient of the Waymon Dickson Ministry Award, and has made the Dean’s List. Jachin also toured with the Chorale last May, and although he states that the whole trip was incredible, his favorite moment was singing in the Church of Saint Ignatius in Rome where Mozart performed. Jachin shares a birthday with Mozart.

After graduation, Jachin would like to be a worship leader/songwriter at a church. He would also like to get his Masters degree in choral education.

Jachin’s Senior Recital is in two parts. The first part will consist of sacred, operatic, and Broadway selections. The second part is a worship set with a small acoustic worship team, in which he will play piano and sing. It will be held April 14 at 7 pm in the Newman Recital Hall.
Looking back on Brahms

“Singing Brahms’ Requiem was a refreshing experience, full of challenges, and requiring all of us to focus and come together as a team.”
- Allison Renkoski

“It was wonderful to share the powerful message of God’s love and peace through amazing music!”
- Kourtney Pyle

“It was an immense pleasure and exhilarating experience to work with such talented people.”
- Mallorie Ast

Two Nights on Broadway

This is the first semester of Musical Theatre Class Voice since it was recently added to the course list. The class will be performing a Broadway showcase March 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall. The experience of the students ranges from beginners to advanced. No matter their prior experience, each student has shown great growth through the course of the semester. They have learned various techniques for belting, character voices, and understanding the vocal mechanism.

Performers will be singing songs from hit shows such as: Grease, Spam’elot, Cats, Hairspray, Annie Get Your Gun, and many more. Because so many shows are being featured, different repertoire will be performed each night. There will be solos, duets, and a small group performance.

The class has also invited other performers who were interested to join. Guest singers include, Tiffany Cooperider, James Zeller, Kellsey Howerton, and Ashley Pack.

The comedic and tragic stories as told by these lyricists, composers/arrangers and singers are not only showcasing the art of drama and music, but also the need for mankind to communicate ideas, thoughts, emotions, desires, tears, and laughter through the unique gift of music.
**Keeter Center Performers**

**Dobyns Dining Hall**

**Thursday, Mar. 29**—Hannah Mahan

**Friday, Mar. 30**—Elizabeth Clark

**Saturday, Mar. 31**—Elizabeth Clark

**Sunday, April 1**—Anna Zachary

**Thursday, April 5**—Noah Fry

**Friday, April 6**—Hannah Mahan

**Saturday, April 7**—Hannah Mahan

**Sunday, April 8**—Amber McDowell, Hannah Mahan

**Thursday, April 12**—Hannah Mahan

**Friday, April 13**—Noah Fry

**Saturday, April 14**—Kourtney Pyle

**Sunday, April 15**—Amber McDowell, Hannah Mahan

**Upcoming Events**

**March 29-30**—Music Theatre Class Voice Showcase, 7:30 pm Newman Recital Hall

**April 3**—Jazz Band Concert, 7pm Royal Oak Forum

**April 11**—Department Recital, 4pm Newman Recital Hall

**April 14**—Jachin Mann Senior Recital, 4pm Newman Recital Hall

**April 15**—Diane Chapman Senior Recital, 3pm Newman Recital Hall

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