



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL:

April 7—Jazz Ensemble Gig at Keeter Center

April 8—Jazz Band Gig, Gittering Music Building Band Room, 7:00 pm

April 9—Music Dept. Recital, Newman Recital Hall, 4:00 pm

April 10—Jazz Ensemble Gig at Keeter Center

April 17-19—Ozark Mountain Band and Choral Festival

April 25—Jazz Band plays for Community Dance, Mormon Church, 7:00 pm

April 30—Music Dept. Recital, Newman Recital Hall, 4:00 pm

May 1—Chorale Concert, Jones Auditorium, 7 pm

Take note

Noteworthy Headlines from the
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Concert Band and Women's Ensemble to Perform April 27

Come join us for an evening of entertainment as the College of the Ozarks Concert Band and Women's Ensemble showcase their Spring 2008 repertoires. The concert will be held April 27 in the Williams Memorial Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

The C of O Women's Ensemble is conducted by Dr. Bruce Gerlach and accompanied by Jamie Desemone, junior Mass

Communications major at C of O. The 24 women who make up the ensemble will offer a variety of literature, including both sacred and secular selections, both a capella and accompanied.

The Concert Band, also conducted by Dr. Gerlach, featuring 30 instrumentalists, will be playing songs from all over the world in their portion entitled "European Holiday." They will include music from Germany, Holland, England, Scotland, and Ireland,

Dr. Gerlach conducts the Concert Band along with the combined choirs at Major Convocation Event at College of the Ozarks



finishing with music from right here in the U.S.A.

All are invited and encouraged to come enjoy the music and talent these groups have to offer!



We would also like to give a special thanks to the C of O Pep Band for supporting our team during the NAIA tournament.

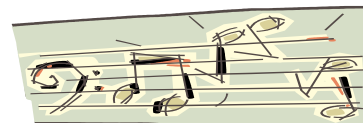


Piano Students Travel to Memphis to hear Symphony

On the weekend of March 8 & 9 a group of piano students from the studio of Dr. Dwayne Huff took a field trip to Memphis, Tennessee. While in Memphis, they visited the famed Beale Street, birthplace of the Blues and frequent destination of pop music greats like Elvis Presley. But the featured event of the trip was hearing the Memphis Symphony Orchestra with guest pianist, Joyce Yang. Ms. Yang was a medalist in the 2005 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, arguably the most

prestigious piano festival. Following the concert, the C of O group happened to meet Ms. Yang in the hall. She was very gracious to take pictures with the group and even asked for a critique of her performance! It was truly an inspiring and memorable trip.

Becky Green, senior, said, "with such a great group of people, we couldn't help but have a good time! It was neat to hear another city's symphony, and talking to Joyce Yang, the pianist, afterwards was lovely."



College of the Ozarks piano students with a statue of "The King" on Beale Street in Memphis. Clockwise from top-right: Grant Allen, Caleb Lawson, Joel Miller, Lora Guerin, and Becky Green.



April Keeter Center Performers

April 3-6

Thursday—Cherish/Dominique, Piano/Vocal
Friday—Amanda, Violin
Saturday—Grant/Ethan, Piano/Sax
Sunday—Amy/Leslie, Piano/Vocal

April 10-13

Thursday—Amanda, Violin
Friday—Mandie/Julie, Piano/Vocal
Saturday—Mandie/Julie, Piano/Vocal
Sunday—Amy/Leslie, Piano/Vocal

April 17-20

Thursday—Becky, Piano
Friday—Amanda, Violin
Saturday—Amy/Leslie, Piano/Vocal
Sunday—Amanda, Violin

April 24-27

Thursday—Cherish/Dominique, Piano/Vocal
Friday—Cherish, Piano
Saturday—Mandie/Julie, Piano/Vocal
Sunday—Grant/Ethan, Piano/Sax

*“A Jazz
Musician is
a juggler
who uses
harmonies
instead of
oranges”
—Benny Green*

Jazz Band Wraps Up Semester and Looks Forward

As the semester winds down the CofO jazz bands will be busy with several performances. Both the Big Band and Small Combo will be hosting a free

concert Tuesday, April 8th in the Gittinger music building at 7pm. The Combo will also be performing at the Keeter Center on April 7th and 10th for private banquets. Finally, both

groups are set to play on April 25th for a community dance at the Branson Church of the Latter Day Saints at 7:00 p.m.

Come support the jazz program during their last performances of the semester and for the last C of O performances of the graduating seniors: saxophonist Rebekah Hawkins, trumpeter Caleb Krueger, and trombonist Johnathan

Willis.

Both the Jazz Band and Jazz Combo are also looking forward to a busy semester this fall when they will play for several weddings, put on additional concerts, and possibly produce an audio CD. The Jazz Band may also have the opportunity to travel to Greeley, CO for the University of Northern Colorado jazz festival next spring.



Adjunct

Al Lohman directs the College of the Ozarks Jazz Band during a performance last fall.

Chorale to Perform Last Concert of Semester



Senior Angela Spencer and freshman Dominique Bennett rehearse for the performance.

The College of the Ozarks Chorale will present their Spring Concert on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 7:00 pm in Jones Auditorium. The theme of the concert is

“Mostly Mozart!” It will feature a major sacred work entitled *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore* followed by scenes from “Marriage of Figaro.” The second half of the performance will feature student conductors leading the Chorale in famous opera cho-

ruses and arias. The concert is free and open to the public.

Come support the Chorale and the final solo performances of seniors Curtis Wilson, Julie Silengo, Angela Spencer, Rachel Cochran, Rebecca Swafford, Michelle Newman, Medda Paden, Lauren Chastain, and Caleb Dunnam.

**“Music is an outburst of the soul.”
—Frederick Delius**

May Keeter Center Performers

Thursday, May 1—Becky, Piano

Friday, May 2—Amy & Leslie, Piano/Vocal

Saturday, May 3—Grant & Ethan, Piano/Sax

Sunday, May 4—Amanda, Violin

Thursday, May 8—Amy/Leslie, Piano/Vocal

Friday, May 9—Grant, Piano/Vocal

Saturday, May 10—Amanda, Violin

Sunday May 11—Grant, Piano/Vocal

C of O Prepare for Annual Band & Choral Festival

The College Ozarks Music Department is eagerly anticipating the sounds on campus as bands and choirs from all over Missouri and Arkansas come to perform at the 35th annual Ozark Mountain Band and Choral Festival April 17-19, 2008.

Bands and choirs from mid-

dle schools and high schools will perform works to be adjudicated by C of O music faculty and guest faculty from UMKC, TCU, and Drury University. They will perform in several C of O venues including Jones Auditorium, Williams Memorial Chapel, and Keeter Gymnasium.

In anticipation for this event, C of O music professors, students, and workers are working hard to prepare the campus for such a major event. Festival Coordinator, Lynda Jesse, thanks everyone in advance for helping to make the festival a success.



The Williams Memorial Chapel of the College of the Ozarks.

Senior Highlights

Recital Date (with Michelle Newman):
Sunday April 13, Newman Recital Hall,
2:00 pm

Rebecca came to C of O from Doniphan, MO. She loves her campus job as an Resident Assistant for McDonald Dorm, and she enjoys reading, decorating, and cleaning...yes, cleaning! She is the President of the C of O Chorale and is serving as a student conductor for the Chapel Choir.

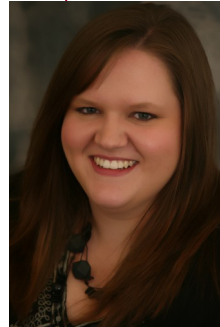


*Rebecca
Swafford*

Major:
Music Ministry
Minor:
Philosophy & Religion

Major:
Music Ministry
Minor: French

*Michelle
Newman*



Michelle is a senior from West Monroe, Louisiana. She performs in four ensembles at College of the Ozarks including Chorale, Handbells, Chapel Choir and Women's Ensemble. Her favorite music moments include playing "Capriccio" with over 500 bell ringers and singing with the SWACDA honor choir under Dr. Eph Ehly.

Recital Date (with Becky Swafford): Sunday
April 13, Newman Recital Hall, 2:00 pm

Recital Date: April 20, Newman
Recital Hall, 3:00 pm

Kaiya is a senior saxophonist from Slater, MO. She was very involved in Band in High School and was 1st Chair Saxophone in Conference Band and Honorable Mention in District Band in 2003. At College of the Ozarks, she plays saxophone for the Concert Band and her favorite musical work is Mozart's Requiem. Upon graduation, Kaiya plans to continue on to graduate school to get her Master's degree in music theory and composition before becoming a professor of music theory.

Major: Music
Minors:
Military Science,
Psychology

*Kaiya
Wurtele*

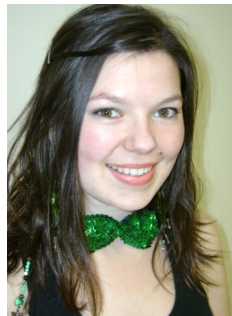


Recital Date: April 27,
Newman Recital Hall,
3:00 pm

Major: Music
Minor: French

*Medda
Paden*

Medda is a vocal performance major from North Hollywood High School in Los Angeles, California. She is a member of the C of O Chorale and participated in the Springfield Regional Opera's Young Artist Program in 2006-2007, where she was awarded a scholarship. Medda claims that some of her favorite musical experiences have taken place around campfires and in living rooms. After graduation, Medda looks forward to spending a year volunteering at Lee Abbey in London and then getting married.



Recital Date: May 10, Williams
Memorial Chapel, 7:00 pm

*Becky
Green*

Major: Music
Minor:
Business
Administration



Becky Green is a music performance major, business administration minor hailing from Westminster, Maryland.

Piano is her main instrument, and her favorite activity while at C of O has been accompanying Chapel Choir for eight semesters. She considers Rachmaninoff and Debussy to be the greatest composers and enjoys "The Sunken Cathedral" most for its majesty.

This publication was designed and compiled by students of the College of the Ozarks Music Department.

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