



When one rules over men in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God, he is like the light of the morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth.

II Samuel 23:3-4

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **April 23-35—Ozark Mountain Band & Choral Festival held at College of the Ozarks**
- **April 29—Music Department Student Recital, Newman Recital Hall, 4:00 pm**
- **April 29—Handbell Concert, Royal Oak Forum, Keeter Center, 7:00 pm**
- **May 2—Choir Concert, Mr. Gregg Busch, director, Newman Recital Hall, 7:00 pm**

Take note

Noteworthy Headlines from the College of the Ozarks Music Department

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Gregg Busch to Conduct Recital

On Saturday, May 2, 2009, Mr. Gregg Busch, Assistant Professor of music at College of the Ozarks will be conducting a special choir concert in the Newman Recital Hall of the Gittinger Music Building. This concert will be in partial fulfillment of the requirements of his masters of music degree in choral conducting from Missouri State University.

Mr. Busch has compiled a group of singers from Chapel Choir and Chorale as well as music alumni to sing in the upcoming concert. The performance will include music from many time periods and a variety of styles. The choir members have a busy rehearsal schedule, and the literature is

nothing less than challenging. When he chose the concert repertoire, he did so with the purpose of challenging the singers as well as himself as a conductor. But the hard work that this music requires is already paying off as the musicians reach a new level of musicianship with every rehearsal.

Mr. Busch had the option of conducting a choir of MSU students for this concert, but he was confident that C of O's own talented musicians could carry out the task. From the beginning, he wanted to conduct this concert at his "home" and with students he already knows. Of the C of O singers he said, "This is my family, and I'm proud of my family!"

The other reason he chose to conduct his concert with C of O students is that he felt that C of O would have an appropriate atmosphere in which he could maintain a sense of worship throughout the concert. For Mr. Busch, this project is not about his grade, but about communicating the message of the music, which is his ultimate purpose as the conductor.

The College of the Ozarks Music Department is excited to host this concert that is sure to be a great performance. Mr. Busch and the choir invite all who can attend to come and support them at 7:00 pm in the Newman Recital Hall.

Upcoming Handbell Performance

On Wednesday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. the College of the Ozarks Handbell Choir will perform at the Royal Oak Forum at the Keeter Center. The choir will have just returned from participating in a handbell festival in Arkansas on April 25th. Other previous performances this semester include playing for the Chapel service on cam-

pus in February and April as well as playing at Holliday Island in Arkansas on April 26th. Everyone is invited to attend the concert at the Royal Oak Forum. A wide variety of music will be performed, including Thompson's arrangement of the *William Tell Overture*, some sacred songs, a patriotic tune, and even a song from the

movies. The C of O Handbell Choir will also be joined by the handbell choir from the First Presbyterian Church in Branson for several of the song selections. The final performance for the Handbell Choir this semester will be at the First Baptist Church in St. James, Missouri on May 3.

Chapel Choir Visits Thorncrown Chapel

On Tuesday, April 14, 2009, the College of the Ozarks Chapel Choir went to Thorncrown Chapel in Eureka Springs. The trip was designed as a team building activity as well as a large rehearsal for the Chapel Choir prior to winding down the semester. The students left campus at 9:00 am and arrived

back on campus at 5:30 pm after a full day of activities.

The chapel choir spent much of their time in the worship center on the Thorncrown grounds. The majority of the time at Thorncrown was spent in rehearsal. However, there was a student led praise and worship session as well as a little free time

built in that allowed the students to relax and explore the grounds.

The C of O Chapel Choir is an ensemble of about 45 singers who perform almost every Sunday of the semester for the services at Williams Memorial Chapel at College of the Ozarks. They are directed by Mr. Gregg Busch.

Music Students Involved in Spring Forum

The Music Department played a significant role in the recent spring forum hosting former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. Music faculty and students alike participated in various aspects of the forum, held on April 1, 2009. Members of the Concert Band contributed their talents in performing prelude music, and Dr. Bruce Gerlach, Professor of Music, sang a

solo arrangement of *The Star-Spangled Banner* during the forum. Even the Gittinger Music Building shared involvement during the events in hosting a faculty reception in honor of Mr. Gingrich.

Music workers Amanda Kull and Amanda Brinkmann were honored students selected to participate in the forum. Senior nursing student and music department

student manager Amanda Brinkmann spoke highly of her experience in the forum. "I really enjoyed the group discussions and the chance to meet students from other schools."

The overall success of the forum suggests continual Music Department involvement in the years to come.

Chorale Performs Verdi's *Requiem* with Springfield Symphony

Members of the Chorale participated in a breathtaking performance of Verdi's *Requiem* with the Springfield Symphony and local universities Drury, Evangel, and Missouri State on April 14, 2009. With only a short time to prepare after the Chorale's January performance at the MMEA conference, much hard work and dedicated practice was spent learning the challenging literature. But the results were well worth the effort.

Larry T. Collins of the Springfield News-Leader said in his article about the performance that "[the *Requiem*] brought aural splendor and bold visions of darkness and light to Juanita K. Hammons Hall..." It was a performance that Chorale members will not soon forget.



Jazz Band Travels to Texas

The College of the Ozarks Jazz Band and Jazz Combo have just had the amazing opportunity of performing at a Jazz Festival near Dallas, Texas! The group left campus bright and early on Thursday morning, April 16 to make the 8 hour drive to Addison, Texas, a town just North of Dallas, where the festival was held.

After the welcome ceremonies Thursday night, the band settled into their rooms and started preparing for a big two days ahead!

On Friday morning, the big band performed a 25 minute pro-


gram in front of several judges, consisting of professional musicians and college professors. The performance included tunes like *Birdland*, *Straight No Chaser*, *When Sunny Gets Blue*, and *When the Saints Go Marching In*, and it was well received by the judges and other festival-goers who were there to watch.

On Saturday, it was time for the small combo to perform. They did a few of their standards including *L-O-V-E*, *Mr. Clean*, and *Do You Know What it Means to Miss New Orleans*. Also, to mix up the program a bit, all 7 members

of the combo sang a 4-part vocal arrangement of *Ain't Misbehavin'*. Again, the program was a lot of fun and a great success.

The rest of the time was spent attending clinics and exploring the sights and sounds of Dallas, Texas, and the group returned to College of the Ozarks Sunday evening.

Director Al Lohman and the members of the Jazz Band and Jazz Combo would like to thank the Associates and the Administration of the college for providing much of the funding for the trip.



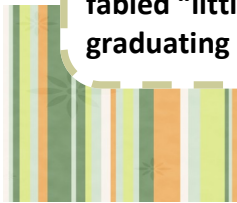
The music department would like to extend special congratulations to Rachel Carter for an excellent performance on her Senior Recital which was held April 11, 2009 in the Newman Recital Hall. Rachel showcased her talent on both the piano and the marimba. She studies piano under Dr. Dwayne Huff and percussion with Mr. Al Lohman.

Congratulations, Rachel, on a job well done!

Piano Trip

On March 18, Grant Allen, Rachel Carter, Lora Guerin, Caleb Lawson, and Joel Miller, travelled to Little Rock, Arkansas, to attend an all-Rachmaninoff concert featuring the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and three pianists. The program consisted of piano concertos number 1, 2, and 3--each featuring a different soloist. The showcase of technical virtuosity and superb musicianship left an impression on everyone in attendance. Junior Grant Allen said, "It was the finest display of pianoship that I had ever seen!"

The trip was also an opportunity for the piano students of Dr. Dwayne Huff to get to know each other better while touring the sights and sounds of Little Rock. The group visited the Little Rock Art Museum, rode the city trolley, and searched for the fabled "little rock" for which the city was named. Senior Rachel Carter, who will be graduating in May, said, "It was a good bonding time with the other piano students."



Caleb Lawson, Rachel Carter, Grant Allen, Lora Guerin, and Joel Miller toured the Little Rock Art Museum on their field trip.



Keeter Center Performers

*Dobyns Dining Hall,
Keeter Center*

April 23—Amy Ziler/Leslie Fredendall, Piano/
Vocals

April 24—Grant Allen/Ethan Hall, Piano/Sax

April 25—Amanda Kull, Violin

April 26—Amanda Brinkmann, Piano

April 30—Cherish Higgins, Piano

May 1—Cherish Higgins, Piano

May 2—Caleb Lawson, Piano

May 3—Amanda Kull, Violin

May 7—Amanda Brinkmann, Piano

May 8—Amy Ziler/Leslie Fredendall, Piano/
Vocals

- ◆ **May 9** marks the beginning of the summer schedule of Keeter Center performers that will continue through the month of **August** until classes resume in the fall.

Come join us for dinner at the Keeter Center at College of the Ozarks, where our music department workers will keep you entertained with violin, singing, saxophone, or piano!

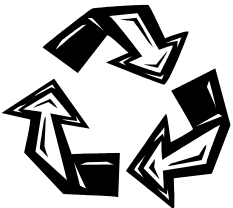
Thursdays from 6:00-8:00pm

Fridays & Saturdays from 5:30-8:00pm

Sundays from 11:00-2:00pm

Don't Miss It...

At the next music department student recital, Joel Miller, junior music major, will be giving a presentation of a unique kind. Joel is a musical story-teller. Out of a heart for children's ministry, he writes children's stories based on Christian values, and composes original music to accompany them. On Wednesday, April 29th, come witness Joel's talent, along with the talent of other C of O music students, as he presents his most recent work. The recital will be held in the Gittinger building's Newman Recital Hall at 4:00 pm.



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