



# Take Note!

Noteworthy Headlines from the  
College of the Ozarks Music Department



*Music  
cleanses  
the under-  
standing;  
inspires it,  
and lifts it  
into a  
realm  
which it  
would not  
reach if it  
were left to  
itself.*

*~Henry  
Ward  
Beecher*

## Back in the Swing!

Vacation is over and school is underway! Many students around campus groan at the idea of early morning classes and late night studies. But here in the music department we have such an exciting year ahead, that music students have had little trouble getting back into the rhythm of musical life!

The music faculty are thrilled to start out a new semester with record numbers of musicians participating in the ensembles. Students are equally excited to get to perform in such strong groups.

Grant Allen, Senior Music Ministry major, stated that the thing he is most looking forward to about this semester is "getting to perform with the concert band of over 40 members!" Along with that, Allen and four other brass players will be putting together a Brass Quintet this semester to perform for events on campus and around the community.

The Chapel Choir, directed by Mr. Gregg Busch, has over 70 members this semester! They have already gotten off to a great start by singing in their first chapel service on August 30. The group is excited to get to sing some new literature as well as some traditional worship songs and hymns. With the numbers up this year, the group will undoubtedly be able to offer an even more powerful ministry in Chapel services each Sunday.

The Chorale, conducted by Lynda Jesse, has an exciting semester planned. The theme for this fall is "Mad for Madrigals"! The 39 auditioned voices will be fa la la-ing at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival in October, and watch out for the roasted pig and many "huzzahs" at the Keeter Center for the Yuletide Feast in December.

Another choral ensemble, the Women's Ensemble, directed by Dr. Bruce Gerlach, who also con-

ducts the Concert Band, is glad to be welcoming new members and has many activities planned for this semester.

The Pep Band, Jazz Band, and Jazz Combo, directed by Al Lohman, are all looking forward to a busy fall with the upcoming basketball season, concerts, and gigs. And, don't forget the Handbell Choir, directed by Marilyn Droke! This group has also grown in numbers and shows great promise to performing challenging literature.

Two new adjuncts are joining us this fall; Elizabeth Suh, strings, and Kendra Franks, voice. You'll hear more about these ladies and all of our activities in upcoming newsletters.

We hope you are as excited about the upcoming year as we are! We look forward to seeing you at our concerts and events and we thank you for your continued support!

**LVAU!** All faculty, staff, music majors, minors, and ensemble participants are invited to the music department luau September 17, 2009 at the CC lounge from 9-11 pm! Throw on your island apparel and join the fun!



# Semester at a Glance

## Fall 2009 Recital and Event Calendar

### Concerts & Master Classes

Women's Chorus Concert  
October 28, 2009  
4 pm, Recital Hall

Sylvia Coats, Master Class  
November 2, 2009  
7 pm, Recital Hall

Chorale Yuletide Feast  
December 3 & 5, 2009  
6 pm, Keeter Center

Concert & Jazz Band Concert  
December 9, 2009  
7 pm, Jones Auditorium

Christmas Card Concert  
December 13, 2009  
7 pm, Chapel

### Student Recitals

September 23, 2009

October 12, 2009  
(NATS Recital, 7 pm)

October 14, 2009

November 11, 2009

December 9, 2009

\*All student recitals will be held in the Newman Recital Hall of the Gittinger Music Building at 4:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

### Music Convocations

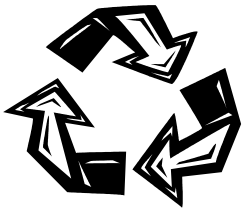
Gary Ellison  
September 14, 2009

Ballet Magnificat  
September 22, 2009

Jonny Diaz  
November 10, 2009

Bradley Hathaway  
November 18, 2009

\*All convocations will be held at 7:00 pm in Jones Auditorium



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