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College of the Ozarks Music Department

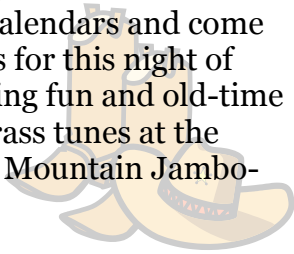


Students to Perform Ozark Mountain Jamboree!

On October 23rd from 5:30-8:00 the music department will collaborate with various student performers to bring to you a classic "Ozark Mountain Jamboree" hosted by the Keeter center! We will be performing old time favor-

ites ranging from Johnny Cash and John Denver to The Soggy-bottom Boys, as well as an assortment of your favorite hymns. From twanging banjos and guitars, to flying fiddles and vibrating saws, this night is sure to provide you with

some wonderful musical variety! Be sure to mark your calendars and come join us for this night of swinging fun and old-time bluegrass tunes at the Ozark Mountain Jamboree!!!



Vocal Students Perform in Annual NATS Competition

Seven vocal students from the studio of Associate Professor Lynda Jesse performed in the National Association for Teachers of Singing (NATS) competition last Tuesday. The students traveled to Evangel University on October 12 to compete against other undergraduate vocal students from the surrounding colleges and universities. Some of the participating schools include Evangel University, Drury University, Missouri State University, Southwest Baptist University and others. There were also a handful of high school students who competed.



This year at the NATS competition, there were two different competitions: classical and musical theatre. Sophomores Sadie Huff, Daniel Cummings, and Megan Campbell, Junior Ashley Pack, and Senior Dominique Bennett each competed against other singers in

their respective age groups in the classical division. Freshman Seth Rector and Sophomore Kyle Bradley competed against other men in the musical theatre division

For the competition, each classical competitor performed three songs for the judges, and the musical theatre singers performed two. College of the Ozarks proudly returned with two second place winners: Dominique Bennett and Megan Campbell.

Congratulations to all who performed, and we wish the best of luck to Dominique, Megan, Ashley, and Daniel, who will compete in State NATS later this month.

Handbell Choir Gears Up for a Busy Season



The Handbell choir is busily preparing for the upcoming winter performances. They are excited to perform two new transcriptions from the Trans Siberian Orchestra arranged by hand-

bell composer, Hart Morris. These are brilliantly arranged for handbells but very difficult. We have many returning members of the choir plus new members who previously played in their high school. The choir went on a retreat to Heit's Point, a church camp on Lake Truman, earlier this

semester where they became better acquainted, rehearsed, and went canoeing. They were blessed with great weather during their stay.

Upcoming events for the Handbell Choir are:

- ◆ Performing for the *Stars of Branson* Parade and Concert at Branson Landing, November 19
- ◆ Participating in the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 3
- ◆ Christmas Tour December 4 and 5
- ◆ *Sounds of the Seasons* Handbell Concert, Keeter Center, Royal Oak Forum, Tuesday December 7
- ◆ Perform for the Silver Bell Banquet at MSU, December 8
- ◆ Chapel Service, Williams Memorial Chapel, 11:00 a.m., December 12
- ◆ Christmas Card to the Community, 7:00 p.m., December 12

Article submitted by Marilyn Droke, Director, C of O Handbell Choir

Concert Band and Chapel Choir

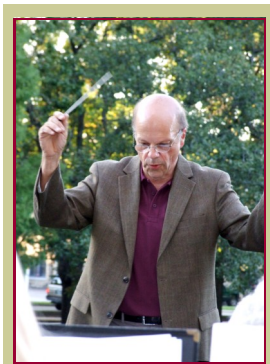
Concert on the Patio

College of the Ozarks

September 27, 2010



Concert Band and Chapel Choir joined forces to perform for the student body September 27, 2010.



Dr. Bruce Gerlach conducts the band in front of Lake Honor.



Students enjoyed Sno Cones while watching the performance on the lawn.



Sophomore Corinne Olic and others band members perform with the Chapel Choir.

Chorale a Success in Kansas City

The C of O Chorale has been working on an eclectic variety of music this semester, ranging from spirituals to classical Renaissance music. All of this has been in preparation for their tour to the Kansas City Renaissance Festival and participation in two different churches' worship services. The Chorale left on Saturday morning, October 2nd for the festival. When they arrived it was filled with a bright array of colors and sounds and the ensemble performed three times and received many compliments. "It was so much fun to act out our songs and see the people respond so enthusiastically!" says transfer student Sadie Jane Huff. Altogether the Renaissance Festival was a success and all of the

hard work and time that was spent learning the different pieces was well rewarded!

On Sunday morning our students participated in three different services at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church in KC where 1998 graduate Dale Bolyard is the Minister of Music. Also in attendance was 2004 music alum, Kristen Walker who is the choral director at North Platte High School. There was a varied repertoire of gospel and spirituals and several different ensembles of students participated by providing special music throughout the service. It was a very unique and special opportunity for members of Chorale to use their talents individually for the glory of the Lord!

On Sunday afternoon the troupe traveled to Springfield, where they performed that evening in the "Night of the Masters", presented by the Central Assembly Performing Arts hosted at Central Assembly of God. Stephanie Fitzgerald, senior vocal music education major, conducted the Chorale with a string quartet from the orchestra for Mozart's *Ave Verum Corpus*. The Chorale performed two additional pieces as well as joining the Central Assembly Choir conducted by Mr. Tom Matrone, Minister of Music, for the finale. The weekend was a great success and the ensemble is excited for upcoming performances this semester!



Concert Band Lends a Hand to Local School

On October 28th the College of the Ozarks Concert Band will be traveling to Bradleyville school, just outside Branson, to play an assembly program for the faculty and students there. The band will also be sitting in with the Bradleyville band class to play together with them. At the

end of the school day, the Bradleyville school will host their annual Halloween parade for which the Concert Band will provide some "spooky" live music!

Throughout the day, student conductor Ethan Hall will conduct "Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves", and Christian Bell will be featured

on the harp in a beautiful concert band arrangement of "Claire de Lune".

Altogether this looks to be an exciting performance, as well as an excellent recruiting opportunity for Dr. Bruce Gerlach and the College of the Ozarks Concert Band!

Lora Guerin



Major: Music
General Emphasis
Hometown: Oldfield, MO
Instruments: Piano, Violin
Favorite Color: Fall Colors
 (red, brown, yellow)
Favorite Artists: John Denver,
 Simon and Garfunkel
Favorite Song: *Annie's Song*
 by John Denver

Lora Guerin is a senior pianist from Oldfield, MO who has grown up loving music and has been involved in almost everything! In high school at Light and Life Christian Academy, Lora sang at the State Convention for Private Christian schools along with her sister and best friend. In her years at College of the Ozarks, Lora has performed in the Chapel Choir, Handbell Choir, and Concert Band, and plays the violin annually in the Christmas Card to the Community Orchestra. Lora has also worked as a student accompanist in the C of O music department for one year now and regularly performs at the Keeter Center for dining entertainment.

Lora says that her most memorable musical moment was quite an embarrassing one. During a student recital, while performing a piano piece by memory, Lora completely forgot her notes! She remembers vividly just "sitting there trying to remember it while everyone waited expectantly." Lora recovered gracefully, however, and all was well.

After graduation in December of this year, Lora is excited to begin studying at the graduate level. She plans to obtain a Master of Music degree in piano pedagogy and then teach piano as a career.

2010-11 Senior Highlights

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

Stephanie Fitzgerald

Major: Vocal Music
Education
Hometown: Troy, MO
Voice Part:
 Mezzo-Soprano
Favorite Color: Purple
Favorite Food: Ice Cream
 (Blue Bell Homemade
 Vanilla)

Stephanie Fitzgerald grew up in Troy, MO. She started singing when she was just a tot and has been performing and competing ever since! Stephanie participated in numerous solo and ensemble contests throughout junior high and high school, and even won a songwriters competition in 8th grade. During her senior year at Troy Buchanan, Stephanie received the "Outstanding Performer" award in show choir.

Since coming to the College of the Ozarks, Stephanie has been involved in several ensembles and has had many memorable musical moments. She sings in the Chorale and Chapel Choir and has performed solo for many events including the NATS competition and a convocation which featured former Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin. During the convocation, Stephanie was blessed with the opportunity to sing "Requiem for a Soldier." She has also had the opportunity to sing "America the Beautiful" on Capital Hill in Washington D.C. with the Chapel Choir among thousands of protesters, and to sing "Edelweiss" at Hitler's Eagle's Nest in Germany with her tour guide Nigel Fitzgerald.

After Graduation in May 2011, Stephanie plans to move back home near St. Louis to find a music teaching position before going to graduate school to possibly study Music Therapy. She and fiancée Adam Petry (pictured left) will be getting married in the July of 2012.



Keeter Center Performers

Dobyns Dining Hall

Thursday, October 14—Caleb Lawson, Piano

Friday, October 15—Laura Guerin, Piano

*Saturday, October 16—Caleb Lawson/Dom Bennett,
Piano/Vocal*

Sunday, October 17—T.B.A.

Thursday:
6:00-8:00pm
Friday/Saturday:
5:30-8:00pm
Sunday:
10:30-1:30pm

Thursday, October 28—Sadie Huff, Piano/Vocal

Friday, October 29—Grant Allen, Piano/Vocals

Saturday, October 30—Caleb Lawson, Piano

Sunday, October 31—Lora Guerin, Piano

*Thursday, October 21—Anna Zachary/Ashley Pack,
Piano/Vocals*

*Friday, October 22—Caleb Lawson/Dom Bennett,
Piano/Vocals*

Saturday, October 23—Ozark Mountain Jamboree

Sunday, October 24—Lora Guerin, Piano

Thursday, November 4—Caleb Lawson, Piano

Friday, November 5—Anna Zachary, Piano

Saturday, November 6—Sadie Huff, Piano/Vocal

Sunday, November 7—Lora Guerin, Piano

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!

Jazz Concert

On Tuesday, October 26, Al Lohman, Adjunct Professor of music, will direct the C of O Jazz Band in a swingin' concert in the Gittinger Band Hall (Room 102) at 7:00 pm. The Concert will commence with a performance by the C of O Jazz Combo, who will then be followed the "Big Band."

Come join us on October 26th!
The concert is free and open to the public.

Call the Music Department for more details at (417) 690-2244.



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