



**UPCOMING
EVENTS FOR DE-
CEMBER:**

- Dec. 3—Women's Ensemble and Instrumental Chamber Concert 3:00 p.m.
- Dec. 5—Tree Lighting at the Keeter Center, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 6—Handbells perform at Big Cedar Lodge
- Dec. 7—Handbells play for a service at the Lutheran Church in Kimberling City
- Dec. 10—Music Department Student Recital, Newman Recital Hall, 4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 11—Handbells play at MSU for Silver Bells banquet
- Dec. 12—Student Jazz group performs at Euro Café, Downtown Branson, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 13—Handbell choir and Chorale perform at the Springfield Symphony Holiday Concert, Hammons Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14—Chorale and Handbells perform for Chapel service, Williams Memorial Chapel, 11:00 a.m.
- Dec. 14—Christmas Card to the Community, Williams Memorial Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

Take note

Noteworthy Headlines from the
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Annual Christmas Card to the Community



"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" around the College of the Ozarks music department. Student musicians have managed to "deck the halls" with lights and decorations to fill any passer-by with the Christmas spirit. It sounds a lot like Christmas as well when the "Christmas bells are ringing" and there are "yuletide carols being sung by a choir" at almost any time of day.

As you can tell, we musicians here at College of the Ozarks love the Christmas season, and we are so excited for the many concerts and events that are taking place on campus throughout December. Many of our vocal and instrumental ensembles will be holding Christmas concerts and providing music for various events

in the community, but on Sunday, December 14, all the C of O ensembles will come together in the Williams Memorial Chapel to perform in our annual "Christmas Card to the Community." This concert has been a tradition at College of the Ozarks since 1988, and now 20 years later, it continues to be a favorite among community members!

"Christmas Card to the Community" will showcase the C of O Chorale, Women's Ensemble, and Chapel Choir, as well as the Handbell Choir and a Chamber Orchestra composed of both C of O and community members. These groups will perform several selections individually and together. They will also lead the congregation in singing some favorite Christmas carols.

This year, the concert will be performed as "lesson and carols," so in addition to the music, there will be reading of scripture to honor and celebrate the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Students, faculty, and community members anticipate this event every year, and it is our pleasure to work hard to bring you an enjoyable and encouraging concert. It is our way of saying "thanks" to all of our supporters both on campus and in the community!

Come experience this wonderful season in the beautifully decorated Williams Memorial Chapel on Sunday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. as the College of the Ozarks Music Department presents their 20th annual "Christmas Card to the Community!"

Chorale to Perform with Springfield Symphony

On Saturday, December 13, 2008, the College of the Ozarks Chorale will have the privilege of performing with the Springfield Symphony again during their annual

Holiday Pops Concert. Together with the Evangel University choir, they will perform choruses from *Messiah*, and a few other Christmas selections as well.

The Chorale has participated in many Springfield Symphony events in the past

several years, but it was last Christmas when they really made an impression. Conductor Ron Spiegelman mentioned in his favorite things blog for the month of December (2007) that the C of O Chorale had an “eye and ear popping moment” when they sang *Glory, Glory, Glory* with “such power, emotion, and commitment, it sounded like 100 voices, not the 28 they had.”

This year’s Chorale consists of 22 singers and is expected to make the same type of impact on the audi-

ence with their performance of *Lux Aurumque* and *Mary Had a Baby*. Freshman music major Megan Campbell will be featured in both of these pieces, and Mass Communications major David Hanschu will be a featured soloist in a beautiful arrangement of *Ave Maria*, performed jointly by both choirs.

The Holiday Pops Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts in Springfield. For tickets call 1-888-476-7849 or order online at www.hammonshall.com.



*“Music cleanses
the understanding;
inspires it, and lifts
it into a realm
which it would not
reach if it were left
to itself.”*

—Harry Ward
Beecher

Handbell Choir Ringing in Christmas Cheer

The Handbell Choir is looking forward to a busy Christmas season. It all begins with the tree-lighting ceremony at the Keeter Center on December 5, where the choir will be joined by other campus ensembles and carolers to set the Christmas mood. The next day they travel to Big Cedar Lodge to participate in a tree-lighting ceremony there, complete with the early arrival of Santa! They round out the weekend with a performance at the Lutheran Church in Kimberling City celebrating the beginning of the Advent season. The Handbell Choir has made this

an annual event for the past 6 years. After the morning service, the handbell choir is treated to a wonderful home-cooked meal!

Thursday, December 11, the choir travels to Missouri State University in Springfield to play for the Silver Bell Banquet honoring the members of the Student Government Association. The Choir has been invited to perform for this annual event for the past several years also.

On Saturday, December 13, the Handbell Choir will play prelude music and music during the intermission for the

Springfield Symphony Holiday Pops Concert at Juanita K. Hammons Hall in Springfield.

The season will conclude with the choir performing in the Williams Memorial Chapel on Sunday, December 14 for the 11:00 a.m. service and for the “Christmas Card to the Community” that evening at 7:00 p.m. when they will join the rest of the College of the Ozarks music department for their final performance of 2008.

Mrs. Marilyn Droke, director, and the rest of the Handbell wish a wonderful holiday and a Merry Christmas to all!

Strings Students Perform Holiday Concert

Adjunct professor of strings at College of the Ozarks, Jill Woodhouse, is working hard to challenge her students and keep them

involved in performing even though our school does not have an orchestra of it's own. On Tuesday, December 16,



2008, Mrs. Woodhouse will introduce the College of the Ozarks Chamber Orchestra in a Christmas concert given by her students. This evening of Christmas cheer will be held in the Newman Recital Hall of the Gittinger Music Building at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Woodhouse, a graduate of MSU, enjoys playing violin for the Springfield Symphony at Juanita K.

Hammons Hall and encourages everyone to come hear the symphony for their Holiday concert on December 13, and also for next performance on January 10, 2009. The following Sunday, January 11, the symphony will be putting on a special performance right here on the C of O campus in the Royal Oak Forum at the Keeter Center at 2:15 p.m.

Check This Out: C of O Musicians Get Involved

The College of the Ozarks not only provides many unique musical opportunities for their students, but it also encourages them to stretch their boundaries, get involved in new ways, and use their talents to serve. These are just a few musicians who are doing just that!

Brandon Saucier, music major, performs with his band **The Heart Attack**.

Trio of singers **Leslie Fredendall**, sophomore music major, **Leigh Fuszner**, junior music minor, and **Faith Grimes**, sophomore Chorale member performed "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the **Missouri Sports Hall of Fame** Tip-off Lunch.

Music department workers **Amanda Brinkmann** and **Leslie Fredendall** play and sing for the **Taney Hills Library Club** and **Exxon**

Student ensemble performs Jazz music at the **Euro Café** in Downtown Branson. Ensemble includes drummer **Brandon Hall**, Jazz Band member, sax player **Ethan Hall**, music minor, pianist **Grant Allen**, music ministry major, bass player **Joshua Hickam**, music major, and vocalist **Leslie Fredendall**, music major.

Abbie Bittner, voice student, performed at the **Keeter Center** with music department workers **Cherish Higgins** and **Amanda Brinkmann**.

"Music is enough for a lifetime, but a lifetime is not enough for music."

—**Sergei Rachmaninov**



Looking Ahead

Keep your eye out for these events coming up in **2009!**

January 30

The College of the Ozarks Chorale performs during the 2009 convention of the Missouri Music Educators Association

March 5-9

The College of the Ozarks Music and Theatre Departments present: **Frankenstein**
A musical based on the novel by Mary Shelley.

April 23-25

College of the Ozarks hosts the annual **Ozark Mountain Band and Choral Festival**



December Performers

*Dobyns Dining Hall,
Keeter Center*

Dec. 4—Amy Ziler/Leslie Fredendall, Piano/
Vocals

Dec. 5—Grant Allen/Ethan Hall, Piano/Sax

Dec. 6—Cherish Higgins/Dominique Bennett,
Piano/Vocals

Dec. 7—Amanda Brinkmann/Leslie Fredendall,
Piano/Vocals

Dec. 11—Amanda Brinkmann, Piano

Dec. 12—Amanda Kull, Violin

Dec. 13—Caleb Lawson, Piano

Dec. 14—Amy Ziler/Leslie Fredendall, Piano/
Vocals



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

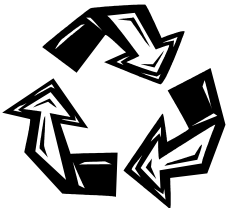
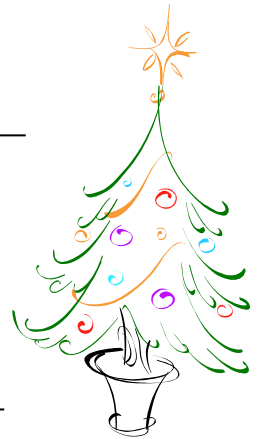
Sundays from 11:00-2:00pm

Keeter Center Tree-Lighting Ceremony

December 5, 2008

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Come enjoy refreshments, listen to live Christmas music by C of O musicians,
and watch us light the tree!



Save a tree! Email us at music@cofo.edu (Attn: Leslie) and give us your email address, and we will send your newsletters to you electronically.

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