



## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH:

**Mar. 6– Spring Forum: Gen. Peter Pace, speaker. Concert Band prelude 7:30 pm.**

**Mar. 8-9—Piano majors travel to Memphis to see symphony.**

**Mar. 9— Senior Recital, vocalist Lauren Chastain, Newman Recital Hall, 3:00 pm**

**Mar. 12— Student Recital, Newman Recital Hall, 4:00 pm**



**Congrats to the cast, orchestra, and crew for the success of *Beauty and the Beast!* Thanks to Dr. Gerlach for all your hard work!**

# Take Note...

## Noteworthy Headlines from the College of the Ozarks Music Department

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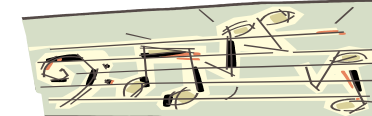
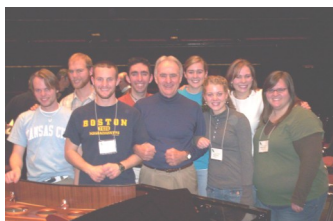
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## Ensemble from C of O Chorale performs at ACDA convention in Kansas City

A double quartet of selected singers represented the College of the Ozarks choral department in the All-Collegiate Honor Choir at the Southwest American Choral Director's Association regional convention in Kansas City, February 20-23. ACDA is a national organization of over 8,000 members. C of O singers Julie Silengo, Michelle Newman, Becky Swafford, Leigh Fuszner, Jeremy Davis, Jeff Davis, Allen Green, and Josh Hickam rehearsed with over 300 select college and university singers from Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, New Mexico, and Missouri under the direction of Dr.

Eph Ehly, retired professor of music from the University of Missouri Conservatory of Music in Kansas City.

The singers rehearsed together for 10-12 hours before performing for an audience of choral educators and singers on Friday night. The concert, which included works by MO composers and arrangers, was one of the highlights of the conven-



tion, as demonstrated by the thunderous applause and standing ovation they received.

Josh Hickam said that he enjoyed working with Dr. Ehly because "he was full of energy and he had a very effective and fun way of communicating exactly what he wanted from us musically." Leigh Fuszner added, "he wasn't just good at communicating the music, but he had some profound things to say about life and how it relates to music." All of the singers agreed that the weekend was a great growing experience.

◀ C of O singers with Dr. Eph Ehly

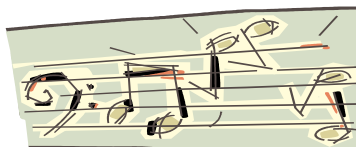
## College of the Ozarks Chorale Performs Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9*

On Saturday, March 1, 2008, the College of the Ozarks Chorale had the wonderful opportunity of performing, once again, with the Springfield Symphony in a fantastic program at Juanita K. Hammonds Hall in Springfield, MO. Together, the choirs from C of O, Drury University, Evangel University, and Missouri State University performed Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* under the direction of Ron Spigelman, conductor of the Springfield Symphony.

The College of the Ozarks Chorale has been working hard since returning for the spring semester on preparing for this

concert, and as a result, they contributed highly to the success of the program. Student conductors Allen Green and Julie Silengo worked with the Chorale three days a week to prepare them, and piano professor Dr. Dwayne Huff assisted in accompanying rehearsals and sang Bass during the performance. Beside our current Chorale members, several music alumni joined the ensemble, as well as some C of O music faculty and two students from Branson High School: Megan Campbell and Zac Klein.

The first two sections of the concert at consisted of the



Springfield Symphony's performance of Handel's *Water Suite No. 2* and Haydn's *Symphony No. 30 "Alleluja."* Then, the choirs joined to close the performance with Beethoven's powerful *Symphony No. 9*, the theme of which is the tune we know as "Ode to Joy."



▲ Ron Spigelman conducts the Springfield Symphony

## Meet Lauren Chastain



### SENIOR VOCAL RECITAL

Lauren's Recital will be held in the Newman Recital Hall of the Gittinger Music Building at College of the Ozarks at 3:00 pm, Sunday, March 9. All are invited to come hear Lauren perform!

Lauren Chastain is a Senior Music major from Roland, Okla. She is a three-year member of the C of O Chorale, but her specialty is solo Jazz. Lauren has spent much of her time at College of the Ozarks studying vocal jazz and performing with the Jazz Combo as both a soloist and saxophonist. She has performed with the Jazz Combo at the Fort Smith Jazz Festival in Fort Smith, Ark., and was awarded Outstanding Vocalist at the North Texas Jazz Festival in Addison, TX.

Lauren is looking forward to this spring when she will be graduating from C of O and getting married in May. She says that her most memorable music moment has been "meeting my hero, Harry Connick, Jr."

## March Keeter Center Performers

**Thurs., Mar. 6**—Cherish, Piano/Vocal  
**Fri., Mar. 7**—Mandie/Julie, Piano/Vocal  
**Sat., Mar. 8**—Mandie/Julie, Piano/Vocal  
**Sun., Mar. 9**—Cherish/Dominique, Piano/Vocal  
**Thurs., Mar. 13**—Cherish/Dominique, Piano/Vocal  
**Fri., Mar. 14**—Amy/Leslie, Piano/Vocal  
**Sat., Mar. 15**—Grant/Ethan, Piano/Sax  
**Sun., Mar. 16**—Amy/Leslie, Piano/Vocal



**Thurs., Mar. 20**—Becky, Piano  
**Fri., Mar. 21**—Grant/Ethan, Piano/Sax  
**Sat., Mar. 22**—Jamie, Piano  
**Sun., Mar. 23**—Jamie, Piano  
**Sat., Mar. 29**—Leigh, Piano  
**Sun., Mar. 30**—Mandie/Leslie, Piano/Vocal

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 11:00-3:00pm

The College of the Ozarks Music Department stresses not only musical excellence, but achievement in all areas of study. For this reason, we would like to join our administration in congratulating all music majors, music minors, and ensemble participants who earned a place on the Dean's List or President's List. We would also like to congratulate our students who were chosen for Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities. A total of 59 students were recognized for one or more of these honors at the February 7 Dean's Honors Banquet. A list of their names is posted in the glass case in the Gittinger Music Building at College of the Ozarks so everyone can join us in congratulating our musicians!

**Special recognition goes to Julie Silengo, senior vocal music education major with a cumulative 4.00 GPA and for being the co-valedictorian for the May 2008 graduating class.**



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