



# Friends of Music

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## Noteworthy

*Guest Recital*

**Eugene & Elizabeth**

**Pridonoff, Piano**

Jan. 24—8 pm

Gheens Recital Hall

**Concert Band**

March 11—8 pm

Ransdell Chapel

*Faculty Recital*

**Wesley Roberts, Organ**

March 13—8 pm

Ransdell Chapel

**Percussion Ensemble**

March 20—8 pm

Gheens Recital Hall

**Jazz Ensemble**

April 10—8 pm

Ransdell Chapel

**Concert Chorus**

April 15—8 pm

Ransdell Chapel

**Flute Ensemble**

April 17—8 pm

Gheens Recital Hall

**Wind Ensemble**

April 21—8 pm

Ransdell Chapel

**String Ensemble**

April 28—8 pm

Gheens Recital Hall

**University Orchestra**

May 1—8 pm

Ransdell Chapel

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## Touring groups head out across Kentucky

The Campbellsville University Chorale, directed by Dr. Frieda Gebert, and Handbell Choir, directed by Mrs. Nevalyn Price Moore, performed throughout Kentucky during its Fall Tour, October 21-24, 2007. Since the Chorale will be in Italy during Spring Break (see article on page 2), this will be the only joint tour the ensembles make this year. Together, the choirs performed for literally thousands of people in six Kentucky high schools and four Baptist churches.

Each concert on the tour was planned to visit CU music alums that Mrs. Moore knew well, many of whom had played in the Handbell Choir under her direction in the past. The tour started at First Baptist Church of Madisonville and ended its first day with a performance at Immanuel Baptist Church in Paducah. The ensembles performed at least two concerts a day, recruiting and performing at Lone Oak High School (Paducah), Heath High School (Paducah), North Hopkins High School (Madisonville), Daviess County High School (Owensboro) and Larue County High School (Hodgenville). At night, the choirs performed for enthusiastic audiences at Marion Baptist Church in Marion and First Baptist in Hodgenville.

In addition to the two large ensembles, two smaller groups performed in each concert: The new Handbell Ensemble, directed by Rebecca Logan, and the University Chamber Choir, conducted by Dr. Gebert.

The tour ended with a great Home Concert where Mrs. Moore was presented with a Christmas ornament of the Peanuts Gang playing handbells. She loved it – and we love her! Mrs. Moore is retiring at the end of the academic year so this was her last tour with these groups.

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**Top & Middle: University Chorale and Handbell Choir, Photos by Shoko Unesaki. Bottom: Jazz Ensemble, Photo by Sandra Riggs.**

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The Campbellsville University Jazz Ensemble teamed up with members of the CU Percussion Ensemble to embark on a joint tour with a variety of music from both ensembles.

The two groups started off with a campus wide chapel performance on November 7. On November 12, the groups and directors (Ms. Jennifer Tinnell and Mr. Chad Floyd) headed off on a four-day tour where they performed for seven Kentucky high schools. Among the stops were Glasgow High School and Allen Co./Scottsville High School. Both of these visits were special because their current band directors Corey Bonds (Glasgow) and Shawn Huff and Curtis Bennett (Allen Co.) are all alumni of Campbellsville University and former members of the jazz ensemble. Other schools visited include: Ohio Co., Daviess Co., Central Hardin, Hart Co. and North Hardin. The tour ended with a home concert on November 15 at the Ransdell Chapel.

The repertoire for the jazz ensemble included swing favorites *Jump, Jive and Wail* and *Sing, Sing, Sing* as well as some popular charts like the Billy Joel ballad, *Just the Way You Are*, and The Commodores' disco hit, *Brick House*. The percussion ensemble featured a marimba trio, *Stubernic*, a piece using only drum heads called *Head Talk* and a steel drum with rhythm section combo, *Samba de Arcata*.

## Chorale travels to Italy for choir competition

The Campbellsville University Chorale has been invited to compete in an International Choir Festival in Verona, Italy, in March of 2008. This will be the first time an ensemble from the Campbellsville University School of Music has competed on an international basis. The Chorale will be one of only a handful of American choirs in the competition in which over 30 choirs from around the world are entered. The SOM is thrilled and honored by this opportunity to enhance the reputation of Campbellsville University and the fine people of Campbellsville, Kentucky.

The Chorale will depart the U.S. on March 24, 2008 and arrive in Milan, Italy, the next day. After the bus ride to Verona, they will begin rehearsing for the competition. During their stay in Verona, they will present a number of joint Friendship Concerts with choirs from around the world, performing in various concert halls and schools. The Chorale will also make day trips to Venice and Florence to visit sites of interest to all musicians – churches where Vivaldi and Puccini played, La Scala Opera, La Fenice Opera House, and many more. They will even perform in San Croce, one of the most famous churches in Florence. The competition will conclude on March 30 when the Chorale hopes to bring home the gold!

## Opera features current students, alumni and faculty

The Fall 2007 Opera Workshop produced *Gianni Schicchi* by Puccini. As many of our former cast members know, we like to perform this opera every five or six years. As usual, this production was received very well by the public. Every performance of this opera plays on the individual comedic attributes that each cast member brings.

This production of *Gianni Schicchi* had former music majors Kevin Durham, Jeff Parks, Ricky Gerald and Jason Logan filling roles for this large cast. Also, music faculty members Dr. Mark Bradley and Dr. Tony Cunha were pressed into service to perform roles. Kevin and Amy Durham's son Kelley did a great job of performing the role of Gherardino. Thanks so much to all of those that worked so hard to make this production the success that it was.

It is unusual for a small university like Campbellsville to be able to offer regular exposure each semester to opera. We are blessed with many very fine singers that make this possible, plus we have a good number of super talented exes that live close and are happy to fill roles when needed.

Our opera program has expanded now to include a spring performance. During the spring, we will be performing concert versions of some major operas.



**Gianni Schicchi gets an earful from Donati's wife, Nella (Marcelo Ferreira, MA in Music and Bridgette Sallee, BA in Music). Photo by Josh Myers.**

# Sound Off

## Faculty & Student News

### FACULTY

♪ **Dr. James Moore**, professor of music, was selected as the KMEA District 4 College Professor of the Year.

♪ **Jen Tinnell** (BM in Music Education 1993 and MM in Music Education 2001) and **Donna Irwin** (BM in Music Education 1992 and MM in Music Education 1999) were named back-to-back Campbellsville University Non-tenured faculty award winners.

♪ At the KMTA Convention held October 20-23, 2007, **Dr. Wesley Roberts** and his wife, Sida, gave a program entitled "Images of Chinese Music."

♪ Congratulations to **Dr. Reese Land!** He successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana and has earned a DMA in Trumpet Performance with a minor in Musicology. Dr. Land is the newest full-time member of the music faculty and coordinates the trumpet studio and brass ensembles. During 2002-2003, Dr. Land taught at CU as an adjunct trumpet instructor.

♪ In September 2007, adjunct faculty member **Dr. David Hedrick** (voice) gave a clinic for CMENC on teaching arts and humanities as a result of his successful student handbook and teacher resource guide that was published in 2006.

Dr. Hedrick has also been invited to be guest conductor of the SATB choir for the Jefferson County (KY) Public Schools All-County Choir on January 17, 2007. Dr. Hedrick's new composition, "Alleluia! Praise God" is one of the four selections he has chosen for performance.

♪ **Karl Olsen**, adjunct instructor in double bass, had his orchestral solo premier on October 20th, 2007, performing Domenico Dragonetti's "Concerto in A for Doublebass and Orchestra" with the Wausau Symphony of Wausau, Wisconsin. He also gave several masterclasses throughout the Northern Wisconsin schools and community during the week of October 15 - 20.

### STUDENTS

♪ **Mario Silva** (MA in Music, Recife, Brazil) is the "Doc Severinson" of Brazil as bandleader for the nationally broadcast weekly TV variety show called "Hebe".

♪ **Aline Araujo** (MA in Music) auditioned and won a violin position in the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra.

♪ Five current students sang with the **Kentucky Opera** this fall in the production of Puccini's *Tourandot*

- Belani Segunda
- Juliana Moura
- Marcelo Ferreira
- Brittany Benningfield
- Clint Warf

♪ Eight members of the **Tiger Marching Band** were among the members of the Kentucky Intercollegiate Band who performed at Gov. Steve Beshear's inauguration in Frankfort, Ky.

- Guard: Liz Lowery & Amanda Saunders
- Flute: Rachel Cain & Carla Edmondson,
- Alisa Florence, Trumpet
- E.J. Jones, Sousaphone
- Amber Jinnett, Clarinet
- Aaron LaFollette, Baritone

♪ Several of our students will participate in **Intercollegiate Ensembles** for the 2008 KMEA Conference in Louisville in February.

#### Intercollegiate Band

- Flute: Nell Haydon & Carla Edmondson,
- Clarinet: Brittany Judd & Jong-Kwon Lee
- Bradley Whitehead, Horn
- Chris Taylor, Euphonium

#### All-Collegiate Choir

- Soprano: Brittany Hall & MaryGrace Lee
- Alto: Heather Massey & Rachel Morrison
- Tenor: Jamaal Stiles & John Charles Watkins,
- Clint Warf, Bass

#### Intercollegiate Orchestra

- Violin: Aline Araujo, Ju-Eun Kim, Myung-Ho Lee, Sung-Man Lee, Fabricio Soares
- Marcus Silva, Viola
- Denis Santos, Flute
- Yoo-Jin Lee, Oboe
- Il-Hun Jang, Clarinet
- Hyo-Jin Kim, Bassoon
- Trumpet: John Lenox & Daniel Murphy
- Percussion: David Keeven & Cory Barnes

It's a great life, this life of music.

~Ahmet Ertegun

# Alumni News

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♪ **Wan Soo Cho** (MA in Music 2007) auditioned and was awarded Principal Chair (he is the best) of the viola section of UL orchestra. Also is one of only two students (both are CU grads) admitted into the graduate Orchestral Conducting Program and will conduct the UL orchestra in a performance of Mozart's *Overture, Marriage of Figaro* on Sept 16 at UL and is violist of the UL graduate string quartet.

♪ **Nilson Santos** (MA in Music 2007) is one of two students (both are CU grads) admitted into the graduate Orchestral Conducting Program at UL and will conduct the UL orchestra in a performance of Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnol* and Dvorak's *Symphony #9* in an upcoming concert of the UL Orchestra. He is cellist of the UL graduate string quartet.

♪ From the KMTA Convention held October 20-23, 2007: **Joanna Ximenes** (MM in Music Education 2001) and **Teresa Tedder** (MM in Church Music 2000) gave a program entitled: "Brazilian Piano Music." Tedder was the Commissioned Composer and her new composition "With Malice Toward None: Abraham Lincoln—An American

Idol" was premiered by the Mid-Kentucky Chorus. This work is a five-movement cantata for mixed chorus, soloists, and instrumental ensemble with a text drawn primarily from Lincoln's speeches and writings, supplemented by original text by Tedder. In the words of the composer, "The cantata attempts to convey both the simplicity and the complexity of Abraham Lincoln's life as well as the timeless and timely universal right for freedom and human dignity for all people."

♪ **Diogo Pimentel** (MA in Music 2007) audition for and was awarded the position of Concertmaster for University of Florida Orchestra. He is also a member of the graduate string quartet.

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