

Soundwave

Iowa Lakes Community College Music Newsletter

October 2018

Clay County Fair concert in honor of Veterans featured Iowa Lakes' ensembles

Fifty Iowa Lakes' students participated in a concert honoring veterans at the Clay County Fair in Spencer, IA, on September 10th. Over 800 people from the area attended this concert of patriotic music featuring the handbell ensemble, jazz band and concert choir from Iowa Lakes Community College. The performance was held at the Clay County Fairgrounds Event Center. Carol Ayres directed the jazz band and handbell ensemble, and Brett Fuelberth directed the concert choir. The Veterans Appreciation Program is held each year during the fair as part of an entire day dedicated to honoring our service men and women. This year, the special focus of the program was the U.S. Coast Guard.

Music presented by Iowa Lakes Music Department included *God Bless the USA*, *Kansas City*, *National Anthem*, *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, *America the Beautiful*, and others. The program ended with the concert choir performing *God Bless America* and inviting the attendees to sing along, followed by *Taps* performed by Rod Shedenhelm and Jack Ryan, retired area band directors. A highlight of the program was the *Tribute to the Armed Forces*, a medley of the songs of the various military branches. "I had never been in a room full of that many veterans," Lincoln Larsen, Iowa Lakes musician, said, "So it was cool during the tribute to see all of the veterans of the different branches stand during their song."



Drum Roll, Please...

28th Annual Jazz Festival

The 28th Annual Jazz Festival is set for Wednesday, Oct 31. This year we will be welcoming back renowned jazz artists Tony Gulizia, vocals/keyboards; Andy Hall, jazz on the bass; and Joey Gulizia, percussion. (All biographies are located on our web site at www.iowalakes.edu/music/jazzfestival)

The drum set is unique among modern instruments and is truly a global invention. Most of the parts of the modern drum set originated thousands of years ago, yet the drum set, on the whole, didn't exist until the twentieth century. This makes the modern drum set the youngest, major, acoustic instrument in existence.

To start off the 28th Annual Jazz Festival, Joey Gulizia, with the help of his combo, Andy Hall on bass and Tony Gulizia on keyboards, will show the drum set's roots and how each part of the drum set came together, beginning at 9 a.m. in the college's gymnasium on the Estherville campus. An improvisation clinic, bass clinic, and drum clinic will be held from 10-noon. Plus, clinic slots will be available for high school bands in the afternoon.

Concluding the day, a concert will be held at the Pearson Lakes Art Center, Okoboji, at 7 p.m. ***Admission for the evening concert is \$5.00 for adults/students free.***



Iowa Lakes Hosts Heartland Honor Choir



**Thursday, October 25th,
All-Choir Performance at 6:00 p.m.
Iowa Lakes Community College Gym,
Estherville Campus
*Concert admission is \$5.00 for Adults,
Students are Free***

Many area high school choirs are joining forces to create music together at the Heartland Honor Choir, hosted by Iowa Lakes Community College.

Singers from Estherville-Lincoln-Central, Alta-Aurelia, Graettinger-Terril-Ruthven-Ayrshire, Boyden-Hull, Clay Central-Everly, Newell-Fonda, South O'Brien, Pocahontas, and more will all be part of the mass choir of over 160 singers.

The event takes place on Thursday, October 25th, and will be capped-off with a concert at 6 pm at the Estherville campus gymnasium of Iowa Lakes Community College.

Tickets for the concert are \$5 for adults, and students can attend for free. The Iowa Lakes Choir and Men's Ensemble will also be featured at the concert.

The Honor Choir is being conducted by Matthew Armstrong. Armstrong is director of choral activities at Wayne State College. He leads the Concert Choir, Madrigal Singers, and Black and Gold, and teaches K-12 music methods, conducting, and choral literature.

"It is hard to believe this is our 5th year of the Heartland Honor Choir already! It has really grown into a unique event that brings so many talented high school singers together to create an amazing choral sound," said Iowa Lakes choir director, Brett Fuelberth, "Please join us for the concert on October 25th to hear the results of all the students' hard work!"

For more information on the honor choir, and to register for the day, go to:

www.iowalakes.edu/music/HeartlandHonorChoir



Meet Our New Music Assistant!

The Iowa Lakes Music Department has recently welcomed Rachelle Gewecke as the new music assistant. Rachelle lives in Spirit Lake with her husband, Michael, and their two daughters, Emily, 8, and Olivia, 4. Rachelle also serves as the praise team leader at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake and as a staff accompanist in the Spirit Lake School district. We are excited to have Rachelle as part of the Iowa Lakes Music team!

IOWA LAKES MUSIC SPONSORS GROCERY BINGO

Thanks to the generous donations of Iowa Lakes' faculty and staff, **Grocery Bingo** was recently held at the Estherville campus. Bingo is sponsored monthly by the music department for all students at Iowa Lakes.



COFFEE HOUSE

October 9th at 6:30 PM
IA Lakes Student Center
300 S. 18th St., Estherville
Free admission, Open to the Public



The ever-popular Iowa Lakes Community College Coffee House series is back for the new school year, featuring a variety of talented students and community members. Free coffee, lemonade, and snacks will be served throughout the evening. If anyone is interested in performing at a Coffee House, please contact Rachelle Gewecke, Music Assistant at rgewecke@iowalakes.edu or 712-362-8345.

Special Note to High School Music Directors:

Our website is www.iowalakes.edu/music. There you can find an online registration and other vital information for the October 25th Heartland Honor Choir and the October 31st Jazz Festival.

You will also find details about the Jazz Band Contest and Show Choir/Jazz Choir Festival in January.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

October

- 9 Coffee House, 6:30 PM, The Max; Estherville Campus
- 23 KILR Radio spot (9:40 AM – 10:00 AM)
- 25 Heartland Honor Choir– 6:00PM; Estherville Campus Gym
- 26 Laker Visit Day (EV Campus)
- 27 Music alumni pep band/ basketball game, 1:00 game; 12:00 rehearsal
- 31 Jazz Festival Concert—7:00 PM; Pearson Lakes Art Center, Okoboji

November

- 12 Iowa Lakes Veteran's Day, noon, Estherville
- 13 KILR Radio spot (9:40 AM – 10:00 AM)
- 15-17 All Star Honor Concert Band, Ames
- 30 Elizabethan Madrigal Feaste, 6:00 PM

December

- 1 Elizabethan Madrigal Feaste, 6:00 PM
- 4 Coffee House, 6:30 PM Student Center
- 5 Winter Music Recital – 2:00 PM Room 60, Estherville campus
- 8 The Great Christmas Ring
- 13 Handbell Concert—7:00 PM First Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake

January

- 17 Jazz Band Contest, 2A/4A
- 18 Jazz Band contest, 1A/3A
- 22-23 Show/Jazz Choir Festival

Blue Note Club

In 2008, we inaugurated the *Blue Note Club* as a way of creating a strong base of donors to start a fund for music scholarships. The response was wonderful! We want to see the *Blue Note Club* grow each year through the help of great art supporters like you, so that the Music Department at Iowa Lakes Community College will not only continue, but flourish as well. With your help that can happen!

At Iowa Lakes, we believe the greatest gift a student can receive (besides an awesome education!) is a scholarship. Scholarships provide tremendous opportunities and financial assistance to deserving students. Your gift to music scholarships through the *Blue Note Club* will a significant difference the lives of our-musicians and ensure that deserving students who wish to attend Iowa Lakes are not left behind because of economic constraints.

The *Blue Note Club* is comprised of four levels of support: Prodigy - donations of \$249 and under; Composer - \$250-\$499; Virtuoso - \$500-\$999; and Maestro - \$1000. Scholarship donations to the Iowa Lakes Foundation (Music Scholarship Fund) are tax deductible to the full extent of the law under the Internal Revenue code. Please contact Alison Mason at amason@iowalakes.edu or 1-800-242-5106 Ext. 4491 or call 712-362-0491 for more information.

Thank you for your continued support!

Building has started! Time to purchase a seat!

You can purchase your seat for \$500 per chair.

Pledges are accepted (1 chair can be spread out over 1 year, 2 chairs over 2 years, 3 chairs over 4 years, 4 or MORE chairs paid over 4 years).

Donors will have their names (or logo) laser printed on a plaque, which will be affixed to the arm of the chair.

Those interested in “purchasing” seats, please contact the Iowa Lakes Foundation Office at (712) 362-0491.

JAZZ FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Oct. 31st

9 a.m.

Convocation

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Workshops

1-5 p.m.

High School Clinics

7 p.m.

Concert at Pearson Lakes Art Center, Okoboji

Students are free /\$5.00 for adults