



NEWBERRY COLLEGE

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MUSIC

Fall 2003

Newberry's Largest Marching Band Ever Takes the Field

The Newberry College Marching Band presented its season opener on September 13th at the first home game. The band has gradually increased in size and is proud to put 75 marchers on the field. According to "Chief" Pruitt, this is the largest College band ever put on the field. The show is entitled, "Rock and Roll - Second Time" with music written by senior music major Jason Andrews. In the words of students, the show is "awesome", and it is very entertaining for our loyal crowd. Bill Long directs the band, but is assisted by a number of students on his staff. Ben Burris from Saluda is drum captain, writer and instructor. Jacqueline Harward and Evan Connelly have written the drill. Sharod Coleman teaches the color guard. Kimberly Woods is drum major. The band utilizes various soloists and features different ensembles within the group.



Laurel Larsen

Adjunct Professor of Piano

Ms. Larsen and her husband, Jens Larsen, are new members of the Newberry community. They recently relocated here from Atlanta so that Ms. Larsen can pursue a D.M.A. in Piano Pedagogy with a minor in Music Theory at U.S.C. Her husband Jens is a trumpet player who performs and teaches extensively in the Greenville area.

Ms. Larsen is teaching the secondary piano lessons as well as assisting Wanda Neese with some of the instrumental accompanying duties. She is a very experienced studio and public school teacher in both piano and theory, as well as a seasoned accompanist. She earned her Master of Music degree in 1997 from Rice University in piano performance, and her Bachelor of Music degree in 1995 from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in piano performance.

Newberry College Receives Music Technology Commendation

Two years ago, the Newberry College Music Department was re-accredited by NASM, the National Association of Schools of Music. Because our evaluation occurred just as our Music Technology Classroom was installed, NASM has been tracking our progress through periodic updates. This summer NASM completed our certification and awarded us a commendation for outstanding use of music technology in the curriculum! Recent additions to the tech classroom included new hardware and software: *Finale 2003*, *Pyware* (marching band drill software), and

Sibelius. We have 10 new computer stations with *Smart-Music*, an amazing accompanying program, which will be used by students both for their own solo and ensemble practice and to acquaint them with the pedagogical possibilities as future music educators. Incredible progress has been made in this area in the last two years. Special thanks goes to Roy Stenstrom and Chuck Neufeld, whose exper-

W. Kevin Flowers

Adjunct Professor of Percussion

Our new Instructor of Percussion completed a Bachelor of Music degree in Percussion Performance at U.S.C. In addition to being an experienced band performer, he has played with the South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra and the Charlotte Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as the Symphony Orchestras in Augusta, Long Bay, and Florence. His popular music performances include musical theater and performing with both jazz and steel drum combos.

Mr. Flowers is a busy private teacher and has worked with the marching band percussion sections in a dizzying array of regional high schools. He is also an active adjudicator. He was approached about teaching at Newberry College after Bill Long was highly impressed by his work at Newberry High School.

Newberry College Singers Doubles in Membership

Many new students have sparked the rebuilding effort in Newberry College Choirs. "In the Fall of 2002 we had only six returning choir members," said Dr. Chuck Neufeld, who is now in his second year as Director of Choral Activities at Newberry College. "We ended last year with about twenty-one singers. Recruiting has gone pretty well, and we now have forty-two in Newberry College Singers." According to Neufeld, the new singers have added quality as



Dr. Chuck Neufeld

well as quantity to the choir. "It's exciting. We have some very fine singers in the group. Often choirs have to regain ground in the Fall semester, but it seems like Newberry College Singers began this Fall where we ended last Spring. We are even singing eight part pieces, like 'Beautiful Savior' by Olaf C. Christiansen." Madrigals, the select choral ensemble at Newberry, is also larger this year. "I honestly planned to have fewer singers than twenty-three, but call-back auditions went so well that it was impossible to eliminate anyone." said Neufeld. "By adding a few more singers, we hope to have more security on the parts." See the Calendar for the concert schedule in 2003-2004.

Madrigals Plan Two Nights for Christmas Dessert Concerts

Madrigals plan to fill the Dufford House with Christmas music and to fill their audience with gourmet desserts on December 5 and 6. This unique concert of Christmas chamber music features Newberry College's select choral ensemble singing in the front parlor of the Dufford House, one of Newberry's historic homes. Tickets went on sale October 15 and are anticipated to sell quickly, due to limited seating at the Dufford House. "We added a second night to our performance schedule, since we nearly sold out last year," said Lindsay Zwart, a sophomore music education major who sings soprano in the ensemble. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$15.00, or may be purchased at the door for \$20.00.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Professor Emeritus William Darr Wise

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Order of the Palmetto

Dr. Sally Cherrington Beggs



Last spring was a busy time for Dr. Sally. In January she did a workshop for church musicians in Columbia, followed by an organ recital on February 9 to dedicate the new organ at the charming Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Anderson, SC to a full house. In March she got to do something completely different – she judged for the statewide high-school science fair held at Newberry College in a category for musical instrument construction, a topic in which she has an interest. She also headed home – during spring break she went back to Pennsylvania to play a recital for the anniversary of Christ Lutheran Church in her hometown of Allentown, where her first organ teacher, George Boyer, is the Director of Music.

In April it was off to Charleston, where she played a recital at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. She had the opportunity to repeat this program at St. Matthew's in May during the Piccolo Spoleto Festival for a large and international audience, which was very exciting. She also teamed up with Chuck Neufeld to do a day of workshops for the Association of Lutheran Musicians, which brings together Lutheran church musicians from all over SC.

Finally, in June Dr. Sally returned to Pennsylvania to perform two recitals at the national convention of the Organ Historical Society. This is the second year she has been invited to play for this national meeting. She played a small but beautiful organ from the late 19th-century by a Pennsylvania Dutch builder. Her anticipated trip to Boston later this year will hopefully conclude research for a book she is writing on historical American organ methods.

This fall, Dr. Sally will play a recital on the "Sundays at Four" series at Savannah Lakes Village in McCormick on November 9. During the second semester, in addition to giving some workshops, she will play a recital at the Newberry Opera House on February 17 at 8:00 p.m. with the Chicago Brass Quintet. This first-class quintet performed with Dr. Sally while she lived in Chicago, and together they will present a program of stirring music for organ and brass.



Dr. Barry McGinnis

Newberry Woodwinds

In March 2003, Dr. McGinnis performed at the North American Saxophone Alliance Region 5 Conference held at USC in Columbia. He was assisted in this performance by percussionists Kimberly Woods (Newberry College senior music education major) and Adam Blackstock '03 as they performed a new composition for saxophone and percussion entitled *Suspended Contact*. In April of 2003, Dr. McGinnis, accompanied by Roy Stenstrom, performed a clarinet and saxophone recital on campus. The duo is currently making plans for a performance at the North American Saxophone Alliance National Biennial Conference to be held in April 2004 at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro as well as the Newberry campus.

'Tooting' the Band's Horn

♪ The jazz ensemble had a highly successful tour to churches and schools in Georgia and South Carolina. The tour saw the band performing at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Lawrenceville, Georgia, Messiah Lutheran Church in Mauldin, SC and St. John's Lutheran Church in Spartanburg. The band also played at Boiling Springs High School, Jonesville High School, Union Comprehensive High School, Lewisville High School (South Carolina) and Dunwoody High School (Georgia).

♪ The jazz band helped sponsor the annual Newberry College Jazz Festival. The band backed up famed trombonist Ron Westray who is lead trombonist with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra and graduated from Keenan High School in Columbia.

♪ The band honored Senior Jason Andrews and freshman pianist Evans McTeer with the Charles Pruitt "Most Valuable Player" award. This was the first year that two players were honored and for the, first time in many years 'Chief' Pruitt himself, presented the awards.

The New Newberry College Jazz Combo

In response to the growing number of music majors as well as participating non-majors at Newberry College, the music department has added another ensemble to its ranks. Joining the ever popular Jazz Band will be the Newberry College Jazz Combo. In it's premiere year, the student ensemble members are:

Junior Eargle - *trombone* Jason Steele - *tenor saxophone*
 Kristin Caughman - *trumpet* Bobby Ward - *guitar/bass*
 Bobby Sease - *guitar* Richard White - *drums*
 Stephen Soles - *piano*

The ensemble will perform music in numerous jazz styles including swing, be-bop, latin, blues, and fusion. The combo will be joining the jazz band at the winter concert and will accompany the jazz band on it's spring concert tour. The combo is directed by Dr. Barry McGinnis who is also playing alto saxophone with the combo.

AN EXCITING YEAR FOR STENSTROM AND THE PIANO DEPARTMENT



The most exciting news for Roy this year has been his marriage to Susan Marie Parks on March 1, 2003.

Aside from serving Newberry College as accompanist for the Concert Choir and Madrigal Singers, Professor Roy Stenstrom has been active performing recitals with various groups and soloists. In April of 2003 Mr. Stenstrom performed at the Newberry Opera House with the Palmetto Tree-O. This group, which includes Nancy Ditto, violinist, and Adam Alter, clarinetist, performed various works of Milhaud, Gershwin, Vaughan Williams, Beethoven, and others. Professor Stenstrom has also performed with one of the music departments' newest faculty members, Dr. Barry McGinnis. This program consisted of works by Weber, Paul Jean-Jean, Ryo Noda, and Amy Quate. Plans are being made for the duo to perform at the Biennial National Conference of the North American Saxophone Alliance, and again at the college campus in the spring semester. The Newberry College Fine Arts and Lecture Series sponsored these performances. In addition to performing recitals, Mr. Stenstrom has taken numerous opportunities to adjudicate for MTNA and Piano Guild auditions across the state.

"The piano department is growing!" states Stenstrom. "We now have three piano performance majors studying with us; Amanda Ringē (Newberry, SC), Stephen Soles (Charleston, SC) and Irina Puzdrjakova (Russia)." There will be two junior recitals given this school year, one by Miss Puzdrjakova and another by Miss Ringer. Stephen Soles, a sophomore, will be the pianist for a new ensemble, the Jazz Combo, directed by Dr. McGinnis.

Woodwind Studio Grows

The music department's woodwind studio experienced a record amount of growth this year, adding five freshman music majors and one music minor, as well as two non-major participants. This growth has allowed Dr. McGinnis to offer a wider variety of woodwind ensembles for the students to participate in. Members are:

Saxophone Quartet

Laurie Pietscher
 Jason Steele
 Bryan Hood
 Christopher Wofford

Clarinet Quartet

April Ballard
 Barry McGinnis
 Jacqueline Harward
 John Huggins

Flute Quartet

Jacqueline Harward
 Amanda Setzer

Christi McKnight
 Carrie Jennings

The woodwind ensembles will present a joint recital November 18 at 8:00 pm in the Alumni Music Center Recital Hall. Each group will also present separate recitals during the spring semester.

Band Leader Expects Active Year

On September 27, 2003, Mr. Long judged the Midland Valley Marching Band Festival. This large contest is well established in the state and draws a significant number of high school participants. Mr. Long has also been selected to be Guest Conductor of the Senior Honor Band for Richland County Schools. He will be the featured clinician at Laurens High School on April 6, 2004, Prof. Long will be presented in recital on Tuesday evening, January 13, 2004. This recital will be held in the recital hall of the Alumni Music Center and will begin at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Long is a tuba soloist and will be assisted by Winifred Goodwin on piano. Mr. Long can also be heard with the Palmetto Brass Quintet as it performs around the state.



Bill Long, Director of Bands

New Musical Newberrians – Fall 2003

We welcome our new class of music majors:

April Ballard, Niceville FL, clarinet
Daniel Brooks, Socastee SC, trombone
Rhett Burton, Keokuk IA, trumpet
Becca Dickenson, voice
Jacqueline Harward, Barnwell SC, flute
Brian Hood, Monks Corner SC, saxophone
Jonathan Inman, Union SC, bass

Carrie Jennings, Aiken SC, voice
Christi McKnight, Florence SC, flute
Russell Powell, Anderson SC, percussion
Amanda Ringer, Newberry SC, piano (transfer)
Stephen Soles, Charleston SC, piano
Cody Wessinger, Pomaria SC, tuba
Richard White, Edgefield SC, percussion
Chris Wofford, Spartanburg SC, saxophone

We also have two new part-time students, both in organ, one of whom is finishing up a degree he began here previously.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

{AMC ~ Alumni Music Center}

October 5, 5:00 p.m. ~ Harmony Burnett, Voice Recital ~ AMC
October 11, 11:00 a.m. ~ NC Choir Parents Concert ~ Wiles Chapel
October 26, 11:00 a.m. ~ Anniversary Service
St. John's Lutheran Church ~ Wallahalla, SC
November 2, 8:00 p.m. ~ Irina Puzdrjakova, Piano Recital ~ AMC
November 18, 8:00 p.m. ~ Woodwind Ensemble Concert ~ AMC
December 2, 8:00 p.m. ~ Jazz Band Concert ~ Wiles Chapel
December 3, 8:00 p.m. ~ Madrigals Student Preview ~ AMC
December 4, 8:00 p.m. ~ Wiles Chapel ~ Singers Christmas Concert
December 5-6, 8:00 p.m. Madrigals Christmas Deserts Concerts
The Dufford House
January 13, 8:00 p.m. ~ Professor Bill Long, Tuba Recital ~ AMC

January 25, 3:00 p.m. ~ Hymn Festival ~ Wiles Chapel
February 17, 8:00 p.m. ~ Chicago Brass Quintet
with Sally Cherrington Beggs, Organ
Newberry Opera House
March 4-6 ~ NC Jazz Festival ~ AMC and Eleazer Arena
March 7-13 ~ Newberry College Singers ~ Choir Tour in Florida
March 16, 8:00 p.m. ~ NC Choirs Home Concert ~ Wiles Chapel
April 6, 8:00 p.m. ~ Madrigals Spring Concert ~ Wiles Chapel
April 17, 8:00 p.m. ~ NC Singers Concert ~ Newberry Opera House
April 20, 8:00 p.m. ~ Concert Band Spring Concert ~ Eleazer Arena
May 7, 1:00 p.m. ~ Graduation Jazz Band Concert
AMC ~ Band Room

Music Department Fun Facts for Fall 2003

1. The size of our incoming class of music majors is up 50% from last fall!
2. All of our Freshman music majors from last year have returned - 100% retention!
3. The Marching Band has grown to 75 members - about 10% of the student body. Do you know of any other college that has this high a percentage of its members in the marching band?
4. The size of the Newberry College Singers has grown to about 42 members. Two years ago there were 19 singers; last year only 6 of those singers returned, and Chuck Neufeld had to build from there.
5. We now have more students taking organ for credit than does USC.

We also have two new ensembles - a Flute Quartet (in addition to the Saxophone Quartet and Clarinet Quartets, thanks to our great woodwind recruiting this year) and a Jazz Combo. See Dr. McGinnis's article for more information. This is an addition of three small ensembles in two



Beautiful Music and a Matching Décor

Spring 2003

A gift from Dr. & Mrs. John Wagner and friends has provided gorgeous landscaping for the Alumni Music Center. The project included new trees, shrubs, grass and an automated irrigation system for the entire yard.

Send a Musician to Newberry College ~ Communicate Directly with the Music Faculty via email or (800) 845 -4955.

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NEW WEB SITE for the Newberry College Band ~ www.ncbands.com.