

Newberry College

MUSIC NEWS

2012-2013

Our Music Department Welcomes Dr. Victor Vallo



Dr. Victor Vallo became our Music Department Chair in August 2012. Dr. Vallo's long and distinguished career in Music Education brings another great leader and musician to Newberry College. Dr. Vallo received his BM in Music Education with Performance Honors (Trumpet) from Syracuse University, MM from George Washington University in Music History and Analytical Studies and Ph.D. in

Music Education with an emphasis in Conducting from the University of Florida. Welcome Dr. Vallo!

Bill Long, Director of Bands Announces His Retirement in May 2013

Bill brought new life to our Music Department in 1992. At the time we had less than 30 students in the Band. Today we have over 90 and the only marching band for a Lutheran school in the US. He gave us his heart, his soul and his marvelous talents. Bill's role as Tubist for countless events and as one of our strongest ambassadors for quality music education, will continue to make Newberry the place to become a Bandmaster and instrumentalist of the highest caliber. Thanks Bill!



Dr. Sally Cherrington Beggs (1958 - 2012) The Newberry College Music Department and the Cherrington Beggs family are pleased to announce the establishment of the *Dr. Sally Cherrington Beggs Memorial Scholarship* to honor the memory of "Dr. Sally" who lost her three-year battle with a rare sinus-brain cancer in March 2012. The last 12 years of her life Dr. Sally served Newberry College as the Chair of the Music Department and College Organist. Under her leadership the size of the department has doubled, the Alumni Music Center has been refurbished and the quality of the program has elevated Newberry College to one of the premiere private college music programs in South Carolina. Dr. Sally represented Newberry College nationally as a recitalist and workshop clinician at events sponsored by the American Guild of Organists (AGO), the Organ Historical Society (OHS), and the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) and Augsburg-Fortress Press. Her deepest passion, however, was the integration of music into the worship of the Church. The Dr. Sally Cherrington Beggs Memorial Scholarship is intended to honor her memory and to promote the cultivation of promising organists/musicians who are dedicated to using their talents to enrich the worship life of the Church. Please assist Newberry College in this effort by 1) contacting Dr. Victor Vallo, the Chair of the Music Department, with contact information of prospective students who would be suitable candidates for this scholarship and 2) making your tax-deductible donation to the Dr. Sally Cherrington Beggs Memorial Scholarship. You may send your donation to:

Sally Cherrington Beggs Scholarship

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From Dr. Victor Vallo

On behalf of the Department of Music and as the new Chair of the Department I would like to say hello, introduce myself, and offer you some exciting updates about our department. I recently came to Newberry College from Georgia College & State University as their Music Department Chair. I received my Bachelors of Music in Music Education with Performance Honors (Trumpet) from Syracuse University, Masters of Music from George Washington University in Music History and Ph.D. in Music Education with an emphasis in Conducting from the University of Florida.

As a conductor-educator I have been the Music Director/Conductor for a number of orchestras and bands around the country to include the Anderson Symphony Orchestra, Arkansas Festival Orchestra, Alabama All-State Orchestra, South Carolina All-State Orchestra, Red Mountain Chamber Orchestra (AL), Greenville Community Chamber Orchestra (SC), Alabama Youth Symphony, Southern Arkansas University Chamber Orchestra and Wind Ensemble, Jacksonville State University Chamber Orchestra, Anderson College Wind Symphony, Immaculata Wind Symphony, PMEA District XII Festival Orchestra, Oconee Regional Symphony Orchestra (GA) and a number of Army Reserve and National Guard Band. I have also had a number of articles published on conducting and music education in various national and international music journals to include Update: Applications of Research in Music Education, Southeastern Journal of Music Education, Journal of the Conductors Guild, Research Perspectives in Music Education, The Instrumentalist, Consort-Early Music Journal (London), NASM Proceedings, Journal of the American String Teachers, MENC NewsLink and the School Band & Orchestra Magazine. Enough about me!

Since arriving at Newberry College in August 2012 I have enjoyed working with the faculty and staff in starting and facilitating a number of new initiatives to aid in the growth and development of the department:

- 1) Developed a "Friends of Music" Foundation
- 2) Discussion stages for a Master of Music Education program and a Music Business minor
- 3) Planning stages for Newberry College to become an All-Steinway School
- 4) Created the Assistant Director of Bands position (Fall 2013)
- 5) Purchased modern desk-tables for the AMC music classrooms
- 6) Purchased new posture enhancing Choir Chairs for the choral room
- 7) Planning stages to upgrade the acoustics of the AMC Recital Hall
- 8) For our Music Building: Purchased a state-of-the-art SMART Board, and upgraded the computer software in the Music Tech lab with Finale 2012
- 9) Created two new ensembles: Newberry College Chamber Orchestra (Spring 2013) and the Newberry College Wind Symphony (Fall 2013)

All in all it has been and continues to be exciting for my wife and I to be a part of such an incredible place to live and work at Newberry College. When you're back in town please come by and say hello as I have already met some music alumni and would like to continue to meet as many music alums as I can. Take care and may God bless always!

Musically Yours,

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A Life with Music - Our Piano Preparatory Department Turns 25

Foundations in music begin in the Newberry College Preparatory Music Program. Some 500 hundred children have started and enriched their musical studies here. In 1988, Wanda Neese founded the program and has taught preparatory piano, preschool music classes and served as Preparatory Music Coordinator for 25 years. Her students have worked in master classes with renowned pianists/pedagogues such as Pawel Chęcinski, Ian Hobson, Erik Larsen, Daniel Pollock, Constance Knox Carroll, Nelita True, Alexander Peskanov, and Zadel Skolovsky. Neese's preparatory students have performed successfully in concerts and competitions across South Carolina and in Virginia. The 2012 Erin Shealy Preparatory Piano Award recipients were Nora Cutler and Cassie Waites. This award is given based on musical talent, diligence, commitment to improving themselves as musicians, kindness, and consideration for others. At right, 7 years old Jacob Clark is enjoying a lesson with his teacher, Mrs. Wanda whom he has studied with since the age of 2.



Freshmen Music Majors 2012

Justin Marshall Ashford	Church Music	Winnsboro
Catherine Abigail Barrett	Music Education	Aiken
Brandon Alexander Black	Applied Music/Vocal	White Haven
Dwayne Jonathon Butler	Performance	Gray Court
Lucien Thomas Corsini	Performance	Newberry
Olivia Margaret Cross	Music Education	Mauldin
Patrick Richard Doran	Music Education	Myrtle Beach
Brandnon Lawrence Eargle	Music Education	Chapin
Kelsey E Ehrhart	Performance	Chapin
Dallas Jeremy Herndon	Music Theory	Moncks Corner
Jamie Ta'Mar Livingston	Music Education	Swansea
Forrest Gregory Parker	Music Education	Columbia
Kendall Macy Reese	Music Education	Irmo
David Christopher Schroer	Music Theory	Newberry
Antwan Desmond Sloan	Performance	Pickens
Darius Marcell Starks	Music Education	Irmo
Alyssa Michelle Tavarez	Performance	Columbia
Quentine Irwin Watson	Performance	Lexington

Dr. Arthur Haecker has been appointed our new **Interim Director of Bands**. Dr.

Haecker is currently the Instructor of Low Brass at Presbyterian College. Prior to his appointment at PC he was the Principal Trombonist of the Amman Symphony Orchestra, and the Instructor of Low Brass at the National Conservatory of Jordan. Before joining the ASO he enjoyed a successful performing career in the United States. He formerly served on the faculties of Hillsdale College and Millikin University. Dr. Haecker received a BM in Euphonium from the Eastman School of Music, a MM in Trombone from the University of Michigan, an MM in Instrumental Conducting from Winthrop University and a DMA in Trombone from the University of Iowa.



Dr. John Roberts is our new **Assistant Director of Bands**. Dr. Roberts will be primarily responsible for directing the Newberry College Marching Band. In addition, he will direct one of the Jazz Combos, teach Applied Percussion lessons as well as direct the Percussion Ensemble. Additional duties will include co-conducting the Symphonic Band. A native of South Carolina, Dr. Roberts graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of South Carolina. While at USC, he earned the prestigious Performers Certificate and was inducted into four national honor societies. Dr. Roberts received his DMA in performance and graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of North Texas where he received the Most Outstanding Graduate Student in Percussion Award.



Mrs. Debbie Jarman is the new 'Voice' of our Music Department. She is a graduate of Goldey Beacom College in Delaware. She began her Newberry College career in 1998 as Administrative Assistant to Athletics and Physical Education Department. In 2004 Debbie became a Financial Aid Counselor and in 2008 an Accounts Receivable Coordinator. Beginning January 2013 she joined the Newberry College Music Department becoming our Administrative Assistant. Reflecting on her 14+ years of dedicated service to our College, Debbie remarked "I have thoroughly enjoyed the interaction between the students and their families as well as the staff. This is a great college community to work in."



YEARLY Activities

Our Music Department spends time 'on the road' meeting prospective students, teachers and alumni at various events throughout the school year.



Our display provides a visual introduction and opportunity to say 'hello' in person. Professor Long and others represent us each year at the South Carolina Music Educators convention. The NC Singers and Big Jazz Band tour yearly in South Carolina and neighboring states putting our musicians on stage to share our music and our story with congregations and schools alike.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE
ONE OF OUR ENSEMBLES
VISIT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?**

Newberry Alumni have vast resources available to help promote Newberry College including exceptional talent. Give the music office a call to discuss the possibilities and schedule events for the upcoming 2013 - 2014 year.

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Jazz Festival Concert 2012 March 3, 2012

This year's concert featured world-renowned solo jazz trombonist, Conrad Herwig from the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. The Jazz Big Band hosted the 56th Annual Newberry College Jazz Festival, one of the largest in the Southeast. Wiles Chapel was again packed for this State-wide event.

Welcome

The Newberry College Music Department *Music Events Calendar for 2012 - 2013*

9/09/2012	3:00 pm	John, Janet and Jazz - Newberry Opera House
9/17/2012	8:00 pm	Dr. Laurel Larsen, Piano/Amy Yang, Bassoon Recital AMC Recital Hall
9/23/2012	2:30 pm	Jazz on the Lawn - AMC Portico
10/02/2012	8:00 pm	Faculty Showcase Recital - Wiles Chapel
10/05/2012	7:00 pm	Oktoberfest - The Flying Pie downtown Newberry
10/06/2012	1:00 pm	Jazz Big Band Concert - Opera House Lawn
10/08/2012	8:00 pm	Zane Forshee, Guitar Recital - AMC Recital Hall
10/13/2012	1:00 pm	Homecoming Choir Concert - Wiles Chapel
10/22/2012	7:00 pm	Fall Choirs Concert - Lutheran Church of the Redeemer - Newberry
10/30/2012	8:00 pm	Jazz Combo Concert - AMC Recital Hall
11/05/2012	8:00 pm	Chamber Ensembles Concert - AMC Recital Hall
11/11/2012	8:00 pm	NC Composers' Series Concert - AMC Recital Hall
11/27/2012	8:00 pm	Jazz Big Band Winter Concert - Wiles Chapel
11/30/2012	7:30 pm	Lessons and Carols Concert - Wiles Chapel
12/01/2012	8:00 pm	Heavy Metal Concert - The Flying Pie in Downtown Newberry
12/08/2012	3:00 pm	Tuba Christmas Concert - AMC Recital Hall
01/25/2013	8:00 pm	Opera Gala - AMC Recital Hall - Room
02/12/2013	8:00 pm	Dr. Barry McGinnis, Faculty Saxophone and Clarinet Recital
02/26/2013	8:00 pm	Vocal, Piano, and Oboe Recital
03/02/2013	1:00 pm	SC Jazz Festival Concert
03/19/2013	8:00 pm	NC Singers Spring Concert
04/01/2013	8:00 pm	Brass and Percussion Ensembles Concert
04/05/2013	8:00 pm	NC Composers' Series Concert
04/08/2013	8:00 pm	Jazz Combo Concert
04/09/2013	8:00 pm	NC Madrigals Concert
04/20/2013	8:00 pm	Jazz On The Lawn
04/16/2013	8:00 pm	Symphonic Band Spring Concert
04/19/2013	8:00 pm	NC Singers Spring Concert
04/21/2013	4:00 pm	Marina Alexandra, "Guitar Music from Around the World"
04/22/2013	8:00 pm	Chamber Ensemble Concert
04/23/2013	8:00 pm	Newberry Opera Scenes - Newberry Opera House
04/27/2013	7:30 pm	Heavy Metal Concert - The Flying Pie in Downtown Newberry
05/03/2013	2:00 pm	Jazz Big Band Graduation Concert - AMC Recital Hall



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Friends of Music

The Newberry College "Friends of Music" was formed in Fall 2012 to help promote and support the needs of the Music Department through donations and gifts. If you wish to be a Friend of Music, your tax-deductible donation/check should be made out to Newberry College Friends of Music and mailed to:

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