Music performance opportunities at Ferris State University are designed to supplement and enrich the lives of students by assisting them in making the transition from the high school musical setting to the world of adult amateur musical ensembles. FSU students can continue to develop their musical skills and be prepared for a rewarding musical “life after college” by participating in Ferris’ musical ensembles that include both university students and members of the community – the format of the majority of community ensembles throughout the country. In this way, we aspire to inspire all FSU students to continue to enrich their lives and the lives of others as active performers of music – for life! Please Contact the FSU Music Center at (231) 591-2501 for more information.

The FSU West Central Concert Band

The FSU West Central Concert Band is sponsored by Ferris State University as part of its Music for Life! initiative. Currently celebrating its 17th Concert Season, the WCCB presents a diverse series of concerts throughout the year. It is comprised of Ferris State University students, adult community members, and talented young musicians from high school programs from throughout West Central Michigan. Ferris students can earn credit and scholarships for their participation in the WCCB by enrolling in Music 262. Adult community members and qualified high school students recommended by their directors may participate free of charge. The band rehearses every Monday evening throughout school year. Every summer, the band presents an outdoor concert series on Thursday evenings for six weeks as the FSU Community Summer Band, which holds rehearsals on Monday evenings in the Music Center on FSU’s main campus. We encourage and invite all experienced players of brass, woodwind and percussion instruments to join the band. Please contact Scott Cohen at (231) 591-2484 or rscohen@ferris.edu to get signed up!

Richard Scott Cohen, Musical Director

Scott Cohen is Associate Professor and Director of Concert Instrumental Ensembles at Ferris State University. He is director of the FSU West Central Concert Band, the FSU Symphony Band, the FSU Community Summer Band, and the FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra, and he teaches classes in music appreciation. A native of Chicago, Cohen is a Phi Beta Kappa scholar from the University of Illinois, holds masters and doctorate degrees in conducting from Northwestern University, and is a former Fulbright Scholar to Spain. He is active as a conductor, trombonist, composer, arranger, music adjudicator, clinician, researcher, author and lecturer throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

Upcoming Musical Events by the FSU Music Center Ensembles 2008-09

**MAY 3 (SU)** SPRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT
4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra

**2009 SUMMER BAND CONCERT SERIES**

**JUNE 3 (WE)** SUMMER BAND CONCERT #1
7:00 p.m. Old Jail Lawn, Big Rapids
FSU Community Summer Band
In conjunction with the Big Rapids Historical Society & the Old Jail Renovation Project

**JUNE 10 (WE)** SUMMER BAND CONCERT #2
7:00 p.m. The Castle, Canadian Lakes
FSU Community Summer Band
In conjunction with the Canadian Lakes Association

**JUNE 17 (WE)** SUMMER BAND CONCERT #3
7:00 p.m. Big Rapids Band Shell
FSU Community Summer Band
In conjunction with the 2009 Big Rapids Band Shell Concert Series

**JUNE 18 (TH)** SUMMER BAND CONCERT #4
7:00 p.m. Centennial Park, Big Rapids
FSU Community Summer Band
In conjunction with the MCMC Auxiliary Ice Cream Social

**JUNE 24 (WE)** SUMMER BAND CONCERT #5
7:00 p.m. Big Rapids Band Shell
FSU Community Summer Band
In conjunction with the 2009 Big Rapids Band Shell Concert Series

**JULY 1 (WE)** SUMMER BAND CONCERT #6
7:00 p.m. Big Rapids Band Shell
FSU Community Summer Band
In conjunction with the 2009 Big Rapids Band Shell Concert Series

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The Ferris State University Music Center’s Instrumental Concert Ensembles present

The FSU West Central Concert Band
17th Concert Season • 2008-09
Dr. Richard Scott Cohen, Musical Director

Spring Concert

featuring
Paul Heidemann, bassoon soloist
The WCCB Saxophone Section
The WCCB Trombone Section
and
The WCCB Dixieland Ramblers

assisted by
Dr. Donna A. Smith, announcer

4:00 p.m.
Sunday • April 26, 2009
G. Mennen Williams Auditorium
PROGRAM

Teddy Trombone (1911) by Henry Fillmore (1881 - 1956)
“Brother to Miss Trombone” featuring The WCCB Trombone Section

First Suite in E-Flat (1921) by Gustav Holst (1874 - 1934)

I. Chaconne
II. Intermezzo
III. March

Concert Piece for Bassoon and Wind Band (1940) by Burrill Phillips (1907 - 1988)
Paul Heidemann, bassoon

Symphonie Militaire (1792-1809) by François-Joseph Gossec (1734 - 1829) edited by Richard Franko Goldman & Robert Leist

I. Allegro maestoso
II. Larghetto
III. Allegro

What a Wonderful World (1967) by George David Weiss & Bob Thiele arranged by Dan Phillips

In memoriam, Susan Wenger featuring The WCCB Saxophone Section

Tribute to Louis Armstrong (arr. 1972) arranged by John Edmonson

Basin Street Blues by Spencer Williams (1928)

High Society by Porter Steele & Walter Melrose (1931)

Mame by Jerry Herman (1966)

Hello, Dolly! by Jerry Herman (1963)

When the Saints Go Marching In [Traditional] (c. 1896) featuring The WCCB Dixieland Ramblers

Robert Garrells, clarinet • George Novak, tenor saxophone • Jeff Gardner, drums
Jacob Sonier, trombone • Brandon Largent & Jim Mehl, trombone • T. Patrick Billig, tuba

WCCB PERSONNEL

FLUTE/PICCOLO

Meegan Miller (1) FSU Student: Pre-Nursing Bay City
Natalie Novik (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy Waterford
Linda Peck (17) Math Teacher, retired Big Rapids
Angelina White (2) FSU Student: Social Work White Cloud
Emily Anne Wood (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy Escanaba

OBOE

Emily Carr (2) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy Midland

BASSOON

Paul Heidemann (16) Network Technician, FSU Big Rapids
Art Sherwood (11) FSU Mathematics Professor, retired Remus

CLARINET

Christina A. Cook (1) FSU Student: Elementary Education Three Rivers
Martina Estelle (4) Hair Dresser Reed City
*Michael Eyster (2) FSU Student: Plastics Engineering Technology Angola, IN
Robert Garrells (15) Lutherian Pastor, retired Big Rapids
Jessica Heacock (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy Utica
Tiffany Jones (1) FSU Student: Pre-Veterinary Medicine Falmouth
*Deirdre Kolle (4) FSU Student: Applied Biology/Physical Therapy Traverse City
Christa Lubahn (8) Dentist Big Rapids
James Miller (9) Engineer, retired Canadian Lakes
Nedra Neumann (17) Insurance Accounting & Technology Big Rapids
Sarah Raymond (6) Leisure Studies & Wellness Professor, FSU Paris
Sherry Ross (3) FSU Student: Accounting Water Park, FL
Megan Womersley (1) FSU Student: Applied Mathematics Grand Rapids

BASS CLARINET

Donald Pickfinger (17) Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, FSU Big Rapids
*Pamela Niewiek (2) FSU Student: Integrative Studies/Pre-Nursing Jackson
Jessica Slattery (1) FSU Student: Pre-Nuclear Medicine Technology Marquette

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Denise Smith (2) FSU Student: Radiography White Cloud

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Tyler B. Cook (5) FSU Graduate Student: Optometry Big Rapids
Fian Norris (10) Secretary, Chippewa Hills School District Remus
Dale Skorma (3) Music Professor, FSU Big Rapids

Tenor Saxophone

George J. Novak (12) United Airlines Management, retired Mecosta

Baritone Saxophone

Jack Wellnitz (17) GMAC, retired Paris

Trumpet

Jerry Allen (5) Band Director, retired Cadillac
Jeff Gabalis (6) Digital Media Specialist, FSU Mecosta
Logan May (1) FSU Student: Prof. Golf Management Fairview Park, OH
Jacob Sonier (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy Dewitt
Adam Wiesen (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy Schuumba, IL

French Horn

Shannon Kearns English (4) Physician Big Rapids
Magen Gombosh (1) Graduate Student, CMU: Counseling Big Rapids
Gail Salinger Jacobson (8) Tutor, Chippewa Hills Schools Remus
Sarah Nagel (1) FSU Student: Philosophy & Religious Studies Big Rapids

Trombone

*Nathan Callow (3) FSU Student: Criminal Justice Sterling Heights
Drew Heath (1) FSU Student: Pharmacy Tekomsha
*Brandon Largent (3) FSU Student: Mechanical Engineering Technology Gladwin
Jim Mehl (7) Administrative Law Judge, retired Big Rapids
Michael Nuffer (5) FSU Student: Computer Networks & Systems Bay City
Robert Reed (1) FSU Student: CAD Drafting & Tool Design Gladwin
Scott Whitney (17) Pharmacist, retired Big Rapids

Euphonium

Jervel Beard (12) FSU Campus Physician, retired Big Rapids
Jeff Jernstad (9) Dairy Farmer Big Rapids
A. Alan Metcalfe (3) Technology Director, retired Mecosta
Ian Nagy (3) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy Iron Mountain
Robert Runkey (4) FSU Student: Business Administration Bay City

Tuba

T. Patrick Billig (8) Band Director, retired White Cloud

Percussion

Jeffrey Ackroyd (2) FSU Student: Biotechnology Big Rapids
Jared Beyer (2) FSU Student: Applied Mathematics Ludington
Garrett DeloDre (1) FSU Student: Medical Engineering Three Rivers
Jeff Gardner (2) FSU Student: Automotive Engineering Davison
Ryan Herlock (2) FSU Student: Painting & Graphic Imaging Technology Moline
Destin Hess (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy Tustin

(Number in parentheses) indicates number of seasons performing with the WCCB.

*Denotes Ferris State University students completing their on-campus studies.