

Looking Ahead...

Plans are being finalized for an exciting year of performances by the music department. In October, the Milligan Orchestra will combine with the East TN Regional Symphony and a local ballet troupe to present Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. The performance will be given for close to 800 area school children. The Milligan Orchestra has collaborated two other times in the past with the ETRS for the ballet *Musical Mice* and the drama production *Beethoven Lives Upstairs*.

Also new for next year will be the Milligan Arts Festival on May 1. This all-day event will showcase the excellent work that Milligan faculty and students do in the arts. Performances, lectures, and gallery shows will happen at various venues across campus. For more details about this and other arts events, visit www.milligan.edu/arts.



MUSICAL for February

The theater and music departments will combine in February 2010 to present the musical *Little Women*, based on the classic novel by Louisa May Alcott. The musical will feature a full orchestra in the pit and will be the first Milligan musical to be presented in the new Gregory Center. The play will be directed by Dennis Elkins, a Milligan alum and new member of the faculty. Dr. Charlotte Anderson will serve as the vocal director, and Dr. Kellie Brown will conduct. Stay tuned for more information about performance dates and ticket sales.

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2008-2009 Successful Year of Performances

This past academic year was a busy one for the Milligan College music department with many performances by its faculty, students, and ensembles. One of the highlights of the year was "Step Into the Spotlight" for Homecoming Weekend. This Broadway-style revue was presented by the Concert Choir and Orchestra in the new Gregory Center Theater. Great music from shows such as *West Side Story*, *Annie*, *Hairspray*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Flower Drum Song* were combined with choreography and staging to create a much celebrated production.

The music department also presented its annual Community Christmas Concert in Seeger Chapel, which is always the highlight of the fall semester and provides a showcase of the musical talents at Milligan as well as a worshipful experience for the large crowds that attend. In addition, the Milligan Jazz Ensemble performed a special concert for Christmas that featured well-known guests soloists and some of the greatest Christmas jazz charts to a packed-out crowd in Seeger.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 12 All-State Rehearsal
9 am - Noon
- 13 Music Dept. Picnic & Johnson City Symphony Concert
5 pm, Winged Deer Park
- 19 Area-wide Strings Workshop
9 am
- Area-wide String Orchestra Concert
7 pm, Seeger Chapel

OCTOBER

- 10 Johnson City Symphony Orchestra
7:30 pm, Seeger Chapel
- 21 Peter and the Wolf Children's Concert
10 am

NOVEMBER

- 6 Milligan Orchestra Concert
7:30 pm, Seeger Chapel
- 7 Sonata Festival
- 14 Johnson City Symphony Orchestra
7:30 pm, Seeger Chapel
- 20 Scholarship Auditions
Noon - 5 pm

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Music Department Reaches Out to the Community



Besides its curricular goals for students and its service to the Milligan community, the music department maintains that one of its most important functions is reaching out to students, music professionals, and arts supporters throughout the region. As in the past, the Concert Choir and Orchestra were frequent performers at area churches, bringing Milligan talent and spirit to their worship services. Also, the Women's Chorale performed at numerous community events including at the Sycamore Shoals Hospital, a medical facility dedicated to promoting healing through the arts.

In addition to community outreach, the music department also opened its doors to sponsor several important regional events. In

the fall, Dr. John Wakefield again led the All-State choral audition rehearsal in Seeger Chapel, bringing high school singers and their directors together from throughout the region. Also in September, Dr. Kellie Brown hosted the third annual Area-Wide String

Workshop, which brought over 200 high school string players to campus in an all-day workshop and concert led by Maestra Cornelia Kodkani-Laemmler. In November, Anne Elliott hosted the Sonata Festival with the Appalachian Classical Music Association, a festival for soloists and chamber groups involving students from several states as well as an impressive panel of judges. As a follow-up event, Seeger Chapel also hosted this organization in March for an all-day workshop for voice and instruments that concluded in an evening concert featuring guest violinist Benedict Goodfriend, the Science Hill High School Orchestra, and the Dobyns-Bennett High School Orchestra.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 21 Voice Studio Recital
7:30 pm, Seeger Chapel
- 23 Milligan Jazz Concert
7:30 pm, Seeger Chapel

DECEMBER

- 5 Jazz Combo
8 pm, Sub 7
- 6 Milligan College
Christmas Concert
7:30 pm, Seeger Chapel
- 12 Johnson City
Symphony Orchestra
7:30 pm, Seeger Chapel

FEBRUARY

- 12 Scholarship Auditions
Noon - 5 pm, Seeger Chapel
- 13 Johnson City
Symphony Orchestra
7:30 pm, Seeger Chapel

MARCH

- 20 Johnson City
Symphony Orchestra
7:30 pm, Seeger Chapel
- 26 Milligan Music Faculty
Joint Recital
7:30 pm, Seeger Chapel

APRIL

- 16 Milligan Orchestra Concert
7:30 pm, Seeger Chapel
- 23 Milligan Choral Union
7:30 pm, Seeger Chapel
- 26 Jazz Ensemble Concert
7:30 pm, Seeger Chapel

MAY

- 1 Milligan Arts Festival
- 1 Jazz Combo
8:30 pm, Sub 7

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Music Professor on Sabbatical

Dr. David Runner, a Milligan faculty member since 1972, is spending the Fall 2009 semester on sabbatical with the R. A. Colby Organ Company. Located in Johnson City, Colby is a well-respected organ builder and restorer, doing work throughout the country, and will now serve as a training ground for Dr. Runner. As he learns more about repairing and restoring organs, Dr. Runner will put this knowledge to great use by working on Milligan's Schantz organ located in Seeger Chapel. According to Dr. Runner, Milligan's organ is over 40 years old and in need of some major repairs. A pipe organ is a very

complex machine consisting of thousands of metal, wooden, and leather parts, and his task this summer and fall will be to replace all of the worn-out leather pouches in the choir division - about 550 in all. If he completes this work before January, then Dr. Runner will assist Colby with some of its other restoration projects. This is Dr. Runner's second sabbatical. The first was in 1985-86 as a visiting professor at Springdale College in Birmingham, England.



Voice Professor Retires Dr. John C. Wakefield

Dr. John Wakefield retired in May 2009 after sixteen years of service to the college. Dr. Wakefield

was most known for directing the Milligan Concert Choir and for being the head of the vocal department, and he also taught courses in vocal pedagogy, conducting, music ministry, and worship. In addition, he chaired the music

department for several years. Recently completing a doctor of ministry degree in liturgical studies from the School of Theology at the University of the South, Dr. Wakefield plans to continue his research in worship and the Stone-Campbell movement as well as maintain a busy schedule of writing, traveling, and private teaching.

Milligan Welcomes Voice Faculty



The music department will be welcoming Dr. David Hendricksen this fall as director of the Concert Choir. Dr. Hendricksen's impressive resume includes degrees from Concordia

College and Ball State University where he studied organ performance and music education, as well as choral conducting. Dr. Hendricksen is a well-known conductor in the region, including being the musical director of the Civic Chorale and the Walters State Community Chorus, and the Director of Music Ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Greeneville. He has also had extensive teaching experience at numerous universities

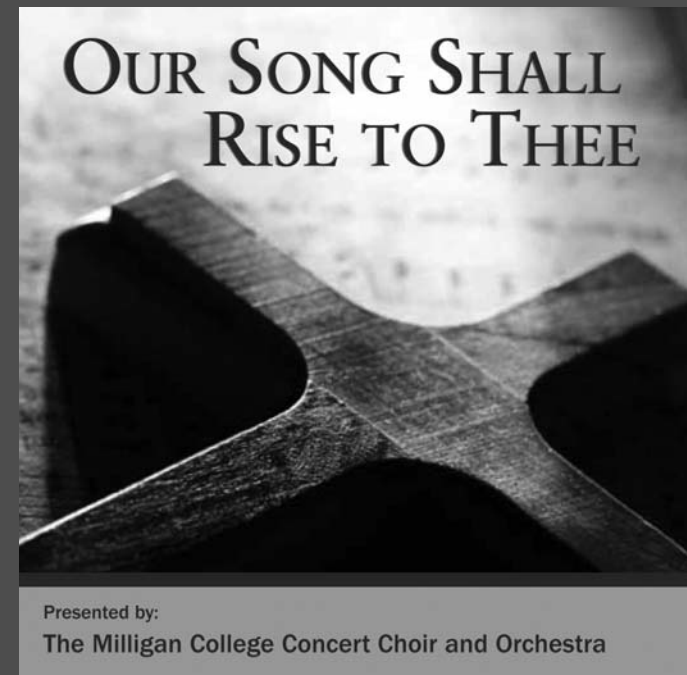
and served as Assistant Dean at Tusculum College.

Dr. Charlotte Anderson, who has been serving as an adjunct professor at Milligan since 2008, will join the music faculty in a more permanent role, taking on a large voice studio and heading the vocal department after the retirement of Dr. John Wakefield. Dr. Anderson holds degrees from Peabody Conservatory and is a certified Alexander Technique teacher. In Fall 2008, she taught Milligan's first Alexander Technique course for the Occupational Therapy Department and will continue offering these courses every semester for both OT and Fine Arts students.



Milligan Choir and Orchestra RELEASE CD

In June 2009, the Milligan Concert Choir and Orchestra released their first joint recording entitled "Our Song Shall Rise to Thee." The CD features many great works of Christian hymnody and worship in special arrangements by Dr. John Wakefield, the choir's conductor, and Dr. Kellie Brown, conductor of the Milligan Orchestra. The recording was made in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church in Bristol, known for its excellent acoustics. The CD is available for \$15 at the Milligan College Bookstore and online at www.milligan.edu/music. For a special price of \$20, this new CD can be bundled with the "O Holy Night" Christmas CD recorded by the Concert Choir in 2004.



Faculty News

Dr. Kellie Brown was appointed assistant conductor of the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra and conducted them in two children's Christmas concerts at Freedom Hall Coliseum (Johnson City, TN), the annual JCSO Christmas Concert in Milligan's Seeger Chapel, a spring children's concert in Seeger, and in a special pops concert featuring renowned soloist Steve Lippia. She also conducted the musical *The Music Man* at Sullivan South High School (Kingsport, TN). In April Dr. Brown received the YWCA annual Tribute to Women Award for her work in and support of the arts and arts education and was featured on the soundtrack of the new documentary film by Ross Spears entitled *Appalachia: A History of Mountains and People*.

Anne B. Elliott directed a vocal ensemble from Central Baptist Church (Johnson City,

TN) in a November 2008 performance at historic Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC. In December, she and Dr. Sharon Nelson Rush performed a piano duo program at Biltmore Estate. She was also named Music Teacher of the Year by the Appalachian Music Teachers Association.

Dr. David Runner played an organ recital and conducted an organ master class at Greenville College (Greenville, IL) in October. He continues to serve as member at-large for the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and in January 2009, he attended the 13th Annual Religious Arts Festival at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. In addition Dr. Runner presented an organ recital and master class for the ETSU Piano Camp at Munsey Methodist Church in Johnson City, TN and his annual faculty organ recital at Milligan in March.

Rick Simerly was guest soloist and clinician at Florida State University in Tallahassee and the Savannah Music Festival in Savannah, GA. In addition, he performed at the Highlands Jazz Festival in Abingdon, VA and was a guest soloist at the Southern Wesleyan Jazz Camp in Central, SC.

Dr. John Wakefield conducted the All-State Chorus auditions rehearsal for the East Tennessee Vocal Association in September and continues to serve as interim director of music ministries at Memorial Presbyterian Church, Elizabethton, TN. In Fall 2008, he developed and conducted a missions-related Christmas concert, "Lord of the Nations/Child for the World."