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BSC ChoirFest draws top singers from area

Talented vocalists from 11 area high schools will have a college-level music experience Nov. 20-21 during BSC's 15th annual ChoirFest.

After vocal workshops and rehearsals with guest conductor Dr. Rollo Dilworth, high school singers will combine with BSC music students for a concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, in Belle Mehus City Auditorium. Admission is \$10 at the door and \$5 for students and seniors.

Dilworth conducts the 111-voice Festival Chorus in the finale, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," plus three other selections and his own arrangement of "Roll, Jordan, Roll!" Dilworth is associate professor of choral music education at Temple University in Philadelphia and has composed and/or arranged more than 150 published choral works.

The BSC Wind Ensemble, directed by **Dr. John Darling**, opens the concert. Other performing groups are the Concert Choir, Women's Ensemble and Men's Ensemble conducted by choral director **Dr. John Weiss**, and Jubilate! of Central Dakota Children's Choir, led by **Dawn Hagerott**, assistant professor of music.

Dr. Dilworth said, "I am very excited to be returning to North Dakota for the ChoirFest. I have great memories of working with festival and all-state choirs both in the state and in the region. The music educators of North Dakota are dedicated and committed to offering a quality program of repertoire and activities for the students they serve. I am honored to be once again connected to this fine tradition of excellence in music education."

For participating schools and conductors, see the news release at bismarckstate.edu/news/spotlight

Iron Professor presentation set for Nov. 18

The first presentation in BSC's Iron Professor Competition will feature **Derri Scarlett**, an adjunct English instructor, at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, in BSC's National Energy Center of Excellence auditorium, Room 304. The public is welcome.

Scarlett will present "Power to the Pencil," an interactive demonstration on brainstorming and removing the mystique of writing. Her presentation uses the theme "2008-09: The Winter of Our Discontent." All presenters were to base their teaching session on the same theme.

The Iron Professor Competition was created by BSC Dean of Academic Affairs **Janelle Masters** to showcase teaching excellence at BSC. In September, six faculty members participated in the competition and were judged by a panel of students, colleagues and a community member.

The other winner was **Dr. John Weiss**, assistant professor of music. His performance-based session on Franz Schubert will be presented in the spring semester.

Employees raise \$83,774 for BSC Aquatic and Wellness Center

BSC employees rallied to the need for fitness equipment for the new BSC Aquatic and Wellness Center, under construction on the northwest edge of campus. During a news conference Nov. 3 at the construction site, President Larry C. Skogen presented a check for \$83,774 to Paul Quist, president of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District.

Quist and others speaking at the event praised the generous donation from the campus. Updates on the \$1 million "Fill the Lanes" campaign and construction progress were also part of the event. As of that day, \$811,430 had been raised for bleachers and other equipment as part of the campaign. Completion of the \$9.4 million project is expected in December or early in 2010.

In his remarks, President Skogen said the facility is a great addition to the campus, and that employees realize the project's potential for helping to recruit students to BSC.

BSC Foundation organized the campus campaign with assistance from an employee committee.

Reception Nov. 19 for NDSU art faculty exhibit

An exhibition by the North Dakota State University visual arts faculty will be on display through Nov. 20 at BSC Library Gannon Gallery. The NDSU faculty will discuss their work and meet visitors during a public artist reception from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, in the library.

"Many BSC students chose to further their education at NDSU, and this will be an opportunity to meet those faculty and view their work," said **Andrea Fagerstrom**, BSC gallery director.

Exhibiting faculty are Kent Kapplinger, prints; Eric Johnson, prints; Nate Booth, prints and mixed media; David G. Swenson, ceramics; Kimble Bromley, paintings; Mark Anthony, photography; Michael Strand, ceramics; Daniel Siverson, ceramics; and Dr. Kristi Groberg, published writing.

BSC welcomes new employee

Jolene Fettig, food service worker, has nearly 20 years experience preparing food for school populations. She was cook manager at Century High School for 15 years and kitchen manager at Riverside Elementary School four years. Fettig recently became the owner and manager of the Bridal Shop in Bismarck. A graduate of Napoleon High School, she and husband Gary have four children, Brian, Nichole, Amanda and Ashley, and four grandchildren. Fettig enjoys gardening, sewing, cross-stitch and spending time with family.

Director of Dakota Nursing Program named ambassador

The director of the Dakota Nursing Program was appointed recently by the National League for Nursing to serve as an NLN ambassador. **Julie Traynor**, MS, RN, will help keep faculty and administration informed about NLN initiatives, grant opportunities, conferences, publications, and other benefits available to NLN members.

Traynor has more than 25 years of experience in nursing. Her background in acute care is in the critical care area. She has worked in nursing education for 10 years, the past three years as director of

the Dakota Nursing Program. She leads the program's partner colleges at Bismarck State College, Dakota College at Bottineau, Fort Berthold Community College, Lake Region State College, and Williston State College. Traynor is based at Lake Region State College in Devils Lake.

New ambassadors are appointed twice a year to meet the goal of having one NLN Ambassador in every school of nursing to facilitate communication between the NLN and nurse educators. The National League for Nursing is the premier organization for nurse faculty and leaders in nursing education offering faculty development, networking opportunities, testing and assessment, nursing research grants, and public policy initiatives to its 28,000 individual and over 1,100 institutional members.

CulturePulse Web site features arts, cultural, educational events

If you haven't heard of the new CulturePulse Web site, you'll want to check it out. Events from throughout southwestern North Dakota, including BSC events, are featured with information and images. It's not only a calendar of events, it's also a resource with a directory of artists, performing groups, and more. <http://southwestnd.culturepulse.org/>

CulturePulse Southwest is a project of Frances Leach High Prairie Arts and Science Complex of the Bismarck Parks & Recreation District, and is a communitywide effort to increase exposure of the arts and cultural organizations in southwest North Dakota. For this project, High Prairie received support from N.D. Council on the Arts. The statewide site is www.culturepulse.org

Crystal Forster, BSC graphic artist, submits BSC's information and images to the site. Contact Crystal three to four weeks before a BSC event you want included on CulturePulse.

Faculty and Staff News

Marlene Anderson, director of library services, was elected to the N.D. Library Association executive board of directors during the association conference in Dickinson, Sept. 23-26. Anderson said one of the conference highlights was keynote speaker, John Berendt, author of "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" and "The City of Falling Angels." Berendt spoke about the challenge to "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" at Beulah High School last winter and also about the "quiet censorship" of the USA Patriot Act of 2001.

James Gross, IVN/ITV and audiovisual coordinator, attended the Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications (WCET) Conference in Denver Oct. 21-24.

Dan Leingang, associate professor of mathematics, **Michelle Lindblom**, associate professor of art, and **Karen Bauer**, assistant professor of journalism/Mystician advisor, accompanied students to Alexandria, Minn., Oct. 23-24 for the Minn-Wi-Kota Phi Theta Kappa Regional Conference.

Jeff Jacobs, financial aid director, traveled to Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 25-28 for the Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Conference.

Michael Kubisiak, institutional research analyst, traveled to Bloomington, Minn., Oct. 27-Nov. 1 for the Association for Institutional Research in the Upper Midwest Annual Conference.

Darvin Fitzgerald, programmer analyst, traveled to Seattle Nov. 1-5 for the Professional Association for SQL Server Summit 2009.

Bruce Emmil, associate vice president, NECE, attended the North American Energy Symposium in Olds, Alberta, Canada, Nov. 1-3.

Mary Sennert, advisor, NECE, traveled to Fort Irwin, Calif., Nov. 3-5 for the Fort Irwin Job/Education Fair.

Amanda Miller, distance learning and military affairs coordinator, attended the Goodfellow AFB Education Fair in San Angelo, Texas, Nov. 3-6.

Kyren Miller, assistant professor, NECE, and **Chad Wetzel**, ENRT adjunct, provided ethanol training to Archer Daniels Midland in Cedar Rapids Nov. 8-13.