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THE NEWSLETTER OF LAMAR ARTS AND GORDON COLLEGE FINE ARTS

# The Bagpiper

## New Community Arts Newsletter Hits The Presses

You hold in your hands the first edition of a newsletter dedicated to Lamar Arts and the fine art programs of Gordon College. It is hoped that this publication, sent out five times annually, will help the Barnesville community to keep abreast of the many events and exhibits that are available throughout the year. *The Bagpiper* newsletter is a cooperative effort between Gordon College and Lamar Arts. The past year has been notable for the number of shared events between these two groups. Cooperation was evident in many of these fine arts events, especially in recent months.

*"Have you ever hummed a tune, turned a phrase, sketched a scene, or danced the Shag? Believe it or not, YOU have participated in an artistic expression!"*  
-President Eleanor Dixon-Stecker

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### *Curtain Call 2002*

## Lamar Arts Plans Summer Drama Workshop

-by Teresa Brown

Lamar Arts is proud to be co-sponsoring a performing arts camp at Gordon College this summer for children. *Curtain Call* is a week long camp for children who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. It will be held Monday, July 22, through Friday July 26, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The cost is \$100 per child, with a discount when enrolling more than one child or more than one camp. This includes lunch, swimming each day, and a T-shirt. On Friday there will be a parent's performance.

We are pleased and honored to announce that our instructors for this camp are Dr. Dan Robbins, Gordon Theatre Director, Dr. Stephen Mulder, Gordon Choral Director, Mrs. Erin Mulder, music teacher for Clayton County Schools, and Mrs. Kim Ozier, owner of Ozier Dance Studio. We could not have found a more talented group of instructors and we are thrilled with the prospects of what this first year of camp will hold for the children of Lamar County.

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### **Lamar Arts Board of Directors**

*Eleanor Dixon-Stecker, President*  
*John Votaw, Secretary/Treasurer*

*Bill and Teresa Brown, Dennis Chamberlain,*  
*Hayward Cox, Vivian Johnson, Jean Lykens,*  
*Steve Mulder, and Carol Wubbena*

*NOTE: Board members are nominated and elected by the membership.*

# Fall Gordon Recital Series Features Young Talents

by Stephen Mulder

The Gordon College Recital Series continues this Fall with two evenings of incredible music. Lamar Arts and Gordon College co-sponsor these performances which bring some of the best professional musicians in the country to our community.

On Sunday, September 29, at 3:00 p.m. in Gordon's Fine Arts Auditorium, Elena Martín and José Melitón will present Spanish Music for Two Pianos. The performers, from Greensboro, NC, will utilize the two Steinway grand pianos owned by the college as they perform the passionate and rhythmically vivacious music from their homeland.



*Elena Martín and José Melitón*



*The Vega String Quartet*

On October 14, at 7:30 p.m., the Vega String Quartet will perform in the Fine Arts Auditorium. This group is on the very edge of mainstream professional touring and we are fortunate to get them in our community. Vega will be performing several times at Emory University this fall, and it is through a cooperative effort with Emory that we are able to bring the Vega String Quartet to Barnesville.

Recitals are free again this year, and the best seats are first come, first served.

For more information about the Gordon College Recital Series, contact Dr. Stephen Mulder at (770) 358-5293.

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This past spring, two music recitals were co-sponsored by Lamar Arts and Gordon College. One featured outstanding Polish pianist Piotr Folkert who played an all-Chopin program in February. The other recital featured the UGA Bassoon Ensemble and their director Bill Davis. Also this spring, many Gordon College faculty and students had visual art works displayed at the Lamar Arts annual art show held in downtown Barnesville. In addition, members of the Gordon College Choir assisted storyteller Vivian Johnson in her "An Encounter with Harriet Tubman" dramatic presentation. This program was presented in Barnesville in April, and was also part of a special student-production project at the University of Georgia. Vivian and the Gordon singers traveled to Athens and were filmed as they performed in a studio. UGA students recorded, edited, and put the finishing touches on the production.

This summer the cooperation continues, as members of the Gordon faculty provide instruction at the *Curtain Call* Dramatic Workshop in July. (See cover story "Curtain Call 2002.")

*"We are proud of the events Lamar Arts has sponsored this year with the help of the Georgia Council for the Arts, the Grassroots Grant, Gordon College, and our members."*

*-President Eleanor Dixon-Stecker*

# Letter from the President

by Eleanor Dixon-Stecker

Dear Board Members and Members of Lamar Arts.

Have you ever hummed a tune, turned a phrase, sketched a scene, or danced the Shag? Believe it or not, YOU have participated in an artistic expression. Lamar Arts offers you an avenue to share your creative energy and artistic involvement with others of like mind within our community. We offer you a way to connect with others within the Barnesville, Lamar County Community who have a love of and appreciation for The Arts.

I wrote the preceding paragraph in my first message to the members of Lamar Arts, Oct 11, 2000. This was at the start of my term of as President of Lamar Arts. It has been an exciting 2½ years. Since that time we, the Board and Members of Lamar Arts have worked diligently to bring inventive, thought provoking and exciting arts programming to the people of Barnesville and Lamar County. I believe we have succeeded beyond our wildest expectations. The attendance at our Art Exhibit this spring, the support for Vivian Johnson's "Harriet Tubman" performance, and the attendance at all our theatrical and musical events have indicated to me that there is indeed a hunger for Arts Programming in Lamar County.

I especially want to express thanks to Dr. Weill, President of Gordon College, for carrying forward a precedent set by Dr. Sherman Day, that Gordon College stands ready and willing to share its resources with Lamar Arts and the community of Barnesville. We could not present the variety of Arts programming to the people of Barnesville and Lamar County without this partnership and we acknowledge that support and thank you.

I also want to thank our dedicated Board Members and urge all of them to stand for re-election.

They are John Votaw, Secretary/Treasurer, Jean Lykens, Artist, Steve Mulder, Director of Music, Gordon College, Vivian Johnson, Storyteller, Bill and Teresa Brown, Theatrical Developers, Carol Wubbena, Artist and Proprietor of Cara Studios, Hayward Cox, Consultant, Maggie Page, Artist, and Dennis Chamberlain, Superintendent of Schools. This is a true "working board" and each of you has contributed mightily to the success of our programs. We also acknowledge that funding for our programs comes from your membership dues and a small Grassroots grant from Georgia Council For the Arts. We gratefully acknowledge this support.

This coming November, Lamar Arts will hold a membership meeting in which we will elect, or re-elect, a new Board of Directors. Our by-laws allow us to expand the number of members on the board. From those elected to the board a new president will be chosen. If there are those of you out there reading this, who want to get involved with a great group of people, your friends and neighbors, who appreciate and participate in the arts, then let us know. Join us. Volunteer to stand for election to our board. This is a total community organization and we need all interested persons.

This coming year Lamar Arts plans a variety of interesting projects. This summer, in connection with Gordon College's community outreach, we will jointly sponsor a Children's Dramatic Workshop. We also will be partnering with Gordon College Music Department to sponsor some very special musical events. We will host a patriotic band concert during Buggy Days. We will try again to bring the Morehouse College Men's Glee Club to Barnesville to perform. We will host our annual Art Exhibit. We will present a repeat performance of Vivian Johnson's "Harriet Tubman" for those of you who missed her spectacular performance this year. And we haven't forgotten The Ritz Theatre. Lamar Arts would still like to see this theatre restored as a Community Arts Center. To achieve all of this we will need creative, active participation from interested members of Lamar Arts.

We are proud of the events Lamar Arts has sponsored this year with the help of Georgia Council For The Arts, and The Grassroots Grant, Gordon College, and our members. We need your ideas, and your energy to continue making The Arts an integral part of life in Barnesville and Lamar County.

Eleanor Dixon Stecker  
President, Lamar Arts

## *Curtain Call 2002*

### Drama Workshop Features Local Talents

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The children will be exposed to as many facets of performing arts as can be covered in one week! They will study many different areas of music, dance and theatre. It will be a non-stop, action-packed, fun week of learning!

***To register, call Rhonda Toon:***

***(770) 358-5123***

Lamar Arts would also like to thank Rhonda Toon. Rhonda is the Community Education Director for Gordon College. She has promoted, advertised and organized this and several other camps to be held on the Gordon Campus this summer. We are so glad to have Rhonda working for Gordon College and Lamar County!

For more information call Rhonda Toon at 770-358-5123 or Teresa Brown at 770-358-6126.

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together through the arts...*

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## Calendar of Events: Submit Your Events!

We would like the back page of *The Bagpiper* to include a comprehensive Calendar of Events for Barnesville and the surrounding communities. If your church or other community group has an event that you would like included (fine arts events only, please!), contact Steve Mulder by phone (770-358-5293) or by email ([smulder@gdn.edu](mailto:smulder@gdn.edu)).

## Coming Soon! Gordon College Music and Theatre Highlights

### Music:

Gordon Choirs perform John Rutter's <i>Requiem</i>	OCTOBER
Madrigal Dinners (first time in Barnesville!)	NOVEMBER

### Theatre:

<i>Wonderful to be Wicked</i> (Western melodrama)	SEPTEMBER
<i>Dracula</i> (with music by Mr. Jeff Weiss)	NOVEMBER
<i>Grease!</i>	SPRING 2003