



Lamar Arts

THE NEWSLETTER OF LAMAR ARTS AND GORDON COLLEGE FINE ARTS

The Baspiper

Gordon Faculty Discover that it is *Wonderful To Be Wicked*

September 12, 13, 14, 15 and 19, 7:30 pm in the Gordon Amphitheater

The first Gordon College Theatre production of the school year will feature several faculty members from the Humanities division. The show, *Wonderful to be Wicked*, is a melodrama set in One-Horse (and Buggy) Town. Dr. Dan Robbins directs the show and also plays Deputy Doody. The Gordon Faculty cast members are joined by Karen Stigura-Robbins, wife of Dan Robbins, Erin Mulder, wife of Stephen Mulder, and Hannah Abbott, a sophomore Teacher Education major from Gordon. The action is typical of the melodrama, and audience members are encouraged to cheer and boo or even throw popcorn as the “good guys” try to win out over the “bad guys.” *Wonderful to be Wicked* will appeal to audiences of all ages. Plan now to attend this enjoyable outdoor performance. Bring along your blankets and chairs and enjoy an evening of light-hearted entertainment. There is a \$2 admission charge (all ages). Concessions will be available. For more information, contact Dr. Dan Robbins at (770) 358-5030 or go to the Theatre website: www.gdn.edu/theatre.

CAST	
Dr. Jason Horn.....	The Brave
Karen Stigura-Robbins.....	Widder Brown
Hannah Abbott	Miss Fleur
Dr. Stephen J. Mulder	Sheriff Rex King
Dr. Dan Robbins	Deputy Doody
Erin C. Mulder	Dolly Divine
Mr. Jeff Weiss	Hedley Farquahr

Buggy Days Band Concert Scheduled

United States Army Signal Corps Band from Fort Gordon
 Friday, September 20, 7:00 pm in the Gordon Amphitheatre



This year’s Buggy Days Band Concert features the United States Army Signal Corps Band from Ft. Gordon. The band’s repertoire includes marches, patriotic music, Broadway show tunes and other contemporary popular music. The

band is composed of approximately 40 musicians from across the United States and is commanded by Chief Warrant Officer 2 John W. Mitchell. The concert will be held at the Gordon College Amphitheatre at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2002. In case of bad weather, the concert will be held in the Gordon College Gymnasium. There is no admission charge. Bring your family and friends and enjoy an old-fashioned outdoor band concert. The concert is sponsored by Lamar Arts and Gordon College as a Buggy Days activity and in celebration of Gordon’s 150th Birthday.

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

Whitelock and Mulder Compose Sesquicentennial Alma Mater

by Stephen Mulder

English professor Ed Whitelock and Music professor Stephen Mulder have collaborated to compose an updated Alma Mater in celebration of Gordon's 150th year. Gordon College has had several Alma Mater



Stephen Mulder and Ed Whitelock

versions over the years, most of them based on pre-existing tunes. The new composition is completely original and reflects the proud tradition of the college as well as its dedication to the future.

The Gordon Faculty received a sneak performance of the Alma Mater during their pre-semester meetings. The public premier will occur on November 1st when Gordon College inaugurates Dr. Lawrence Weill in a ceremony in the Gordon Fine Arts Auditorium. It is hoped that the new Alma Mater will become familiar and meaningful to the school community.

Mulder, Assistant Professor of Music, is starting his third year at Gordon, while Whitlock has just been promoted to Associate Professor and is starting his fourth year of teaching English at Gordon.

Sesquicentennial Alma Mater

Remember him, our namesake strong
Who braved the fight at Gettysburg
Remember too the many sons
Who studied here our nation's work
Our history runs deep and long
Three centuries we've served the young

Sing praise to Gordon College
Our gateway into knowledge
Our path from base uncertainty
To honor, courage, loyalty

Remember now our own desires
That brought us to these humble halls
Remember always we aspire
To answer truth and beauty's calls
We've seen one hundred fifty years
Of triumph over ignorant fears

Sing praise to Gordon College
Our gateway into knowledge
Our path from base uncertainty
To honor, courage, loyalty

-Edward J. Whitelock

Curtain Call Camp a "Howling Success" Gordon Kid's College 2002

Eighteen children enrolled in the weeklong *Curtain Call* performing arts camp which was part of Gordon's *Kid's College 2002*. Lamar Arts project coordinator Teresa Brown and Gordon's new Director of Community Education Rhonda Toon did the planning and administrative tasks necessary to make the camp a success. Instructors Erin Mulder (Musical Dance), Dan Robbins (Drama), Steve Mulder (Musical Theatre/Opera), and Kim Ozier (Dance) provided the campers with a variety of activities during the week.

On Friday afternoon the campers performed informally at an Open House for the parents and friends of the campers. The students sang and danced to "We Go Together" from the musical *Grease*, they

demonstrated some drama games and a skit, they performed a musical "rap-aria" they had written themselves, and they performed a dance revue that included the demonstration of a few specialty dances. While the campers enjoyed their artistic experiences, they also enjoyed the Gordon swimming pool and the never-ending supply of pizza and French fries from the Gordon Cafeteria!



Kim Ozier teaches the campers a few cool steps



Erin, Elliot, and Lauren smile for the camera.

"Based on all I have seen and heard, I think we can declare *Curtain Call* a howling success!"

-President Eleanor Dixon-Stecker



The campers pose with *Curtain Call* coordinator Teresa Brown

From the Lamar Arts President

Eleanor Dixon-Stecker

I want to remind everyone of the upcoming general **Membership Meeting** of Lamar Arts, Thursday November 21 at the Barnesville Civic Center. Please plan on bringing your favorite desert to share. Lamar Arts will provide coffee and soft drinks. This is a great opportunity to connect with members you may not have seen all summer, and to hear about some of the exciting programs we have planned for the upcoming season. You will also be introduced to our potential new board members and have the opportunity to vote them into office. We need everyone to mark their calendars and plan to attend. Lamar Arts will move forward with enthusiastic new leadership and you must attend and be a part of the future. Thank you again for being the supportive Arts Community that you all have been during my tenure as President.



Alan Stecker

Alan Stecker, through his production company ASV Communications has been working on a documentary for the American Cancer Society. Alan and his crew have traveled all over the country this summer following the lives of five cancer survivors. The documentary will show these folks and their families participating in "Relay For Life" and will share with the viewer the impact on each of their lives that cancer has been. Alan has told me (Eleanor) that it is one of the most heartfelt pieces he has worked on and he is very proud to be part of it. At a future date we will let you all know when and where this documentary can be seen.

Will everyone please think of folks you would like us to nominate for the **Lamar Arts Board of Directors**. E-mail names to me (ellepond@bellsouth.net) or Hayward Cox (hcox@bellsouth.net). We will contact them and try to persuade them that this is a fun and worthwhile organization and they will enjoy their time on the board and be able to make a contribution to the community.

And from Secretary/Treasurer John Votaw: *Lamar Arts Membership*

A big "Thank You" to those of you who have renewed your memberships. We are continuing to grow, with 16 new members this year. If you have not yet renewed your membership, we encourage you to do so. Send your check (see Dues chart, right) to Lamar Arts, PO Box 688, Barnesville, GA 30204. Please include your name, address, phone number, and email address if you have one.

It is through memberships that we can match grant funds and provide the programming you have become accustomed to seeing in Barnesville and Lamar County. Let's reach 100 members this year!

2002 Membership Dues

(same as 2001)
Student (full time) 5.00
Individual 10.00
Family 25.00
Patron 50.00
Business 100.00



Spotlight Artist: Marlin Adams promoted to Full Professor

Congratulations to Gordon College Art professor Marlin Adams who was recently promoted to the rank of Full Professor. Marlin has been teaching at Gordon College since 1993. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University and holds a Master of Fine Arts degree. He has been a full time painter for a portion of his career and has combined painting and teaching for the past several years. He has been featured in *American Artist* magazine and in *American Artist's* "Oil Highlights Collectors Series." He has been a winner in *The Artist's Magazine* portrait competition and a finalist in the categories of landscape, still life, and portraiture. Marlin's work hangs in museum collections and private collections throughout the country. He is represented by the Altermann & Morris Galleries in Dallas, Houston, Santa Fe, and Hilton Head. Marlin Adams was born in Mesa, Arizona, and raised in Los Angeles. His wife Margaret, whom he met at BYU, is from Amarillo. They live in Thomaston, Georgia. Although Marlin sometimes paints landscapes in the studio using color studies and photographic references, he prefers working on location. He has hiked miles, camping overnight, to paint on location and capture a particular view. His passion for and persistence in painting the beauty of nature allows those who view his work to experience the same sense of awe and intensified reality.



Samples of Adams' landscapes...



...portraits...



...and still-life.

Ceramics Exhibit at the Gordon Library



Gordon College will present an exhibit of Susan Ellzey's stoneware, raku, and other ceramic works, September 18 through October 18 in the Gordon Library (hours: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 10 pm, Friday 8 am - 5 pm, Sunday 2 pm - 10 pm). Dr. Ellzey, former English professor and Humanities chair at Gordon, will welcome visitors at an opening reception on Wednesday, September 18, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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Web Addresses

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Gordon Music www.gdn.edu/music
Gordon Theatre www.gdn.edu/theatre

Calendar of Events: Fall 2002

September

- 9 7:00 P Lamar Arts Board Meeting (Chamber of Commerce)
12-15 7:30 P *Wonderful to be Wicked* (Gordon Amphitheater), \$2; see front page for details.
18 Ellzey Ceramics Exhibit opens (Gordon Library); see article on page 3 for details.
19 7:30 P *Wonderful to be Wicked* (Gordon Amphitheater), \$2; see front page for details.
20 7:30 P Buggy Days Band Concert (Gordon Amphitheater), Free; see front page for details.
20-21 Gordon's 150th Birthday Celebration
29 3:00 P RECITAL: "Spanish Music for Two Pianos," Gordon Fine Arts Auditorium, Free.

October

- 3 7:30 P CONCERT: Gordon Choirs, John Rutter's *REQUIEM*, Gordon Fine Arts Auditorium, Free.
14 7:30 P RECITAL: Vega String Quartet, Gordon Fine Arts Auditorium, Free.
25-26 7:30 P "*Annie*" presented by the Camelot Theatre Company of Griffin, Third Ward School.
27 2:00 P "*Annie*" presented by the Camelot Theatre Company of Griffin, Third Ward School.

November

- 1-3 7:30 P "*Annie*" presented by the Camelot Theatre Company of Griffin, Third Ward School.
3 2:00 P "*Annie*" presented by the Camelot Theatre Company of Griffin, Third Ward School.
21 7:00 P Lamar Arts Membership Night and Special Program hosted by Bill Brown, Civic Center.

*If you have a Fine Arts event you would like included in our calendar, please send information to Stephen Mulder
(Email: smulder@gdn.edu) or call (770) 358-5293.*



*Elena Martin and
José Melitón
perform Spanish
Music for Two
Pianos (9/29)*

REQUIEM

By John Rutter

Don't miss the Gordon College Choral Concert on October 3
at 7:30 p.m. in the Gordon Fine Arts Auditorium. *Free.*

Featured In Our Next Issue (November 2002):

An Interview with Gordon Theatre Professor Jeff Weiss about the Fall Production of *DRACULA!*