



## **HOT OFF THE PRESS!**

The Pisgah Arts faculty and families hope you enjoy this inaugural edition of *Pisgah Arts Presents*, a monthly e-newsletter dedicated solely to Pisgah Arts news.

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## **Upcoming Events**

- March 3 at 7 pm      Prep School Choral Concert in South Hall  
March 10 at 7 pm     Prep School Band and Strings Concert in South Hall  
March 12 at 6 pm     Talent/No Talent Night in H119  
April 8-9 at 7:30 pm Spring Drama Performance

## **Honors and Awards**



### **Pisgah Students shine at All State Event**

Pisgah senior Bryant Laursen was selected as one of only two tenor saxophonists in the state of Georgia to participate in the Georgia Music Educators Association All State Jazz Band held in Savannah, Georgia, January 27-29, 2011. The members of the band are selected through a two round audition process. The first round was in October, and the final round was held at Valdosta State University the first weekend of December. Across the state, more than 500 students auditioned for the band, and only 21 are accepted. Congratulations Bryant!

### **Georgia Thespian Conference-ThesCon '11**

Twelve of Pisgah's Upper School International Thespian Society members attended the state conference in Columbus February 10-12. Special recognition to sophomore Tyler Austin who came in 1<sup>st</sup> place for his speed and accuracy on sound system set up and to all of the students who received wonderful comments from the adjudicators at this annual event!

## **Primary School News**

### **Lower School Chorus, Band and String Concert**

The Lower School Chorus, Band, and Strings ensembles recently presented a concert in South Hall. The Chorus program included a variety of selections from traditional and multicultural repertoire, including hymns and spirituals. The Strings Ensemble, comprised of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade players, played traditional American and French folk songs, with the Advanced Strings and Middle School Strings combining for part of the program. The Beginning and Advanced Band played selections from folk and pop repertoire. Chorus and Band students devote their recess time in order to be a part of the programs, and they have put in much hard work and dedication to prepare for the concert.

### **Happenings in Visual Arts**

In March, check out the Kindergarten artwork in the Principal's gallery focusing on regular patterns with texture rubbings. Sports photographer Rob Saye visited the fifth grade recently. By sharing his story and photos, Rob encouraged students to start snapping photos now. Fifth grade photos will be in the Principal's Gallery in the coming months.

# Preparatory School News

## Upcoming Choral Concert

On March 3, South hall will be filled with the melodious and harmonious sounds of the Pisgah Choruses. Beginning at 7:00 P.M., Brio, the sixth grade chorus will raise voices in Andy Beck's arrangement of the familiar French children's song, "Allouette" and end with "Great Mornin'." Capriccio, the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade chorus will perform Thomas Weelkes' madrigal, "Whilst Youthful Sports" followed by a medley from *The Sound of Music*. Cantabile will conclude the evening with an invitation to join in the joy of music with Linda Spevacek's "All Ye Who Music Love" followed by "Kyrie Eleison", a common phrase of prayer and praise in Christian liturgies and "Bist Du Bei Mir", one of Johann Sebastian Bach's most beloved melodies. Cantabile concludes the concert with a fresh arrangement of *Toto's* eighties classic, "Africa."

## Talent/No Talent Night

The National Art Honor Society is sponsoring a Talent/No Talent night Saturday, March 12 at 6PM in H119. This is an event created and organized by students for Upper School students to showcase their remarkable gifts for their peers. It will be produced in a *Star Search* meets *American Idol* style with three amazing judges bringing their years of experience to the table. Tickets will be \$3 at the door.

## A "Fool"ish Night for Middle School Thespians!

The Middle School TIP class for Advanced Theatre has been rehearsing since December preparing their production of "Fools", a comic fable by Neil Simon. Over 150 parents, faculty and students came out in the rain to support these hard working Thespians. Special recognition goes to **8<sup>th</sup> grader Connor Ford**, who stepped into a lead role only two weeks before opening night when our own William Harrison was cast in a Disney film and was unable to be at the performance of "Fools".

## One Night-Two Comedic One Acts

As the culminating event for Pisgah Theatre this year, students will present two One Act plays back to back on **April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in South Hall**. The casts will be made up primarily of Upper School students, with a few Middle School Advanced Theatre students in the mix! Please plan to come out and enjoy an evening of laughter as well as special recognition for our wonderful seniors on closing night! Look for details on tickets in the next newsletter.

## Band Students Participate in All State Honor Band

Pisgah 5<sup>th</sup> grader – Nick Bullock, 7<sup>th</sup> Graders – Ryan Coker and Elizabeth Dworkin, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders – Ross Bullock and Sam Black, participated in the 2011 Georgia Independent School Association's Middle School All Select Bands at the Brookstone School in Columbus, Georgia, on February 12-13, 2011. Nick, Ryan, and Elizabeth performed in the GISA All Select Concert Band, and Ross and Sam performed in the GISA All Select Wind Ensemble.



## PAPA Dollars at Work



Pisgah Arts Parents Association membership dollars are hard at work. The Choral Department was able to purchase a Music Library System (\$4,300) recently to help keep all their music organized. In addition the following items were purchased for the Lower School: 7 Orff barred instruments, 1 bass xylophone, 2 alto xylophones, 2 alto metallophones, 2 soprano glockenspiels. The instruments were \$1,400.

It's never too late to join PAPA. [Click here](#) to download a membership form or contact Mimi Doss for more information at [thedoss3@att.net](mailto:thedoss3@att.net).