



Trinity Lutheran School Performing Arts Annual Summer Newsletter Issue No. 1 2015-2016 School Year

Happy Summer! I can't believe it is already August...the summer is flying by! We had such an incredible 2015-2016 school year and we wanted to make sure we took the opportunity to thank you...

- Thank you for sending your kids to Trinity!
- Thank you for encouraging them to explore the different gifts God has given them!
- Thank you for supporting music and the performing arts!
- Thank you for attending our performances and for your encouraging applause!
- Thank you for letting us teachers mold and inspire Trinity's young artists & performers!

We as the Performing Arts staff feel incredibly blessed by you and we wanted to make sure we told you that. We have the unique opportunity to see your kids grow every day and it is such a joy and pleasure to see it!

We hope that this Summer Newsletter becomes an annual opportunity for you to see what our PK-12th grade students did the previous year in the Performing Arts program, updates on Trinity Alumni and their involvement in the arts post-Trinity, a glimpse at some upcoming Trinity Performing Arts events, and most of all an opportunity to celebrate what God HAS done, IS doing and WILL do at Trinity Bend. Please take some time to look through this newsletter and feel free to email me if you have any comments or questions. Thank you again and we hope you have a restful summer break...see you in the fall!

In Christ,

Jonathan Vevia
Director of School Music

Elementary Update *from Carol Podwils*

It has been an amazing year in music! What a joy and privilege it has been to teach music to your child this year. Together we have explored many different experiences in the world of music. Our theme, "Music Makes the World Go Round" took us to 21 different countries, learning a song for each place we visited. Students always looked forward to where we were traveling.

Some of the experiences we had this past year in Elementary Music:

- Grandparents Day in September
- Christmas Concert participation with grades K-12
- Spring Musical, "The Star Factor"
- Singing at some of Trinity's worship services

Some of the concepts we learned this past year in Elementary Music:

- Recognizing musical notes and symbols
- Creating accompaniments to songs and stories using different sounds as well as rhythm instruments
- Exploring, improvising, composing on the piano keyboards
- Keeping a steady or syncopated beat while playing rhythm patterns on percussion instruments
- Instrument families and Composers
- Playing recorders (3rd & 4th Grade)
- Playing ukuleles (5th Grade)
- And SO much more!!

PK-5th Grade Students used the digital pianos this year



Over the summer, surround your child with music, encourage them to sing and improvise with sounds, point out instruments you see, different kinds of music you hear, and most of all, enjoy God's gift of music!

Middle School Update

We had a change in the elective structure this year which allowed for MANY more arts opportunities. All 6th graders took World Music, all 7th graders took Music Appreciation (European Music History) and the 8th graders studied the History of Rock n' Roll.



M.S. Handbell Ensemble at L.E.S.T.

In addition, we were able to offer SEVERAL Music and Arts electives including:

- Man Choir, Girls Chorus and Mixed Choir
- Handbell Ensemble
- Band (with 33 students participating!!)
- Guitar Ensemble
- Intro to Photoshop and Art 101
- Drama

Some of the highlights of this past year were:

- We had the largest cast in school history for the MS Fall Production of Aladdin, Jr.



*Trinity Bend
M.S. Band &
Concordia
Portland
Wind Ensemble*

- We had the first M.S. Guitar Ensemble performance at the K-12 Christmas Festival.
- Man Choir earned a blue ribbon at L.E.S.T., along with several vocal ensembles and soloists.
- The MS Band had the opportunity to play with the Wind Ensemble from Concordia University, Portland

We are still working on a band teacher for next year in hopes to offer MS Band year-round. Stay tuned for more updates. In the meantime, follow the link below for a list of private instructors to study an instrument over the summer!

High School Update

What a busy year we had! Our students had a challenging year of music and drama, but far surpassed anyone's expectations and set new levels of musicianship and artistry in everything they did this year. Many of the HS Music and Arts events this year were either helping out around campus with different non-HS events or getting off campus into the community.



2016 OSAA State Choir Competition

Some of the ways are HS students helped out around campus:

- Planning and leading chapel weekly for our PK-12th grade study body.
- Providing AVL (Audio-Visual-Lighting) support for the MS and K-4 Musical productions.
- Accompanying our younger musical groups on piano.
- Mentoring and teaching the younger musician inside and outside the classroom.

Some of the way we got out into the community:

- The Jazz Band played at Applebee's and Goody's
- Members of our H.S. choir performed Christmas carols out in the community, going to Senior Homes, private parties and the Old Mill
- The choir toured up into Canada, singing at a variety of churches and elementary schools.
- We had more community members come to Mary Poppins than any other musical done before.
- We helped local community theatre groups with AVL support and borrowing costumes.

Some of the highlights of this past year were:

- Noah Freeman auditioning and getting into the Oregon All-State Men's Choir.
- Our H.S. Choirs took 1st and 2nd place in the Small Schools division of our District Choral Festival.
- The Concert Choir took 9th place at the OSAA State Choir Festival.
- Our Spring Musical production, Mary Poppins, sold out all three shows...over 890 tickets sold!

We also had six of our students' audition and get into the LCMS National Youth Gathering Honor Choir. They will rehearse during the Gathering in New Orleans and help lead worship at the Superdome in front of 25,000 people...what an opportunity! Excited for resting this summer and for another fun and exciting year starting in September!

THANK YOU!!

A special thank you to the inaugural Performing Arts Patrons Circle!! Because of you we were able to purchase a lot of new equipment and update a lot of existing equipment including:

- the purchase of a new, state-of-the-art digital mixer
- continue to build our lighting system used for all of our musicals. We were able to purchase truss and five intelligent lights, so now we no longer have to rent lighting for our HS, MS and Elementary musicals and concerts
- new handbell tables
- purchase of a used Baritone Saxophone
- the purchase of a new, portable keyboard
- purchase of new music for our PK-12th grade ensembles
- new pipe and drape
- Finished building our portable sound system
- refurbishing our school owned instruments for our MS and HS programs
- boomwhackers, chimes & curriculum for the PK and Elementary Music Classroom

All of these things have given and will continue to give our students to have a lot of incredible opportunities. Thank you so much for your support!

We are now looking for individuals, families and businesses to join our Performing Arts Patrons Circle for the 2016-2017 school year! It is a great way to support the arts and Trinity's students. The money goes to support ALL students at Trinity, Pre-School through High School. If you're interested or would like some more information email jon.vevia@saints.org or go to trinitybendmusic.org for information and to find out how to sign up.



MARY POPPINS DVDS NOW AVAILABLE!

Thank you for your patience as we finished working on the Mary Poppins DVD. DVDs and Picture CDs are now available for purchase or pick-up (if you pre-ordered) in the School Office. \$10 per copy. We also still have copies of Aladdin if you would like to get one. The school office is open during the summer from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. If you need to pick up your DVD at a different time, please email jon.vevia@saints.org and we can try to make a special arrangement. Thank you for your support!

Trinity Performing Arts Alumni Spotlights

What are our alumni up to "post-Trinity"?

Alyssa McCray ('14) is attending University of Washington and studying linguistics. She sings in the Recital Choir. Over five weeks, the choir prepares a one-hour concert program presented as part of a graduate conductor's MM or DMA degree requirement. It is a fast-paced group of auditioned students, faculty, staff and community with a high degree of musicianship, because of the fast-paced nature. After each concert they start right up again, so it is a group that sings a lot!

Nate Darlington ('14) is working on his Director of Parish Music degree from Concordia University, Irvine. This summer he is interning at one of the largest LCMS congregations in the United States, Concordia Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas. He is helping to plan and lead worship every Sunday at this church which worships around 1500 a weekend.

Erin Cowan ('15) and **Nate Darlington ('14)** were both part of the first official bluegrass ensemble at Concordia University Irvine. The group, called Americana, performed their inaugural concert this last spring. You see a video from the performance [here](#).

Camron Fritz ('15) is attending OSU Cascades. He was the Audio Engineer for Trinity's Spring Production of *Mary Poppins* and has helped with various AVL jobs around Bend, including running sound at Les Schwab Amphitheatre for a Bend Memorial Clinic Summer Sundays Concert a few weeks ago. He and current TLHS Senior Noah Freeman have also started their own DJ business.

Joe McCance ('15) attended Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas this last year. He auditioned and earned the bass spot in a pop acapella group called "The LemKeys", which is one of the ensemble at the college. You can see a video him performing with the group up on their website: www.facebook.com/lemkeys/ or by following this link [here](#).



*Megan Clift ('15) and Kaitlyn Bird (TLC '15)
in Austria with other members of Concordia
Irvine's Women's Choir.*



*"Americana", the bluegrass ensemble
at Concordia University Irvine, CA*

Rachel Spencer ('15) is attending Concordia University Wisconsin. She played piano with a worship band on campus called "Haven" and they created a music video at the end of the year. You can check it out [here](#).

Megan Clift ('15), Jonathan Stueve ('15) and **Kaitlyn Bird (TLC '15)** all go to Concordia University, Irvine. They just got back from a choir tour to Austria with Concordia's Men's and Women's Choirs.

Congratulations to the Class of 2016!
We will especially miss our Performing Arts Seniors:



Hunter Atnip
Emily Eidler
Justin Fuerstenau
Jocelyn Griffin
Allison Jorge
Megan McKim
Zoe Reynolds

Senior Spotlight:

Megan McKim ('16) will be attending Concordia University Irvine in the fall. She will be working on a teaching degree. Megan received a music scholarship for playing drums and will be playing drums in the worship program at Concordia. She also plans on singing in one of the choirs and playing handbells. At TLS Megan sang in the choir and played drums in the worship all four years, as well as played handbells and participated in the musical theater program. She is excited to continue music in college. Congratulations to Megan and the entire class of 2016!



Looking for private lessons this summer?

Go to this <http://www.justjoesmusic.com/> for a list of private music teachers around Central Oregon. Email Mr. Vevia at jon.vevia@saints.org if you want help picking one out.

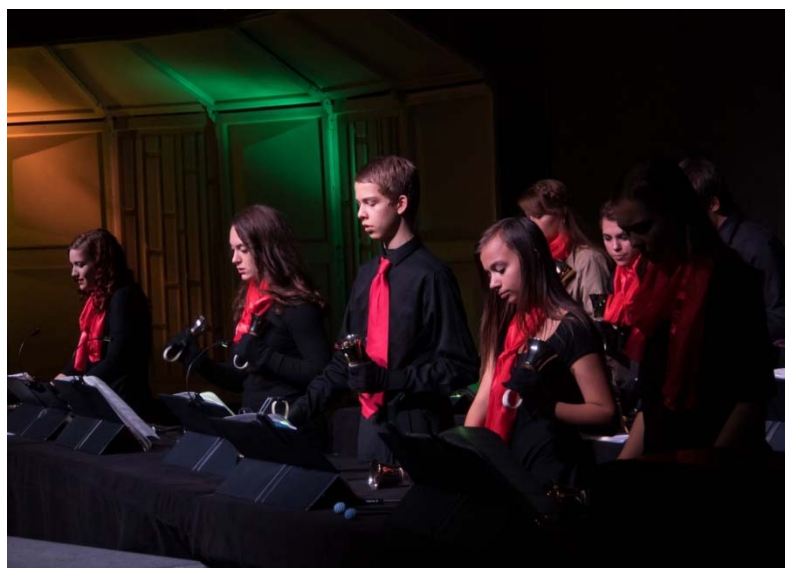
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Thank you for another amazing year!

To God be ALL the glory!

Trinity Bend Musical Theater
Announcing the 2016-2017 Season
trinitybendmusic.org



November 11-12, 2016
Grades 5-8



April 28-29, 2017
Grades 9-12



June 2, 2017
Grades K-4



5th Annual ~~Rocktoberfest~~

Rocktoberfest Special Edition:
Celebration of Carol Podwils 40 years of Ministry

**Sunday, September 4th
4:00 p.m.**

Powell Butte Retreat Center

14427 Alfalfa Rd, Powell Butte, OR 97753

Food, fun, live music, sharing, and making memories all in celebration of Carol and the ministry she has helped build!

All ages are welcome and invited to attend!

Tickets go on sale Sunday, August 7th



For the most up to date info visit:
trinitybendmusic.com/rocktoberfest
or call 541.382.1832