

NOTES



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"Perfection in music is elusive, but excellence is attainable and sustainable."

MORE ON FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS

Terms due to expire May 31 are those of Joe Burke as president (if not re-elected president, he has another year on the Board); and those of Trinka Benedict, Raynette Kempf, Jon Kennedy, and Margaret Waggoner on the Board. All are eligible for re-election.

In addition, there are two vacant positions for 2010-2012 that can (a) both be left unfilled, (b) have one filled and leave one vacant, (c) be filled with one or two band members, or (d) be filled with one or two community people who are not players.

BAND MEETINGS

The next Band Board meeting is April 5, 7 p.m., Community Conference Room, Morris Lawrence Building, WCC.

There are no other known meetings scheduled.

FIFTH ANNUAL ENSEMBLE CONCERT

Many thanks go to Eric Walters for organizing the fifth, and by far the largest, YCB ensemble concert, to be held on Sunday, March 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the Atrium of

the Morris Lawrence Building at Wash-tenaw Community College. Admission is free and the public is invited.

The program will include a presentation by the Clarinet Continuum, a trombone quartet, a group organized to present Gounod's Petite Symphony, a saxophone solo, a brass quintet, a saxophone quartet, the Dexter Classical Winds (a large woodwind ensemble), the Riverside Big Band, an original clarinet quartet, a clarinet duet, and the YCB Town Band in vintage costume. There will be something for everyone!

SOME MORE AREA MUSIC EVENTS

The Huron Valley Harmonizers Chorus will present "Chords and Cuisine IV" on Sunday, March 21 at 6 p.m. It is billed as "an evening of great singing and great food." The event will be held at the Stony Creek Church, 8635 Stony Creek Road, Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$20. Featured acts include the HVH Barbershop Chorus, the Center Stage Sweet Adeline Quartet, and Chordiology (champion barbershop quartet).

Former YCB member/soloist/guest conductor Amy Feldkamp Marr will present an evening of violin music, in celebration of 25 years of violin playing, on March 26, 7 p.m., Tecumseh Center for the Arts. Tickets are a free-will donation to the Friends of the TSO. Amy is the string teacher for the Tecumseh schools.

The Farmington Community Band will be in concert on Saturday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Harrison High School Auditorium in Farmington Hills.

On April 19 (7:30 p.m., Smith Auditorium, OCC Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills) the FCB will have a "sitting in with the FCB" session, primarily involving OCC (with which the FCB has an arrangement similar to our forthcoming one with WCC) students, an event described as "a unique opportunity to observe how FCB conductor Damien Crutcher rehearses the concert band for a typical performance."

The FCB will also appear on Saturday, April 24, in the afternoon at the William Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills as part of the Festival of the Arts.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

YCB president Joe Burke has appointed Eric Walters (string bass) as chair of the Nominating Committee for the forthcoming elections. Eric will appoint two band members, not on the Board, to assist with this.

Joe, acting as the interim chair of the Publicity Committee, has also appointed Mark Druckmiller (tuba) as YCB webmaster.

PERFORMING WITH OTHER GROUPS

In addition to the 37 (!) members of YCB who will be performing with one or more ensembles on Sunday, a number of YCB members are assisting in the pit orchestra for Whitmore Lake High School's production of "Bye Bye Birdie." Other YCB members are known to be scheduled to

perform in local-area Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday church services. All such performance opportunities are good for YCB in several ways!

WCC DEVELOPMENTS

All the necessary paper work to create a credit course in "Washtenaw Community Concert Band" at WCC has been completed and submitted. This proposal must now be reviewed, possibly revised, and then approved by (a) the relevant department chair, (b) the appropriate academic dean, (c) the college's curriculum and assessment committee, and (d) the vice president for instruction before inclusion in the catalog and the schedule of classes.

FORTHCOMING MUSIC

See YCB Notes²⁵ for information about and links to recordings of "William Tell," "Warsaw Concerto," and "Federal March." (Back issues of the Notes are on the YCB web site, on the "director's blog" page.)

Robert Russell Bennett (1894-1981) grew up in and near Kansas City, Missouri. He made his mark in the musical world as an orchestrator for numerous Broadway and Hollywood musicals, working with the top composers of his era. Bennett wanted to be known as a composer of "serious" music, and he has numerous compositions to his credit. However, with the exception of his "Suite of Old American Dances" for band, it is rare to hear one of his compositions. A good recording may be found by going to the <jwpepper.com> site, searching for "Suite of Old American Dances" and then clicking on *mp3*.