



Drama Queens

LTC Theater proudly presented "Steel Magnolias" in October, featuring two separate casts—one for both Friday nights and the

other for both Saturday dates. The Friday cast featured Debbie Knight as Truvy, Angie Lawhead as Annelle, Maureen Hill as Clairee, Anne Holscher as Shelby, Teresa Ferguson as M'Lynn, and Mary Arabatgis as Ouiser. Saturday's cast features Laurel Preston as Truvy, Lee Waggoner as Annelle, Phyllis Moraga as Clairee, Rachel Carter as Shelby, Loretta Midgett as M'Lynn, and Jamie Jones as Ouiser.



Steel Magnolias



Jazz Clinics and Concert at LTC

On January 22, 2010, Lincoln Trail College will host a very special day for jazz musicians. Mr. Alan Wise will be a guest artist for an afternoon

clinic and evening concert. Mr. Wise, a jazz educator and musician, was the lead trumpeter for the late Maynard Ferguson (rated world's #1 jazz trumpet player by *Jazz Educators* and *DownBeat* magazines for many years).

Alan Wise will arrive on January 19 to rehearse with LTC music students on Tuesday and Wednesday. He will conduct a master class with LTC students on Wednesday afternoon.

Thursday afternoon, Mr. Wise will present a 90-minute instrumental jazz clinic for approximately 40 high schools and 10 universities in the two-state area. These students will be entertained and fed following the clinic so that they can remain for the evening's concert.

The final event will be a concert, open to the public, which will begin at 7PM in the Zwermann Arts Center Theater. It will feature Mr. Wise and the LTC Jazz Band.



Zack Devin in Concert Here

Crawford County Arts proudly presents Robinson's own Zack Devin concert at 2PM December 20 at

Lincoln Trail College. Yvonne Newlin, directors of music at LTC, will accompany. Although it will not be Christmas music, it will be a Christmas treat.

As a Robinson High School student Zack was an active member of band, choir, and the theater. He performed in *Hello Dolly*, *Les Miserables*, *My Fair Lady*, *You Can't Take it With You*, and had the title role in *The King and I*. While a student in Robinson, he studied voice with Dr. Don Runyan.



Photo from the 2008 "Barbie Awards"

After high school, Zack attended Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, where he was an active member of the Choral and Opera Department. During the summer of 2006 he was able to travel to Italy, studying and performing early Italian music. With Millikin University Choir, Zack toured the country as well as China during his tenure at Millikin.

After earning a Bachelor's Degree in Music in 2008, he was accepted into the prestigious Shepherd School of Music at Rice University in Houston Texas. There he had the opportunity to perform multiple title roles, sing for the 2009 Opera America Conventions in Houston, and sing with the Houston Grand Opera for its 2008-09 season premieres.

Currently he is preparing for auditions at The Royal Academy of Music in London, The Yale School of Music, The North Carolina School of Music, and the Boston Opera Institute.

Zack has rare talent and a delightful ability to entertain. Crawford County Arts does not want you to miss this concert!

Thank You SO Much to all who contribute to CCA's endeavors to provide unique and worthwhile arts experiences to all of Crawford County; response to the membership drive was very productive.



New Christy Minstrels to Appear

Lincoln Trail College Foundation director Rod Harmon has been speaking with Randy Sparks, the director of the New Christy Minstrels. You remember them – *THE* folk group from the 60's.

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After attending a New Christy Minstrels' concert, Mr. Harmon introduced himself to Mr. Sparks, only to learn that Mr. Sparks had an opening act for Burl Ives for 20 years and so has ties to this area of Illinois. He would love to perform a concert here.

A concert is planned to be held on March 19th in the Zwermann Arts Center of Lincoln Trail College with a day-time concert for select students from the area schools. Mr. Harmon says the Minstrels really want young people to experience a sound that is as old as singing – something they have never heard before. He dearly loves folk music and wants it to be around for generations to come.

You won't want to miss it!



A Merry TubaChristmas To Ya

Musicians needed! -- specifically lower brass players: tubas, sousaphones, trombones and

baritones -- for a free, public concert of Christmas music which will be sponsored by Crawford County Arts, directed by Yvonne Newlin, and hosted by Lincoln Trail College, on Saturday, December 5th, during the "Santa Day" festivities.

Since 2005 Crawford County Arts has sponsored this unique event. It begins with **registration at 1:00 and an open rehearsal at 1:30 at LTC.** All materials and registration fees are paid for by the arts council. Rehearsals will last an hour or so. Then after time to rest those lips, the participants will perform very lively, very low, and very familiar Christmas music at 3:30 in the Zwermann Arts Center. Bring the whole family!!

Merry TubaChristmas is celebrating its 36th anniversary. Created by Harvey Phillips, this year's concerts will be presented in over 200 cities throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. The warm and rich, organ-like sound of this low brass choir has won the ears and hearts of audiences of all ages.

Upcoming Events

December

- 5, Merry TubaChristmas
Zwermann Arts Center
Sponsored by CCA
Hosted by LTC
- 20, 2 PM Zack Devin Recital
Zwermann Arts Center
Sponsored by CCA
Free-will donation

January

- 21, Alan Wise Clinic
7 PM public concert
- 31, 3 PM LTC Concert Choir

March

- 19, New Christy Minstrels
Zwermann Arts Center, LTC

April

- 11-25, Spring Art Show,
Sponsored by CCA
Check the CCA website for future details

www.crawfordcountyarts.org

ART-E-FACTS



DID YOU KNOW..... the first pigments used in painting were ground from earth, minerals and organic matter? Pigment is finely-ground coloured powder which, when suspended in a medium such as oil, egg or water, forms paint. Most pigments are now made chemically and are more permanent.

<http://www.theartgallery.com.au/DidYouKnow.html>

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