



## Eastern Michigan University Department of Music and Dance November 2007 Events

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### Fri. 2–Sat. 3 Choral clinic

This two-day event is a new addition to the musical opportunities for high school students at EMU. The finest students from Michigan high schools, selected by their choral directors, rehearse with our new Director of Choral Activities, Trey Jacobs. Rehearsals will be held in the beautiful, newly-constructed Student Center ballroom. Breakout sessions for choral directors cover a variety of topics such as “Technology in the Choral Classroom,” “Implementing the National Standards,” “Interpreting the Spiritual and Gospel Song,” “Developing a Men’s Choir,” and “Developing Leadership in the Classroom.” Friday’s concert features EMU’s University Choir, Chamber Choir, opera workshop students, musical theatre students, and select faculty members. The high school honors choir performs on Saturday. Registration required by Sept. 28, 2007 (Contact Trey Jacobs at 734.487.0280.) \$10 fee per student, directors are free. *Clinic: Student Center, 9 am – 5 pm. Concerts: Pease Fri. 7:30 p.m. and Sat. 7:30 p.m.*

### Sat. 3–Mon. 5 Songs of the Americas festival

EMU faculty including Glenda Kirkland, Emery Stephens, Kathleen Segar, Kathryn Goodson and Garik Pedersen along with guest artists Caroline Helton and Leah Dexter offer three days of concerts, a lecture recital and a masterclass showcasing African American music and the music of Latin America. Details below. *Alexander Recital Hall.*

### Sat. 3 Festival concert: “Songs and Sonnets of the Americas”

A program of poetry and music for piano and voice from North and South America including works by Ginastera, Guastavino, Piazzolla, Charles Ives and African American women composers Margaret Bonds, Lillian Evanti, Undine Moore and Florence Price. Kathryn Goodson is joined by versatile mezzo-soprano Leah Dexter in a concert last presented in October 2007 at the Stanford University Shenson Recital Series in California. *Alexander Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.*

### Sun. 4 Concerto and aria competition

Students compete for the honor of performing a concerto or aria with the Symphony Orchestra during the winter semester. *Pease, 2 p.m.*

### Sun. 4 Festival lecture–recital: “Beyond Race”

Soprano Caroline Helton, University of Michigan voice faculty, and EMU faculty baritone Emery Stephens present a lecture–recital: “Beyond Race: Spirituals and Art Songs by African-American Composers and their Historical and Cultural Context. This program traces the origins of spirituals and legacy of minstrelsy and the effects felt by African-American composers as they sought to express their American experience through art song. Joining Helton and Stephens are faculty soprano Glenda Kirkland and pianists Garik Pedersen and Kathryn Goodson. *Alexander Recital Hall, 4 p.m.*

### Mon. 5 Festival master-class: “African-American Songs and Spirituals”

Emery Stephens and Caroline Helton continue their perusal of this repertoire, with a focus on how performers of all races may embrace it and perform it effectively. EMU students perform in this master-class. Panel discussion participants include Leah Dexter, Glenda Kirkland and Kathryn Goodson. *Alexander Recital Hall, 4 p.m.*

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- Thurs. 8**      **Faculty showcase**  
EMU's distinguished faculty star in this showcase of musical talent. *Alexander Recital Hall, 8 p.m.*
- Fri. 9**      **Eleventh Annual Improvisation Symposium – “Reach for the Stars!”**  
Alumnus Scott Elsholz performs organ works and transcriptions based on stars and planets followed by a trip to EMU's Sherzer Observatory to view the stars and planets. Kids ages three to 93 are invited to experience this luminous interdisciplinary program of organ music and astronomy! This event is supported by the Carl and Mary Ida Yost Organ Recital and Lecture Fund and the Ann Arbor Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and EMU's Scherzer Observatory, with special thanks to Professor Norbert Vance. *Pease, 7 p.m.*
- Sat. 10**      **Eleventh Annual Improvisation Symposium – “Rising Stars of the East”**  
Organ professor Pamela Ruitter-Feenstra and EMU student Sam Nash perform a star-studded recital on the newly renovated Casavant organ. *Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, 3 p.m.*
- Sat. 17**      **High school wind and percussion clinic day**  
EMU wind and percussion faculty offer instrument-specific clinics for high school musicians in grades 10-12. The day includes clinics, faculty recital, dinner, an opportunity to audition for the 2008 EMU High School Honors Band and admission to Bandorama. Advanced registration and \$30 participant fee required: 734.487.1430. *Alexander Music Building, all day.*
- Sat. 17**      **Bandorama**  
The Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band and Marching Band take the stage in a colorful and exhilarating display of pageantry and sound led by Director of Bands Miller Asbill and Associate Director of Bands John Zastoupil. Admission: \$10 adults, \$8 students and seniors, \$6 children under 12. *Pease, 7 p.m.*
- Wed. 28**      **William Stewart competition**  
The finest EMU undergraduate wind and percussion music students compete for a cash prize as well as the opportunity to perform a solo with the Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony during a winter semester concert. *Pease, 6 p.m.*
- Fri. 30**      **Seasons of Light**  
The University Choir and Chamber Choir led by Trey Jacobs present “Seasons of Light,” a radiant concert of works by Vivaldi, Charpentier, Barber, Christianson, and Hogan. *Pease, 8 p.m.*

Performances subject to change without notice. Events are free of charge unless otherwise noted. All venues are handicapped accessible.

<b>Alexander Recital Hall</b>	Alexander Music Bldg. Lowell and E. Circle Dr.	<b>Quirk/Sponberg Theatre</b>	East Circle Drive
<b>Holy Trinity Chapel</b>	511 W. Forest, Ypsilanti	<b>Rynearson Stadium</b>	Hewitt Road, south of Huron River Drive
<b>Organ Recital Hall</b>	Alexander Music Bldg. Lowell and E. Circle Dr.	<b>Student Center</b>	Oakwood Drive
<b>Pease Auditorium</b>	College Place and West Cross	<b>Warner Dance Studio</b>	Warner Gymnasium, west Circle Drive

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