

**“MUSIC FOR LIFE!”  
AT  
FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY**

Music performance opportunities at Ferris State University are designed to supplement and enrich the lives of students by assisting them in making the transition from the high school musical setting to the world of adult amateur musical ensembles. FSU students can continue to develop their musical skills and be prepared for a rewarding musical “life after college” by participating in Ferris’ musical ensembles that include both university students and members of the community – the format of the majority of community ensembles throughout the country. In this way, we aspire to *inspire* all FSU students to continue to enrich their lives and the lives of others as active performers of music – for life! Please Contact the FSU Music Center at (231) 591-2501 for more information.

**THE FSU SYMPHONY BAND**

The FSU Symphony Band is sponsored by Ferris State University as part of its *Music for Life!* initiative. The FSU Symphony Band presents a series of varied and diverse concerts throughout the year. It is comprised of Ferris State University students, adult community members, and talented young musicians from high school programs from throughout West Central Michigan. Ferris students can earn credit and scholarships for their participation in the FSU Symphony Band by enrolling in Music 160. Adult community members and qualified high school students recommended by their directors may participate free of charge. The band rehearses every Wednesday evening throughout school year. Every summer, the band presents an outdoor concert series on Thursday evenings for six weeks as the FSU Community Summer Band, which holds rehearsals on Monday evenings in the Music Center on FSU’s main campus. We encourage and invite all experienced players of brass, woodwind and percussion instruments to join the band. Please contact Scott Cohen at (231) 591-2484 or [rscohen@ferris.edu](mailto:rscohen@ferris.edu) to get signed up!

**RICHARD SCOTT COHEN, MUSICAL DIRECTOR**

Scott Cohen is Associate Professor and Director of Concert Instrumental Ensembles at Ferris State University. He is director of the FSU Symphony Band, the FSU West Central Concert Band, the FSU Community Summer Band, and the FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra, and he teaches courses in music appreciation. A native of Chicago, Cohen is a Phi Beta Kappa scholar from the University of Illinois, holds masters and doctorate degrees in conducting from Northwestern University, and is a former Fulbright Scholar to Spain. He is active as a conductor, trombonist, composer, arranger, music adjudicator, researcher, author and lecturer throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

**UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS  
BY THE  
FSU MUSIC CENTER ENSEMBLES  
2008-09**

<b>APRIL 25 (SA)</b> 8:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium	<b>SPRING JAZZ CONCERT</b> FSU Jazz Band & FSU Alumni Jazz Band
<b>APRIL 26 (SU)</b> 4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium	<b>SPRING BAND CONCERT</b> FSU West Central Concert Band
<b>MAY 3 (SU)</b> 4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium	<b>SPRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT</b> FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra

**2009 SUMMER BAND CONCERT SERIES**

<b>JUNE 3 (WE)</b> 7:00 p.m. Old Jail Lawn, Big Rapids <i>In conjunction with the Big Rapids Historical Society &amp; the Old Jail Renovation Project</i>	<b>SUMMER BAND CONCERT #1</b> FSU Community Summer Band
<b>JUNE 10 (WE)</b> 7:00 p.m. The Castle, Canadian Lakes <i>In conjunction with the Canadian Lakes Association</i>	<b>SUMMER BAND CONCERT #2</b> FSU Community Summer Band
<b>JUNE 17 (WE)</b> 7:00 p.m. Big Rapids Band Shell	<b>SUMMER BAND CONCERT #3</b> FSU Community Summer Band
<b>JUNE 18 (TH)</b> 7:00 p.m. Centennial Park, Big Rapids <i>In conjunction with the MCMC Auxiliary Ice Cream Social</i>	<b>SUMMER BAND CONCERT #4</b> FSU Community Summer Band
<b>JUNE 24 (WE)</b> 7:00 p.m. Big Rapids Band Shell	<b>SUMMER BAND CONCERT #5</b> FSU Community Summer Band
<b>JULY 1 (WE)</b> 7:00 p.m. Big Rapids Band Shell	<b>SUMMER BAND CONCERT #6</b> FSU Community Summer Band

**2009 BIG RAPIDS BAND SHELL CONCERT SERIES  
Wednesdays • 7:00 p.m. • June 18 – Labor Day Weekend**

**MUSIC AT FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY ON THE WEB**  
[www.ferris.edu/music](http://www.ferris.edu/music)

THE FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY MUSIC CENTER’S  
INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT ENSEMBLES

*present*

**The FSU Symphony Band**

**4th Concert Season • 2008-09**

Dr. Richard Scott Cohen, Musical Director

**SPRING  
BAND  
CONCERT**

*featuring*

**T. Patrick Billig, euphoium soloist**

8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday • April 22, 2009  
G. Mennen Williams Auditorium