

**“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 WEST CENTRAL CONCERT BAND**

The FSU West Central Concert Band is sponsored by Ferris State University as part of its *Music for Life!* initiative. Currently celebrating its 17th Concert Season, the WCCB presents a diverse series of 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 WCCB by enrolling in Music 262. Adult community members and qualified high school students recommended by their directors may participate free of charge. The band rehearses every Monday 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 West Central Concert Band, the FSU Symphony Band, the FSU Community Summer Band, and the FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra, and he teaches classes 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, clinician, researcher, author and lecturer throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

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

**NOVEMBER 12 (WE)**

8:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium

**FALL BAND CONCERT**

FSU Symphony Band

**NOVEMBER 16 (SU)**

4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium

**FALL ORCHESTRA CONCERT**

FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra

**DECEMBER 4 (TH)**

8:00 p.m. Big Rapids High School Auditorium

**HOLIDAY JAZZ & CHORAL CONCERT**

FSU Jazz Band & Choirs

**DECEMBER 7 (SU)**

4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium

**SYMPHONIC SANTA SUNDAY**

FSU Concert Bands & Orchestra

**FEBRUARY 24 (SU)**

4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium

**WINTER CONCERT**

FSU West Central Concert Band &  
FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra

**MARCH 3 (TU)**

8:00 p.m. Big Rapids High School Auditorium

**JAZZ BAND & CHOIR CONCERT**

FSU Jazz Band & Choirs

**APRIL 21 (TU)**

8:00 p.m. Rankin Center Dome Room

**SPRING CHOIR CONCERT**

FSU Choirs

**APRIL 22 (WE)**

4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium

**SPRING BAND CONCERT**

FSU Symphony Band

**APRIL 25 (SA)**

8:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium

**SPRING JAZZ CONCERT**

FSU Jazz Band & FSU Alumni Jazz Band

**APRIL 26 (SU)**

4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium

**SPRING BAND CONCERT**

FSU West Central Concert Band

**MAY 3 (SU)**

4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium

**SPRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT**

FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra

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THE  
FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY  
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*presents*

**The FSU West Central Concert Band**  
**17th Concert Season • 2008-09**  
Dr. Richard Scott Cohen, Musical Director

**6th Annual**  
**Veterans Day**  
**Concert**

*assisted by*

**THE CROTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 381 HONOR GUARD**  
**THE AMVETS RED ARROW POST 1941**

*also featuring*

**FSU President David L. Eisler, *guest conductor***  
**The Honorable Ronald C. Nichols, *speaker***  
**Dr. Dale E. Skornia, *guest conductor***  
**T. Patrick Billig, *euphonium soloist***  
**John R. King, *vocalist & narrator***  
**Dr. Donna A. Smith, *announcer***

4:00 p.m.  
Sunday • November 9, 2008  
**G. Mennen Williams Auditorium**

## PROGRAM

### *Presentation of the Colors*

**THE CROTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 381 HONOR GUARD**

John Kailunas, *Commander*

### *The National Anthem (The War of 1812) • The Pledge of Allegiance*

**The Star Spangled Banner** (1777/1814) **John Stafford Smith & Francis Scott Key**

**John R. King**, *vocalist*

### *Welcome Address*

**The Honorable Ronald C. Nichols, 49<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Judge**

### *A Tribute to Navy Veterans*

**Of Men and the Sea** (2004)

**Roland Barrett**

### *World War I: 1914-1918*

**Shepherd's Hey** (1918)

**Percy Grainger**

### *The "Honored Guest" MIA/POW Flag Presentation*

**THE AMVETS RED ARROW POST 1941**

Jean Bennett & Bill Johnson, *presenters*

Dave O'Neil, *bagpipes* & Janet Potter, *triangle*

### *A Tribute to Our Fallen Veterans & The Civil War*

**Within These Hallowed Halls** (2004)

**James Swearingen**

*Amazing Grace • Battle Hymn of the Republic*

**John R. King**, *narrator*

### *A Salute to Veterans of All Branches of Service*

**Armed Forces Salute** (1980)

**arr. Bob Lowden**

ARMY	<i>The Caisson Song</i> (1918)	Edmund L. Gruber
COAST GUARD	<i>Semper Paratus</i> (1938)	Francis Saltus van Boskerck
MARINES	<i>The Marines' Hymn</i> (1859)	Jacques Offenbach
AIR FORCE	<i>The U.S. Air Force</i> (1951)	Robert Crawford
NAVY	<i>Anchors Aweigh</i> (1907)	Charles A. Zimmerman

### *A Tribute to Our National Hymn*

**Fanfare Prelude on "God of Our Fathers"** (1983)

**James Curnow**

**Dr. Dale E. Skornia**, *guest conductor*

### *World War II: 1941-1945*

**Theme from "Schindler's List"** (1993)

**John Williams**

*arr. Calvin Custer*

*T. Patrick Billig*, *euphonium soloist*

### *A Tribute to Our National Guard Veterans*

**The Black Horse Troop** (1924)

**John Philip Sousa**

FSU President **David L. Eisler**, *guest conductor*

### *A Salute to All Veterans*

**America the Beautiful** (1894/1963)

**Samuel Augustus Ward & Katherine Lee Bates**

*arr. Carmen Dragon*

**John R. King**, *vocalist*

*O beautiful for spacious skies*

*For amber waves of grain,*

*For purple mountain's majesty*

*Above the fruited plain;*

*America, America*

*God shed His grace on thee,*

*And crown thy hood with brotherhood*

*From sea to shining sea.*

## WCCB PERSONNEL

### PICCOLO

Caitlin Williams (3) FSU Student: Forensic Biology

Luther

### FLUTE

Natalie Novik (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy

Waterford

Michelle Stoneburner (6) FSU Student: Medical Technology

Lake Odessa

Linda Peek (17) Math Teacher, retired

Big Rapids

Amanda Scholl (3) FSU Student: Biochemistry

Harrison

Angelina White (2) FSU Student: Social Work

White Cloud

Caitlin Williams (3) FSU Student: Forensic Biology/Biotechnology

Luther

Emily Anne Wood (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy

Escanaba

### OBOE

Emily Carr (2) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy

Midland

### BASSOON

Michael Eyster (2) FSU Student: Plastics Engineering Technology

Angola, IN

Paul Heidemann (16) Network Technician, FSU

Big Rapids

### CLARINET

Frieda Anderson (17) Administrative Assistant, retired

Mecosta

Christina A. Cook (1) FSU Student: Elementary Education

Three Rivers

Martina Esterle (4) Hair Dresser

Reed City

Don Flickinger (17) Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, FSU

Big Rapids

Kaye Flickinger (12) Retired

Big Rapids

Deirdre Kolle (4) FSU Student: Applied Biology/Physical Therapy

Traverse City

Christa Lubahn (8) Dentist

Big Rapids

James Miller (9) Engineer, retired

Canadian Lakes

Nedra Neumann (17) Insurance Accounting & Technology

Big Rapids

Sarah Raymond (6) Leisure Studies & Wellness Professor, FSU

Paris

Sherry Rosser (3) FSU Student: Accounting

Winter Park, FL

Megan Womersley (1) FSU Student: Applied Mathematics

Grand Rapids

### BASS CLARINET

Vicky Scott (6) FSU Student: Nursing

Big Rapids

### E<sup>b</sup> CONTRABASS CLARINET

Denise Smith (2) FSU Student: Radiography

White Cloud

### ALTO SAXOPHONE

Tyler B. Cook (5) FSU Graduate Student: Optometry

Big Rapids

Fran Norris (10) Secretary, Chippewa Hills School District

Remus

Dale Skornia (3) Music Professor, FSU

Big Rapids

Susan Wenger (17) Executive Secretary, retired

Baldwin

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## WCCB PERSONNEL

### TENOR SAXOPHONE

George J. Novak (12) United Airlines Management, retired

Mecosta

Elizabeth Walton (1) FSU Student: Mathematics Education

Marine City

### BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Steven Solinski (1) FSU Student: Psychology

Bay City

### TRUMPET

Jerry Allen (5) Band Director, retired

Cadillac

Jeff Gabalis (6) Digital Media Specialist, FSU

Mecosta

Logan May (1) FSU Student: Prof. Golf Management

Fairview Park, OH

A. Alan Metcalf (3) Technology Director, retired

Mecosta

Jeffrey Nagelbush (12) Psychology Professor, FSU

Big Rapids

Bobbi Nista (17) Math Educator, retired

Big Rapids

Jacob Sonier (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy

Dewitt

Adam Wiesen (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy

Schaumburg, IL

### FRENCH HORN

Alan Anderson (15) Accountant, retired

Mecosta

Shannon Keane English (4) Physician

Big Rapids

Gail Salinger Jacobson (8) Tutor, Chippewa Hills Schools

Remus

Sarah Nagel (1) FSU Student: University College Program

Big Rapids

### TROMBONE

Nathan Callow (3) FSU Student: Criminal Justice

Sterling Heights

Drew Heath (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy

Tekonsha

Brandon Largent (3) FSU Student: Mechanical Engineering Technology

Gladwin

Jim Mehl (7) Administrative Law Judge, retired

Big Rapids

Michael Nuffer (5) FSU Student: Computer Networks & Systems

Bay City

Robert Reed (1) FSU Student: CAD Drafting & Tool Design

Gladwin

Ernie Wenger (9) Insurance Agent

Baldwin

Scott Whitney (17) Pharmacist, retired

Big Rapids

### EUPHONIUM

Ian Nagy (3) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy

Iron Mountain

Robert Rankey (4) FSU Student: Business Administration

Bay City

### TUBA

Kurt Barker (1) FSU Student: Radiography

Mount Pleasant

T. Patrick Billig (8) Band Director, retired

White Cloud

### PERCUSSION

Jeffrey Ackroyd (2) FSU Student: Biotechnology

Big Rapids

Jared Beyer (2) FSU Student: Applied Mathematics

Ludington

Garrett DeJongh (1) FSU Student: Medical Engineering

Three Rivers

Jeff Gardner (2) FSU Student: Automotive Engineering

Davison

Chris Jane (1) FSU Student: Music Industry Management

Big Rapids

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