

Watauga Community Band Christmas Concerts

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The Watauga Community Band will present their annual Christmas concert Saturday in two events and two locations. The band has traditionally presented the Christmas concert in Blowing Rock, and that tradition will continue with a 7pm event at Blowing Rock School, plus a 2pm preview at Boone Mall.

The Community Band under the leadership of Bill Winkler will perform their

Christmas choral concert on Saturday, December 5, 2009 in a joint concert with

the the High Country High School Community Chorale under the direction of Dr.

Pamela Hopton-Jones. The concert will take place in the Blowing Rock Elementary

School beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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The band will have a sneak preview in a 2pm performance at Boone Mall.



The High Country High School Community Chorale began as a dream shared over 4

years ago by conductor, Pamela Hopton-Jones with Dottie Sykes, conductor of the

Presbyterian-Methodist Community Children's Choir which she has conducted for

nearly 30 years. This dream has now resulted in the first High Country High

School Community Chorale, an ensemble of 30 charter members. The Chorale

exists to increase the appreciation of, and participation in, a high quality

choral music experience by the youth of the High Country of North Carolina. By

so doing, we increase the overall musical experience of the culture at large.

The High Country High School Community Chorale is in its first semester and is

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excited to share with the community what they have accomplished. The following

repertoire will be performed:

Jesus is Born Traditional

Jazz Gloria by Natalie Sleeth featuring Patrick Coston on string bass and Doug Jones on tubano.

The Prince of Peace (Scriptural Reading) from Isaiah 9:2, 6, & 7 & Isaiah 12: 2-6

(featuring the men of the Chorale)

Mary Did You Know? (featuring the ladies of the Chorale) arr. by Fred Bock

Carols Around arr. by Carl J. Nygard, Jr. utilizing these carols: -Dona Nobis Pacem

-The First Noel

-It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

-Away In A Manger

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Mangwani Mpulele: South African Folksong -Xhosa Tribe

Deck the Halls arr by John Leavitt featuring Patrick Coston on triangle and Doug

Jones on snare drum.

Caribe Noel by Gary E. Parks featuring percussionists: Tubano: Doug Jones; Guiro: Patrick Coston; Maracas: James Ellington

CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE HIGH COUNTRY HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY CHORALE:
Sopranos:

Sarah Barry, Kassie Casner, Sidney Ginn, Elizabeth Harrell, Katie Hartley,

Marjorie Hubert, Ashton Kacsmark, Caroline Lonas, Stephanie Richard, Laiken

Williams, Lizzie Zimmerman. Altos: Anne Barbee, Hannah Bates, Addi Berry, Emily Berry, Leah Clemens, Stephanie Freyler, Lauren Jones, Gwen Prevette.

Tenors: Shepherd Barry, Titus Casner, Nathan Jones, Jon Kelley, Nathanael Rains.

Basses:

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Nathan Bates, Justin Drake, James Ellington, Jonathan Faulks, Eric Griffin,

Edward Oliver.

Accompanist for the High Country High School Community Chorale is Mrs. Laura

Coston. Dottie Sykes is the Chorale Assistant and Dr. Pamela Hopton-Jones is

the conductor.

Anyone interested in joining the High Country High School Community Chorale

should contact Pamela Hopton-Jones at jonespd@appstate.edu or 828-263-8367. The second semester will rehearse from January - May 2010.

A second performance of the High Country High School Community Chorale,

performing their Christmas repertoire will occur on Thursday, December 17, 2009.

This performance will take place in Hayes School of Music in Rosen Concert Hall

on A.S.U.'s campus beginning at 7:30 p.m. This is a free concert. Invite

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your family and friends for this festive occasion.