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Wisconsin Public Television to Air Birch Creek Concert, "Unforgettable"

Wisconsin Public Television is pleased to announce that it will air the Birch Creek Jazz concert, "Unforgettable," that it taped this past August on **Monday, January 30 from 8-9:30 pm** on its main channel, **Wisconsin Public Television**.

The program will also air in February on its digital channel, the "Wisconsin Channel." At that time, out-of-state viewers will be able to watch the program through real-time web streaming. Please check the Birch Creek website for details.

There will be a **Door County Premiere** viewing of the film along with a discussion with its producer, Deb Piper, during the week of January 23 in Juniper Hall at Birch Creek. Please check our website and Door County papers for the exact date and time of the event.



Ovations

Birch Creek's Board of Trustees welcomes new members Jan Johnson, Fred Mann, Tom Regan, Sue Vineyard and Tom Young; while saying *thank you* and congratulations to Greg Mox, Bill Klug and Cynthia Stiehl, board members who have fulfilled their terms.

Your Gift Helps Keep Us Ticking

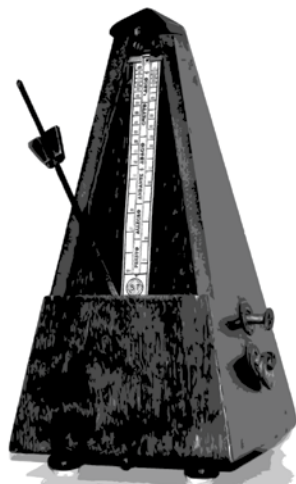
Birch Creek's income comes from the following sources. Thank you for your help in keeping us ticking!

42% Donations, Grants & Sponsorships

30% Tuition

22% Tickets

6% Program Book & Gift Shop



Help Make A Difference

"A community whose life is not irrigated by art and philosophy day upon day, is a community that exists only half alive."

- Lewis Mumford, American Historian 1895-1990

Birch Creek provides the greater community with the art of music, but we cannot do this without you. **Consider what your donation can do...**

- **Expand the Music Library - \$25 to \$100**
- **Plant a flowerbed - \$200**
- **Sponsor a concert - \$450 to \$1,050**
- **Tune a piano for the season - \$500**
- **Support outreach in Door County schools - \$750**
- **Provide a named scholarship for a student - \$2,000**

The Gift of Birch Creek...

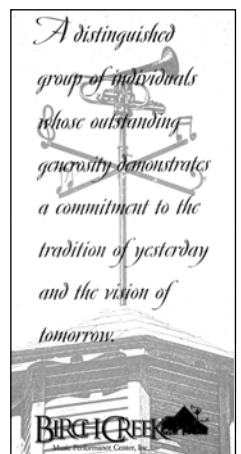
This holiday season, give a Birch Creek gift:



- Birch Creek Gift Certificate (in any amount)
- Birch Creek CD (\$10)
- Coupon Book (\$203) 8 ticket coupons for the price of 7 - saving you \$29!

Final Chance

At the end of 2011, the Birch Creek Board of Trustees will close the Final Pitch Phase of the Capital Campaign, a project that has added three new buildings to our campus and nearly doubled our physical size. If you wish to be among those very special people whose names will be listed on our permanent donor wall in the Melzer Gallery of the Rehearsal Center, please make your contribution or pledge now. Contact Birch Creek to make a new donation or add to your existing pledge at (920)868-3763.



The Giving Corner



On October 7th, six members of Birch Creek's **Legacy Circle** attended a luncheon in their honor in Juniper Hall. The Legacy Circle was established to provide a vehicle for Birch Creek donors who wish to continue their support of music education and performance in perpetuity.

Birch Creek thanks all members of the Legacy Circle for including Birch Creek in their estate plans, and thereby providing long-term support critical to preserving Birch Creek's high level of programming for future generations. For information on becoming a Legacy Circle member, please contact Executive Director, Kaye Wagner at 920-868-3763.

Faculty Notes

Lenny Foy, Zionsville, IN (Jazz I Trumpet) was the conductor of the Wisconsin State Honors Jazz Band, leading the group in performance at the Wisconsin State Music Convention in Madison this past October.

Rick Haydon, Edwardsville, IL (Jazz II Guitar) has recently been appointed Director of the Jazz Department at Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville. Rick will also be the Director of the IMEA All-State Jazz Combo in 2012.

Brad Stirz, Naperville, IL (Percussion, mallets) recently joined the Jazz faculty at North Central College in Naperville, IL. Brad also spent a week teaching music at the Otino Waa orphanage in Lira, Uganda this past October.

Alumni Notes

Katy Jiang, Wausau, WI (Symphony violin, 2010) and **Hattie Bestul**, Viola, WI (Symphony clarinet, 2009-10) performed this past October in Madison at the Wisconsin State Music Convention as part of the Wisconsin High School State Honors Orchestra.

Maureen McCarty, Monona, WI (Symphony violin 1979) is currently the orchestra director in the Monona Grove School District. She is also a violinist in the Camerata quartet.

Max Meier, Neenah, WI (Jazz I trumpet, 2011) and **Thomas Rorabeck**, Wauwatosa, WI (Percussion 2010) performed at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison this past October as part of the Wisconsin High School State Honors Jazz Ensemble.

Jennifer Nelson, Dayton, OH (Symphony flute 1998-2001) completed a masters degree at DePaul University and was awarded a position with the Air Force Band of Flight at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, OH. She tours and performs with the 45-member Band throughout the Midwest.

Ben Portner, St. Louis, MO (Jazz drums, 2004-06) winner of a 2009 Betty Carter Jazz Ahead award, is entering his third year of study at the New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music in New York City. He is active in the NY jazz scene and teaches piano, ear training and music theory.

Ben Solomon, Glencoe, IL (Jazz II tenor sax, 2007-08) currently attends Sarah Lawrence College outside of New York City. In spring of 2011, he won the Downbeat award for Jazz Soloist in the high school student division.

Alex Stombres, St. Charles, IL (Jazz II, piano 2006-10) is now attending Elmhurst College pursuing a major in Music Education and a minor in Jazz studies. Alex was named a Golden Apple Scholar and will spend summers teaching in the Chicago Public Schools. Alex is the son of **Jim Stombres**, long-time Jazz Studio Band Director and trumpet faculty member.

Student Notes

Lauren Conroy, Barrington, Ill. (Symphony violin, 2010-11) was the winner of the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra's Young Artist Concerto Competition. Lauren will perform the Kabalevsky Violin Concerto in C Major on May 6 in the Blizzard Theater at Elgin Community College.

Sarah Tako, Stillwater, MN (Symphony bassoon, 2010-11) is a junior at Mahtomedi High School and attends the University of Minnesota School of Music's Post Secondary Education Opportunity Program part time. She also is a bassoonist with the Minnesota Youth Symphony.

Artists in the Schools



Rick Haydon and Reggie Thomas working with students

Reggie Thomas and Rick Haydon, Birch Creek jazz faculty members, returned to Door County this past November for Birch Creek's annual Artist in the Schools program. Thomas and Haydon conducted a half-day workshop at Birch Creek for rhythm section students from Gibraltar, Sevastopol, Sturgeon Bay, and Southern Door school systems that focused on "grooves." Students received hands-on training in funk, calypso, bossa nova, and New Orleans march grooves during the morning workshop. The artists also visited Sevastopol schools and worked with 50 high school and middle school students during their residency. This marks the 11th year of Birch Creek's Artist in the Schools program serving the music students of Door County.

Welcome



Cathy Knipfer, Sturgeon Bay, recently joined Birch Creek as Director of Marketing and Public Relations. Cathy holds a degree in arts management with a minor in graphic communications. Her employment experience includes positions in advertising in the Appleton area and marketing in the Milwaukee area.

Kate Rericha, who previously held the marketing directorship for six years, assumes a new role at Birch Creek -- that of Director of Grants.

2012 Summer Concert Schedule



Symphony	June 28 - 30 July 4 - July 7
Percussion & Steel Band	July 12 - 14 July 18 - 21
Big Band/ Jazz	July 25 - 28 Aug. 1 - 4 Aug. 8 - 11 Aug. 15 - 18

• Adult \$29 • Young Adult (12-20) \$10
• Child (11 & under) \$6

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