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A Note from the Director

By Kevin Tison

Well, again it is hard to believe we are quickly approaching the end of 2007 and the halfway point of this school year!! As I write this article, I'm sitting at home at the computer listening to some great Christmas music playing in the background - singing along of course! It's amazing to me that the carols and music associated with this special time of year seem to never develop any time or cultural constraints - it remains fresh, familiar and loved across the world. Programming and directing the upcoming holiday concert is truly a highlight of the entire year for me!

Currently all five of our choirs are busy, busy, busy in preparing their parts for the holiday concert - *Sounds of the Season* - on Monday night, December 17th at Calvary Church in Santa Ana. I am certain you will enjoy the variety of festive, hauntingly beautiful and classic sounds of the season - so be sure to invite all your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to this special night of music! Highlights of the evening will include a 40-piece professional orchestra (which includes approximately a dozen of our own FVHS instrumental students), the debut of the Masuda Middle School Singers, a Silent Auction to benefit the

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Voice of the VMPA

By Kevin and Deena Querry, Co-Presidents

The 2007-2008 year in the Vocal Music Program at Fountain Valley High School has once again started off at the peak of performance. The year began with great presentations at the festivals at CSU Fullerton and CSU Long Beach and quality performances at the Fall Concert "*Magic in the Meadow*" in October at the Robert B. Moore Theater at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, featuring a myriad of popular folk and fantasy songs.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us in celebrating the "*Sounds of the Season*" at our holiday concert on Monday, December 17th at Calvary Church in Santa Ana. You will experience the festive favorites, full of holiday cheer, accompanied by a 40-piece orchestra. In addition to having an amazing holiday experience, you can plan on picking up a few last minute gifts while purchasing concert CDs and DVDs, as well as participating in the Silent Auction held before and during intermission of the holiday concert. Funds raised from the Silent Auction will benefit the Troubadour summer tour to France.

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VMPA Fundraising

By Nancy Johnson and Yolanda McConnell

Fundraising is well under way and the results are fantastic! Two hundred and ninety seven entertainment books were sold with a profit of \$17.50 for each book sold. Our Sees candy sale ended Nov. 27th and there were approximately \$12,000 in sales! Excellent job FV Vocal Music!

Our next fundraising event is the silent auction to be held the evening of our Christmas concert. Also, don't forget to support our restaurant fundraisers. These are always a fun way to get together and raise money, too. Look for a Spaghetti dinner fundraiser in February—details to come...

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! ♪

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Troubadours upcoming tour of France, and a special performance by one of our FVHS Vocal Music alumnus - Mr. John Byun. Mr. Byun is now working full time in the choral music profession and you will find more information about him later on this very page.

Concluding the program, our Concert Choir will present a beautiful work by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, accompanied by the orchestra. *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* is a beautifully written piece that is founded on three different English Carols - Herefordshire, Somerset, and Sussex. The piece begins and is threaded by a baritone soloist (Mr. Byun) who is in constant exchange with the chorus and orchestra. It is one of my favorite pieces of music and will be a stunning addition to the program that night.

Additional music of the night will be selections from Handel's *Messiah*, Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*, the Baron Choir's traditional variation of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, Troubadours' exquisite arrangement of *Silent Night* and much, much more! There is something for everyone on this program - but don't just take my word - come experience it for yourself!

In the next edition of *Crescendo*, I will give updates on a variety of other areas of the Vocal Music Program, including our facility modernizations and upgrades and all the upcoming tours, festivals and performances that take place during the spring. I'm VERY excited about our spring concert - *America: Of Thee I Sing!* Tuesday night, April 8th should already be reserved on your calendar!

I would like to close by taking a moment to thank again the many parents, FVHS faculty & staff, administrators,

Alumni Spotlight

John Byun

By Kevin Tison



John Byun was a student in the Vocal Music Program during his four years at Fountain Valley High School from 1984-1988. He was a student of Tom Antal for two years, followed by two years with Ted Reid. While in the program at FVHS, John was a member of Concert Choir for all four years and a member of the Troubadours for three years. He was also Bass Section Leader for two years and Student Director his senior year.

Following his time at FVHS, John received his Bachelors of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of California, Irvine and his Masters in Choral Conducting from California State University, Long Beach. He is currently the director of Choral and Vocal Activities at Riverside City College, where he directs the Chamber Singers and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Mr. Byun is also the artistic director of the Temecula Valley Master Chorale and is one of the co-directors of Arrowbear Music Camp. He has been the guest conductor for the Irvine, Aliso Viejo, and Long Beach district honor choirs and the SCVA Men's Honor Choir. Mr. Byun has sung with the Orange County Pacific Chorale, as one of the bass contract singers, and has worked with Opera Pacific Chorus and Long Beach Opera Chorus. Mr. Byun resides in Temecula with his wife Mary and children Mikail and Jade. ♪



community businesses and many others that pour so much of their time, energy and resources into this exceptional program at Fountain Valley High School. Particularly during this time of year, people reflect on all the wonderful people in their lives, and I am truly blessed to be a part of this program, school and community.

I look forward to welcoming you on Monday, December 17th!

Wishing you the happiest of holidays and the best for the coming new year...♪ Mr. Tison

SCRIP NEWS!

By Sue Farnsworth

There is one last opportunity to order SCRIP before the holidays. Friday, Dec 7 is the last day to place an order. It will be delivered Friday, Dec 14. SCRIP cards make great gifts or you can use SCRIP for your holiday purchases. Many vendors are offering holiday bonus discounts, which means your student profit is bigger. We offer SCRIP for a variety of grocery, gas, department stores, restaurants and entertainment.

We have lots of Regal/Edwards movie tickets which sell for \$7.00 (plus 90 cents goes into your student account). That's a lot better deal than purchasing your tickets at the box office! And movie tickets make great stocking stuffers.

SCRIP is available for some airlines, cruise lines, hotels and rental cars. If you are interested in buying SCRIP for something you don't see listed on the order form, check out www.glscrip.com. There are many more vendors than we have room to list. Just fill in a blank line on the order form. You can pick up or print out extra order forms for family and

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The excitement generated by this elite vocal program has given us all reason to celebrate. If you are anything like us, right now your lives are filled with the joys, as well as the busyness of this holiday season. As we enter into this season, we would like to take just a moment and focus our gratitude upon the unsung heroes of the FVHS Vocal Music Program - the members of the Executive and Extended Boards. These individuals have sacrificed countless volunteer hours providing the behind the scene performances that allow this program to operate at such a quality level.

We are tremendously proud to be associated with such an amazing team of parents. We are honored to introduce to you in this issue of the *Crescendo* the members of the Executive Board of the Vocal Music Parent Association.

Someone once said that it takes a village to raise a child and we are grateful to partner with these leaders of the VMPA village. Every sacrificed hour will never be seen,

however, they are profoundly appreciated. We would like to express our deepest thanks to each of these amazing volunteer board members. Next time you see these individuals please take a moment to express your gratitude for their contribution to this wonderful program.

Meet the Extended Board members in the next issue of *Crescendo*. ♪

VMPA Executive Board		
Joyce Anne Antal	1st Vice, President - Concert Promotion	Mass publicity and promotion of the Vocal Music Program, assist with the Friends and Corporate Friends of the VMPA.
Wendy Vallier	1st Vice President - Printing & Marketing	Printing and marketing of all promotional advertisement materials (i.e. Concert Programs, flyers, etc.) of the Vocal Music Program.
Yolanda McConnell	2nd Vice President - Fund Raising	Planning and facilitating fundraising activities (Entertainment Books, Restaurant Nights, etc.) of the Vocal Music Program.
Nancy Johnson	2nd Vice President - Fund Raising	Planning and facilitating fundraising activities (See's Candy Sales, Spaghetti Dinner, etc.) of the Vocal Music Program.
Kevin Tison	3rd Vice President - Director	Liaison to the Vocal Music Parent Association Boards
Karl Stewart	4th Vice President - Concerts	Venue logistics, equipment set-up, oversee Hospitality and Chaperone/Usher Directors at each Vocal Music Concert.
Tracy Cameron	Secretary	Documentation of all activities and provide rosters for the Vocal Music Boards, parents, and choirs.
Leda Quiros-Weed	Treasurer	Controlling, producing, publication, and reporting of the bank accounts for the Vocal Music Parent Association.
Cheryl Hall	Co-Treasurer - Student Accounts	Controlling and tracking of income and expense for each Student's personal account.
Karen Lopez	Parliamentarian	Ensure publication of and management of and adherence to the Vocal Music Parent Association Bylaws.

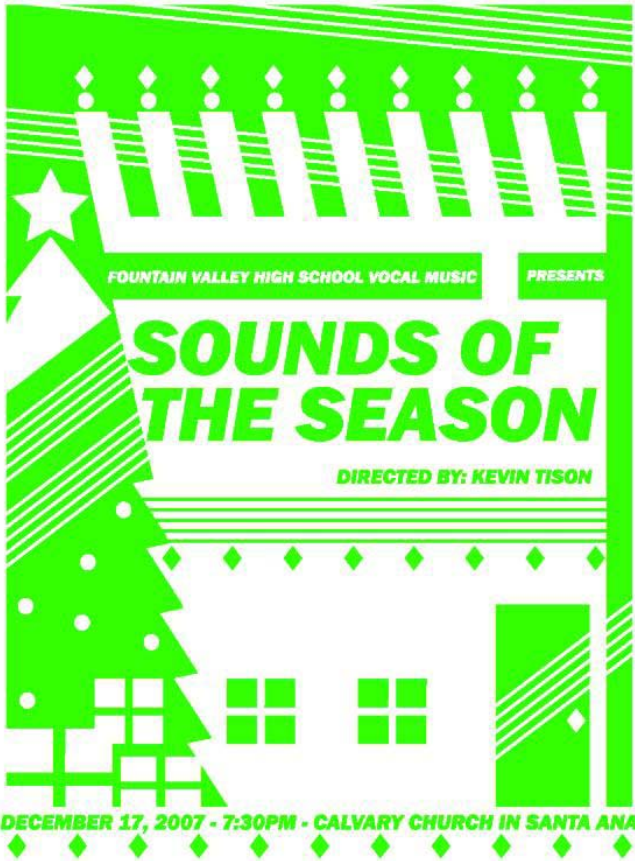
SCRIP dates!

Order Dates	Delivery Dates
January 11	January 18
January 25	February 1
February 8	February 15
February 22	February 29
Tentative Dates	
March 7	March 14
<u>Thurs</u> April 3	<u>Thurs</u> April 10

Mark your calendars with these important SCRIP dates!

friends. Last year several people turned in multiple orders from friends at work and earned extra large profits for their student accounts. If you have questions, call Sue Farnsworth at 962-7097 or skayeb@gmail.com ♪

Concert NEWS!



Sounds of the Season

Monday, December 17, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.
 Calvary Church
 1010 N. Tustin Ave. Santa Ana 92708

Accompanied by a 40-piece orchestra, this concert will surely get you into the holiday spirit with festive favorites such as *Twas the Night Before Christmas*, *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*, and *Silent Night*. The second half of the concert will feature classic selections from Handel's *Messiah*, Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* and Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*.

A **Silent Auction** will be held to benefit the Troubadours' upcoming summer tour in France! Auction begins at 6:30 pm in the lobby and continues during intermission. Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the concert. Be ready to shop and support your Troubadours!

Singing two selections, making their debut performance on this concert will be the **Masuda Middle School Singers**.

Bring all your family, friends, and neighbors to this special night of music!

Concert Ticket Information

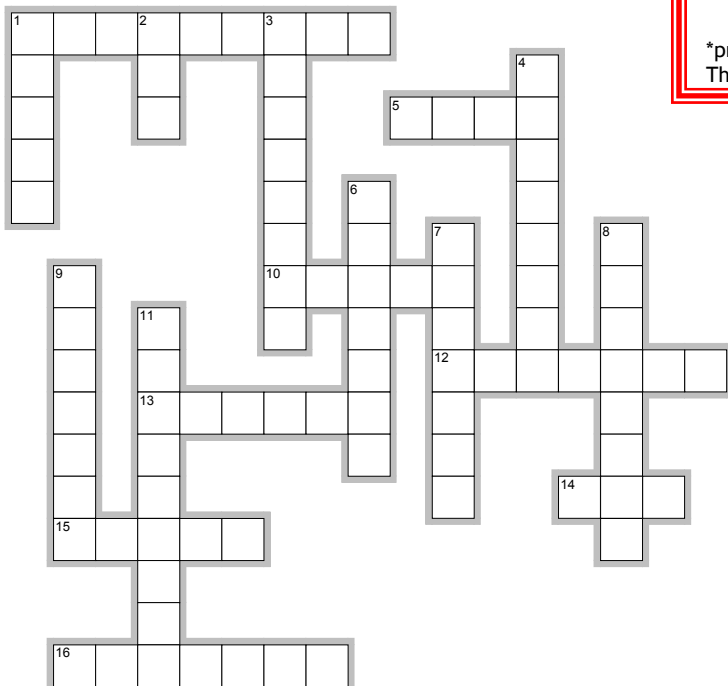
Season Tickets.....	\$25.00
At the door.....	\$8.00
Pre-Concert Sales	\$7.00
Students 18 yrs and under.....	\$5.00

Pre-concert sales will be announced by email and flyer from students prior to each scheduled performance. Pre-concert sales are held at FVHS (Rm 307) during performance week.*

For ticket information or to request tickets by mail, contact:
 Rhonda Kendrick • 18381 Mt. Kristina St. FV 92708
rkendrick@socal.rr.com
 714-609-6402

*pre-sales for the December concert will be held at FVHS (room 307) on Thur, Fri, & Mon. Dec 14, 15, & 17, from 12:00-1:00 pm.

Crossword



Across

1. First day's gift, sans tree
5. Choir Boosters
10. Christmas song, sung
12. Mr. Tison
13. Pipers piping, in total
14. Engagement to perform
15. Six a laying
16. To sing in unison

Down

1. Softly
2. Onstage apparel for men
3. Loudness or softness
4. Below tenor
6. Pleasing combination of tones
7. John Byun, past Troubadour, is one
8. Mickey starred in it, the movie
9. What ladies were doing on the ninth day
11. Building up to

Calendar 2007-2008

	Group	Event	Date/Time	Location
Dec	All	Holiday Concert: <i>Sounds of the Season</i>	Mon Dec 17 / 3:30-6:30 rehearsal 7:30 Performance	Calvary Church (Santa Ana)
Jan	TB	Winter Retreat	Fri - Sun Jan 25-27 / Lv Noon	Catalina Island
Feb	All	Local Exchanges & Guest Clinicians	TBD	TBD
Mar	CC TB	Middle School Recruiting Middle School Recruiting	TBD	Masuda & Fulton Moiola
April	TB	ACDA Golden State <i>feature performance</i>	Tue Apr 1 / p.m.	Manhattan Beach
	CC Parents	Tour Meeting/VMPA Exec.	Thu Apr 3 / 7:00 / 8:00 p.m.	FVHS
	LC	Heritage Music Festival	Fri-Sun Apr 4-6 /Lv Noon	Las Vegas
	All	Spring Concert: <i>America: Of Thee I Sing</i>	Tue Apr 8 / 4-6:30 Rehearsal 7:30 Performance	1 st Congregational (Long Beach)
	TV, BC	Heritage Music Festival	Fri-Sat Apr 11-12 / Lv Noon	San Diego
	CC, TB	Spring Tour-Heritage National Festival of Gold	Thur-Mon Apr 17-21 / Lv Noon	SLO & San Francisco (Davies Sym. Hall)
	TB	Pacific Chorale Invitational <i>feature performance</i>	Mon Apr 21 / 9 am - 9 pm	Seegerstrom Hall (OCPAC)
May	All	Auditions for 2008-2009	Mon-Fri May 19-23 /After School	FVHS
	All	Musical Concert Rehearsals	Wed-Thur May 28-29 /5-10 pm	HBHS Aud.
	All	Musical Concert: <i>Born to Sing! Born to Jive!</i>	Fri-Sat May 30-31 / 7:30 pm	HBHS Aud
Jun	All	Awards Banquet	Tue Jun 3 /TBD	OCC?
	TB	Europe Tour Recording Concert	Mon June 16 / 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00 Performance	St. Wilfrid's Church
	TB	Europe Tour	Fri-Tue Jun 20-Jul 1 / Lv 11:30 pm	France

The Calendar contains all dates and performances which have been scheduled to-date. Other competitions, festivals, or "gigs" will be added throughout the year and all dates and times are subject to change. More information will be given in class and through the mail, as well as any dates/times that are modified.

DETAILS FOR EACH EVENT ABOVE WILL BE SENT HOME VIE EMAIL OR FLYER. DETAILED INFORMATION FOR ALL EVENTS MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED ON MR. TISON'S WEB PAGE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

Never-Melt Snowman

Brrrr! It's time for building snowmen! OK, so we don't get snow in Southern California. No problem! Make this cute textured snowman to decorate your home.

What you'll need:

- 3 - 3" Styrofoam balls
- Hot glue gun
- Piece of thick cardboard for base
- Snowtex paint (see Helpful Hints, below)
- Child sized mismatched sock or mitten
- Two glitter pom poms
- 5" piece of ribbon
- 10" strip of felt for scarf
- 2 tiny black pom poms
- Orange toothpick
- Three buttons
- 2 sturdy twigs
- Kitchen knife

How to make it:

1. Cut one end of one of the Styrofoam balls off flat with a kitchen knife, just enough so that it will rest flat on the work surface and won't roll away. This will be the head of your snowman.
2. Cut both ends of the other two Styrofoam balls, making flat ends on both. These will be the center and bottom of your snowman.
3. Cut the cardboard into a square big enough to serve as a base for your snowman.
4. Take one of the Styrofoam balls that have both ends cut flat and hot glue it to the cardboard square.
5. Take the second Styrofoam ball with two flat ends; hot glue it on top of the bottom Styrofoam ball.
6. Take the last Styrofoam ball and hot glue the flat side on top of the center ball.
7. Paint entire snowman and base generously with Snotex paint.
8. Before the Snotex dries, press the buttons onto the body and the tiny pom poms on for the eyes (no glue necessary).
9. Break or cut the orange toothpick in half and insert into the face, pointed side out.
10. Insert stick arms on each side of the body.
11. Let Snotex dry completely.
12. Once it is dry, tie the felt scarf over the snowman's neck, and fringe the ends with scissors if you like.

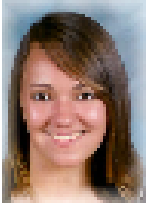


13. Cut foot end off sock or hand/fingers off mitten so that all you have is cuff and maybe some extra material. Roll the cuff up once or twice, and then place on snowman's head. Take in place with hot glue.
14. Use ribbon to tie the top of the hat closed. Trim excess ribbon.
15. Decorate top of hat with glitter pom poms.

Tips:

- Have baby wipes or wash cloths handy as this project can be pretty messy
- Snow-tex is a paintable textured medium that looks like snow when applied. It is readily available at craft supply stores and many discount department stores.
- Don't throw away mismatched mitten, gloves or socks, especially colorful ones! These are idea for making snowman hats and can be kept in your craft supplies until ready to use. ♪





Student Spotlight: ANON

By Cassandra Weed

‘Tis the season and it’s all about the music. This season, the music just keeps getting better and better. This *CN* reporter spoke with an anonymous *Le Chants* girl and got to ask her a few questions about our new music.

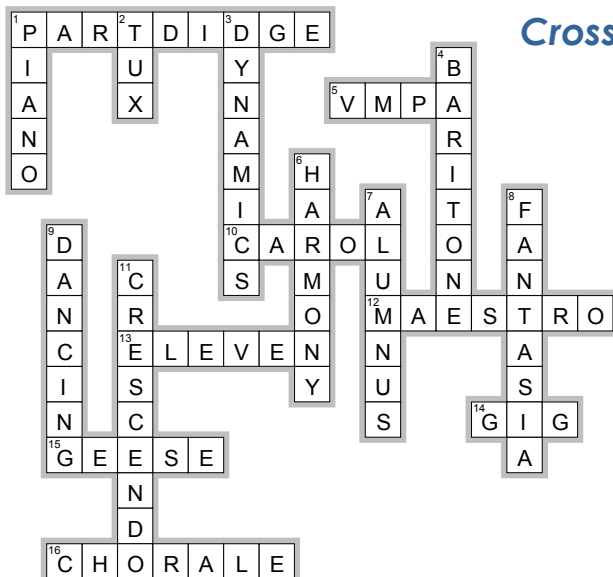
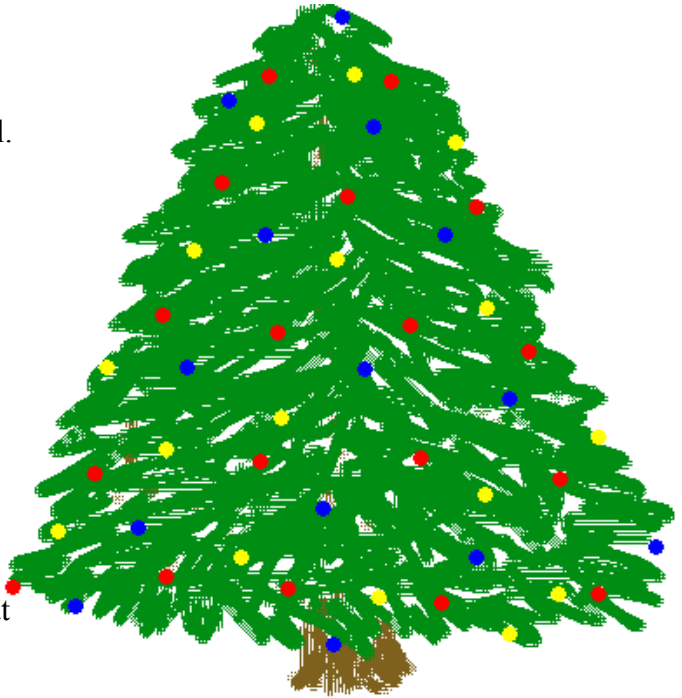
My first question to her was: what is your general opinion of the Christmas music this year? She said that the pieces that Mr. Tison picked are absolutely beautiful. There are some classic pieces, comical pieces, and strange, foreign pieces and she thinks that all of these together will be amazing!

I then asked her if there any songs in particular that stuck out to her. If so, which ones and why? She gave me quite a shocking answer. “Not really,” were her words. “Simply because every single piece is so different from the rest and so unique.”

Out of curiosity, I asked if there are any songs that she would have wanted to sing that our choir director didn’t pick. This girl said that she looks forward to seeing what new pieces he picks out for us. She also thinks that the concerts wouldn’t be interesting if we only sang songs that people knew and liked.

My next question for her was about her thoughts on the most challenging piece we have. She felt that it is the German piece that Mr. Tison has given us, because first we have to learn how to pronounce the words and then learn how to sing it.

Lastly, I asked her what choir she was most excited to hear sing. Her response? “I’m excited to hear all of the choirs sing!” ♪



Crossword Key



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