

Meet Our New Choral Intern!

Kristin Mooter has been singing in choir since her early childhood; performing at church, theater, contests, graduations and events has been a normal element of her life. Upon graduating from Noble High School in 2001 she sought to continue her education at OU, where she studied music performance for voice. After a time she decided to pursue an interest in the field of science; unsure as to whether this new setting was going to “take”, she obtained an A.S. degree from OCCC. Though her main focus at OCCC was science, she



managed to keep up her voice training through the OCCC choir. Obtaining the science degree confirmed Kristin’s belief that music was the true calling of her life, and she also realized that she had acquired a growing passion for teaching music to others. With that in mind, she again enrolled at OU to complete the music education program and earn a music education degree. She is on track to graduate in the spring of 2010.

When asked what she would do after graduating, Kristin replied, “I want to get a position in the public school system teaching music to children. I also want to teach more advanced voice students through private lessons.” She looks forward to being a part of the Norman Singers and having Beverly mentor her in Conducting, and hopes the knowledge and experience she gains through the internship with NCCS will serve her well when starting her new career.

We’re very glad to have her with us. Welcome, Kristin!

Good Eats!

Our choir potluck was a great success! Thanks to everyone who brought such delicious food, and a special thanks to Maria for all her hard work!



MUST See October EVENTS!



Tuesday, October 7th

Classical guitarist group The Romeros perform at the OCCC Theater. Info. at www.occc.edu/cas

Oklahoma Community Orchestra presents *Spotlight On the Orchestra!* Info. at www.okorchestra.org

October 10th – 18th

The musical *Into the Woods* plays at the Sooner Theatre. Info. at www.soonertheatre.com

October 12th – 18th

Arbuckle Mountain Fall Bluegrass Jam in Davis, OK. Info. at (405) 665-5226

Saturday, October 18th

Pianist Andre Watts performs Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto with the OKC Philharmonic. Info. at (405) 842-5387

Tuesday, October 21st

The Graffe String Quartet with pianist Michiko Otaki performs at OBU. Info. at (405) 878-2305



**Country music is three chords
and the truth.**

Harlan Howard

Dates To Remember!

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| November 2 | Norman Veterans Center performance (6:15 call)—dress: Norman Singers t-shirts |
| November 17 | Rivermont Retirement Community performance (6:15 call)—dress: N.S. t-shirts |
| December 5 | Norman Winterfest Arts Walk performance at the Depot (6:15 call)—dress: N.S. t-shirts |
| December 6 | Winter Concert tech rehearsal, St. Stephens (9:30-12:00) |
| December 7 | Winter Concert, St. Stephens, 3:00 p.m. (2:00 call)—dress: concert formal black |
| December 12 | Library SingAlong (time TBA)—dress: Holiday casual |



In the Spotlight

Steve Davenport, Bass

Q: Where are you from?

I am an army brat, born in Albuquerque NM and we lived everywhere, including Germany. I went to Stanford undergrad, Yale Med/orthopaedic residency, and ended up in private practice in Billings, MT.

Q: Tell us about your family (spouse, children, etc.)

I have two daughters, one working for Google in San Francisco and the other doing her undergraduate work at Cornell. My mom lives in Bethesda, MD. My sister and her hubby live around the corner from her in MacLean, VA. My brother and his wife live in upstate NY and he commutes to Manhattan to work.

Q: Where do you work.....any plans for retirement?

I am an orthopaedic surgeon in private practice in OKC. I specialize in hip/knee replacement, revisions. I also do shoulder, foot/ankle, and trauma. I do plan to retire eventually and I would like to take a nap at that point in time. *LOL*

Q: What is your musical background?

I guess I did all the usual kid things. My mom thought I was going to be the next Andre Watts. I trained in piano and violin. I learned to play the accordion while in Germany.

I was active in youth choir and barbershop quartet, singing the highest male voice until that fateful day in the 8th grade when my voice changed and in less than two weeks' time became what I am today, a bass. We moved a week after that and I never sang again in a choir until I was "discovered" in my Unitarian church in 2004. My college musical career consisted of being a "guest" performer in the Stanford Marching Band, specializing in the tambourine.

My adult singing career has consisted primarily of terrorizing my kids in the car and singing in the shower.

Q: How long have you been with NCCS?

This is my second year in the choir. The things I enjoy the most about the choir are the musical repertoire, the bass section and the fact that I don't have to be wet or driving to get to sing.

Q: Tell us about your hobbies and interests.

I like to work out, ride road bicycles, ski and fly fish. I love sports cars, listening to all types of music and travel, particularly to the ocean or mountains. I like to play golf but for the time issue.

Q: Tell us anything else you'd like the group to know about you.

I love devils food cake with white frosting.



- OCT. 3 (1967) Folk singer and composer Woody Guthrie dies in Queens, NY
- OCT. 4 (1970) Singer Janis Joplin dies in Los Angeles from a heroin overdose
- OCT. 7 (1957) "American Bandstand" premieres with host, Dick Clark (who else?! ☺)
- OCT. 6 (1820) Jenny Lind, "The Swedish Nightingale", born in Stockholm, Sweden
- OCT. 8 (1980) Jamaican singer-songwriter Bob Marley gives his final performance—he dies from cancer a few months later
- OCT. 12 (1872) Composer Ralph Vaughn Williams born in Down Ampney, England
- OCT. 13 (1941) Paul Simon born in Newark, NJ
- OCT. 17 (1849) Frédéric Chopin dies in Paris
- OCT. 19 (1845) Wagner's *Tannhäuser* premieres in Dresden
- OCT. 22 (1811) Composer Franz Liszt born in Doborján, Hungary
- OCT. 25 (1964) The Rolling Stones make their 1st appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*
- OCT. 30 (1838) Georges Bizet born in Paris
- OCT. 30 (1944) Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring* premieres in Washington, D.C.
- OCT. 31 (1942) Bing Crosby's biggest hit, *White Christmas*, hits #1 and stays there for 11 weeks



Know Your Section Leader?

Bass: Brandt Cassidy (921-5772)
Tenor: Dave Zittel (321-8444)
Alto: Maria Gray (872-9193)
Soprano: Joan Baird (329-2293)

When you can't attend rehearsal, please give your section leader a call and let them know.