

# IN CHOIRER

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## CABARET 2009

### “A SPARTAN’S STORY”

Saturday, May 16  
7:00 PM  
MHS Auditorium

Adults - \$5.00    Students/Senior Citizens - \$4.00

The CABARET show is in full swing with singing, dancing, acting and silly skits being rehearsed day and night! ☺

This year we are trying a new approach to the medley by writing our own script and choosing our own songs to fit the storyline. It is a wild story, complete with dancing fruit, flexing muscles and a celebration of facial hair. You will just have to see it to understand it...or maybe you'll still not understand it...Individual acts include vocal and piano solos, student compositions & duets. The students hosting our show are Ariana Kritz and Alyssa Gray.

In addition to performing, all the students were active in planning the concert & reception, set design, sound, lighting and run crew, fundraising and publicity. Everyone gets a chance to work behind the scenes as well as on stage.

Join us after the concert for a brief reception in the food court to celebrate another exciting year of choral concerts & fun and to pay tribute to our seniors. Cake, cookies & punch will be served.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 12 - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, 7:00 pm, IMMS Cafetorium
- May 12 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, 8:00 pm, IMMS Cafetorium
- May 13 - HS Music Awards, 7:00 pm, HS Auditorium
- May 16 - HS Cabaret, 7:00 pm, HS Auditorium
- May 19 - 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choirs, 7:00 pm, IMMS Cafetorium
- May 21 - The Cat's Pajamas at the Wisconsin Union Theatre, bus leaves at 6:15, concert at 7:00. Tickets are \$15.00 (OPTIONAL ACTIVITY)
- May 22 - HS Pep Band Concert, 7:30 pm, B gym
- May 25 - Memorial Day Parade
- May 28 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, 7:00 pm, IMMS Cafetorium
- May 31 - AUDITIONS for "DAMN YANKEES", 1 - 6:30 PM in the HS Choir room & Auditorium
- June 10 & 11 - Term 4 Exams, MHS
- June 10 - Music Boosters, 7:00 pm, HS Band room
- June 14 - Graduation, 1:00 PM (The choir performs at the ceremony)

Welcome Ms. Walker!

Hello, McFarland! Maria Walker here, your 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Music Student Teacher, and I'm excited to have transitioned from Waubesa Intermediate School to the High School just on time for Conferences and Cabaret ☺ I'm a 5<sup>th</sup> year Senior graduating from UW in less than two weeks with a Bachelors in Choral and General Music Education, but my claim to fame is that I've sung for both a US President and the Pope!

My time spent outside the classroom is consumed with friends and family (especially my 1 month old niece), playing softball, ballroom dancing, singing, reading, and my favorite pastime – sleeping! I am currently interviewing for teaching positions around Wisconsin, and hope to have my very own music classroom this fall. I have truly enjoyed my time in McFarland this semester, and I really look forward to meeting you at Conferences or Cabaret.



**SUNDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**1:00 - 5:20 - Individual 5 minute singing auditions**

**5:30 - 6:30 - Dance Auditions**

**Monday, June 1: Call-Backs from 3:30 - 5:00**

**Audition Information:**

1. Please prepare a 1 to 2 minute short vocal solo (could be Happy Birthday, the Star Spangled Banner, a solo or an excerpt from your choir music)
2. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes so you can dance. For safety reasons no bare feet area allowed on the stage.
3. You may be asked to sing one of the attached excerpts at a call back audition. It would be good for you to familiarize yourself with the following songs:

**Chorus: "Six Months of Every Year" m. 189 - 212 and "Heart" m. 4 - 11**

**Lola: "Whatever Lola Wants" m. 3 - 10**

**Meg & Joe Boyd: "A Man Doesn't Know"**

**Applegate: "Those Were the Good Old Days" m. 50 - end**

**Smart Auditioning Tips:**

1. Do your homework! Listen to the CD and read about the show. Find info on the internet!
2. Practice the excerpts! The dialect is tough - you will need to look at the readings ahead of time because some of the words are unfamiliar.
3. Be honest about your conflicts - if you are interested in being cast, then you must make this show a priority in your schedule.
4. Have your application completed ahead of time and include your \$35.00 activity fee, made payable to MHS. (Refunds will be given if you cannot be in the show).

## **Congratulations Class of 2009!**

What a JOY it has been to work with you throughout your High School career! This class has been full of fun, talent and amazing experiences. I can't believe how 4 years have gone by so quickly... in your time here you provided great leadership and great talent. I wish you much success and many exciting adventures as you begin this new chapter of your life! Come back and visit!!

*"Keep a song in your heart,  
A dance in your step,  
And a chocolate in your pocket"*

*Cohen, Audra  
Daugherty, Allison  
DeBoer, Danny  
DuCharme, Ben  
Ester, Bethany  
Flaherty, Michael  
Gray, Alyssa  
Kozar, Aleesha  
Kritz, Ariana  
Lisse, Shauna  
Meisel, Carly  
Meyer, Jackson  
Morrison, Abby  
Ruchti, Leya  
Rush, Matt  
Stocks, Emily  
Tolleson, Sami  
Walk, Jonathon  
Williams, Melanie*





# 2009 SUMMER EVENTS!

## 2009-10 Blue Notes Vocal Jazz Summer Rehearsal & Auditions

*We have 7 seniors graduating & openings in all voice parts.*

### Monday, August 17

- Rehearsal: 12 – 3:30 PM
- Attendance: All current Blue Notes plus all those wanting to audition

### Tuesday, August 18 (12:00 – 4:30)

- Rehearsal from 12:00 – 1:45 PM for only those auditioning
- Auditions will begin at 2:00. Each audition is private and will last approximately 10 minutes. For the audition you will be asked to sight-sing a vocal jazz excerpt plus sing selected excerpts from the music rehearsed.
- Results will be posted after 4:30 PM outside the HS Choir Room and at the front doors of the school.

### Wednesday, August 19 (5 – 7:30)

- BLUE NOTES COOKOUT at Mrs. Nichols' House - 5 PM! This is a Blue Notes tradition...get to know the new members, sing a little and have some burgers, hotdogs and chocolate!

*GOOD LUCK!*

*If you have any questions, please email or call Anne Nichols at 838-4442  
anne\_nichols@mcfarland.k12.wi.us*



## DANCE CAMP 2009 AUG. 13, 15 & 16

*(Rehearsal groups will be posted with audition results and emailed over the summer)*

Thursday, Aug. 13 from 6 – 8:30  
Saturday, Aug. 15 from 9 – 12, 1 – 4  
Sunday, Aug. 16 from 1 – 4

Show Dates: November 19, 20 & 21, 2009

## 2009 Auditorium Summer Training

### Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

Session 1: 9AM – Noon – NEW AUD SQUAD MEMBERS ONLY

General theater safety, job descriptions/responsibilities and stage management; introduction to the McFarland Auditorium Manual

Session 2: 1 PM - 4 PM – ALL AUD SQUAD MEMBERS

Lighting: equipment identification, board operation, design, color and cueing

### Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

Session 3: 9 AM – Noon – ALL AUD SQUAD MEMBERS

Sound: board operations, patch panel, mic selection, practical application

Session 4: 1 PM – 4 PM – ALL AUD SQUAD MEMBERS

HANDS ON time to include setting light plots, running affect lights, setting up the sound system and trouble-shooting

### Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

Session 4: 9 AM – Noon – ADVANCED TRAINING BY INVITATION

Advanced training with Corey Helser and his crew from Theatre Support Services.

Questions? Contact Anne Nichols @  
[anne\\_nichols@mcfarland.k12.wi.us](mailto:anne_nichols@mcfarland.k12.wi.us) or 838-4516



Auditorium Training Registration Form  
August 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>: 9 AM – Noon; 1 – 4 PM  
August 12<sup>th</sup>: 9 – Noon

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (09/10) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_

(cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose your \$7.00 registration fee with this form.  
(Checks payable to McFarland School District)

\*\*\*Forms and payment due June 3rd\*\*\*

## 2009 National Choral Award

While many of our 2009 Senior choir members are most deserving of honors, we would like to congratulate **Michael Flaherty** for winning the 2009 National Choral Award. He was selected by his peers and consensus of the HS music faculty. The criteria for the award are as follows:

1. Overall leadership – being on time, attendance at rehearsals and concerts, attentive during rehearsals, a leader within the section and choir, helpful towards other students, etc.
2. Involvement vocally in other activities, school and non-school related
3. Positive attitude towards the program
4. Years in the choir

**The award states: "In recognition of singular merit, ability, and achievement, of outstanding contributions to the success of the school vocal program, and of an unusual degree of loyalty, cooperation and high qualities of conduct..."**



### McFarland High School Graduation June 14, 1:00 PM



The choir will again perform at the 2009 graduation ceremony. Students are to report to the choir room at 12:20 to put on their robes and rehearse the Class of 2009 song, "The World's Greatest" by R. Kelly.

While we understand that this is a commitment outside of the school year, we encourage students to participate in the honor of performing at the ceremony. Students will receive 20 points towards their grade for participating.

Parents please notify me via phone 838-4516, note or email if your child will NOT be singing at the ceremony.

# The Cat's Pajamas

May 21, 2009 7:00 PM  
The Wisconsin Union Theatre

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!  
FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED!

***Featuring:***

*Tangled Up in Blue*

*Fundamentally Sound*

*New songs as the group "Fourte" – as performed on "Showtime at the Apollo" on May 13!*

- Tickets available at \$12.00 each plus \$3.00 bus fee
- Reserved seating for McFarland Group
- Bus leaves MHS at 6:15 and will return at approximately 9:15

\_\_\_\_ Yes! I give \_\_\_\_\_  
permission to attend the  
concert on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Please include \_\_\_\_\_ additional  
tickets for the following family  
members: *(list names below)*

Total # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to MHS and return payment with this form. Ticket orders without payment will not be filled.

Signed,  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Financial assistance is available for students upon request.*