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FORUM

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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Ask NME

Add Carnegie Hall to the venue play list for Grand Valley's incomparable New Music Ensemble. The group will perform at the famed location in the spring.

Under the direction of Assistant Professor Bill Ryan, the ensemble has gained international recognition over the past year for their performances and recording of Steve Reich's "Music for 18 Musicians."

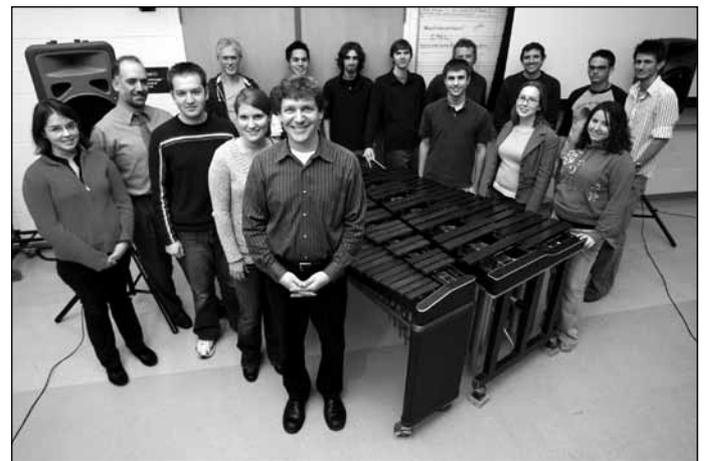
Last year, they were invited to perform at the 20th anniversary of the prestigious Bang on a Can Marathon in New York City. That fall NME's CD hit the stores and climbed the charts. By December it was named one of the year's best classical releases by the *New York Times*. Accolades have poured forth in print, online and broadcast media, from *Billboard* and *LA Weekly*, to the *New Yorker* and the *Washington Post*. In February, the ensemble was featured on NPR's "Weekend Edition Sunday."

"Our recording really took people by surprise," Ryan said. "I think this was not only because it's an accurate version of this remark-

ably difficult composition, but also because the CD somehow captured the emotion of the ensemble. This is something I'm especially proud of, that we were able to present something that was very distinct from any previous version out there. Many reviewers are even calling it the definitive recording of the work."

The performance at Carnegie Hall is an invitation from the Kronos Quartet for the 45th anniversary of the premiere of Terry Riley's "In C." Kronos, plus members of the New Music Ensemble, will be among a one-time-only gathering of musicians including Terry Riley and original "In C" performers Stuart Dempster, Jon Gibson and Pauline Oliveros. The performance will be April 24 on Stern Auditorium's Perelman Stage.

The New Music Ensemble has several local performances, and one in Atlanta, scheduled



File photo

The New Music Ensemble, under the direction of Bill Ryan (front), will perform at Carnegie Hall in the spring.

this fall. On Monday, September 8, the ensemble will perform "Blurred," composed by Ryan as part of Grand Valley's Fall Arts Celebration. The "Debut" concert features the new faculty from the Department of Music, at 8 p.m., in the Louis Armstrong Theater in the Performing Arts Center, Allendale Campus. Admission is free, though seating is limited.

Across Campus

Convocation speeches, more photos online

Text and videos of President Thomas J. Haas' Opening Address and Convocation speeches, and a photo gallery, from August 22 are online at www.gvsu.edu/gvnow. Click on the headline, "Convocation kicks off new year."

Meadows ranked by 'Golf Digest'

The Meadows recently received a four-and-one-half star rating by *Golf Digest*. The magazine listed Grand Valley's course as one of the "Best Places to Play."

Public golf course are rated by *Golf Digest* readers, then ranked according to overall golf



File photo

'Golf Digest' rated the Meadows as one of the 'Best Places to Play.'

experience, overall course condition, standard of service and value for the money.

Terry Sack, general manager of the Meadows, said less than 3 percent of the 800 public golf courses in Michigan earn such a high rating

from the magazine. Of university golf courses in the country, only 10 earned a four-and-one-half star rating.

"It's certainly a fine recognition for the ongoing work of the golf course maintenance and operations staff," Sack said.

Mawby Fellowship awarded

The Russell G. Mawby Fellowship in Philanthropic Studies has been awarded for research in philanthropy.

This year's faculty fellow is Gleaves Whitney, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies. Three Grand Valley

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students will work with Whitney: Brian Flanagan, Heather Landis and Tara Feenstra.

The four will work on a research project that examines philanthropy and the American presidency. The Mawby Fellows will research and write about Herbert Hoover and John F. Kennedy, who set the bar high for American civic engagement and volunteerism. Their work will result in the publication of a scholarly paper in *Presidential Studies Quarterly*.



Photo courtesy of Sara Winchester

The Mawby fellows are pictured, from left, Heather Landis, Gleaves Whitney, Russ Mawby, Tara Feenstra and Brian Flanagan.

“One of the reasons we Mawby Fellows are so excited is that we have gotten to know Dr. Mawby in recent weeks,” said Whitney. “It is truly an honor to undertake this scholarship on philanthropy in his name.”

Mawby has earned a global reputation as an effective visionary leader in philanthropy. His quarter-century stewardship of one of the world’s largest grantmaking institutions, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, was marked by creativity in programming including opportunities for youth and leadership in the field of philanthropy.

Graduate students help Katrina victims

Ten graduate students majoring in physician assistant studies spent time in Lizana, Mississippi, helping rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

“Even though it’s been three years since Hurricane Katrina, there are still thousands of people without homes,” said Andrew Booth, assistant professor of physician assistant studies. “The students helped frame a home and did repairs and drywall work on another.”

The students worked for three days, beginning their volunteer service August 11. “I know I can speak for all of my classmates when I say the trip was both inspirational and rewarding,” said Allison Schultz. “The community is healing, but feelings of despair still remain. We tried to provide them hope. Those we spoke with could feel our excitement and I think it gave them a renewed feeling of optimism to know we have not forgotten them.”



Photo courtesy of Allison Schultz

Pictured are physician assistant studies students who volunteered to rebuild homes in Mississippi Gulf were damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

The group worked through Camp Hope and Compassion and Habitat for Humanity. “The local businesses are just now getting back on their feet,” said student Greg Niedzwiecki. “A Subway in Pass Christian, along the coast, just opened for the first time in three years.”

Booth said they were able to get funding for the trip from outside sources including Meijer, Costco, Family Fare, Automotive Refinish Marketers and Sungold Abrasives.

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GVFaces

Brian Van Doeselaar, Assistant Controller, Accounting Business Office

During high school, Brian Van Doeselaar worked with his grandfather doing carpentry work. He enjoyed it and considered a career in woodworking until he took basic and advanced accounting classes.

“I decided that was a better path for me,” said Van Doeselaar, assistant controller at Grand Valley. “It was further reinforced when I had a customer support position at an accounting software company. I prefer accounting work to anything else.”

Van Doeselaar started working for Grand Valley in 1994 as a payroll supervisor after earning a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Aquinas College. He transferred to the accounting office in 1999 as an assistant controller and received a master’s of business administration from Grand Valley in 2001.

Van Doeselaar said he has a variety of job responsibilities that require strong problem-solving skills. He oversees the accounts payable department, which pays all of the university’s bills such as electricity, supplies and travel reimbursements. He also helps invest the incoming cash for the university.

“I like the challenges to solve problems that come up on a routine basis, helping the departments to become more efficient in their relationship with the accounting office, and I enjoy working with people

in this office,” he said.

Since 1998, Van Doeselaar has been the treasurer for the United Way campaign at Grand Valley. Last year the campaign collected more than \$131,000 from 1,003 employees.

In addition to the United Way campaign, Van Doeselaar said one of the most rewarding projects involved converting the invoice payment system from paper to electronic.

“I’ve really appreciated the support that I’ve gotten to pursue projects that have increased the efficiency in the accounting office. Any project that automates that process more is something I really enjoy,” said Van Doeselaar.

In his spare time, Van Doeselaar enjoys spending time with his family and volunteers for Young Life, a non-demoninational Christian ministry directed toward high school and college students.



Brian Van Doeselaar

What's Ahead

Group hopes to strengthen international community

A kickoff event for International Faculty and Friends is set for Thursday, September 4, from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Alumni House. Provost Gayle R. Davis will make opening remarks at 4 p.m.

IFF focuses on strengthening the Grand Valley community of international faculty members and their supporters. Last year, IFF held its inaugural event during the Intercultural Festival and planned events for this academic year.

Ed Aboufadel, professor and chair of mathematics, is one of the IFF organizers. He said future events will be held monthly, focused on a specific country or culture. Other IFF organizers are Filiz Dogru, assistant professor of mathematics; Kate Stoetzner, director of International Student and Scholar Services; and Michelle Burke, associate director of Student Life.

For more information about IFF events, contact Aboufadel at x12445.

Grand Valley feature film to play in Grand Haven

"To Live and Die in Dixie," a feature-length film produced by the Grand Valley Summer Film Project in 2007, will play for one week, beginning Friday, September 5, at the Grand Haven 9 theater, 17220 Hayes St., in Grand Haven.

The film is based on a true story of a love triangle at a southern college that ended with two murders. It was shot entirely in West Michigan, directed by John Harper Philbin and produced by a crew of more than 60 Grand Valley students who worked side-by-side with film industry professionals. The casting drew professional actors from Hollywood, Chicago, Detroit and Grand Rapids. Heather Prete plays Eve, the university secretary who becomes consumed by the murder case. Scott Lowell plays the detective

and Marcus Hendricks is the alleged murderer.

Show times run throughout each day from 11:20 a.m. to 11:20 p.m. Ticket prices for everyone are \$4 before 6 p.m., with evening tickets at \$6.50 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors. Fifty percent of box office receipts will be donated to Grand Valley.

For more information about the film, visit www.gvsu.edu/dixiefilm. For a complete screening schedule call the Grand Haven 9 theater at (616) 844-7469.

Presentation highlights football game, webcasts free

The Laker football team begins its 2008 season on Saturday, September 6, by hosting the University of Indianapolis at 7 p.m. in Lubbers Stadium.



File photo

Laker quarterback Brad Iciek will lead Grand Valley in Saturday's game against Indianapolis.

During half-time, Myles Brand,

president of the NCAA, will present Athletic Director Tim Selgo with the Directors' Cup, awarded to Grand Valley for the fifth straight year for having the top overall athletic program in Division II.

Laker fans across the region can watch all home football games on television this season, as the Grand Valley Sports Network will televise on Charter and Comcast digital cable channels. Games will be webcast and available to fans at no charge by visiting www.gvsu.edu.

Day of Caring offers volunteer opportunities

Day of Caring is United Way's largest annual volunteer opportunity, and this year Grand Valley's Women's Center is helping coordinate ways to help in Ottawa and Kent counties as part of the university's United Way campaign.

Projects include the following:

- **September 2-10: Clothing for Crime Victims**

Drop off new children's clothing to the Women's Center, in the Kirkhof Center, to support the Clothing for Crime Victims program of the Children's Assessment Center of Kent County.

- **September 11: 8:30- 9:30 a.m., Walk in Their Shoes Tour**

Volunteers will tour the Children's Assessment Center and hear from professionals who provide services to child victims of suspected sexual abuse.

- **1:30-4:30 p.m., "Super Hero Book Project" at Grand Rapids' Campus Elementary**

Help students create a "Super Hero Storybook." This will involve story creation and coloring. Finished books will be placed in the school library.

- **September 18: 9-11 a.m., GVSU Children's Enrichment Center**

Volunteer to beautify Grand Valley's children's center.

- **Noon-2 p.m.: LOVE Inc.**

Allendale's Love Inc. has a variety of tasks centered around its food bank and client outreach.

Carpooling to off-campus sites may be arranged for those interested.

For more information or to register, call the Women's Center at x12748 or visit www.gvsu.edu/women_cen.

Across Campus

Migrating honors students



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

Honors College students walk from the former facility on August 24 to the new Glenn A. Niemyer Learning and Living Center. During a presentation, former Honors College Director Johnnie Callahan gave a history of the college.

Researchers, lawmakers call for healing of Great Lakes

Nearly 50 people gathered at Ferry Landing in Grand Haven to get an update on legislation to restore the Great Lakes. The early August event was sponsored in part by Grand Valley's Annis Water Resources Institute. Director Al Steinman told the crowd the role of science plays a very important part in cleaning up the Great Lakes.

"Science helps us determine what the appropriate projects are that we should undertake; it helps us validate the process," said Steinman. "By doing scientific projects in advance, we can determine the most efficient way to move forward with restoration projects. If you don't do the science, you start these activities and may find it's the wrong thing. That can mean a lot of money being poorly spent."

Congressman Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland, said he'll continue to push for federal funding to take care of past mistakes and move toward a maintenance plan for the lakes. "This is an ongoing process," said Hoekstra. "We've been able to clean up some hot spots, but the process is not going fast enough."

Congressman Vern Ehlers, R-Grand Rapids, emphasized the need to educate lawmakers in other states about the importance of the Great Lakes. Ehlers spoke about ongoing legislation including the Great Lakes Compact and the Great Lakes Legacy Act, both aimed at maintaining the quality of the lakes, preventing invasive species and cleaning up ballast water.

The event featured *Earth Voyager*, the fastest sailing vessel on the Great Lakes. The vessel is a Formula 60 trimaran — 60 feet long, 44 feet wide, with a mast that stands nearly 100 feet off the water.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Art Gallery Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. -5 p.m.
Thurs. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Through Sept. 26

Gallery Hours: Art Exhibit: "Function or Submarine." PAC 1121. Call x12564 for more information.

Tues., Sept. 2

7 p.m.: Student Life hosts Campus Life Night. FH Arena. Call x12345 for more information.

Wed., Sept. 3

Noon: Allendale Toastmasters. KC 2259. Call

x18655 for more information.

Thurs., Sept. 4

7:30 a.m.: Grand Rapids Toastmasters. University Club Room, DEV. Call x17337 for more information.

3:30 p.m.: Padnos International Center: International Faculty and Friends Opening Reception. AH. For more information call x13898.

Mon., Sept. 8

8 p.m.: Fall Arts Celebration. Music at Grand Valley: "Debut." LAT, PAC. Call x12180 for more information.

Sports (home events only)

Tues., Sept. 2

All Day: Women's Golf hosts tournament. Meadows.

Sat., Sept. 6

7p.m.: Football hosts University of Indianapolis.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

In the News

Erika King, professor of political science, was interviewed by WOOD-AM, WOOD-TV Channel 8 and its political show "To The Point" for stories about the Democratic National Convention.

Roger Moiles, instructor of political science, was interviewed by WWMT-TV Channel 3 and WOOD-TV's "To The Point" for stories about the Democratic National Convention.

Sketches

Victoria Veenstra, associate professor of communications, received the second place prize in the juried exhibition "Please Ring Bell," at the Photographic Center Northwest.

Rick Albrecht, associate professor of movement science, wrote a guest commentary on the need for athletes to take political and moral stands during the Olympic Games in Beijing, published in the *Grand Rapids Press*.

Connie Dang, interim director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, was appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to the Michigan Advisory Council for Asian Pacific American Affairs.

Paul Leidig, professor and director of the School of Computing and Information Systems, was named a commissioner to the ABET Computing Accreditation Commission.

George Klay Kieh Jr., professor of political science and African and African-American Studies, published a book, *The State in Africa: Issues and Perspectives*, and edited a book, *Africa and the Third Millennium*.

Maja Krcmar, assistant professor of physics, co-wrote an article, "Electronic and Structural Origin of Ultra Incompressibility of 5d Transition-Metal Diborides," published in the journal, *Physical Review Letters*.

Matthew L. Daley, assistant professor of history, was named editor of the Grand Rapids Historical Society's journal, *Grand River Valley History*.

Brian Lakey, professor of psychology, gave three presentations, "Is Mentoring Quality an Objective Property of Mentors?" "Redundancy between Perceived Support and Capitalization Support?" and "Relational and Personality Influences in the Link between Affect and Perceived Support," at the annual meetings of the Association for Psychological Science in Chicago.

Rick Iadonisi, affiliate professor of writing, wrote an article, "Amy Lowell and the Gendered Aesthetics of Haiku," published in *Paideuma: Studies in American and British Modernist Poetry*.

Robert Rozema, assistant professor of English, co-wrote a book, *Literature and the Web, Reading and Responding to New Technologies*, published by Heinemann.

Soon Hong, professor of statistics, gave a presentation, "Exploration of Power Transformations with Monotonic Curvilinear Responses," at the ICASA 2008 Applied Statistics Symposium in New Jersey.