

Music Department



Wellspring

What is Wellspring?

Wellspring is a group of SAU students who travel throughout the summer to Bible camps. They lead worship, help lead activities, take on camp counselor roles, and serve in any other ways the camp needs!

Introducing the Wellspring '23 team!



Choir

Chamber Choir

Directed by Dr. Mark Douglass, the Spring Arbor University Chamber Choir has been rehearsing in preparation for choir tour and the music concert on May 2nd!



Gospel Choir



INTRODUCING SAU's new Gospel Choir! Directed by Dr. J. Frederick Bland, the Gospel Choir will be starting in the '23-'24 school year.

Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens was packed with festive music and performances from SAU's ensembles!



Alumni Spotlight: Jon Gerten



Jon Gerten is a Spring Arbor University alum from Marshall, MI. He graduated with a degree in Worship Arts in Leadership in 2006. After graduation, Jon worked in full time vocational ministry as a pastor. He first started as a Worship Pastor and then added Youth Ministry to the list. Later on, he transitioned to the role of a Creative Arts Pastor where he oversaw the music & worship ministries, tech, design and much more. He also was a teaching pastor in this role. During his 15 years of ministry, he met and married his wife, Angela. They have three children: daughter Evelene (Evie) – 8, son Everett – 6, and son Avery – 2.

While his time in ministry was amazing, in 2022 he felt called away and began a search for something new. He was surprised by God's provision and timing when he landed a job back here at SAU as the Video Marketing Strategist. He has been in that role since September of 2022.

He now also helps in the Music Department while working with the Chapel Band and Wellspring and hopes to continue to provide insight to students with his background in worship ministry.

SNEAK PEAK: Choir & Jazz Tour



Stay tuned for the next Newsletter Issue for more about the tour!

Babbie Mason Songwriting Competition

Babbie Mason's Songwriting Competition went off without a hitch! It was an amazing night full of fun and music.

Congratulations to our winners:

1st Place: Katie Rankin - Resting Place

2nd Place: Katelyn Cryderman - Daydreams & Cigarettes

3rd Place: Gwendalyn Mack - Princeton Place



Pictured left to right: Gwendalyn Mack,
Babbie Mason, Katelyn Cryderman,
Katie Rankin



Contestants:

Joel Buras - Clouds

Katelyn Cryderman - Daydreams & Cigarettes

Gwendalyn Mack - Princeton Place

Eliana Melton - In The Softest Whisper

Stephen Murphy - Blessed Be The Lord

Katie Rankin - Resting Place

Eric Shanburn - Darkness Into Light



Faith & Music

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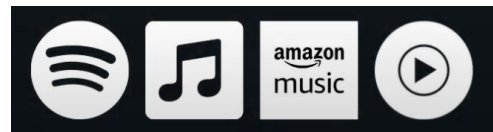
Original song by
Lilli Keehn & Katie Rankin,
seniors at SAU



Lilli and Katie write, "This Is Jesus was written from a reflection on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Inspired mainly from Matthew's Gospel, we felt weight on not shying away from the heaviness Jesus felt while on Calvary's Hill, and even the mockery he experienced on the way there. Matthew 27:37 tells what the sign hung upon Jesus' cross said: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." In the moment, the phrase "this is Jesus" was meant to be a mockery. Our song; however, looks to this sign and this title in a way that glorifies Christ for who He is, what He's done, and what He will still do."



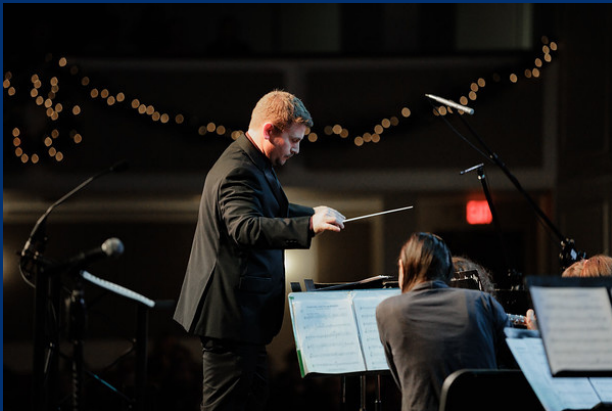
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SAU Concert Band

Concert Band is now a Community Band!!

With rehearsals on Monday evenings from 7:15-9:15pm, concert band has welcomed not only students to participate, but others in the community as well!

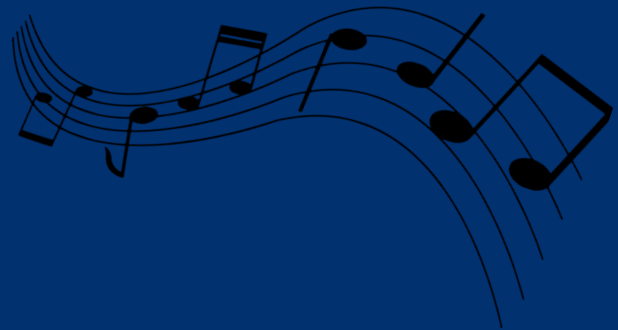


Interested? Contact Matthew.dueppen@arbor.edu

Music Opportunities

Students have many opportunities to get involved in music at SAU:

- Concert Band
- Jazz Ensemble
- Worship Ensemble
- String Ensemble
- Percussion Ensemble
- Wellspring
- Music lessons
- Composition
- Music production



Coming up...

Recitals	SAU Music Department Tour	SAU Music Scholarship Auditions	SAU Music Department Concert
Clarissa Sims & Kami Aiello Apr. 13	April 14-16	April 24	May 2
Jenna Maher & Eliana Melton Apr. 18			
Katelyn Cryderman May 5			

Our next newsletter will feature...

- Wellspring '23
 - CMC Nashville Semester
 - Spring Tour
 - Spring Concert
-& More!!

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