

Academy Accompanists

The Giambelli String Quartet

The Giambelli String Quartet is Pittsburgh's premier string quartet. A versatile, professional ensemble, established in 1998, the Giambelli String Quartet is known for its vast and diverse repertoire. The quartet, named after a famous NYC Italian restaurant, is comfortable performing everything from classical favorites and popular music. In addition, as musicians outside of the quartet, members play with the Pittsburgh Opera Orchestra, the Pittsburgh Ballet Orchestra, the Civic Light Opera Orchestra and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

Gabe D'Abruzzo, Piano Accompanist

Gabe D'Abruzzo has been the winner in numerous local piano auditions and competitions including the *Duquesne Young Artist's Competition*, the *Musicians Club of Pittsburgh Competition*, the *Tuesday Musical Club Audition*, and the *Duquesne Women's Advisory Board Scholarship Competition for Duquesne University Seniors*. Mr. D'Abruzzo is currently Assistant Director at East Liberty Presbyterian Church, adjunct professor of piano at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, PA, staff accompanist at the Duquesne University School of Music, current accompanist for the Bach Choir of Pittsburgh, accompanist for Fox Chapel and Moon Area High Schools and accompanist for Masterworks Chorale, an amateur choir based in Murrysville, PA. Mr. D'Abruzzo is also a Steinway Artist.

The Beaver Valley Choral Society is a landmark community, intergenerational, Christian faith-based, non-denominational choral and orchestral arts music organization founded over ninety years ago in western Pennsylvania. The historical success of the chorus reflects the ongoing commitment of its loyal membership which has dedicated unselfishly their time and talents over the decades. Today's Beaver Valley Choral Society has more than 130 community volunteers in its membership resulting in the largest and most progressive choral and orchestral arts organization of its kind in western PA.



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The Summer Choral & Instrumental Academy will help students gain an appreciation of the rehearsal process, learn how to sight-sing with confidence, and work directly with the area's leading choral and instrumental educators.

Academy Curriculum

Course Offerings

Major Choral Work, Antonio Vivaldi
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Jazz Ensemble

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Scholarships to defray the cost of the Academy are available.

Academy Directors

Chorus Directed by:

Craig G. Cannon

Craig G. Cannon is the former Director of Choral Organizations at the Mary Pappert School of Music of Duquesne University. He also taught classes in Conducting and Advanced Choral Methods. Mr. Cannon continues to serve on Duquesne's adjunct faculty in the Music Education Department. Craig Cannon retired from a 38-year-long career as a public school teacher. For the last thirty-four years he worked as the Director of Choral Activities at Fox Chapel Area High School.

Stage Jazz Band and Ensembles

Directed by: Maestro Bruce Lauffer

With almost thirty years of experience in both university settings and public schools, Mr. Lauffer has taught on the faculties at Indiana State University, Washington and Jefferson College, and online at Argosy University. Mr. Lauffer served as Chairman of the Music Department and Director of Bands for East Allegheny School District. Mr. Lauffer has also taught on the faculty at Jeannette School District. Maestro Lauffer has conducted the Latshaw Pops Orchestra, and has served as frequent guest conductor of the world renowned River City Brass Band. In 2002, Maestro Lauffer was appointed General Director and Conductor of the Royal Sylvan Philharmonic.