

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND ARTICULATION WITH OTHER SCHOOLS**

The Area of Music is committed to the cultural enrichment of the Frankfort community and the University service area counties. For example, an outreach program entitled Arts in Education has been established by the Division of Fine Arts. Accordingly, ensembles such as the Marching Thorobred Band, Jazz Ensemble, Concert Choir, Show Choir, Commercial Music Ensemble and Gospel Ensemble regularly perform for University and community events, and the Opera/Musical Theater Workshop has presented numerous performances of operas and opera scenes for area public schools. In addition, since 2013 the Area of Music has co-sponsored the Keys to the Community outreach program, which provides free piano lessons to underprivileged students through a partnership with the Frankfort/Lexington Chapter of the Links, Incorporated. The support has grown each year, and this year the program has supported fourteen scholarship students. The Area of Music has a strong relationship with the Frankfort Arts Foundation, and music instructors regularly give concerts to the community as guest artists of Frankfort Arts Foundation. Operation Half-Note----an early childhood music institute----was established to create musical awareness in young children, enrich their self-esteem, enhance their social skills, and reinforce basic literacy skills through community outreach activities. The annual Boys Choir Summer Institute was also established and involves community participation.

Most recently, Kentucky State University and the Bluegrass Community and Technical College have begun to develop collaborative opportunities for KSU and BCTC students. In particular, the Area of Music will be participating through online music course enrollments, i.e. MUS 130 Introduction to Music, MUS/AAS 323 African –American Music, and MUS 333 Music of Africa and Asia; and enrollments in performance ensembles through audition and by consent of the instructor----MUP 311 Opera/Musical Theater Workshop, MUP 355 Jazz Ensemble, MUP 375 Gospel Ensemble, MUP 381 Marching Band, MUP 382 Symphonic Band, MUP 384 Pep Band, and MUP 389 Instrumental Chamber Music-Percussion.

This collaboration will provide the BCTC students with performance opportunities not offered at BCTC and the option to fulfill elective requirements to complete a baccalaureate degree at the University. Further, it can increase the Area of Music's ensemble enrollments and strengthen its community outreach.