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MONTHLY PROGRAM Monthly Program Chair: Claudia Berry, claudia@olwenberry.com, 616.399.2538

Date: December 7, 2021

Time: 9:30 AM-10:30 AM- **Door Open at 9:00AM**

Place: [*JACK MILLER Center for Musical Arts*](#), 221 Columbia Ave, Hope College

Program: “It Don’t Mean a Thing If It Ain’t Got That Swing”, Mike Hamann, Director, West Ottawa Jazz Band

The presentation will give a brief overview of big band music during the Swing Era with several examples performed by West Ottawa High School’s “Jazz I”.

SPEAKER: **Mike Hamann, Director West Ottawa Jazz Band**

Hamann is in his 29th year teaching with 22 years at West Ottawa. Under his direction, West Ottawa’s High School bands and jazz band consistently receive First Division Ratings at District and State Festivals. The West Ottawa High School Symphony Band and Jazz I have been featured performers at the Michigan Music Conference. Mr. Hamann is also an active performer as a member of the Holland Concert Jazz Orchestra.

West Ottawa High School’s Jazz I is an auditioned performance ensemble that focuses on big band music style and interpretation along with improvisation. Jazz I has garnered numerous Outstanding Soloist, Section and Ensemble awards at Central Michigan University’s annual Jazz Weekend as well as similar recognitions at Michigan State University’s Jazz Spectacular. Jazz I has been selected twice to perform as a featured ensemble at the Michigan Music Conference. Hamann regularly brings in world class artists and educators to clinic and perform with this ensemble. Past guests include Jon Faddis, Wycliffe Gordon, Jeff Hamilton, Rodney Whitaker, Eric Reed, Carl Allen, Marcus Printup, Sean Jones, Reggie Thomas, Wess Anderson, Todd Williams, Robin Eubanks, Michael Philip Mossman, Antonio Hart, Paul Keller, Cris Crenshaw, and Etienne Charles.

Upcoming Monthly Programs

January 4, 2022 – Dr. Richard Ray - Hope Western Prison Education Program

February 1, 2022 – Matthew Scogin, President of Hope College – “Hope Forward”



Shuttle

Parking is available in any fac/staff lot and/or a shuttle service is provided from lot 63 off of E 11th Street on the southeast side of DeVos Fieldhouse, beginning at 8:45 a.m.

Covid Precautions

We kindly ask that if you are not vaccinated and/or experiencing any symptoms or illness, that you view the recorded program from the comfort of your own home. Members who are not comfortable attending in person may do the same. We hope to have the recording available within 24 hours online.

Members will not be required to bring a proof of vaccination (or booster) for entrance. We will trust that our members will continue to be honest and vigilant and place the health and safety of others foremost.

If you are able and plan to attend in person please note the following guidelines:

1. Masks are required in all Hope College buildings at the current time. Masks are to remain on during the duration of the monthly program. Masks must cover both the nose and mouth. Medical and/or N95 masks are preferred and we will have some medical masks available at the entrances.
2. A mask is also required for anyone using the shuttle bus between the DeVos Fieldhouse parking lot and the Performing Arts Building.
3. Arrival time will be from 9:00-9:30 a.m. Members will be greeted and directed into the auditorium by members of the Membership, Monthly Program Committees and Board members. This will be done to avoid congregating in the foyer. We will also dismiss guests by sections, one section at a time, to avoid congestion at the end of the program.
4. At the present time, every other seat in the auditorium is marked with a green sticker for social distance seating. However, because many of our members are couples living together or are already sharing in each other's company, our guidelines will allow members to sit next to someone who they either live with or have been socializing with on a regular basis during the pandemic. Otherwise, at least one seat is to be vacant between attendees. The balcony will also be open for seating.
5. No refreshments will be served.
6. During Q&A, members will need to ask questions by walking to one of the stand-alone microphones placed in the auditorium and remain masked.

These guidelines were approved by the HASP Covid Committee on November 11, 2021.

They will remain in place until the committee feels it is necessary to revise them. Decisions regarding monthly program venue will be made on a monthly basis.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *HASP President: Barbara Stegink: bstegink39@gmail.com, 616.990.7124*



It is hard to believe that we have reached the last month of 2021. It has certainly been quite a year for HASP. In January, we began the year with Zoom as our best friend. Our classes, monthly programs, committee meetings, and special event activities happened on Zoom. We welcomed the warm weather that arrived in spring which enabled us to be together outdoors for some of our activities. Eventually, we began to return to our own space on the first floor of the Andersen-Werkman building. Although we continue to be under restrictions and guidelines of the college, we are once again able to be together for several classes and meetings.

I am happy that we will return to the Jack Miller Auditorium for our

December Monthly Program. As announced, we will have the West Ottawa Jazz Band with us to help us celebrate our return as well as help us look forward to the upcoming holiday season.

Please be sure to read the Guidelines that are the first page of this newsletter so that you will be prepared for the experience. We hope that many of you will feel comfortable to attend the meeting in person, but we respect the decision of those who choose to watch the recording of the meeting in their homes at a later time.

The Covid committee is grateful for the support and understanding that you have shown during these last few months as we met, studied, discussed and decided what was best for our membership at various times.

And now, on behalf of the HASP Board, and from me personally, I want to wish you all a Happy Holiday Season. As you celebrate with family and friends, may you find joy, comfort, and peace in all you do.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

MEMBERSHIP Membership Chair: Doug Walvoord, doug.walvoord@gmail.com, 616.405.2366



We welcome our new HASP member:

Patricia (Pat) Locke

Profession: Presbyterian Minister, Professional Writer

Education: Illinois Wesleyan, McCormick Theological Seminary

Hobbies: Sewing/crafting, upcycle furniture, music, writing, reading, travel

Mentor: Douglas Brouwer

Would you like to refer a friend to HASP? We've made it simple for potential members to get started!

Have them visit hope.edu/hasp-new-member.

*If a potential member is unable to access the online form they can request personal assistance by contacting Susan Timmer at timmer@hope.edu or 616.395.7919 x2.

Requirements for Membership:

- Be of retirement or semi-retirement status
- Show evidence of broad, humane interest, intellectual vitality in inquisitiveness, and a willingness to contribute to the enrichment of the lives of fellow members, Hope College students, faculty and staff, and members of the surrounding community
- Participate actively in HASP programs and classes

(Note: You do not have to be a Hope College alumnus in order to become a member of HASP)

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following HASP members:

Dr. Eldon Greij- *Eldon joined HASP in 2008 after serving as a faculty member in Hope's Biology Department from 1962-2003 and publisher and editor of Birder's World Magazine. He passed away October 24, 2021.*

Dianna L. Strabel- *Dianna joined HASP in 2006 after a career in accounting. She passed away November 1, 2021.*

William (Bill) Johnstone Parr- *Bill joined HASP in 2005 after a career as a church pastor, corporate professional, and military officer. He passed away November 14, 2021.*

CURRICULUM Curriculum Chair: Sharon Arendshorst, snarendshorst@gmail.com, 616.335.3132

I'm writing this December newsletter article on a beautiful, sunny fall afternoon in November. The greens and golds of the woods outside my window fill me with gratitude. I'm grateful for this season of my life, for family and friends, and for the personal connections and intellectual stimulation of HASP. I'm grateful for you, our HASP members, and your engagement in our courses. Whether you've been involved this fall in-person or over Zoom, you are present, curious, and eager to learn. I wish to thank those of you who responded to the curriculum feedback request regarding the past, present, and future direction of our HASP curriculum. The Curriculum Committee seeks to better serve our organization as we take what we've learned and experienced



during the past year-and-a-half, and the best of the past, into the future in new ways. Your feedback is a part of our discussion. Filling out the course evaluations that are sent to you at the end of each course is another way to add input to our direction. Please take the time to fill out this simple form for each course you have attended during fall term. The evaluation for all courses will be open until the end of the term.

By the time you read this article, the green and yellow leaves will have fallen, and the colors of the coming holiday season will be red and green against a background of snowy white (hopefully not too soon with the white). We will have a season without courses during which we hope you will enjoy a good read, explore a new topic, draw near to family and friends, and return to HASP in late January ready to engage fully once again.

The Curriculum Committee has reviewed the proposals submitted by the four sub-committees and approved 58 courses for winter/spring 2022. We are offering the same options as fall term: in-classroom only, Zoom only, hybrid with the classroom presentation simultaneously Zoomed, and off-site courses. The HASP course catalog and the January Newsletter will include other details of the winter/spring term. Registration for the new term will open on Wednesday, January 5 and courses will begin two weeks later. We kept January afternoons light as many of our members enjoy participating in the Calvin January Series, The January Series is a FREE 15-day lecture series that takes place each year at Calvin University. The 2022 January Series will take place on weekdays **January 10-28 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. EST** and [the lineup is available here](#).

Meanwhile, delight in the beauty of the changing seasons, engage in the remaining fall classes, and enjoy your favorite courses again by searching on-line for "Hope Academy of Senior Professionals – YouTube." The fall 2021 courses will be available December 15th, watch your email for the link! *Special THANKS to HASP members Helen Klein and Trish Williamson for assisting with uploads this semester!*

Contact any of the following to get involved in the curriculum process or to submit new course proposals:

Curriculum Chair Sharon Arendshorst, snarendshorst@gmail.com, 616.335.3132

Fine Arts Sarah Briggs, sarahbriggs969@gmail.com, 517.449.5818

Humanities Amy Henrickson, amy.henrickson@gmail.com, 616.450.8820

Science, Medicine, & Technology Susan Couch, couch.sm@gmail.com 616.510.0970

Social Sciences Larry Lynn, oldrun09@gmail.com, 616.617.8944

In-person Class Reminders:

- Masks are required and there is no coffee/cookies service available right now
- We cannot accommodate walk-ins, only those registered for “in-person”
- The classroom is arranged social distancing - please do not move tables and chairs around!
- If you are attending with a spouse or a friend in your trusted circle you may share a table.

Click here: [Fall Curriculum Guide](#), or type the following into your browser:

<https://hope.edu/offices/hope-academy-senior-professionals/resources/fall-2021-hasp-catalog.pdf>

SERVICE Service Chair: Gloria Goodwin, gagoodwi@yahoo.com, 845.546.6545



VOLUNTEERS! Thanks to all for your service—through HASP and through the quiet ways you offered support and care to others.

Here are some HASP service highlights and ways HASP was asked to volunteer in 2021:

- Professor Becky Schmidt invited HASP to visit her Senior Seminar class via Zoom to discuss Tom Kelley's *The Ten Faces of Innovation* with students.
- Community Action House asked HASP to assist with their Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site to offer free tax preparation services to low-income families.
- 50 young CASA students and their Hope College tutors were cheered and warmed in the new year with notes of appreciation and encouragement from HASP members.
- HASP delivered gift bags to Hope academic departments and offices who have shown to be especially helpful to our organization.
- At Tulip Time HASP greeters were stationed at the windmill entrance and exit doors.
- HASP volunteers were asked to engage with The Holland Museum for their museum docent program, and Spark!Lab docent program.
- HASP members were asked to be community members of the Animal Care and Use Committee at Hope College.
- HASP members served as classroom volunteers in a variety of ways including conducting exit interviews for senior special education majors.
- HASP continued to offer service grants to support projects where our members volunteer.

SPECIAL EVENTS Special Events Chair: Alyce Doss, agdoss@comcast.net, 616.403.4325

The HASP Special Events committee continues to schedule fun events. Fifty-two HASP members attended a HASP favorite, “ **Closing of the Grand Hotel**”, Oct 30-Nov 1. The weather was great! In Mackinaw City, the sky was clear and the star show was wonderful. On the island the hotel was truly “grand” and the food was sumptuous.



UPCOMING EVENT: Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys

Cost: \$10

Registration Link (or call office):

<https://hopecollegedae.regfox.com/grand-rapids-choir-of-men-and-boys-hasp-bus-trip>

Registration Deadline: December 15th

For a wonderful celebration of the Christmas season, enjoy the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys on Tuesday evening, December 21. This year the choir is presenting “Lessons & Carols December 2021”. Join us for this trip where you will meet other HASP members and will avoid the hassle of driving and parking. Please be prepared with a cash donation if you wish to participate in a free will offering to support the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys. To protect the boys in the choir, masks will be required in the Cathedral.

SAVE THE DATE: Hope’s 34th annual Musical Showcase

Date: February 4, 2022

Registration will open December 1st

The 34th annual Musical Showcase will take place on Friday, February 4, 2022 at 7:30 pm in the Concert Hall of the Jack Miller Center for Musical Arts. As in the past, this fast-paced musical spectacular will feature Hope College students performing everything from opera to jazz, organ to orchestra, piano solos to the Chapel Choir. Prior to the Showcase, HASP registrants will be served a plated dinner in the Maas Center Conference Room at 6:00 pm. At the dinner Dr. Robert Ritsema, professor emeritus of music, will offer remarks on the development of the Showcase over the past three-plus decades. In 1989, when he was chair of the department, Bob organized the first Showcase, held in Grand Rapids at DeVos Hall.

Important Reminders Regarding HASP Special Events

Paper Registrations:

To help save paper and streamline our recordkeeping, we will no longer be including registration forms in the newsletter. IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO REGISTER ONLINE or need assistance registering for an event, please contact Susan Timmer, timmer@hope.edu, 616.395.7919 extension 2.

HASP LIBRARY Committee: Terri Holden, Barbara Bright, Linda Slusar, Barbara Stegink

Reading...books...literacy...pandemic closures of stores... books being used to reward good behavior have all been in the news! We’ve seen featured articles like the *New York Times* featured article on “Powell’s Books”, about a landmark store in Portland, Oregon struggling with the shutdown of its stores due to the pandemic, to the article about a book vending machine - an initiative at Holland Heights Elementary to promote behavior and literacy, and the coverage of our Big Read Lakeshore efforts for 2021!

HASP joins the news with an invitation to browse our member donated book collections located in the HASP library space of our new "HASP home" on the main floor of Anderson Werkman, Suite 150. This beautiful library space was made possible by the generosity of the Blom and Mulder families.

There is a sign-out book in the library space. Please feel free to check out a book or two! NYT's book reviews are also available, and in the drawers, next to the left side classroom entrance, are many DVDs to be enjoyed as we enter the winter season!

OFFICE & DIRECTOR NEWS HASP Director: Kim Mendels, mendels@hope.edu, 616.395.7919 x 1
Program Coordinator: Susan Timmer, timmer@hope.edu, 616.395.7919 x 2

The HASP office will be closed and staff will be off from Friday, December 24 - January 2, 2022 in conjunction with Hope College campus shut-down. In addition, we will have limited hours Dec. 20-23. Please contact us by email at either mendels@hope.edu, timmer@hope.edu, or hasp@hope.edu.

Our winter weather closing policy (in "normal" times HASP courses/events are canceled when Holland Public Schools are closed) will be handled on a case by case basis this year depending on class modality. **Please be sure to always check your email or call the HASP office for updated course cancellations before coming out!**

THANK YOU from our HASP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT!



Thank you so much for your support of my academic goals through the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals Members Scholarship. Without your support, I would have been unable to attend Hope College and pursue a brighter future for myself. As a psychology major, one of my core values and passions in life is to help people. With your aid in my education, I will be able to pay it forward by helping others in my career.

Because my mother and father never finished college to earn their bachelor's degrees, they always pushed me to make good grades, be responsible and work hard so that I could attend college and make a better life for myself. As you may know, I took their counsel very seriously, working hard enough to graduate from high school a year early. This feat took a lot of dedication and grit, but it's a decision I will

never regret, as it brought me to Hope College.

I chose Hope, because I knew it would prepare me for any obstacles I may face into adulthood, providing me with a well-rounded education as well as maintaining, encouraging and nurturing my faith. Hope truly is my dream school, but coming from a family of five, with my father as our only source of income, I was unsure if I would even be able to come to Hope. You have made my dreams a reality, a generosity for which I am so very grateful.

A little tidbit about me – although I'm not going into music, it's something I've always held dear to my heart. In high school, I sang for my church's choir, and in my free time I enjoy playing guitar and piano. Music is my outlet; it helps me find peace and restores my joy. At night I hear symphonies lulling me to sleep. I also enjoy nature, and I believe the two go hand in hand. The birds sing their melodies, harmonizing with the breeze and the rustling of leaves. This appreciation has fostered my love for hiking and camping, and during the week, I can usually be found studying at an outdoor bench.

Thank you again for your continued support and interest in my future. Your generosity has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated.

Emma Moore, Class of 2025

If you would like to make a year end gift to support our HASP Endowment or one of our two scholarships please send to:

Hope College
Development Services
PO Box 9000
Holland, MI 49422-9000

Please write the HASP Endowment or HASP Scholarship in the memo line of your check!

A Holiday Message For You:

The last few days I've had the hymn "Now Thank We All our God" constantly in my head...I'm not even sure how it got there as I don't recall even hearing it recently. Whatever the case, I am grateful it's there. The words of the second stanza seem particularly relevant right now:

*O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.*

The last year has been a difficult season for many of us and we've had to say good-bye to some very special people. Even if we haven't had to say good-bye, it's probably been a while since we've been able to be with some of our nearest and dearest in the same way. In addition to our prolonged physical separation, it's likely that many areas of our lives - personal and professional, look different. We've done more of some things, none or little of others. We've re-prioritized, re-evaluated, perhaps "simplified" our lives. I try not to dwell on whether the "different" is better or worse, it just is. We will take from this pandemic what important things we've learned, and try to leave the hard and sad parts behind us.

Thank you for hanging in there with us at HASP. We know there have been a lot of changes and restrictions, several bumpy technology issues and schedule changes, yet we have persevered together. In fact, of ten different lifelong learning organizations we recently researched, HASP has the lowest percentage of membership loss. Other like organizations have experienced on average a 40% loss of membership, HASP only 15%. **THANK YOU for your loyalty and patience**. You are a remarkable group and we are grateful. We hope you will find this holiday season a blessing despite however different it may look, that you will be safe and healthy, sheltered in warmth, love and grace.



Still keeping HOPE,
Kim and Susan