Huzzah! And good tidings to you and yours! Iowa Lakes is proud to announce our Twelfth Annual Elizabethan Madrigal Feaste. This year’s festivities will again be held in a neighboring castle, The MT Vault, on Saturday, December 3rd, and Sunday, December 4th, at half-past six in the evening.

In Merrie Olde England, extravagant Christmas Feastes were a custom that originated from the celebration of the New Year. The Feaste was a splendid display of rejoicing and toasting of the twelve days of Christmas. Our Feaste is a tribute to those jolly times, and we try to recreate some of the most important traditions, like the procession of the Boar’s Head, the Jester’s hi-jinks, strolling carolers, Wassail toasts, flaming pudding and a special royal dessert. Renaissance costumes will be worn by our performers, and are optional for our guests.

Guests will be treated like royalty – being served a delicious five-course meal (but unlike a true Renaissance meal, you’ll get silverware!), participating in some hilarious comedic entertainment, and enjoying the sounds of the season as performed by the Royal Iowa Lakes Chamber Choir, My Lady of the Lakers Handbell Ringers, The King’s Brass Ensemble and Her Majesty’s Recorder Consort. The MT Vault’s Wine Keeper will also have wine and ale available for purchase.

Lo! Ticket Information: $20 per person payable to Lady Visa, Master Card or even Sir Columbus’ Discover. Please make your Cheque payable to Iowa Lakes Community College Music Department. Reserve without delay to assure your place with our cheery troupe, as seating is limited!

Mind Ye! Ticket reservations must be received by November 30th, with payment enclosed. Credit Card reservations may be made by phone. There will be no refunds after this date.

Hark! If you have any questions, or to reserve your tickets, please call Jan Schutt at 712-362-8345 or 1-800-242-5106 Ext. 8345. Or use your “magick boxe” (your computer) to email jschutt@iowalakes.edu.

Start your holiday season off right by celebrating the gallantry, beauty, romance and adventure of the 16th Century with us!
Music Department Schedule at a Glance

**December:**
3  Elizabethan Madrigal Feaste: 6:30 pm
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6  Coffee House Night: 7 pm, The Max
7  Music Recital: 2 pm, Room 60, Estherville Campus

**January:**
23 Show Choir Festival, Estherville Campus
24 Show Choir Festival, Estherville Campus
25 Jazz Band Contest, Estherville Campus (1A & 3A)
26 Jazz Band Contest, Estherville Campus (2A & 4A)

Coffee House

Our first Coffee House Night was a great success! The MAX was packed! Join us again for one more Coffee House for the fall semester on **Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7 pm**! A variety of live music will be performed by Iowa Lakes students and members of the local community, and refreshments will be served. It is an evening you will surely enjoy, and admission is free - plan to attend!

Show/Jazz Choir Festival & Jazz Band Contest

The beginning of the New Year is always a busy time in the Music Department. Iowa Lakes hosts two very exciting, back-to-back events for area middle and high schools.

First up is the **Show/Jazz Choir Festival** on Jan. 23 and 24. Participating middle and high school show and jazz choirs will perform for clinicians, and get some very helpful tips just in time for their winter competitions.

The **Jazz Band Contest** takes place on Jan. 25 and 26. First, Second and Third place trophies (as well as outstanding soloist awards) in each various class are up for grabs for competing high school jazz bands.

Students will gain valuable experience, tricks/tips and feedback from very qualified and experienced judges and clinicians at both events.

The public is invited to both events and there is no admission fee. Contact us or check our website for the specific schedule of high school groups. Music directors who would like to have their groups participate can register their groups at www.iowalakes.edu/music.

Musical Auditions

Every other Spring, the Iowa Lakes Music Department presents a musical and this is that Spring! Please mark your calendar for the auditions which are Thursday, February 2nd, and Tuesday, February 7th at 7 pm in room 74 on the Estherville Campus of Iowa Lakes Community College. The performances will be on March 29, 30, and 31. The musical has not been announced yet, but details will be forthcoming in future Soundwave publications, and as always, it will be a fun and delightful production!

2011 Winter Recital

On Dec. 7, Iowa Lakes soloists will be performing in our Winter Recital at 2 pm in Room 60 on the Estherville campus. The recital will include selections from students who are currently receiving lessons in piano, voice, guitar, trumpet, clarinet and flute.

All students attending Iowa Lakes have the opportunity to receive music lessons from our private music instructors: Gary Lambert, Jessica Schable, and Arnie Schilling.

The recital is free and everyone is invited to attend.

Visit our NEW website!

For more information and the latest updates, please check out our website: www.iowalakes.edu/music.

If you would like to receive the Soundwave newsletter electronically, email Jan Schutt, Music Department Assistant, at jschutt@iowalakes.edu. The Soundwave is also posted on the Music page of the Iowa Lakes website.