

News and Notes

The Danville Children's Choir (children 3rd Grade and up) begins rehearsals on Monday, January 13th at 7:00 pm in the choir room of the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church. Contact Patti Wright (pwright62@gmail.com) for more information.

Sounding Joy Women's Choir first rehearsal will be Thursday, January 9th from 7:00 – 8:30 in Grant 114 (Gillespie Recital Hall in the Norton Center. New singers are welcome!

Resonance Men's Choir first rehearsal will be Monday, January 13th from 7:00 – 8:30 in the Chapel of First Christian Church. New singers are welcome!
And for your summer fun, the Summer Singers (ages 14 and up, all voice parts) will begin rehearsals on Monday, June 3rd from 7:00 – 8:30 in Grant 114 (Gillespie Recital Hall) in the Norton Center. Contact Barbara Hall (barbara.hall@centre.edu) for information on the three adult choirs.



Congratulations!

to Joe Mathis and family who welcomed a new baby boy in December! Joe and WHIR are loyal supporters of the Arts Commission hosting a regular morning spot on Thursdays. The radio station really helps get the ARTS words out in the community!

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**2024 ARTS CITIZEN AWARD PRESENTATION – 5:30 JANUARY 13TH AT
DANVILLE CITY COMMISSION MEETING – PUBLIC IS WELCOME WITH RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

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For additional information on all events, refer to danvillearts.org

YAY! And THANK YOU!

You, our friends and donors, broke our record for direct donations during the 2024 BlueGrass Good Giving campaign! Because of you, we will sail into 2025 on great footing to serve the whole community through the arts. Stay tuned and get involved, we have a couple surprises up our sleeves!





The Arts Commission has been naming an Arts Citizen of the Year since 2004. Through the years, honorees have spanned the arts world from musicians, to playwrights, to actors and directors. The Arts Commission has also recognized business and community leaders who have supported the arts in their own way. Two organizations have also been recognized.

BRUCE RICHARDSON Artist Resume

Bruce Richardson moved to Danville from Versailles in 1984. There, he served as an assistant conductor for the Lexington Singers and was a frequent soloist at musical events at the Singletary Center and the Lexington Opera House.

He served as Minister of Music at Danville's Lexington Avenue Baptist Church until 1995, where he oversaw the installation of the 32-rank Moller Pipe Organ, established a choral program that enrolled over 125 participants of all ages, and produced such musical works as Menotti's opera Amahl and The Night Visitors, and Faure's Requiem.

In 1990, he founded and directed the Danville Children's Choirs, which drew 50 gifted singers from five Central Kentucky counties. The chorus participated in festivals at Carnegie Hall, the University of Chicago, Disney World, and the St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans. He also guided the Boyle County Gifted Arts program for two years. Richardson was a frequent guest conductor and clinician for regional and university choral events until 2005, when he turned his full attention to his business, Elmwood Inn Fine

Teas.

He served on the first board of directors for the Arts Commission and later the board of the Art Center of the Bluegrass. He was president of both the Brass Band Festival and the Perryville Preservation Association and served two terms as Mayor of Perryville.

Richardson has co-taught two Centre Winter Term Japanese art history classes with field trips to Boston. In 2023, he led an art history tour to Boston for the Art Center of the Bluegrass.

Richardson is not only a music educator but also a prolific artist. His photographic exhibition Looking Deeply into Tea was on display at the Art Center of the Bluegrass, the Lexington Public Library, Church Cathedral Lexington, and galleries in Elizabethtown and New Harmony, Indiana. He has written and photographed a dozen books and numerous magazine stories. Richardson appears in the new documentary TEA: The Drink that Changed the World, now streaming on Amazon Prime.

He continues his musical legacy by coaching his two grandsons, Davis and Bennett, with their violin studies.

Recipients of the Arts Citizen of the Year from 2004 to the present

- 2004** Wilma Brown
- 2005** Jennifer Brummett
- 2006** Charlotte Henson
- 2007** Tom Baeker
- 2008** George Foreman
- 2009** Karen Logue
- 2010** George and Rodi Jackson
- 2011** Barbara Hall
- 2012** Barbara Reynierson
- 2013** Steve Meadows
- 2014** Joan Stansbury
- 2015** Jane Dewey
- 2016** Barbara Lockhart and Stuart Powell
- 2017** Michael Hughes
- 2018** Vince DiMartino
- 2019** Robby Henson and Heather Henson
- 2020** Liz Orndorff
- 2021** Gaynella McGuire and David Walden
- 2022** Madelyn Worley
Special Recognition –
Boyle County Farmers' Market
- 2023** Steve Hoffman
Special Recognition –
The Norton Center
- 2024** Bruce Richardson

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Azuza Higatoni	JH and Artie Atkins	Plaid Elephant	Terry and Linda
Barbara Hall	Judy Barager-Kemper	Resonance Men's Choir	Dachenhaus
Big City Pizza	Margaret Gardiner	(in honor of	Walden Funeral Home
Caldwell Stone	Mi Pueblo	Joan Stansbury and	Weld Quip
Danville Dulcimers	Patrick and Jenny McClure	Barbara Hall)	Yvonne Thornberry
Elmwood Inn Teas	Patti Powell	SJ/Resonance Concerts	

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Art Center of the Bluegrass	Cerci	Dry Stack Coffee	Purple Peacock
Biscuit Daddies	Chase Bank	Great American Brass Band Festival	Raymond James
Bluegrass Pizza Pub	Confidently You Boutique	Hub Coffee Shop	Relavance
Boogie Knights	DBCAAHS	Madison's Mercantile	Sherwin Williams
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