In December 2012, the 23-member Young Harris College Chamber Choir, led by YHC Professor of Music and Director of Choral and Vocal Activities Jeff Bauman, traveled to Europe for a one-of-a-kind study abroad experience.

Students spent a week at the world-famous Hochschule für Musik und Theater München, one of Europe’s most prestigious music conservatories. The group rehearsed with other choral students, attended workshops, observed lessons and visited sites of historical significance in Bavaria.

“Opportunities like this one are rare for any program at any college on any level,” Bauman said. “Our students traveled to Munich at no additional cost to them because of a grant from the German government coupled with the generous support of our Friends of the Arts donors, which highlights YHC’s commitment to its students and their educational experience.”

In between rehearsals, observations and lessons, the students attended musical performances nearly every evening. Bauman also presented a choral workshop for the Hochschule Madrigal Choir regarding contemporary choral music from the United States.

“This trip wasn’t a typical vacation—it was a chance for me and my classmates to broaden our musical knowledge,” said Patrick Young, a sophomore music education major from Dawsonville. “I had the opportunity to take private tuba lessons with an instructor from the Hochschule, and I came away with a new approach and way of thinking about music.”

“I got to travel to Europe to do what I love: sing! It was such an incredible learning experience, and I’m still in awe of the whole opportunity,” added Judith Lyle, a junior music major from Clarkesville. “I loved getting to know the students from Germany. It’s amazing to think about how music brought us all together.”

During walking tours of Munich, students explored the Frauenkirche, the largest Gothic assembly building in southern Germany and the seat of the Archbishop of Munich, the Neues Rathaus (“New Town Hall”) with its famous glockenspiel, and the impressive Sendlinger Tor city gate. The group also took day trips to the famous Neuschwanstein Castle and Dachau concentration camp.

The trip culminated with the Chamber Choir’s European debut at the university. The momentous concert was presented in conjunction with the Hochschule Madrigal Choir, that will perform at YHC on April 11, during their North American tour.

“The students at the Hochschule displayed a high level of musicianship,” said Bauman. “The fact that our ensemble was able to share the stage with those musicians and compare favorably with their group in a live performance speaks volumes for the music program at YHC.”

The YHC Chamber Choir and the Hochschule Madrigal Choir rehearsed together.
Dear Friends of the Arts,

Another exciting fine arts season is underway at Young Harris College, and the Division of Fine Arts continues to expand and develop with increased enrollment, improved facilities and additional faculty.

This fall, the Department of Art has the first cohort of seniors seeking a bachelor’s degree in art and welcomes two new faculty members to accommodate the rising number of art majors. Assistant Professor of Art History Jennifer Feltman, Ph.D., specializes in the art and architecture of medieval Europe and comes to YHC from the University of Florida and Florida State University. Adjunct Instructor of Art Duncan Baird worked at his alma mater Delta State University for 10 years after earning his M.F.A. from the University of Wyoming. He will teach drawing courses at YHC this fall.

Adjunct Instructor of Music David McLemore joins the Department of Music as a tuba expert. David has performed as a soloist and in orchestras and ensembles throughout the United States. He is currently working on his doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Georgia.

The Department of Theatre welcomes several new faces this year. Assistant Professor of Theatre Anne Towns earned her B.F.A in acting and M.F.A. in directing from Florida State University. She will direct many Mainstage Series productions and teach a variety of courses. New York native Abby Kiker, assistant professor of theatre and costume design, received her B.A. in theatre and television arts from Valparaiso University and her M.F.A. in costume design and technology from Illinois State University. Adjunct Instructor of Theatre Kendall Kiker, who earned his M.F.A. in acting from the University of Southern Mississippi, will teach acting classes and oversee the YHC Box Office.

Our facilities continue to improve as our four-year academic programs evolve and progress. We recently added large, striking images of recent productions and concerts throughout the Clegg Fine Arts Building. The band room in the Fine Arts Annex underwent a facelift including new carpet, paint, lighting fixtures and acoustic sound-reducing panels. Another recent addition to the Annex is a state-of-the-art digital sign that displays images, videos and messages for students and visitors. We are excited about these enhancements and look forward to seeing the benefits in our classes, concerts, productions and exhibitions.

Thank you for supporting the hard work of our students and faculty and making a huge impact on our fine arts programming by giving to Friends of the Arts. We hope you will join us for many events throughout this exciting season, and I look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Ted Whisenhunt
Dean, Division of Fine Arts
In April, Young Harris College hosted the first-ever Senior Thesis Exhibition, “The Ties That Bind,” that represented a culmination of artwork created by Kyle Huneycutt, ’13, of Blairsville, who recently received bachelor’s degrees in English and art from YHC.

“My art is a reflection of what’s important to me, and it’s a reminder of how my time at YHC helped me determine what I can expect from myself,” explained Huneycutt, who was the College’s first four-year art program graduate. “The pieces showed how I have grown as an artist, and I’m happy I got to share the work I invested so much time into through this exhibition.”

Huneycutt served as a gallery assistant at the Campus Gate Art Gallery (CGAG), planned and implemented a new mobile phone photography exhibition and won third place in the Student Juried Art Exhibition for three consecutive years.

He is a two-time recipient of the Richard Aunspaugh Award for Visual Art and received the Outstanding Senior in English Award at YHC. He hopes to marry his passion for art and literature by working at a publishing house.

“Kyle has an outstanding work ethic and is passionate about his artwork,” said Dean of the Division of Fine Arts, Chair of the Art Department and Associate Professor of Art Ted Wisenhunt. “He is not afraid to experiment, and he is a great problem solver. I especially enjoy the symbolism and content of his artwork. He has been a leader in our department and set the bar high for rising senior art majors.”

In April 2014, the CGAG will host the second annual Senior Thesis Exhibition that will take the form of a group showcase as the number of art majors continues to grow at YHC.

For the Love of the Arts

Young Harris College Friends of the Arts (FOTA) platinum member Ruth Twedt has always been a music lover, so her involvement with the arts community at YHC was a natural fit when she retired to nearby Blairsville in 1998.

Ruth moved around a lot growing up as the daughter of a Lutheran pastor. She attended Bethany Lutheran College (BLC) in Mankota, Minn., and has noticed many similarities between her alma mater and YHC over the years—including the transformation into a four-year institution.

“BLC began granting baccalaureate degrees in 2001,” explained Ruth. “The administration planned a visit to YHC after I spoke so highly about the College to them. They were very impressed with YHC’s own transition plan.”

Furthering education is very important to Ruth, who dedicates her time to O.A.S.I.S., a nonprofit organization that promotes lifelong learning for adults aged 50 and older.

She also stays involved in the local community as an active member of the Union County Historical Society and First United Methodist Church of Union County, where she expresses her enthusiasm for music through the handbell ministry and sanctuary choir.

Ruth learned about YHC’s FOTA program from Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Music Keith DeFoor, Ph.D., and Professor of Music and Director of Choral and Vocal Activities Jeff Bauman.

“Keith is our church organist and Jeff is the choir director, so it’s kind of mandatory to join FOTA,” joked Ruth. “In all seriousness, I thoroughly enjoy attending concerts and theatre productions whenever I can. To me, being at YHC is just like being at home.”

Theatre Young Harris will present an exciting new lineup of performances for the 2013-2014 Mainstage Series, which opened on Sept. 28 with its children’s show Honk! Jr., a charming musical retelling of “The Ugly Duckling.” Next, Theatre Young Harris will present August Wilson’s Pulitzer Prize-winning drama Fences, Nov. 14-17 and 21-23. In February, the group will present Steel Magnolias, the heartwarming tale of six remarkable ladies from Louisiana, Feb. 19-23 and Feb. 27-March 1. The season will close with Jonathan Larson’s revolutionary rock opera RENT, April 22-27.

The Studio Series opens with Israel Horovitz’s explosive drama Lebensraum, Nov. 19-20, followed by the Tony-nominated musical [title of show], Feb. 25–26. Students will close each semester with a cabaret-style Musical Theatre Revue on Dec. 10 and April 30.

Season tickets will be available in person through the YHC Box Office, located in the lobby of Goolsby Center, by phone at (706) 379-4307 or online at yhc.edu/tickets. For a full listing of theatre events, visit yhc.edu/season.
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