

Special Events

May 7, 2010

Johnston Music Festival

Frances Watts Johnston Memorial

For the past 30 years, the Honors Band and Choral Festival has been made possible through the Lake Land College Foundation and generous donations from the E.I. Johnston family of Shelbyville, Illinois, in memory of Frances Watts Johnston.

The Frances Watts Johnston Memorial Fund was established to honor a woman who loved children and music. Mrs. Johnston spent her early years in Paxton, Illinois. As a child, she took piano lessons and sang in the church choir. This interest and love of music followed her all her life. In 1923, she undertook a course of study to become a primary school teacher. After receiving her certificate, she taught in several country schools near Paxton and the fourth grade in Decatur.

E. I. and Frances had two sons, both of whom learned to love and enjoy both vocal and instrumental music under their mother's leadership. Through the Honors Band and Choral Festival, the gift of music is similarly extended to festival participants and their families and friends.

Johnston Music Festival Past Choir and Band Directors

1980	Dr. Paul Rosene (Band)
1981	Mr. Elvis Coble (Choir) Mr. Richard Isenogle (Band)
1982	Mr. Joseph Grant (Choir) Mr. Jon Gilliland (Band)
1983	Dr. William E. Schnell (Choir) Mr. Gary Shaw (Band)
1984	Dr. James M. Brinkman (Choir) Mr. Marvin Cohlmeier (Band)
1985	Dr. William Schnell (Choir) Mr. Ray McKeever (Band)
1986	Mrs. Sandra Stoneham (Choir) Mr. John Kinnison (Band)

1987 Mrs. Alice Jayne Swickard (Choir)
Mr. John Christie (Band)

1988 Mr. Keith B. Cox (Choir)
Mr. John Daum (Band)

1989 Ms. Kendria Schroeder (Choir)
Mr. Philip A. Eigenmann (Band)

1990 Mrs. Betty Zook (Choir)
Mr. Ralph Oliver (Band)

1991 Mrs. Jeanne Barth Cox (Choir)
Mr. Wayne Bradtke (Band)

1992 Mr. Donald Decker (Choir)
Mr. Joe McArthur (Band)

1993 Mrs. Rachelle M. Cekander (Choir)
Mr. Peter Harris (Band)

1994 Mr. John Latta (Choir)
Mr. Jim Bellerud (Band)

1995 Ms. Susan Hiddle (Choir)
Mr. Steve Schepper (Band)

1996 Mr. Milt Scott (Choir)
Mr. Todd R. Black (Band)

1997 Ms. Debby Rappe (Choir)
Mr. Harold Hillyer (Band)

1998 Mr. Mark Jennings (Choir)
Ms. Chris Lange (Band)

1999 Mr. Randy Imig (Choir)
Mr. Steve Hardwick (Band)

2000 Ms. Rosanne Harshbarger (Choir)
Mr. Mark King (Band)

2001 Ms. Patty Finks (Choir)
Mr. Ken Krejci (Band)

2002	Mrs. Leslie Manfredo (Choir) Mr. Brad Kuchan (Band)
2003	Mrs. Mary Ann Rhoades (Choir) Dr. Gary Shaw (Band)
2004	Mr. Milton Scott (Choir) Mr. Peter Harris (Band)
2005	Ms. Susan Hiddle (Choir) Ms. Courtney Leach (Band)
2006	Ms. Becky Miller (Choir) Ms. Jessica Closson (Band)
2007	Mrs. Angela Black (Choir) Mr. Joseph Legg (Band)
2008	Ms. Stacey Keyser (Choir) Ms. Kali Strong (Band)
2009	Ms. Robin LeGrand (Choir) Mr. Kelly Davis (Band)

For more information on the music festival please contact Dustin Smith, Special Events Coordinator, at 217-234-5445.