



Concert information

April 27– Sunday

Festival of the Arts Café Stage

Festival Plaza, 400 W. California,
Oklahoma City, OK

Concert: 2:00 p.m.

Call time: 1:30 p.m.

Dress: black pants, black shoes, black socks,
white OKC band shirt or other white shirt

Bring stand.

Directions: The Café Stage is on Walker between
Reno and Sheridan in downtown Oklahoma City.
Allow plenty of time to park and walk to the festival
grounds. See map on page 4.

May 1-Thursday

SNU Performance Herrick Auditorium

Concert: 7:30 p.m.

Call time: 7:00 p.m.

Dress: Concert black. Dark suit for men, black
dress, or black slacks and blouse for ladies. Black
shoes and socks please!



End of Season Party

**“An Old Fashioned
Barbeque”**

Hosted by

The

Voorhies

and McKinney's

Menu:

**Hamburgers,
brats and all the fixins**

When:

May 6, 2008

Cost:

\$6 per person

Where:

M-D Building Products Inc.

Family Park

East Britton Road just East of

Sooner Road

Look for M-D “House” logo

at Entrance to the park

(300 yards east of Sooner Road)

Door prizes:

**If you would like to bring a door prize for
the party please bring it to band rehearsal
and give it to Kathryn McKinney. You may
also bring it to the party as well. The door
prize drawing will be held at the party.**

Get to know.... Ned Hughes (Oboe)



Note from Editor: I sent the questions that follow to Ned intending to use the answers to write the “get to know” column. His answers were so interesting I decided to publish the questions and answers in their entirety.

Where are you from?

I was born in Denver, CO but moved to Oklahoma before I was a year old. My father was a United Methodist minister so we moved around while I was growing up. I've spent most of my adult life in the Oklahoma City area so I guess I'll claim that as home. I've lived in Edmond for the past 17 years.

How long have you played oboe? Do you play any other instruments?

I've been playing oboe since the seventh grade. One thing that very few people know about me is

that I was actually enrolled as a special student at Oklahoma City University when I was 12 years old and took private lessons from their oboe instructor.

(That was not the only time that OCU got money out of me, but that is a story for another time.)

When I started college, I learned to play saxophone and played Bari sax in the jazz ensemble for several years. Since I was a music major, I also had to learn how to play most of the other woodwind instruments, so if you give me enough time to practice, I can play the clarinet. If you give me a flute, I'll give it right back to you (I had an easier time trying to play a tuba than I did trying to play a flute).

How long have you been in the OKC Symphonic Band? Do you play in other groups?

I've been a member of the band since 1998 so I'm in my tenth year with the group. I'm also part of the Harmonious Winds Woodwind Quintet with Ad Acers, Pat Fair, and Bob Smith. I also play in the instrumental music groups at Church of the Servant.

Where do you work?

I'm a contract employee for the FAA at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center. I do computer desktop support and supervise a group of other contractors. Coincidentally, when I was in fifth grade, my teacher's husband worked with computers out at the FAA and I remember thinking that that would be something neat to do. So as it turns out, I'm one of the few people I know who really does do what they wanted to do when they grew up. It just took me a few twist and turns before I got there.

Do you have other hobbies/interests besides music?

I've got a lot of other hobbies/interest. Most of them center around computers and media production but I've also been known to put a model airplane together.

What do you like best about the OKC Symphonic Band?

I enjoy being in the band because it gives me an outlet to use a lot of the creative juices inside

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me that would otherwise just sit there and drive me crazy. I actually get an emotional buzz when our performances go really well so I guess that makes me some kind of a band junkie.

Anything else you want to add?

Well, my wife's name is Norma and we have eight cats of various breeds. I totally expect one day to have my name in the news as one of those crazy old guys who gets carted away leaving 50 plus cats behind.

I have two adult stepchildren, Robert Taylor and Rebecca Macemon. Both of them live in the Pacific Northwest. The picture was taken on the beach at Point Robert, WA, which is the most northwestern point in the Continental United States (you actually have to go through Canada to get there).

I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and an Associate of Science degree in Drafting and Design Technology. I was a band director for one whole year in a little school in southwest Kansas but during that time I got introduced to personal computers and decided that was what I wanted to do instead of teach.

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Thanks to last year's board for all your hard work and a great year. Congratulations to the new members, and thanks in advance for your willingness to serve. The board had its first meeting Sunday April 20. See meeting summary on page 4 for more information.

Summer Schedule

June 3 – rehearsal
June 10 – rehearsal
June 15 - performance (time TBA) at Myriad Botanical Gardens through the Twilight Concert series hosted by the Arts Council - watch www.artsCouncilokc.com/twilight-concerts for more details
June 17 – rehearsal
June 22 - performance at First Christian Church amphitheatre at 7:30 (7:00 call time) - 3700 N Walker, Oklahoma City, OK 73118
June 24 – rehearsal
July 1 – rehearsal
July 8 – rehearsal
July 15 – rehearsal
July 22 – rehearsal
July 27 - performance at First Christian Church amphitheatre at 7:30 (7:00 call time) - 3700 N Walker, Oklahoma City, OK 73118
July 29 – rehearsal
July 31 - performance at Chisholm Trail Park at 7:00 p.m. (6:30 call time) - corner of Vandament and Holly, Yukon, OK 73099

Nichols Hills Band—

The Nichols Hills Band will begin rehearsals May 29th at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsals and concerts are at Kite Park, Nichols Hills. It is the band's 26th year of meeting in the park. Nick Barnhill, the conductor is in his 10th year of conducting the band. Practices and concerts are outdoors, under the gazebo at the park with concerts the third Thursday of every month from June through August. You will need to bring a chair, a music stand and clothes pins. Several members of the OKC Symphonic Band, New Horizons Band and other local groups play in the Nichols Hills Band as well. Call Nick Barnhill, director at 917-5648 (email vicenice1@flash.net) with questions or if you have an interest in joining the group.



Do you recognize anyone?

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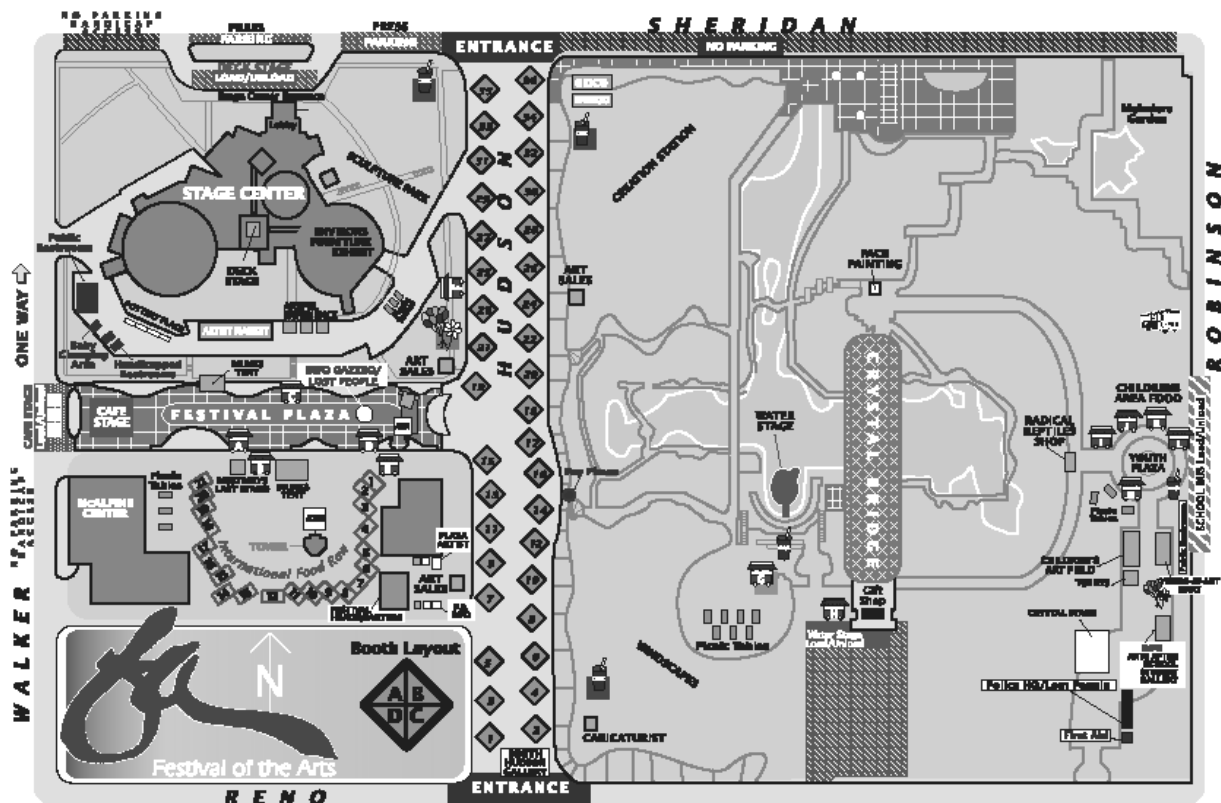
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Cafe Stage is on the left center

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