

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC (2003-present)

John Dale Smith is well-known in musical circles in the Lansing area and has experience in virtually all areas associated with musical performance, as producer, performer, and coordinator for a wide variety of musical events. He is conductor/pianist for the Lansing Symphony Big Band, leader of the John Dale Quintet, co-leader of J & J Sounds, and newly appointed as the Executive Director of the BoarsHead Theater. John received a Bachelor of Music Degree in Piano Performance from Bowling Green State University and a Master of Music in Piano Performance from Michigan State University. His professional affiliations include memberships in Phi Mu Alpha and the honorary Pi Kappa Lambda music fraternities. John recently retired from a 28 year career at Lansing Community College where he served in a number of capacities, including Program Director of Music, Director of Performing Arts, and most recently as Director of Communication and College Events. While at LCC John had positions at two Lansing churches, as Coordinator of Music at First Presbyterian Church, and for 10 years as the Director of Music at Mount Hope Presbyterian Church where his duties included directing the choir and playing piano for services.

In addition to these duties John has been very active in many community organizations, including the Rotary Club of Lansing, the University Club of Michigan State University, and the Arts Council Center of Lansing, having served on the boards of directors of the latter two organizations. John is married to Janine Novenske Smith, who is the Director of Choirs at University Lutheran Church in East Lansing and an adjunct instructor at LCC. John and Janine have two children, Jennifer and Jonathan.



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Dr. Penny Draper has a private piano studio, and also teaches piano at Emanuel Lutheran School, in addition to tuning pianos. She has bachelor degrees (cum laude) from Michigan State University (MSU) in applied piano pedagogy, for which she was awarded a four-year piano scholarship by the MSU piano faculty, and choral education. She has taught private and public school choral music at all age levels, and since 1979 has directed The Renaissance Singers, a costumed troupe specializing in the performance of early music, and known locally for participation in the *Elizabethan Musically Feastes* sponsored by the MSU Student Union. While pursuing an M.A. and Ph.D. in Musicology at MSU, she also studied Piano Technology, and held graduate assistantships in both fields, in addition to fulfilling a sabbatical appointment at The University of Michigan-Flint, where she taught music history and accompanied the Chorale.

Professional organizations include membership in the national music fraternity Sigma Alpha Iota, as well as the honorary Pi Kappa Lambda. Penny was selected as Teacher of the Year in 2003 by the Capital Area Music Teachers Association, and coordinates their local Piano Student Achievement Testing Program. She is currently Vice President of the Michigan Music Teachers Association, and serves as the Coordinator of Performing Arts Students (a student club sponsored by Lansing Matinee Musicale and an affiliate of the Federation of Music Clubs).

Penny toured Europe as the Music Director for Suitcase Theatre, an auditioned touring troupe of local youth (ages 16-22), and also as an auditioned member of the Michigan School Vocal Association Touring Choir, comprised of Michigan School Choral directors. She is listed in several current editions of Marquis Who's Who, as well as in Who's Who Editions published by the International Biographical Centre in Cambridge, England.

Penny and her husband, William, have two daughters, Paige and Josselin, who are currently pursuing graduate and undergraduate degrees, respectively. At Plymouth, Penny is now teaching the children of her former youth choir members, though no grandchildren of those members yet!



at

Plymouth Congregational Church

2008 - 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRESENTED BY PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008, 3:00 P.M.

Greater Lansing Symphony Chamber Series
BEAUMONT BRASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008, 7:00 P.M.

Broadway Artist Series
Emily Sutton-Smith

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008, 1:00 P.M.

Matinee Musicale Concert (Free)
Chamber Music for Piano, Violin & Woodwinds

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2008, 2:00 P.M.

Matinee Musicale Concert (Free)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2008, 7:00 P.M.

Michigan State University Chorale and
Women's Chamber Ensemble
(\$9 Adults, \$7, Sr. Citizens, Students Free & those under 18)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2008, 3:00 P.M.

Greater Lansing Symphony Chamber Series
Richard Sherman, *Flute*
Ralph Votapek, *Piano*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008, 7:30 P.M.

Michigan State University State Singers
(\$9 Adults, \$7, Sr. Citizens, Students Free & those under 18)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2008, 7:00 P.M.

Michigan State University
Choral Union - *Messiah* Sing-Along
(\$9 Adults, \$7, Sr. Citizens, Students Free & those under 18)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2008, 7:30 P.M.

Michigan State University Children's Choir
(\$9 Adults, \$7, Sr. Citizens, Students Free & those under 18)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2008, 10:30 A.M.

Plymouth Congregational Church
Children's Christmas Program

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2008, 10:30 A.M.

Plymouth Congregational Church
Cantata sung by Plymouth Choir with orchestra

CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00 P.M. Music of the Christmas Journey

7:30 P.M. Festival of the Nativity

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009, 1:00 P.M.

Matinee Musicale Concert (Free)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2009, 2:00 P.M.

Matinee Musicale Concert (Free)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2009, 7:00 P.M.

Broadway Artists Series (\$10)
Ivan Griffin

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009, 8:00 P.M.

Arts Chorale of Greater Lansing
(Free – Donations Welcome)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009, 8:00 P.M.

Michigan State University
Women's Chamber Ensemble
(\$9 Adults, \$7, Sr. Citizens, Students Free & those under 18)

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009, 4:00 P.M.

American Guild of Organists Concert

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2009, 1:00 P.M.

Matinee Musicale Concert (Free)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009, 8:00 P.M.

Machtel Competition for Voice Finalist Concert
(\$10)

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009, 7:30 P.M.

Steiner Chorale
(\$12 Adults, \$10, Sr. Citizens and Students)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009, 3:00 P.M.

Greater Lansing Symphony Chamber Series
Anton Shelepov, *Violin*; Igor Kalnin, *Violin*;
Roman Kosarev, *Violin*; Dessislava Nenova, *Cello*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009, 1:00 P.M.

Matinee Musicale Concert (Free)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009, 7:30 P.M.

Michigan State University State Singers
(\$9 Adults, \$7, Sr. Citizens, Students Free & those under 18)

OPPORTUNITY FOR MUSIC MINISTRY

PLYMOUTH CHOIR

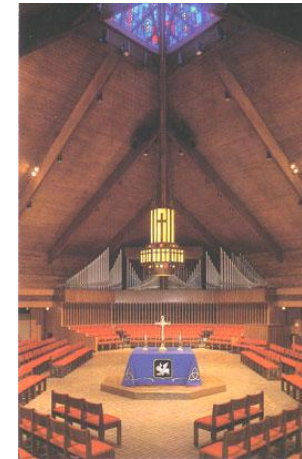
Directed by John Dale Smith
Rehearse Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.
September - May

BELL CHOIR

Directed by Dr. Penny Draper
September - May

YOUTH CHOIR PROGRAM

Directed by Dr. Penny Draper
Rehearse Thursdays
September - May



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