

# Take Five!

*The newsletter of the First Coast Wind Ensemble*

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Officially fall? Yes! Leaves are turning yellow and falling from the Crape Myrtle trees. The grapevine in my backyard seems to be thinning, with the emergence of a new yellow leaf every other day. School is back in session, college students have headed back to their studies and here at the First Coast Wind Ensemble, we are gearing up for another fabulous year of free live performances for the folks of North Florida. Last concert season was full - - look through our newsletter and you'll read all about

our exciting joint concert with the Ritz Voices at the Ritz Theatre in downtown Jacksonville. Our annual Penney Farms performance was packed out as usual, and of course the fun outdoor Sunday evening concert at the Sea Walk Pavilion at Jacksonville Beach! This fall, we hope you will be our guest at a variety of concerts for the 2004-2005 season. Your presence at each performance is what completes the picture for a truly beautiful evening of music. We look forward to seeing you then!

## News from the Board

Board members have been working diligently throughout the summer making lots of plans for the First Coast Wind Ensemble. A peek into the future includes performing at the Horn-Thrasher Center for the Arts, two new CD recordings, and special children's concerts. Thank your volunteer board for many hours of work!

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## *Putting' On The Ritz!*

The Ritz Voices and the First Coast Wind Ensemble joined together to celebrate Black History Month by honoring some great African American composers. Thursday evening, February 12, 2004 in the beautiful Ritz Theatre was the day and place for instruments and voices to portray the music of several great contemporary

# Quintet News

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The woodwind quintet of the First Coast Wind Ensemble performed at several venues this past season. Favorite to members of the quintet is the performance at Westminster Woods on Julington Creek. Each Christmas during the Parade of Lights on the creek, the quintet is privileged to play for residents while they enjoy the light parade from the glass walls of Westminster's beautiful waterfront center. Holiday carols and tunes are the musical literature for the event. This is lots of fun for both Westminster folks and the quintet! We are looking forward to this venue again this December.

On February 29, 2004, the group was invited to perform again at First Christian Church of Jacksonville. The quintet played for the entire worship service from prelude to postlude. Parishioners said they loved hearing the instrumental music for their worship. The acoustics of the sanctuary were a beautiful enhancement too.

Landon Middle School's spring band concert was another opportunity for the quintet to share. Students, parents and faculty were thrilled by having a professional sound perform on their school stage. It was exciting for the band students to see their director (Kristopher Beckstrom) perform with the quintet on clarinet. Kris is one of the founding members of the quintet.

Plans are in the works to perform again this season at Landon Middle School, Lakeshore Elementary and schools in Jacksonville's inner city. Mentoring young musicians is the quintet's primary goal. If you would like a visit from the wind quintet, contact Deborah Wooten at 904-268-3567.

Suggestions or comments regarding *Take Five!* please email [deboronies@bellsouth.net](mailto:deboronies@bellsouth.net), or call (904) 268-3567.

We encourage you to support the all volunteer First Coast Wind Ensemble with your attendance and contributions. Please call our President Steve Boone at (904) 732-3136 to discuss ways to help.

The First Coast Wind Ensemble is a not for profit organization. Dr. Dale Blackwell and Mr. Artie Clifton, Conductors.

## First Coast Wind Ensemble

### 2004-05

### Concert Season

#### Fall Concerts

October 12, 2004 (Tuesday), 7:30 P.M.  
UNF Lazzara Hall w/UNF Band

October 21, 2004 (Thursday), 8:00 P.M.  
JU Terry Hall

Holiday Concert w/Don Thompson  
Chorale  
December 7, 2004 (Tuesday), 8:00 P.M.  
JU Terry Hall

#### Winter Concerts

February 10, 2005 (Thursday), 8:00 P.M.  
JU Terry Hall

Episcopal Arts Festival w/ Episcopal Band  
April 26, 2005 (Tuesday), 7:30 P.M.  
Episcopal High School

Pops Concerts  
May 22, 2005 (Sunday), 7:00 P.M.  
Sea Walk Pavilion, Jacksonville Beach

May 24, 2005 (Tuesday), 8:00 P.M.  
Penney Retirement Community, Penney  
Farms, Florida

