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Included below is a press release regarding the commemoration of the 100th year of organized music at Ferris State University. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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### **Music Center celebrates century of music**

BIG RAPIDS – In commemoration of the 100th year of organized music at Ferris State University, the department of Humanities will be hosting Centennial Music Celebration Week April 22 through 27, 2008.

The week's festivities will begin with a choral choir and women's ensemble performance at the Rankin Student Center Dome Room at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, with professor Cate Arroe as director and accompanist. Songs to be performed include the folk song "Shenandoah," "Popular" from the Broadway musical "Wicked," Irish ballad "Danny Boy" and other selected melodies.

G. Mennen Williams Auditorium will feel more like Bourbon Street as the Ferris State University Jazz Band, directed by assistant professor Matt Moresi, and the Alumni Jazz Band, directed by professor Harry Dempsey, takes the stage at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 26. The repertoire for the evening's concert includes titles such as "Watermelon Man," "Big Al's Blues," "Birdland" and "Cut to the Chase."

Centennial Music Celebration Week culminates with the FSU Symphony Band, West Central Concert Band and the West Central Chamber Orchestra, under the tutelage of professor Richard Scott Cohen. Several guest conductors will be appearing, including Ferris State University President David L. Eisler, former Music directors Dacho Dachhoff and William Donahue, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Don Flickinger, and professor emeritus Kent Krive. A reception will take place after the concert in the lobby of Williams Auditorium.

All three of the concerts are open to the public and free of charge.

"We are very excited to celebrate this historic milestone," said Grant Snider, Humanities department head at Ferris. "Our students are fortunate to have dedicated faculty and staff who support our Music for Life mission, providing students with the opportunity to continue to enrich their lives and the lives of others through music."

Dachhoff will be returning to Ferris State University not only as a guest conductor, but also for a tribute dinner in honor of his nearly 29 years of devoted service as teacher, conductor, educator and leader of arts and cultural activities at Ferris.

For more information on Centennial Music Celebration Week, contact the department of Humanities at (231) 591-3675.

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