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Art students design set for church

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In many art classes, one may expect projects like painting color wheels or sketching.

However, in Professor of Art Sue Mulcahy's class, the students got the chance to do a community service art project for a local church: painting the set for the Christmas play.

According to Mulcahy, Mark and Catherine Payne, both members of The Church at Grace Park in White House and directors of the play, contacted her first.

"They felt like they didn't have



Submitted by Sue Mulcahy
Art students created the set for a play.

the skills to do this. They were a little overwhelmed, and someone suggested

they call an art school. They called us," Mulcahy said.

According to many of the art students, the work took about two weeks, becoming an in-class project as well as extra-curricular.

"(Mulcahy) put aside other art projects for this. It had to be done in a certain amount of time so she pushed other art projects back," said Charles Fuqua, a second-year art student.

The 7'x16' set, painted on a drop cloth, shows a street scene.

It comes complete with a museum advertising a King Tut exhibit, a movie theater with "King Kong" on

the marquee, a rock and roll costume shop, and a candy store.

Included with the backdrop are some 3-D cutouts of Elvis and King Kong, among others.

"The director said he wanted all kings in there—Elvis, King Kong, King Tut. He said he wanted a costume shop, movie theater, and museum. We came up with the candy shop," said Fuqua.

"I wanted to put a 7-11," he added.

When the students began the project, everybody pooled their ideas, and they picked the best ones, according to Fuqua.

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Christmas concert in full gear

By BRIAN ESTES
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James Story, who serves as the chair of the visual and performing arts department at Vol State, leans forward in his seat.

He sits faced with Dr. Charles Lea, vice president of academic affairs, and Bill Gruenewald, minister of business administration at First Baptist Church in Hendersonville.

A concert and a tornado have brought these men together.

The topic of discussion?

What can Vol State do to ensure that its Christmas showcase concert will be in your chapel?

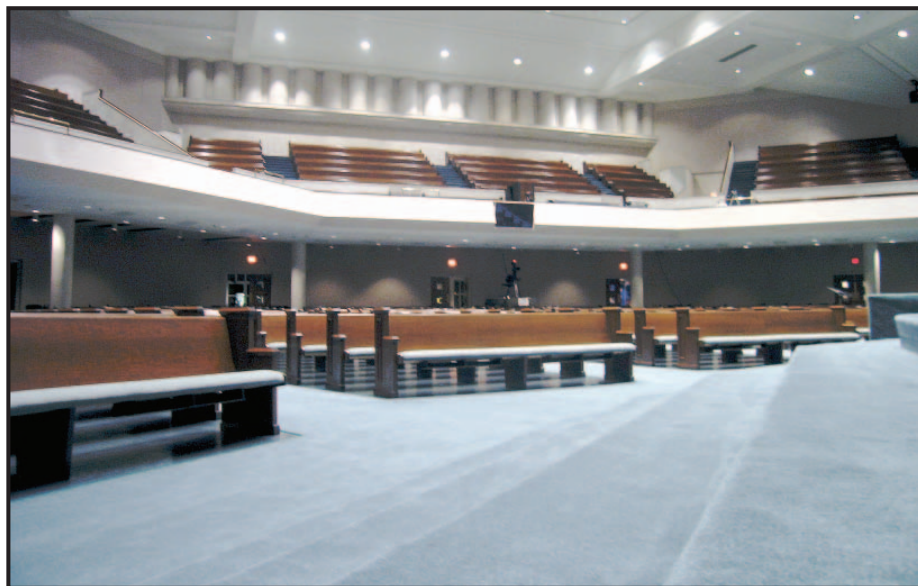
After a series of negotiations, the deal was in place.

Thanks to the chat, music fans can now look forward to seeing the Christmas showcase concert Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at First Baptist Church in Hendersonville.

Story said the event consists of performances by the Vol State Singers, the Showstoppers, and the Commercial Music Ensemble.

Story is the director of the Vol State Singers and Showstoppers, the latter of which specializes in song and dance.

He said the concert will feature a variety of styles, ranging from classic Christmas tunes to R&B, jazz, duets,



Brian Estes / Staff Photo

The venue for the Christmas concert shifts to the chapel at Hendersonville's First Baptist Church.

and solos.

Proceeds go to fund Vol State music scholarships.

"The reason the public needs to see it is to support the fund and help students with financial needs to go to school," Story said. "We've had over 20 productions in the last nine years that

highlights the talents of our students."

A CD release will take place in conjunction with the concert.

Story said that the CD features original compositions written by students, along with traditional Christmas songs.

"There are only four songs on the

CD written by students this year, so it's made it more competitive," Story said. "But this year's songs are just as good as last year's because of their delivery, the understandable message of the words in line with the Christmas theme, and their overall performance."

Story said that some of the scenes had to be adapted for a smaller space and scheduling conflicts arose in conjunction with the change

of venue.

"We've had to become creative to utilize space," Story said.

Lynn Peterson, director of the Commercial Music Ensemble and

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