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AUBURN WIND TRIO TO OFFER SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAMS

Three members of the AU Music Department will share their love and knowledge of classical music with Alabama school children this year in an outreach initiative coordinated by the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts.

Oboist and pianist Ann Knipschild, flutist Karen Garrison and bassoonist Shane Dickerson share a belief that young people deserve a chance to hear and learn about classical music. They came together last year as the Auburn Wind Trio to create a unique program using both performance and audience participation to give young listeners an introduction to the field. After test runs in Auburn area schools, they are ready to take their show on the road.

As the dedicated outreach office of the College of Liberal Arts, the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities' mission includes offering arts and humanities enrichment opportunities to schools around the state. With support from the Office of the Vice President for Outreach, it will work with schools to book and host the AWT programs.

"Our program *Around the World with the Auburn Winds* takes students on a whirlwind listening tour of music from various countries. With our presentation, we hope to motivate students to listen to different types of music and perhaps even learn to play an instrument," says musician Garrison. The performers encourage participation from the students as they integrate music with geography, history, literature, and art.

"We are delighted to have this high-quality outreach program to offer to Alabama schools," notes program coordinator Betsy Panhorst. "It is also a great opportunity to show off the AU music program and faculty around the state."

Knipschild has performed with the Auburn Wind Trio, Alabama Chamber Players and as oboist and English hornist with the Huntsville Symphony and Nashville Chamber Orchestra. She recently worked with Amy Grant and Vince Gill on their *Simply Christmas* tours.

Flute professor Garrison has performed at conferences of Music Teachers National Association, The College Music Society and National Flute Association. She has lectured in the United States and South America on women composers and Native American music.

Dickerson has almost 30 years experience as a music educator working with students from kindergarten to college level. His recognitions include many teacher-of-the-year

awards and recognition by the Auburn University Band as an “outstanding music educator.”

For more information about the series, contact CMD CAH at 334-844-4946.