

### Holiday Cheer at Stone Brook

On December 7, pianists from the TxState accompanying class (**Faith DeBow**, instructor) teamed up with the viola studio (**Ames Asbell**, instructor) to give a warmly-received Christmas concert at Stone Brook Senior Apartments in San Marcos. In addition to performing holiday songs, they led group carol singing –



the pianists took turns playing and all 8 violists joined in on the melody.

### Competition finalists

Two trombone students have been named finalists in prestigious solo competitions. Sophomore performance major **Eliud Garcia** is a finalist for the Eastern Trombone Workshop's National Trombone Solo Competition. Master's student **Austin Tran** was named a finalist in the Big 12 Trombone Conference's Bach Tenor Trombone Solo Competition. Both are students of Dr. **Martin McCain**.

### Audible in Atlanta

Faculty jazz pianist **Hank Hehmsoth** was a featured performer with the contemporary jazz group *Invisible Designs* at the 4th Annual International Jazz Education Network Conference January 2-5 in Atlanta, Georgia.



Dr. John Mills, ex-director of jazz at Texas State, Carmen Bradford, vocalist with the Count Basie Big Band, and Hank

### Correction from Issue No. 5 Dec

**Todd Oxford** received an \$8,000 Research Enhancement Program grant to fund a recording project featuring new solo works for saxophone.

### Other Faculty Activities

Dr. **Keith Winking** conducted the 2012-2013 Region XVIII/XXVI ATSSB All-Region Jazz Band on Saturday, January 19th in Evans Auditorium.

In November, Dr. **Martin McCain** performed at the University of Kentucky and Morehead State University. While in Kentucky, McCain performed recitals, gave masterclasses, taught lessons and worked with the trombone choirs. In December, Dr. McCain conducted a masterclass at Palmview High School in Mission, TX where TX State alumnus Jacob Banda is the Director of Bands. Recently, McCain performed with the touring acts, The Celtic Woman and Video Games Live.



### TxState trombone groups active

The Texas State University Trombone Choir and Jazz Trombone Ensembles recently performed in Houston on a recruiting trip at Clear Lake High School, HSPVA, along with Mayde Creek and Cinco Ranch high schools of Katy. Both ensembles have been invited to perform at the 2013 International Trombone Festival in Columbus, GA, the largest trombone festival. The Trombone Choir has also been invited to perform at the 2013 TMEA Convention in San Antonio.

