“Texas State University School of Music is a remarkable community of talented, dedicated individuals. Somos Músicos (‘we are musicians’) expresses our passion for learning and making music together.”  — Dr. Thomas Clark, Director

FACULTY NEWS

"A Company of Voices: Conspirare in Concert" has been nominated for a Grammy in the Best Classical Crossover Album category. The CD, which includes Texas State faculty artists Cynthia Gonzales, Ian Davidson, and Faith DeBow, and alumna Ashley George, was recorded at the Long Center in October 2008 for PBS broadcast. (The Grammy award, announced January 31, went to Yo-Yo Ma.)

Keith Winking conducted the Austin Region Jazz Band in a November 17 concert at Austin High School.

On November 24 violinist Paula E. Bird performed the Prokofiev Quintet, op. 39 at the University of Texas at Austin along with Jason Elinoff (viola), Jessica Gilliam-Valls (double bass), Jennifer Bernard (oboe), and Vangel Tangarov (clarinet).

A review of the Austin Symphony’s recent all-Barber program was published by the Chicago Sun-Times. In it, reviewer Paul Robinson makes two comments about our oboe professor, Ian Davidson. Regarding the Barber Violin Concerto: “The first melody at the opening . . . is exquisite. The tune first played by the oboist (Ian Davidson) at the beginning of the second movement is even more beguiling.” And about the Barber Symphony No. 1: “There is an achingly beautiful oboe solo in this work too and once again Ian Davidson rose to the occasion.”

TEXAS STATE FACULTY AT TMEA

Here is an overview of the roles our faculty will play in this event, the Texas Music Educators Association annual convention in San Antonio:

9:00–10:30 AM, THURSDAY February 11, Marriott Riverwalk, Valero Salon – Daris Hale will be the clinician for Symphonic Band bassoon sectionals.

2:00 PM, FRIDAY February 12, CC210 – Research Poster Session: Cultural Identities of Composers Represented on the Texas Prescribed Music List for Concert Band – Mary Ellen Cavitt.

6:00 PM, Feb. 12, CC Ballroom B – TUTTE (Texas Universities Trombone Teachers Ensemble) will include Charles Hurt as player and conductor.

8:00 AM, SATURDAY February 13, CC214AB – Presentation: Teaching and Assessing Brass Tone Quality – M.E. Cavitt, Beth Bronk (Texas Lutheran Univ.), David Wilborn (Texas A&M)

2:00 PM, Feb. 13, CC210 – Presentation: Understanding the Nuts and Bolts of the Music Budget – M.E. Cavitt

Mary Ellen Cavitt will represent TMEA Region 18 as the College Chair.

Todd Oxford will be an Exhibitor for the Todd Oxford "Signature Series" alto saxophone.