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MCALLEN TO SAN MARCOS STRING CONNECTION

On Sept. 10, Texas State String Faculty sponsored a Middle School/High School All-Region/All-State Clinic in the Music Building. Some 139 students and 13 teachers came from McAllen I.S.D. to participate. Clinics were for bass, cello, viola, and violin. In addition, 18 Texas State string students assisted with every facet of the day's activities. This included performances by two student chamber groups coached by Dr. Lynn Ledbetter, and a performance by Ledbetter assisted by viola student Ruben Balboa. There was also a Question and Answer session followed by a massed ensemble reading session led by Howard Hudiburg.



Ledbetter addresses McAllen string students & teachers



Hudiburg conducting the entire group of string students

JOBS, JOBS: MUSIC GRADS MAKE GOOD

Who started where this fall: **Ana Hernandez**, Assistant Band Director, Clear Lake Intermediate, League City. **Jonathan Starnes**, Assistant Band Director, League City Intermediate, League City. **Jordan Garza**, Assistant Band Director, Alamo Heights High School, San Antonio. **Ashley Crowder**, Assistant Band Director, University Middle School, Waco. **Jose Pelaez**, Elementary Music, Galena Park Elementary. **Rick Astorga**, Assistant Band Director, Hebronville High School. **Alejandro Gonzalez**, Assistant Band Director, Ellison High School, Killeen. **Robert Barron**, Assistant Band Director, Oliveira Middle School, Brownsville. **Hilary Janysek**, Elementary Music, Hermes Elementary, La Grange. **Theresa Cutler**, Elementary Music, Faith Family Academy Charter School, Oak Cliff. **Ariana Pyburn**, Assistant Band Director, Medina Valley Middle School, Castroville. **Adrian Tovar**, Director of Bands, Grapeland MS/HS. **Carly Boeselt**, Elementary Music, Fern Bluff and Old Town Elementary Schools, Round Rock. **J.J. Wren**, Elementary Music, Hemphill Elementary School, Kyle. **Andrew Carr**, Director of Bands, Stroman Middle School, Victoria. **Robert Eaton**, Director of Bands, Royal High School, Brookshire. **Donny DeLaRosa**, Graduate Assistant – Trumpet Performance, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston. **Arnoldo Villarreal**, Mariachi Director, Lehman H.S. & Simon M.S., Kyle. **Austin Tran**, Graduate Assistant – Trombone Performance, Texas State University – San Marcos.

TV BROADCAST

Hank Hehmsoth recorded a nationally syndicated television broadcast with vibrant blue violinist and vocal artist Brian Batch August 28 at Riverbend Centre. He was guest artist Sept. 11 with ex-Texas State Director of Jazz Studies Dr. John Mills in a concert of all original new jazz compositions with his premiere performance ensemble Times Ten.



ARTIST PERFORMANCE SEASON LAUNCHED

On Sept. 12 the Accento Trio, guest artists from University of Southern Mississippi, performed a recital of chamber music for flute, soprano and piano in the Recital Hall for a standing-room-only crowd, launching our 2011-12 season. That afternoon, flutist from the trio, Danilo Mezzadri, also gave a master class for flute students from the studio of **Adah Jones**. Their appearance was sponsored by Dr. **Nico Schüler**, Jones, and piano and voice faculty members.



Left to right - Adah Jones, Elizabeth Moak (piano), Susan Ruggiero (soprano), Danilo Mezzadri (flute), Nico Schüler

FACULTY AWARDS, HONORS, ACTIVITIES

Mary Ellen Cavitt received the 2011 Teaching Award of Honor from the Texas State University Alumni Association at the annual Fall Convocation. Additionally, Cavitt was promoted to Professor and received the 2011 Runner-Up for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching for the College of Fine Arts and Communication and the 2011 Friends of Fine Arts and Communication Excellence Award in Scholarly and Creative Activity. Dr. Cavitt currently serves as Director of Graduate Studies in Music and as Faculty Senator for the College of Fine Arts and Communication.



From left: Jason Kwak, Pres. Denise Trauth, Mary Ellen Cavitt, new Dean Timothy Mottet

At the opening Faculty Convocation on Aug. 23, Dr. **Jason Kwak** received the Presidential Excellence Award for Teaching.

Hank Hehmsoth performed a jazz concert at Texas State on Sept. 15 with guest artist Moisés Paiewonsky, trombone.

Charles Ditto received a commission this summer for an original score for a theater piece titled "Scherzando" written, directed, and performed by Peter Lobdell, Broadway veteran and Senior Artist-in-Residence at Amherst College. The performances were September 8-10 at the Holden Theatre in Amherst, Mass. **Ian Davidson** and **Vanguel Tangarov** performed and recorded the score in August at the Firestation Studio, **Bobby Arnold**, engineer.



Todd Oxford "Signature Series" Saxophones were exhibited at the New South Wales Junior Concert and Championships held at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre in Penrith, New South Wales, Australia, on August 28. Oxford is a featured artist on composer Stephen Barber's new contemporary music CD, "Astral Vinyl". The CD was released on Navona Records and is available at iTunes and Amazon.



PIANO FACULTY ANNOUNCES COMPETITION

YOUNG ARTIST PIANO COMPETITION
School of Music - Texas State University
February 11, 2012
Dr. Washington Garcia, Competition Director
Dr. Jason Kwak, Associate Director