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JUDGE McCAIN PRESIDING

Dr. **Martin McCain** was invited to adjudicate for the 2012 Edwards Bass Trombone Solo Competition and Yamaha Xeno Tenor Trombone Solo Competition, which was held at the Big 12 Trombone Conference at Texas Tech University. Dr. McCain performed a guest recital and masterclasses at the University of Arizona, broadcast on Arizona's KUAT and Austin's KMFA classical radio stations. McCain also performed with The Minor 4th Trombone Quartet at the University of North Texas and was recently endorsed by the English trombone manufacturer Michael Rath Trombones. McCain recently performed as a soloist on the guest faculty recital at the 2012 Big 12 Trombone Conference.



PIANISTS IN PORTLAND

Dr. **Washington Garcia** and his student **YuCi Liao** performed at The University of Portland on February 15 as part of the "Music at Midweek" Series. The performance was well received by the students, faculty, and staff. Ms. Liao was also a winner at the Concerto Competition held at Texas State University last fall and was selected as a semifinalist at the Schmidbauer International Competition last January.



BIG 12 FEATURES 18 BOBCAT TROMBONES

The Texas State Trombone Choir, under the direction of **Martin McCain**, had the honor of being featured at the 2012 Big 12 Trombone Conference at Texas Tech University. The ensemble also performed at San Marcos High School and Austin High School. Additionally, the choir has been asked to record works that will be published on the Southern Music Company website.



WICKED TOUR

Participating as part of Broadway Across America, oboe professor **Ian Davidson** joined the national tour of *Wicked* for 24 sold-out performances, reaching a total audience of more than 70,000.

LARGE TX STATE PRESENCE AT TMEA

The recent Texas Music Educators Association annual Clinic/Convention in San Antonio featured many of our School of Music faculty, students, and alumni . . .

The Phoenix Saxophone Quartet, under the direction of Todd Oxford performed a 30-minute Music Showcase. Specially selected by TMEA Deputy Director Frank Coachman, the quartet (below from left) consists of **Gerald Martinez**, **Gilbert Garza**, **Josue Mora**, and **Joshua Weisbrod-Torres**.



Dr. **Cynthia Gonzales** and Dr. **Lynn Brinckmeyer** presented a poster entitled: "A Pilot Study: The Effect of Singing and Non-Singing Instructional Strategies on Harmonic Listening Skills." Music education major Amy Beckman served as the research assistant for the project. Dr. Gonzales also presented a poster, "A Pilot Study: The Effect of Online Exercises to Increase Error Detections Skills". Dr. **Amy Simmons** served as overall coordinator for the Research Poster Session.

From left: Brinckmeyer, Beckman, Simmons, Gonzales



SINGING IN SEGUIN

Dr. Henry Leck and Dr. **Lynn Brinckmeyer** both served as clinicians at the recent Texas Lutheran University Youth Choir Festival in Seguin. Singers from Texas State's Hill Country Youth Chorus participated with approximately 100 singers in the festival chorus.



OTHER TX STATE ACTIVITIES AT TMEA

Feb. 8 – **Adah Jones**, judge: 5-A All-State flutes.
Feb. 9 – **Freddie Mendoza**, clinician: *Exciting Alternative Rehearsal Strategies for Jazz Ensembles at Any Level*, assisted by the Texas State Jazz Ensemble. **Martin McCain**, director: Texas State Jazz Trombone Ensemble Showcase. **Lynn Brinckmeyer**, presider: *Want Student Success? Find It Here!*. **Lynn Brinckmeyer**, conductor: Sigma Alpha Iota Sing. Feb. 10 – **Cynthia Gonzales**, presenter: *SmartMusic: A Sight-Singing Tutor*. **Amy Simmons**, Presider – Poster Session: **Lynn Brinckmeyer & Cynthia Gonzales**, *A Pilot Study: The Effect of Singing and Non-Singing Instructional Strategies on Harmonic Listening Skills*. **Krystyn Jensen**, organizer: Texas State at College Night. **Thomas Clark**, host, assisted by **Cindy Dean** and **Nancy Harris**: Texas State Alumni reception. Feb. 11 – **Lynn Ledbetter**, President: General Membership Meeting, Tx Chapter of American String Teachers Assoc. **Amy Simmons**, presenter: *Optimizing Musicians' Practice: The Neuroscience of Skill Learning*. **Adah Jones**, performer: "Brazos Breeze" flute choir. **Mary Ellen Cavitt**, presenter: *Step Up Your Game with a Graduate Degree in Music*. Exhibitors – **Martin McCain**: Minor 4th Trombone Quartet and Rath Trombones. **Freddie Mendoza**: Getzen custom series artist. **Todd Oxford**: "Signature Series" Saxophones on exhibit in the main showroom.