



## *Somos Músicos . . . a community of musicians*

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"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 Vanguel 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, Marriot 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**

6:30–7:30 PM, Feb. 13, CC Ballroom – Texas Community College Band Directors Assoc. All State Jazz Ensemble concert directed by **Keith Winking**

**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.