

KJ wins award



Alumna **Krystyn Jensen**, SoM administrative assistant, is pictured here with Pres. Trauth as she was presented the Deborah and James Mathews Excellence in Collaboration/Outreach Award at the September meeting of the Texas State Staff Council.

Tuba Board

Raul Rodriguez has accepted an invitation to join the Board of Directors of the International Tuba Euphonium Association. He will serve a two-year term (2013-15) as Chapters Coordinator to assist in the development of affiliates to the Association across the United States and abroad.

A night at the museum

On October 20th, **Raul Rodriguez** and the Texas State Tuba Euphonium Ensemble were participants in the Blanton Museum's SoundSpace Music Series where programs feature simultaneous, cross-disciplinary performances throughout the galleries of the museum. They performed as part of Anthony Braxton's *No. 19 for 100 Tubas*.



Here they are pictured outside the loading dock at the museum. Pictured from left to right: front row – **Cedrick Cradle, Ricardo Sanchez, Shane Zubek, Jose Montalvo, Jorge Flores, Haley Dougherty, Nicholas Johnson** and **Abel Alaniz**; Middle row – **Roger Stevens, Matt Hurtado** and **Kaitlyn Douthit**; Back row – **Steven Hawk**, Prof. Rodriguez, **Ricardo Pallanes, Isaac Munoz** and **Joshua Arendt**

Costa Rica contest

Jorge Briceno, a first-year graduate student of Dr. **Jason Kwak**, travelled to San Jose, Costa Rica, as a semi-finalist in the VII Concurso Internacional de Piano Cullell. Out of 20 pianists, the jury chose **Jorge** as one of six finalists. He performed his final-round program on October 25 and was recognized with an Honorable Mention. (**Jorge** is 2nd from left.)



Which Pittsburg?

Dr. **Keith Winking** and Texas State trumpet students **Clay Casey, Brandon Pauley**, and **Alex Szabo** participated in the Midwest Trumpet Festival held on the campus of Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas, on October 13-14. Brandon, Clay, and Alex performed on the select "College Student Spotlight Recital" and Brandon performed in a master class with international trumpet soloist and former Canadian Brass member Joe Burgstaller.



From left: Brandon, Burgstaller, Alex, Clay

Dr. Winking was a faculty guest artist and presented a lecture, participated in a panel discussion on "Careers in Music" and performed with the Crowder Big Band. The festival included faculty and students from the UMKC Conservatory of Music, Oklahoma State, and the Universities of Missouri, Illinois, Denver, Wisconsin-Platteville, and Missouri.



Where's Waldo?
(Dr. Winking is 4th from right)

Butch around the world

Butch Miles took his 14-piece Jazz Express Big Band to Brazil to perform at the I Love Jazz Festival in Belo Horizonte and Brasilia on August 10 and 11. The reception was outstanding and a wonderful musical experience. Then Butch filled in with the Count Basie Orchestra (while they selected a new drummer) in Chicago on September 31 and October 1, then left for a two week tour of Japan, performing in Tokyo, Nagoya and several other cities. The tour was successful in spite of being held captive in the Tokyo Station while a typhoon raged overhead for five hours. (The band actually made their performance that evening - a few hours late.)



The entire tour culminated with a recording session at Sony Studios in Tokyo, backing up Broadway star Hinton Battle for his upcoming performances in Japan later this year. Butch also performed in Denver at the Summit Jazz Festival from September 27th until the 29th with the great clarinetist Allan Vache.

Pete hits the road

Dr. **Pete Rodriguez** made a recruiting trip for the Latin Music Studies area to UT Pan American last month, presenting several master classes and performing with some of their groups. He enjoyed a warm reception and made some great connections for recruitment. More trips to the RGV are planned.



Where's Waldo 2: Dr. Pete is in gold shirt with trumpet.

Piano duo performs in South Korea

In the last week of September, Texas State piano faculty members **Jason Kwak** and **Kyung Ae Lee** traveled to Daegu, South Korea, to perform Poulenc's concerto for two pianos with the Daegu Symphony Orchestra.



While on this trip, Dr. Kwak gave a well-publicized master class at Kei-Myung University. Afterwards, they made a short stop in Seoul where Dr. Kwak worked with students from DanKook University and Hanyang University.

Distinguished conductor

Choral Conducting master's student **Jason Gallardo** has been accepted into the January 2014 Distinguished Concerts International New York Mentoring Workshop "The Complete Conductor: Orchestral Conducting for the Choral Director" as an Associate Conductor.