



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

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Welcome to our second news issue. Our motto, *Somos Músicos* (“we are musicians”) expresses our passion for learning and making music together. The School of Music is a remarkable community of students, faculty and staff, talented and committed individuals who share a common purpose to give music to their communities and the world.

### **FACULTY AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Lynn Brinckmeyer**, Director of Choral Music Education, was given the Outstanding Alumni Award from Eastern New Mexico University at ENMU Foundation 34th Annual Breakfast on October 3.



**Rebecca Eaton** presented a paper, “They Just Go Round and Round: Circularity and Dystopia in *The Truman Show*” at the Second International Conference on Minimalist Music in Kansas City, Missouri, September 3.



**Dimitar Ninov's** *A Lonely Man's Prayer* for violin and piano was chosen among 475 submissions to be released on Millennium Project: Made in the Americas – Volume One. The CD, released by ERM/Naxos in 2009, is available worldwide.

October 20, **Juli Wood** (soprano), **Adah Toland Jones** (flute) and **Joey Martin** (piano) visited University of Louisiana at Monroe to perform a joint

recital and to give master classes for the flute and voice students. The Texas State faculty were joined on certain selections by ULM faculty **Claire Vangelisti** (soprano) **Sandra Lunte** (flute) and **Richard Seiler** (piano).

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO STUDENTS**

**Britni Dunn** was awarded the 2009 Malcolm Helm Memorial Endowed Scholarship at the Texas Bandmasters Association Convention in San Antonio. She was selected from among all of the outstanding undergraduate wind or percussion students majoring in music education at a Texas university. A senior music ed major, Britni has served as drum major and section leader of the Bobcat Marching Band and as co-principal clarinet of the Wind Ensemble. She is also a member of Pi Kappa Lambda music honor society and recipient of the prestigious Presser Foundation Scholarship.

Our students performed magnificently this year in the annual **Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza**. Mariachi Nueva Generacion placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the ensemble competition. **Celeste Rios** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the vocal competition. And special congratulations to **Celeste Curiel**, named the Best in the US vocalist for 2009, the highest honor at the festival.

Winners of our annual Aria Competition are **Zack Kibodeaux** (student of **Juli Wood**) and **Cassandra LaRue** (student of **Cheryl Parrish**). Honorable mention went to **Erin English**. The Concerto Competition winners are **Hilary Janysek** (flute student of **Adah Jones**) and **Sung-Eun Park** (piano student of **Jason Kwak**); honorable mention went to **Robert Guilford**, marimba, **Joshua Medrano**, piano, and **Ryan Morris**, bassoon.

Thirty Texas State voice students competed in the Regional of the **National Association of Teachers of Singing** at Texas Tech University in Lubbock November 4-8. Fifteen students advanced to the Semi-Final round and six students became Finalists, from among 500 students across a three state region. Faculty accompanists **Joey Martin, John Schmidt** and student accompanists **Katherine Lee** and **Sally Booker** made an outstanding contribution to the students' success. Our individual results are:



**Finalists** – First Place Junior Women: **Cassandra LaRue** (student of **Cheryl Parrish**); First Place Sophomore Men: **Richard Trammell** (student of **Juli Wood**); Second Place Sophomore Women: **Kayla Pendergraft** (Wood); Third Place Freshmen Men: **Reyes Rodriguez** (Wood); Fourth Place Graduate Women: **Celeste Curiel** (Wood); Fifth Place Graduate Women: **Catherine Clarke** (Wood). Also, First Place Graduate Women went to alumna **Sara Jacobi** (former student of Juli Wood).

**Semi-Finalists** – **Alyssa Bugg** (Parrish), **Cassandra LaRue** (Parrish), **Ashley Hughes** (student of **Brigitte Bellini**), **Layne Cape** (student of **Phillip Hill**), **April Gonzales** (student of **Cary Michaels**), **Catherine Clarke** (Wood), **Celeste Curiel** (Wood), **Diane House** (Wood), **Zack Kibodeaux** (Wood), **Elise Leung** (Wood), **Brittany Michaelsen** (Wood), **Kayla Pendergraft** (Wood), **Reyes Rodriguez** (Wood), **Megan Schooler** (Wood), **Richard Trammell** (Wood).



## GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Sigma Alpha Iota, represented by chapter officers **Kendra Talley** and **Amanda Stafford**, presented the School of Music with a \$600 gift to replace the printer in our Music Library. (SoM Director **Clark** and Associate Director **Martin** received the check.)



## EVENTS ON & OFF CAMPUS

On October 25, a flute, clarinet and piano trio from Ball State University, "Flurinet" performed a concert for music students and faculty. Following the concert master classes were conducted for flute, clarinet and piano students, many of whom had the opportunity to play and receive comments from the visiting artists.

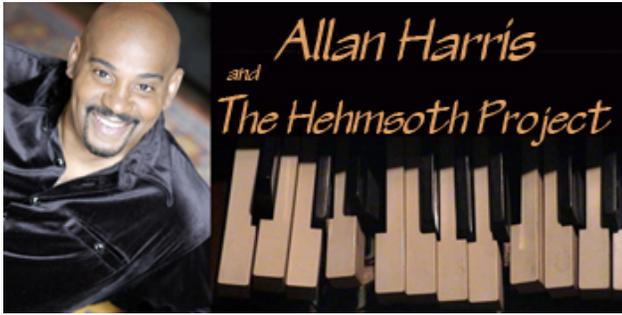
The Steel Band directed by G.G. Gonzalez entertained in the Music courtyard November 4.



November 20 oboe students of **Ian Davidson** participated in a master class with Austin Symphony oboist David Herbert, shown below with **Austin Tucker, Mika Allison, Marshall Chase, Amy Morrison, Jordon Cunningham, Arabella Stachura, Gillian Lopez**.



## UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS



Jazz vocalist/educator Allan Harris, 3-time winner of the New York Nightlife Award for Outstanding Jazz Vocalist, will join Texas State jazz pianist **Hank Hehmsoth** and the "Hehmsoth Project" for one show of holiday favorites at One World Theatre on Tuesday, Dec 15, 7:00PM - 9:00PM.

<http://www.oneworldtheatre.org/AllShows.html>



Hank and graduating senior jazz bassist **William Satterwhite** will play a jazz Christmas salute from 6 - 10PM Christmas Eve at Sullivan's jazz/steak club in Austin.



The "Hehmsoth Project" also plays a New Year's Eve bash at Sullivan's from 6 - 1AM.