

## SCHOOL OF MUSIC



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

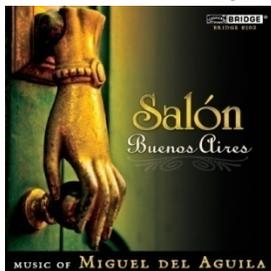
Music News

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Welcome to our new community page. 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.

#### New CD Issued



New faculty member, **Kristin Roach**, pianist, is featured on a new CD release from Bridge Records, entitled "Salon Buenos Aires, music of Miguel del Aguila". Born in Uruguay in 1957, del Aguila came to the USA in 1978, settling in California. Aguila's Latin American roots are apparent in this high energy ostinato-driven music demanding high virtuosity, but there are also touches of the avant-garde, as players are often asked to sing, play pop riffs, and create extreme effects on their instruments. This music is fun to listen to and simply defies categorization, played with infectious high spirits by Camerata San Antonio. Recordings are available from Amazon, iTunes, and Terra Nova Violins.

#### Turkey Exchange

(No, this has nothing to do with Thanksgiving!) Led by Doug Skinner, the School of Music hosted three guests in our newly established exchange program between Texas State and Adnan Menderes University in Aydin, Turkey. Dr. Ozgur Elgun, Director of the State Conservatory, Dr. Sukru Boylu, Rector of the University, and Mr. Taylan Urkmez, International Affairs Specialist, were on campus October 7-12. Dr. Elgun and our Timothy Woolsey presented a recital in the Music Building Recital Hall on October 11. (Last February, Prof. Woolsey and Douglas Skinner performed concerts in Aydin and Nazilli, initiating the exchange.)

**Congratulations** to Celeste Curiel and Celeste Rios, who are among the nine finalists in the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza Competition in San Antonio. Competitors from Kingsville, Harvard and the Berklee School of Music are also represented. The finals will be held at 9 am Saturday, November 21 at the Municipal Auditorium in San Antonio, the morning after the ensemble competition. The solo winner sings that evening with all winners and Mariachi Vargas. More information: [mariachimusic.com](http://mariachimusic.com).

#### Composition recorded, performed

**Charles Ditto's** oboe piece *High Wood* was performed by **Ian Davidson** at the College Music Society National Conference in Portland, OR October 25. Since commissioning the work in 2008, Ian has performed it at least a dozen times on three continents and has recorded it as the title track of his oboe CD on Wild Basin Records (available on iTunes). The award-winning piece was also published on an SCI CD entitled "Soliloquies" available on Capstone Records.



#### Book Review Published

Dr. **Kevin Mooney's** book review of Alan Govenar's *Texas Blues: The Rise of a Contemporary Sound* (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2008) was published in the most recent issue of *The Journal of Texas Music History*, 9 (2009): 49-50.



### Documentary gets Telly Award

A pre-release version of January's **PBS** release of Texas Music Cafe's "Class of 87" documentary received a 2009 bronze Telly award in September. This is TMC's first Telly Award in all 12 years of producing the PBS show. The "Class of 87" program highlights Kent Finlay's San Marcos based "Cheatham Street Warehouse" and a group of now famous Texas songwriters who started their careers at this classic venue. Performers include: James McMurtry, Todd Snider, Terri Hendrix, Bruce Robison, John Arthur Martinez, Hal Ketchum, Lloyd Maines, Big John Mills, and Kent Finlay. Audio for the winning program was recorded live and post mixed by **Gary Hickinbotham** at The Firestation Studios with assistance from students in the Sound Recording Technology Program. Gary and the students also set up and mixed the audio for the performance venue.

### Guest trombonists



October 8 trombone Professor **Charles Hurt** hosted a guest recital featuring **Eileen Russell**, professor of low brass and theory at Southwestern University. Dr. Russell received her DMA from Indiana University and a MM degree from the University of Northern Iowa. She is a trombone clinician and artist with C.G. Conn. Articles by Dr. Russell appear in *Horn Call*, *Instrumentalist*, *International Trombone Association Journal*, *International Tuba Euphonium Association Journal*, *Journal of the National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors*, and *Southwestern Musician*.

October 13 Professor Hurt hosted a master class with **Ralph Sauer**, former Principal Trombonist with Los Angeles Philharmonic, recording artist, and co-founder of Summit Brass. Students performing for him were **Scott Duncan**, **Jett Walker**, **Kendra Talley**, **Amanda Chapla**, and **Kevin Dugat**.



### Brava!

Senior Lecturer **Paula E. Bird** has been invited to participate as a violinist with the Rome Festival Orchestra Institute during the summer of 2010. Bird will be performing with the festival

orchestra for orchestra, opera, and ballet performances. In its 38<sup>th</sup> season, the Rome Festival Summer Institute includes performers and instructors from all over the world.

### National Flute Assoc participants

In August, flute students **Hilary Janysek** and **Lauryn Gould** were chosen by audition to perform at the National Flute Association Convention in New York City in the first-ever National Collegiate Flute Choir. Eleven Texas State flute students attended the 4-day event, six of whom performed in the opening ceremonies flute orchestra.

**Congratulations** to recent Texas State music ed graduates on new jobs starting this fall:

**Band and Orchestra: Noel Averitt Wilds**—Assistant Band Director, Murchison Middle School, Austin ISD; **Francisco Rios**—Assistant Band Director, JD Salinas Middle School, La Joya ISD; **Bryan Barrett** — Assistant Orchestra Director, Tomball ISD; **Kelsey Lien**—Assistant Band Director, La Vernia Middle and High School, La Vernia ISD; **Man Vu**—Orchestra Director, Sul Ross Middle School, Northside ISD, San Antonio; **Kade Schmalz** — Orchestra Director for Intermediate Schools, Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD; **Mandy Robison** — Assistant Band Director, Flores Elementary, Uvalde Jr. & High Schools, Uvalde ISD; **Cris Lira**—Assistant Band Director, Spring Woods Middle School, Spring Branch ISD, Houston; **Sean Smith** — Assistant Band Director, Academy Middle & High Schools, Academy ISD; **Rachael Reinhard** — Assistant Band Director, Kitty Hawk Middle School, Judson ISD; **Rachael Janek** — Assistant Band Director, Lockhart Jr. & High Schools, Lockhart ISD; **Hector Telles**—Assistant Band Director, McNair Middle School, Southwest ISD, San Antonio.

**Mariachi: Cirilo Campos**—teaching at Irving Middle School, San Antonio ISD.

And new *elementary* music teachers: **Carlos Martinez** at Camarena Elementary School in LJISD, Mission; **Joshua Lowe** at Hernandez Elementary in San Marcos ISD; **Bonnie Wolfe** at Schlather Intermediate (5/6) in SCUCISD, Cibolo; **Lisa Flores** at Decker Elementary in Manor ISD; **Adrian Ramirez** at Specht Elementary in CISD, New Braunfels; **Jenny Auger** at Neal Elementary in San Antonio ISD, **Irina Gonzales Duran** at Finley Elementary School in UISD, Laredo; **Elsa Humphreys Garcia** at Colonies North Elementary, NISD, San Antonio; and **Christina Colgin** at Stanley Elementary, KISD, Katy.