

Music Notes

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On behalf of all the faculty and staff, I bring you greetings from the Department of Music. We are in the midst of a busy start of the semester with Honor Band weekend, Metropolitan Opera Auditions, Honor Choir weekend, and the list goes on! If you are interested in attending a concert or recital, we have over 40 departmentally-sponsored events this spring. (Check out the Calendar of Events)



Once again, our ensembles have been selected to perform throughout the region. The Steel Band performed at the Gator Bowl in January. The Chorale will be the premier ensemble at the MS Community/Junior College Choral Festival in Fulton and will sing for the state ACDA/MMEA Convention in Jackson. And, for the first time in four years, the Wind Ensemble will be touring the state.

This spring we welcome several alumni and guests to campus to present recitals and masterclasses. James Shearer (1986), tuba; Micah Everett (2001), trombone; Adam Ward, organ; and Bob Jones, bass-baritone will provide a potpourri of musical experiences for students and community alike.

Anyone who has been affiliated with the music department these last 25 years will want to join me in saying goodbye to Dr. Ed Bahr, our esteemed and renowned low brass teacher. Dr. Bahr will be moving to Michigan at the end of this school year, where he will continue to perform and collect and listen to recordings. Ann Bahr, Ed's wife, has also contributed to our department through her adjunct work with strings and assistance in playing flute for various ensembles. We are thankful for the gifts both of these fine musicians have shared with us.

Please keep in touch to let us know where you are and what you've been doing since leaving Delta State. Also, be sure to access our departmental web page, which has undergone numerous revisions. We'll be in touch again soon with more news of happenings in the department and the accomplishments of our outstanding alumni.

DSU Steel Band at the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida



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Faculty News

Dr. Ed Bahr will be lecturing on *Low Brass Literature* at the Mid-South Regional Tuba/Euphonium Conference at the University of Memphis, April 20-22. Former students of Dr. Bahr will also be participating in this conference. Dr. Micah Everett (DSU BMuEd 2001), Assistant Professor of Low Brass at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, will be a euphonium soloist and will conduct the ULM Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble. Dr. Marc Dickman, Assistant Professor of Jazz Studies and Low Brass at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, whom Dr. Bahr taught before coming to Delta State, will be performing euphonium at both the conference in Memphis and the South Regional Tuba/Euphonium Conference in Sarasota, Florida. Delta State University graduate, Dr. Jim Shearer (DSU BM in Performance 1986), Professor of Low Brass at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, will be participating in both the South Central Regional Tuba/Euphonium Conference at the University of Texas in Austin and the Southwest Regional Tuba/Euphonium Conference at the University of Arizona.

Dr. Bahr's final performance at Delta State University prior to retirement in May, will be a performance of Lars-Erik Larsson's *Concertino for Trombone, Op. 45, No. 7*, in the Delta State University Wind Ensemble Concert on April 24.

Dr. Donna Banks was invited to speak at a fundraiser planned by the Nashville Area Music Teachers Association to benefit the members of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Music Teachers Association who were affected by the hurricane. The group raised over \$7,000 in cash and presented a

teacher on the coast with a new Steinway-Boston piano.

Dr. Mark Butler provided organ accompaniment for the DSU Opera's productions in November 2006 and for the Christmas choral concert in December. Much of his time has been directed toward leading the reporting of data and documentation of the BME degree for NCATE accreditation.

In September of 2006, **Dr. Andrea Cheeseman** performed at the College Music Society's Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. As a member of the CMS Players, a group of musicians who specialize in the performance of contemporary music, Cheeseman was invited to participate in a concert featuring music composed by members of the organization.

Dr. Karen Fosheim chaired the 2nd Annual ROMEA (Reaching Out to Mississippi: Education in Action) Faculty Development Conference held on September 27, 2006 at Delta State University. The event involved approximately 150 professors and administrators from several Mississippi institutions of higher education. The focus of the conference is on teaching excellence, student learning, technology integration, and issues which confront college and university faculty in Mississippi.

September 14-17, Dr. Fosheim attended the Joint Annual meeting of the College Music Society and the Association for Technology in Music Instruction in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Paul Hankins was asked to chair the

Student Engagement Champions again this semester. The SEC, composed of faculty mentors from each college/school, is charged with identifying areas of opportunity to enhance student engagement and monitoring various aspects of compliance with DSU's Quality Enhancement Plan. At the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-Commission on Colleges annual meeting in Orlando, FL, he co-presented a session titled "Student Engagement Champions: Faculty Mentoring to Enhance Student Learning". SACS-COC is the accreditation body for colleges and schools in the eleven southern states.

Dr. Richard Waters presented a workshop titled "Where am I going to put all of these people? Seating arrangements for choir" at the Southern Invitational Choral Conference held at USM in September 2006. In addition, he led a reading session of new choral music (published in 2000 or later) by American composers with texts by American poets.

On March 1-2, 2007, Dr. Waters was a guest clinician at the Mississippi Community and Junior College Choral Festival, held at Itawamba Community College in Fulton, Mississippi.

On December 8, 2006, **Dr. John Wojcik** gave a clinic entitled "Score Study: The Foundation of the Conductor's Craft" at the Mississippi Bandmasters Band Clinic in Tupelo. Dr. Wojcik's clinic covered aspects of score study ranging from the initial overview of the score to the detailed study of form, harmony, phrasing, dynamics and marking the score. Dr. Wojcik also was Guest Conductor for the River City High School Honor Band in Vicksburg. The band consisted of the top players from Warren Central and Vicksburg High Schools.



The Delta Chamber Players

In February the Delta Chamber Players presented a concert in the Recital Hall of the Bologna Performing Arts Center. This ensemble, reestablished this fall by Music Department Dr. Shelley Collins (flute) and Dr. Andrea Cheeseman (clarinet), performed flute and clarinet duos by Antoni Szalowski, Robert Muczynski and Heitor Villa-Lobos. Cheeseman played a work for clarinet and CD by Nikola Resanovic and Collins performed a composition by Muczynski. Dr. Courtenay Harter, Professor of Oboe at Rhodes College joined the ensemble for a trio by Malcolm Arnold.

The Delta Chamber Players performed this spring at Rhodes College in Memphis, TN and at concerts during the DSU Wind Ensemble tour. The duo will also travel to public schools throughout the state giving clinics to high school students. In April, Collins and Cheeseman will host the annual woodwind symposium "Celebrating

Wind Ensemble Tour

February 21-22, the DSU Wind Ensemble toured and performed concerts for high school band students in north Mississippi and eastern Arkansas. Schools the wind ensemble visited are: Hernando High School, Forrest City High School and Itawamba Community College. At Hernando, there were students from several area high schools in attendance. In addition to the DSU Wind Ensemble performance, Dr. Shelley Collins and Dr. Andrea Cheeseman performed flute and clarinet duos. This is the first tour for the Wind Ensemble in a number of years. Members of the ensemble had a great time performing their music for so many appreciative students.

2007 DSU Honor Band

Delta State held its annual Honor Band Clinic on January 25, 26 and 27. Ninety student musicians representing thirty Mississippi schools participated. Robert E. Foster, Director of Bands, Emeritus from the University of Kansas was the guest clinician. The band performed *Light Cavalry Overture* by von Suppe, *Ave Verum* by Mozart, *Noble Men* by Fillmore, *With Pleasure* by Sousa, *Sweet Land Of Liberty* by Sochinsky and, *Bravo* by Foster. The Delta State instrumental faculty also worked with the students in a seminar setting.



The **DSU Jazz Ensemble** will perform at the Alcorn State Jazz Festival and at Washington School in Greenville in April. Above is a photo of the band at the 2006 Crosstie Festival

The **Delta State University Steel Band** performed in Tupelo Mississippi for the Mississippi Bandmasters Convention on December 9, 2006. This ensemble also performed in the 2007 Toyota Gator Bowl Parade in Jacksonville Florida on December 31, 2006 and as part of the pre-game activities on January 1, 2007. This group of talented musicians performed for thousands of people from across the United States and represented DSU in a first class manner.

Notable performances for the spring 2007 semester include:

January 26	DSU Honor Band
February 10	DSU Honor Choir
March 29	Washington County Alumni Meeting
March 31	Mississippi Day of Percussion, Jackson MS.
April 17	DSU Campus Concert, BPAC 7:30 p.m.
April 21	DSU Percussion Symposium
April 25-27	Spring Tour of South MS (sites to be determined)
April 28	Goombay Gulf Coast Caribbean Festival, Pensacola FL.
May 13-18	Orlando, FL. Performances at Universal Studios, City Walk, and on Cocoa Beach

Percussion Symposium 2007

The DSU Percussion Symposium will be held on the DSU campus April 21, 2007. This year's clinician will be Mr. Neal Flum from the University of Alabama. He will be presenting a clinic/master-class on marching percussion. Please check the music web-site as more information comes available.

The new **DSU Flute Ensemble** gave their first performance in December 2006 as a part of the Holiday Choral Concert. The eight-member ensemble, which boasts two alto flutes and a bass flute, was started after students requested the opportunity to participate in a flute choir that met each semester. The DSU Flute Ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Shelley Collins.

Below: A few members of the Flute Ensemble with visiting guest artist Kim Pineda (wearing the Okra shirt!)



Early Music Specialist Visits DSU

On February 9, 2007, students enrolled in music history classes enjoyed a performance by guest artist Kim Pineda. Pineda, a baroque flute and recorder virtuoso, gave a lecture-recital on the development of early instruments from the 17th through the 19th centuries. Pineda was invited to campus by Dr. Shelley Collins, who teaches flute and music history. "I was pleased to be able to bring an artist and historian of Kim's quality to perform for and teach our students."

Pineda, the artistic director of Seattle's Baroque Northwest early music ensemble, has performed throughout the United States, Canada, in Israel, and on National Public Radio. He performs regularly with leading early music ensembles in the U.S., has performed at the Boston, Berkeley, Long Beach Bach, and Bloomington early music festivals, and has recorded on the Focus and Centaur labels. Pineda has taught at Indiana University and the University of Southern California.



Our Alumni Report

Evalynd (Eve) Reed Kenyon ('75) teaches 6th grade chorus & general music at Acadia Middle School in Clifton Park, NY which is about 25 miles north of Albany, NY or 200 miles north of NYC. In February, five of her students were selected for the American Choral Directors Association All Eastern Conference Honors Choir & performed in Carnegie Hall. In addition to that, she has taken as many as 25 students to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on four different occasions. Each spring, she takes her select singers to Lincoln Center to perform at the fountain area. Kenyon also directs a community choir for a Christmas musical and has been a church choir director for almost 30 years.

Brenda Breland Sims ('81) is serving as an accompanist on staff at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise, Alabama and works as a contract employee at Enterprise High School as an accompanist in the choral department.

Clyde Dwayne Sims ('81) is currently serving as the Executive Pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise, Alabama.

Vance Wigginton ('86) and **Dale Douglas Wigginton ('85)** led the Tupelo High School band and color guard to first place in the Mississippi Band Masters Association Competition.

We need your help!

Because we have received reports that some of our alumni do not receive mailings from the music department, we are in the process of updating our address database. We would like our information to be accurate, so we need your assistance!

Your instructions are:

1. Fill out form (to the right) completely.
2. Mail it to us at your earliest convenience.

It's that easy. If you would like, you may email the information to acheesmn@deltastate.edu.

Please do this EVEN if you consistently receive things from us at the correct address. We would also like your email addresses so that we can communicate with you electronically.

We always enjoy hearing about what our alumni are doing, so include a sentence or two about your current activities if you would like. It will be added to the Alumni News section in the spring newsletter. We highly value DSU Music Alumni. Please let us know if there's anything we can do for you!

Name:

Year of graduation:

Degree:

Instrument/Voice:

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CHAMBER SINGERS RECORDS FOR HINSHAW MUSIC

The Chamber Singers, directed by Dr. Richard Waters and accompanied on the organ by Dr. Mark Butler, recently recorded Austin Lovelace's new composition "Gift of Love" for Hinshaw Music. The recording will be included on an upcoming promotional CD of new Hinshaw publications, and will also be online at www.hinshawmusic.com.

DSU HOSTS ANNUAL HONOR CHOIR FESTIVAL

Over 130 high school students from across Mississippi gathered on the Delta State University campus for the annual Honor Choir festival on February 9-11. These talented students were selected by audition to participate in the festival by members of the DSU music faculty.

This year's guest conductor was Dr. David Childs, Director of Choral Studies at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Dr. Kumiko Shimizu, Assistant Professor of Piano, served as the accompanist. The weekend concluded with a well-received performance at the Bologna Performing Arts Center. The concert included the world premiere of "Gray Stones in the Grass," which Dr. Childs composed especially for the festival. Thanks to all who participated!

CHORALE TO PERFORM IN FULTON AND JACKSON

The Chorale has several opportunities to perform for students and music teachers from across the state this semester. They were invited to sing at the Mississippi Community and Junior College Choral Festival on March 2 at Itawamba Community College in Fulton.

The Chorale will present two separate concerts in Jackson on Friday, April 13. The first performance that day will be for the 2007 ACDA / MENC state convention at 2:15 p.m. in the sanctuary of Galloway United Methodist Church. That evening, they will join forces with choirs from Mississippi College, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, and Southern Miss for a performance of Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. That performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Thalia Mara Hall. (For ticket information, visit www.msorchestra.com or call 601-960-1565.)

SPRING CHOIR CONCERT

The Chamber Singers, Chorale, and Delta Singers, will present their spring concert on Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m. in the Bologna Performing Arts Center. The concert will feature music by a wide variety of composers including Albright, Bernstein, Childs, Dawson, Handel, Hassler, Mendelssohn, and Walton. The concert is free and open to the public. Thank you for supporting our choirs!



Brazilian Guitarists Perform at DSU

Quaternaglia, the world-renowned Brazilian guitar quartet, recently performed for students enrolled in **History of Rock and Roll** and **Mississippi Delta Blues and American Culture**. The ensemble is known for their virtuoso technique, diverse repertoire, and engaging performances. The performance, which was open to the entire campus, consisted of a lecture-recital on the topic of African influences in Brazilian and classical music and attracted an audience of over 100 enthusiastic students and community members.

The quartet's appearance was the result of a collaboration between the Delta Music Institute, the Delta Center for Culture and Learning, and the Music Department. The ensemble was invited to campus by D. Allan Mitchell, Instructor of English. Mitchell, formerly the host of Mississippi Public Broadcasting's *Highway 61*, Mississippi's longest-running statewide Blues radio show, was invited to teach "Mississippi Delta Blues and American Culture" at DSU this year. This class was co-sponsored by the Delta Music Institute and the Delta Center for Culture and Learning, with additional support from Barry Bays, Guitar and Bass Instructor and Director of the DSU Blues Band. "We want our students to understand that our shared transatlantic African musical legacy influences not just North American Rhythm and Blues, but also echoes throughout the Global South," stated Mitchell. "It doesn't just occur in Brazilian folk music. It can also be heard in classical compositions such as Villa-Lobos's *Bachianas Brasileiras*."

Quaternaglia is comprised of the artistry of Fabio Ramazzina, Sidney Molina, João Luiz Lopes, and Fernando de Lima. The guitar quartet came to Mississippi because of their friendship and musical collaborations with Delta-born vocalist Kay Mitchell Arcuragi, who performed in Cleveland on February 18th as part of the BPAC Delta Review show.

Alumnus Recital: James E. Shearer, tuba	Jan. 18	7:30 PM	Recital Hall
DSU Honor Band Concert	Jan. 27	2:00 PM	D&PL Theatre
Guest Lecture & Presentation: Quaternaglia Guitar Quartet	Jan. 30	11:00 AM	Recital Hall
Faculty Emeritus Recital: Keith Pettway, flute	Jan. 30	7:30 PM	Recital Hall
North MS District Metropolitan Opera Auditions	Feb. 3	10:00 AM	D&PL Theatre
Guest Lecture-Recital: Kim Pineda, baroque flutes	Feb. 9	10:00 AM	Zeigel 153
DSU Honor Choir Concert	Feb. 11	2:00 PM	D&PL Theatre
Junior Recital: Benjamin Holley, baritone	Feb. 15	1:40 PM	Recital Hall
Guest Artist: Robert J. Jones, baritone	Feb. 15	7:30 PM	Recital Hall
Guest Artist: Adam Ward, organ	Feb. 18	4:00 PM	First UMC, Cleveland
Faculty Recital: Delta Chamber Players	Feb. 19	7:30 PM	Recital Hall
Alumnus Recital: Micah Everett, trombone	Feb. 20	7:30 PM	Recital Hall
Wind Ensemble Spring Concert	Feb. 27	7:30 PM	D&PL Theatre
Chorale: MS Community/Junior College Choral Festival	Mar. 2	12:30 PM	Itawamba CC, Fulton
Choral Evensong: Chamber Singers	Mar. 4	5:00 PM	St. James Episcopal Church, Greenville
Choral Evensong: Chamber Singers	Mar. 6	6:00 PM	Calvary Episcopal Church, Cleveland
Faculty Recital: David Schubert, baritone	Mar. 8	7:30 PM	Recital Hall
Faculty Recital: Shelley Collins, flute	Mar. 19	7:30 PM	Recital Hall
Senior Recitals: Larissa Dixon, mezzo soprano and Ashley Brown, soprano	Mar. 22	1:40 PM	Recital Hall
Faculty Recital: Anne Gray, soprano	Mar. 22	7:30 PM	Recital Hall
Brass Chamber Ensembles	Mar. 29	7:30 PM	Recital Hall
Senior Recital: Adriel Hill, piano	Apr. 9	7:30 PM	Recital Hall
Chorale: MS ACDA/MMEA State Convention Performance	Apr. 13	2:15 PM	Galloway UMC, Jackson
Chorale: Performance with MS Symphony Orchestra	Apr. 13	7:30 PM	Thalia Mara Hall, Jackson
Renaissance Spring Concert	Apr. 16	7:30 PM	D&PL Theatre
Steel Band & Percussion Ensemble Concert	Apr. 17	7:30 PM	D&PL Theatre
Senior Recitals: Joel Hosey, saxophone and Erik McGehee, piano	Apr. 19	1:40 PM	Recital Hall
Jazz Ensemble Concert	Apr. 19	7:30 PM	D&PL Theatre
Percussion Symposium	Apr. 21	All day	Zeigel Hall
Woodwind Chamber Ensembles	Apr. 23	7:30 PM	Recital Hall
Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band Concert	Apr. 24	7:30 PM	D&PL Theatre
Student Composition Showcase	Apr. 26	1:40 PM	Recital Hall
Woodwind Symposium	Apr. 28	All day	Recital Hall
Choral Concert: Chamber Singers, Chorale and Delta Singers	Apr. 29	3:00 PM	D&PL Theatre
2006-2007 Honors Recital	Apr. 30	7:30 PM	D&PL Theatre
Faculty Recital: Karen Fosheim, piano	May 1	7:30 PM	Recital Hall

The Recital Hall and the Delta and Pine Land (D&PL) Theatre are in the Bologna Performing Arts Center at the DSU Campus.



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