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School of Music Newsletter!

We trust that you had an enjoyable summer and wish you well for the fall.

SHSU School of Music is pleased to announce its periodic newsletter that will be going out to Alumni and Friends of Music! Read about upcoming concerts and events, news, notes from the Director, and alumni/faculty spotlight.

Do you have news to share? Please send it to Patricia Duran at: patriciaduran@shsu.edu for possible inclusion in the next issue!

SUMMER CAMPS COMPLETED!

SHSU has been providing outstanding summer opportunities for students for over 75 years. The camps provide an inspiring and educational experience in a supervised and safe environment. This summer, 373 students from junior high and high school participated in the six week-long music camps.

THANK YOU, FRIENDS OF MUSIC!

On behalf of the SHSU School of Music staff, faculty, and students, thank you for your continued support of the music program!

Your generous contributions are used for a wide variety of important projects including scholarships, equipment purchases, student/faculty travel, and much more.

Quality music programs are available year-round here at the School of Music in Huntsville—want to listen to good music AND make an impact?

Join FRIENDS OF MUSIC for the 2016–2017 season!

Your contribution includes ticket vouchers or season passes to School of Music concerts and events. Please see the Friends of Music information at the bottom of this newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 31

Recital Hall, 7:30pm

Faculty Recital: Jose de Solaun, piano

September 7

Recital Hall, 7:30pm

Faculty Recital: Mario Aschauer & Josu de Solaun, 4-hands piano

September 8

Recital Hall, 7:30pm

USAF Mission Winds
Clarinet Quartet

September 22

Recital/Concert Hall, 7:30pm

Faculty Gala

September 30

Concert Hall, 7:30pm

Symphony Orchestra Concert

For a complete list, check your email or visit the website at: www.shsu.edu/music

Please note that performance dates/times may change.
Contact the office or website for updated information.



Alumni & Faculty Spotlight



SHSU Recognizes Sheryl Murphy- Manley as 2016 Excellence in Teaching Award Recipient

Provost Jaimie Hebert
and President Dana Hoyt

recently recognized the 2016 Faculty Excellence Award recipients. Among the recipients was Dr. Murphy-Manley, professor of musicology, who has taught in the School of Music for more than 15 years.

“My teaching philosophy is rooted in the desire to provide opportunities for my students to experience musical and historical empathy,” she said. “My philosophy is student-centered with personal, musical and educational goals at its heart. I am fortunate to wake up each day with anticipation and eagerness to meet my students to see where history and music will take them.”

“Dr. Murphy-Manley is committed to the highest standards of teaching in both undergraduate and graduate education,” said Matthew McInturf, SHSU professor of music, director of bands and director of the Center for Music Education.

“She is a consistently excellent role model for our students,” he said. “She leads them to read critically and to write in a professional voice with style and accuracy. While enforcing high standards of discipline and ethical practice, she entices them with intellectual challenges and compassionate feedback.

“Her skills as a teacher/scholar extend to other faculty assignments, ranging from chairing committees to working on joint/multi-discipline projects,” said Scott Plugge, director of SHSU’s School of Music.

“People love working with her and she thrives in a collaborative environment. She is consistently ranked as one of our top faculty by her peers,” he said. “The students in her classes feel engaged and challenged in a very positive environment. She is the kind of person you need to represent academic integrity to the greater university community.”

-SHSU Communications Office



Since SHSU...

Sheronna McMahon,
Master of Music, '04

Since graduation from the SHSU School of Music, Sheronna has written and published a book, *Teaching Orchestra*, specifically designed for orchestra directors who might not have a background in stringed instrument playing. She enrolled in the doctoral program through Boston University, and earned the Doctorate of Musical Arts in Music Education in 2014. After receiving her Doctorate, Sheronna joined the Texas Principal Certification Program and completed the certification in 2016.

Sheronna, currently the orchestra director at Mitchell Intermediate School in The Woodlands, TX, was named to the American String Teachers' Association's Eclectic Styles Committee in 2015, and contributed to an article published in the *American String Teacher* journal.

Now in her fifth year as Concertmaster of the Conroe Symphony Orchestra, Sheronna enjoys performing and judging local music competitions. She was recently awarded the Anne and Lavoy Moore Award for Excellence, selected by the members of the Conroe Symphony.

In addition to her studies in music, Sheronna also has a passion for American History. She is currently the Regent for the Margaret Montgomery Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is preparing a presentation on the fiddle music of the Revolutionary War.



SCHOOL OF MUSIC

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

BECOME A FRIEND OF MUSIC!

Music lovers have an unyielding need to keep music in their lives. Whether it be mastering an instrument, singing, or attending performances of orchestras, wind ensembles, jazz groups, or vocal groups, there is a shared passion in the room, an adoration, an advocacy, a never-ending eagerness to experience the joy which overwhelms when the right chord strikes the heart.

The SHSU School of Music shares and embraces this passion with its students and faculty. Because Sam Houston State University is a state-assisted institution, the School of Music receives only a small portion of financial support from state funds. We are dependent upon departmental fundraising initiatives, grants, and generous donations from music lovers, such as yourself.

Our program enrollment now has over 450 students! Generosity from our Friends of Music allows us to sustain such growth, while enriching the lives of our students and audiences. It is important that we continue to excel. By becoming a Friend of Music, you will support the education and diffusion of great music performed by maturing musicians. Your contributions are used for a wide variety of important projects ranging from providing scholarships to worthy students, to helping fund guest artists. Without your financial support, we could not maintain the high level of educational and artistic programs for which we have become known.



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Sam Houston State University
School of Music, Box 2208
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