The School of Music is back in session and has an outstanding calendar of performances for you to enjoy!

Read on to find out what’s happening at the School of Music:

**Summer Music Camps**

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. Students from junior high and high school are encouraged to apply to week-long music camps that include:

- **Jr. High Band Camp**
- **Instrumental Conservatory Camp**
- **Percussion Academy**
- **Orchestra Camp**
- **All-State Choir Camp**

Know someone who may be interested in attending this summer? Please direct them to the School of Music! An informational flyer is found in this newsletter issue.

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

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**Mark Your Calendars**

for the

**Friends of Music Gala**

**March 17, 2020**

SHSU School of Music Gala invitations have been mailed. Please rsvp to Shannon Murdock at: smurdock@shsu.edu

The Gala will take place

**March 17, 2020**

7:30pm

Recital Hall

Thank you

for your continued support,

**Friends of Music!**

Your generosity has helped us grow, while making a difference in the lives of our students and in the culture of our region. Your contributions are used for a wide variety of important projects ranging from providing scholarships to worthy students to helping fund guest artists. We cannot maintain the high level of educational and artistic programs for which we are known without your attendance and financial support. In addition to your complimentary tickets, your annual contribution entitles you to have your name listed on the Friends of Music list for the fiscal year (Sept. 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020).

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**Preview of Upcoming Events**

**March 5**

Concert Hall, 7:30pm

Symphony Orchestra Concert

**March 19**

Concert Hall, 7:30pm

Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Band Concert

**March 26–29**

Concert Hall, 7:30pm

Opera Performance: Orfeo ed Euridice

**April 1–4**

Various locations

Bill Watrous Jazz Festival

**April 16**

Concert Hall, 7:30pm

Wind Ensemble Concert

**April 21**

Concert Hall, 7:30pm

Symphonic Band and Concert Band

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.
The Sam Houston State University Wind Ensemble was invited to perform a feature concert for the Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio, Texas on February 13th. The ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Matthew McInturf, performed works by American composers, Aaron Copland, John Corigliano, Peter Van Zandt Lane, and Steve Danyew. The 2019–2020 school year marked the Centennial Celebration of TMEA.

SHSU Associate Professor of Voice and Opera Workshop Director Rebecca Renfro presented at the upcoming National Opera Association (NOA) Southwest Regional Conference at Columbus State University in Columbus, GA on February 15, 2020.

The SHSU Chorale, under the direction of Joshua Bronfman, is preparing for their performance at the southwest regional convention of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) in Little Rock, AR on March 4, 2020.

A native of Dallas, Texas, Sean received a Bachelor of Music degree from Sam Houston State University, studying trombone with Henry Howey, and a Master of Music degree from the University of North Texas, studying trombone with Tony Baker and jazz arranging with Paris Rutherford and Rich DeRosa. While at North Texas, he was trombonist and composer for the world renowned One O’Clock Lab Band and sang with the Jazz Singers I. Sean’s trombone quartet won the International Trombone Association Quartet Contest, and he was honorable mention in the ITA’s Frank Smith Solo Competition. He spent his summers and winter breaks playing in house bands on cruise ships for Princess Cruises and Cunard Cruises.

Sean Nelson is trombonist and staff arranger for the U.S. Coast Guard Band, where he plays for the Concert Band, Dixieland Jazz Band, and is music director for the Guardians Big Band, where he has presented concerts with guests including Doc Severinsen, Joe McCarthy and Lou Marini. He is the leader and founder of the New London Big Band, a 17 piece jazz ensemble that plays monthly to sold out crowds and attracts dancers statewide. He is also faculty of the University of Connecticut, where he teaches jazz trombone.

As an arranger and composer, Sean worked on the production team for the 2015 National Christmas Tree Lighting, creating several arrangements for guests including Andra Day, Kelsea Ballerini, and Tori Kelly. This program was performed for the Obama family and heard nationally on PBS. He composed Into the Oceans and the Air, the official song for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps. Sean has won the National Band Association Young Composers Jazz Composition Contest and is a two time winner of Downbeat Magazine’s Student Jazz Arranging Contest. He attended the BMI Jazz Composers Workshop, where he studied with Jim McNeely and Mike Holober. He currently works as the arranger for Sam Houston State University Bearkat Marching Band, writing new shows each season.

FESTIVAL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
SUMMER CAMPS

JUNE 7–11  JR. HIGH BAND CAMP
JUNE 14–18  INSTRUMENTAL CONSERVATORY CAMP
JUNE 14–18  PERCUSSION ACADEMY (HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGIATE TRACK)
JUNE 21–25  ORCHESTRA CAMP
JULY 19–22  ALL-STATE CHOIR CAMP

WORKSHOPS

JUNE 8–11  TEACHING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND
JUNE 15–18  THE ART OF TEACHING MUSIC
JUNE 22–24  STRING PEDAGOGY WORKSHOP FOR MUSIC EDUCATORS
JULY 20–22  CHORAL EDUCATORS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP
Graduate String Quartet Assistantship at Sam Houston State University

Application Deadline for August 2020 appointment: SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020

Awards
• Four assistantships will be awarded: two violinists, a violist, and a cellist
• $9,846 each for a 9-month appointment
  • Out-of-state tuition waiver

Requirements
• Bachelor of Music degree or equivalent
  • Exceptional performance ability
  • Admission to SHSU
School of Music and Graduate School
• Recipients will be graduate students pursuing Master of Music, Performer’s Certificate, or Artist Diploma Certificate

Duties
• Weekly rehearsals as a string quartet
  • Event performances
  • Assisting studio professors/orchestra conductor

Opportunities
• Leadership positions in SHSU performances
• Weekly coachings with music faculty

For more information, please contact:
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Online applications available at:
www.shsu.edu/academics/music/admissions/gradstudies/index.html

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applications being accepted!
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.

Become a Friend of Music!

To become a Friend of Music, simply fill out the form below, attach your donation, and send it to SHSU School of Music at:

Sam Houston State University
School of Music, Box 2208
Huntsville, TX 77341-2208

You may also donate online at: www.shsu.edu/academics/music/friends-of-music. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 936-294-1360. Thank you for your support.

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