

## The Community Music School at Southwestern College

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Dear friends and musicians,

Welcome to a new year with The Community Music School! We have a number of new and unique opportunities this semester with the continuation of the Southwestern College Choral Union and the JourneyKids Choir, as well as the presentation of our first professional production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Sorcerer* in March. With this new year, I hope we can each take time to engage with the wonderful arts community that has been created by so many different organizations in our region. I think of these three words: Attend, Experience, Advocate. With our words and our actions, we must find a way to increase the public perception of the arts as vital to development and the preservation of the human spirit. I ask for your continued dedication in speaking about the importance of what we as artists contribute to this region.

With musical blessings,

Dylan Moore, Director

### Winter Recitals Review:



On December 15<sup>th</sup>, current CMS students and the JourneyKids Choir performed their pieces they've worked on all semester. It was a fun night with plenty to be proud of from our students! Feel free to share pictures and recordings by posting them on the Facebook page or sending them to [Brandi.young@sckans.edu](mailto:Brandi.young@sckans.edu). Great work!



### Featured Event

#### January 12<sup>th</sup>:

Jane Rhoads Presentation "Opera House Culture on the Kansas Frontier"

Winfield Public Library



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### Upcoming Events

#### January 15<sup>th</sup>:

"The Sorcerer" Pre-Reading  
2pm-5pm

Winfield Public Library

#### January 22<sup>nd</sup>:

Opera Chorus & Orchestra Rehearsals

#### January 24<sup>th</sup>:

SCCU 1<sup>st</sup> Rehearsal  
6:30-7:30pm

Darbeth Rehearsal Hall

#### January 29<sup>th</sup>:

Opera Chorus & Orchestra Rehearsals

#### February 2<sup>nd</sup>:

JourneyKids 1<sup>st</sup> Rehearsal  
5:30-6:30pm

Darbeth Rehearsal Hall



## CYT Wichita-Seven Brides for Seven Brothers



Two of our current students, Hannah Shelley and Clayton Reitz are performing in CYT Wichita's *Seven Brides For Seven Brothers*. Set in Oregon in 1850, *Seven Brides For Seven Brothers* tells the story of Millie, played by Hannah Shelley, a young bride living in the 1850's Oregon wilderness. Her plan to civilize and marry off her six rowdy



brothers-in-law to ensure the success of her own marriage backfires when the brothers, in their enthusiasm, kidnap six women from a neighboring town to be their brides. Get your tickets early at [www.cytwichita.org](http://www.cytwichita.org) or call their office 316-682-1688.

### Strategic Planning Process:

The CMS is currently undergoing its strategic planning process to ensure that we are able to serve the community for decades to come. We want to know what you think! Therefore, we have scheduled sessions specifically for parents and students interested in sharing strengths and weaknesses of the organization, as well as the core values that we espouse in attaining our mission. Individuals need only attend one of the scheduled sessions, which will be guided by Dylan Moore.

#### Parent Sessions:

- Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00-8:00pm – Darbeth Rehearsal Hall
- Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00-8:00pm – Darbeth Rehearsal Hall



#### Student Sessions:

- Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00pm  
- Darbeth Rehearsal Hall
- Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00pm  
- Darbeth Rehearsal Hall
- Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00pm  
- Darbeth Rehearsal Hall



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