

The Community Music School at Southwestern College

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Dear friends and musicians,

We have such a fun and exciting semester that I hope each and every one of you will take advantage of at the Community Music School. Join an ensemble, experience space music, and see your first or thousandth opera in Richardson Performing Arts Center on March 4th and 5th. These are critical moments to support the arts in our community and become more aware of genres that are not immediately familiar to us in our musical study. Lastly, these moments allow us to engage in community with other musicians in the pursuit of improving our art and our own passion.

Dylan Moore, Director

SCCU:

SCCU started their spring rehearsals on January 24th. This semester, the music is from England, Scotland, Ireland, and the concert is titled "Gifts from the Isles", which will be performed with the Southwestern College A Cappella Choir on April 22, 2017 at 8pm in Richardson Performing Arts Center. There is still time to join! Email Dr. Winnie at brian.winnie@sckans.edu if interested.

JourneyKids Choir:

JourneyKids Choir started their spring semester rehearsals on February 2nd in Darbeth Rehearsal Hall from 5.30pm-6.30pm. This semester, it will be exciting to see growth of the students as they become a united ensemble. There is still time to join, for \$10/month/child. Just email Dylan Moore, Director of CMS at cms@sckans.edu for more information!



Upcoming Events

February 12th:

Opera Chorus & Orchestra Rehearsal

February 19th:

Opera Chorus & Orchestra Rehearsal

March 4th and 5th:

"The Sorcerer"

March 12th:

Space Music Concert @ 2pm
Winfield Public Library

March 14th:

Jeremy Kirk, Faculty Recital
@8pm in Richardson Performing Arts Center



Opera Project: "The Sorcerer"

The Sorcerer has been in rehearsals since mid-January in preparation for the Community Music School's first opera! To get more information on the production and to meet the cast and crew, feel free to click on: **The Sorcerer**. The production will feature three professional opera singers in residence at Southwestern College. Our leading lady for the production, Alyssa Toepfer, has been deemed a soprano with "unbridled dexterity"(Kansas City Star) and "creamy warmth" (KC Independent). She has been seen professionally with Wichita Grand Opera, Lawrence Opera Theatre, Kansas City Civic Opera, and Sounds of South Dakota.

Our title role will be sung by tenor, Kenneth Clymer, a graduate of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and winner of the Dallas-Fort Worth Division NATS Competition. He has also been seen with Wichita Grand Opera, Fort Worth Opera, and the Bay Area Summer Opera Theatre Institute. Lastly, tenor Dylan Moore will perform the role of Alexis. Moore has been seen professionally with Wichita Grand Opera as a cover and chorus member, receiving his first role as Nepomuc in The Grand Duchess in October 2015. The production is directed by Southwestern College alumnus, Anna Rosell, who was an intern with Santa Fe Opera in Summer 2016.



The performance will also feature seasoned local and regional singers in the principal roles. These include Charles McKinzie, Deanne Fort, Jack Warring, Hannah Shelley, Jasmine Jackson, and Erin Buster. Stephen Gehly and William Wade will also join the cast as the Page and the God, Arhimanes. The Community Music School will also have a full chorus and orchestra to complete the operatic experience for any type of opera goer. Whether it is your first time or your thousandth time, The Sorcerer is certainly a must-see event of the season.

To get tickets, you can purchase them directly online at <https://www.showclix.com/event/The-Sorcerer>.



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NASA Exhibit at the Winfield Public Library:

[Discover NASA: From Our Town to Outer Space](#) is a national traveling exhibition. It is an inside look at NASA, America's space agency and covers six key NASA areas: Human Exploration, Earth Science, Mars Exploration, Solar System and Beyond, Aeronautics, and Technology. Discover NASA will be on display at Winfield Public Library from Feb. 1 to April 19, 2017. For additional information, please contact the library at 620-221-4470.

Winfield Public Library is one of six public libraries in the nation to host this unique exhibit, and the only library in Kansas. During these few months, there will be events that can entertain all ages. Some of them include movies, talks with scientists, talks with astronauts, and a concert of "space music" from students at The Community Music School on March 12th from 2pm-3pm.

Jeremy Kirk Faculty Percussion Recital:



Southwestern College Professor of Bands and Percussion, Jeremy Kirk will be offering a percussion recital on March 14, 2017 at 8:00pm in Richardson Performing Arts Center as part of the Community Music School's ongoing Faculty Recital Series. The recital is free to the public and will also feature Professor of Music Theory and Piano, Stephen Butler. Percussionist, educator, and composer, Jeremy Kirk has been called "*a*

Paginini of percussion" (Kevin Webb); "*...a one of a kind artist*" (Raul Flores); "*A complete and balanced percussionist with wonderful beauty and fluidity in all of his work*" (Casey Cangelosi); and whose performances have been described as "*tantalizingly hypnotic and nothing short of virtuosic*" (Dan Redden). For more information, please go to: [Jeremy Kirk](#).

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 are extremely interested in having a couple of parents participate in the process and provide feedback from their perspective. If interested, contact the CMS Director by phone or email. We will also be posting feedback sheets in the CMS area so that parents and students are able to respond and provide details of their experiences, wants, and needs regarding the future of the organization. Be on the lookout for these sheets to be hanging in the lesson area throughout the month of March.

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We would like to recognize one of our CMS teachers, Leslie Wofford. Leslie has taken on the role of Stage Manager and Librarian for our Symphonic Band that rehearses on Thursdays from 7pm-9pm in Richardson Performing Arts Center. If you're interested, email Jeremy Kirk at Jeremy.kirk@sckans.edu. Also, Leslie is one of our flautists and piccolo player for "The Sorcerer" in March.

Thank you!

We would like to thank everyone that took time to join us for Opera House Cultures on the Kansas Frontiers on January 12th at the Winfield Public Library. We had 36 in attendance from all different ages.



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