# March 2017 Newsletter

# The Community Music School at Southwestern College

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Dear friends and musicians,

What a month it has been already! We debuted our first ever operatic production, a critical step in influencing the musical culture of South Central Kansas and creating more awareness of what the CMS is within the community. Coming up, we have multiple recital opportunities for students to perform and experience. As we are nearing the middle of our semester, I ask that families continue to encourage practicing at home. Even if it is only ten or fifteen minutes a day, consistent practice is key to steady growth and improvement. Lastly, I ask that you would take every opportunity to provide feedback on how we are doing and what you believe are the critical components that makeup who we are! We need you and your opinion to make us successful moving forward.

Dylan Moore, Director

### **Opera Recap**

"The Sorcerer", written by Gilbert and Sullivan, was performed on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Richardson Performing Arts Center. We had a wonderful turnout and the audience thoroughly enjoyed it. We want to say a special thank you to Alyssa Toepfer and Kenny Clymer, our two guest artists that did a fantastic job! We also want to thank all of you who were able to attend, our principals, technicians, musicians, and for those of you who were able to donate your time and/or your finances! We had a total of 328 audience members. If interested in purchasing a copy of the show, please email Dylan Moore at <u>Dylan.moore@sckans.edu</u>.



# **Upcoming Events**

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

Space Music Concert @ 2p Winfield Public Library

#### <u>March 12</u>

ICT Flight Show Choir Concert Featuring: Clayton Reitz 4pm Maize South High School

#### March 14<sup>th</sup>:

Jeremy Kirk's Faculty Recital Pre-Concert Talk at 7.30pm Recital at 8pm Richardson Performing Arts Center

#### April 1st:

Leslie Wofford's Spring Recital @ 7p Grace United Methodist Church

#### April 11th:

Elementary Honor Choir @ 6p Richardson Performing Arts Center

#### April 22th:

A Capella Choir & SCCU Concert 8pm Richardson Performing Arts Center

#### April 29th:

Ashton Humbert's Senior Recital

#### May 4th:

CMS Spring Recitals 6pm and 7.30pm Messenger Recital Hall

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# Jeremy Kirk's Faculty Recital



On March 14, 2017 in Richardson Performing Arts Center at 8pm, Southwestern College's Jeremy Kirk, along with Stephen Butler, will be performing his Faculty Recital. A preconcert talk will occur at 7.30pm to discuss any of the pieces, techniques, and general questions for a musician. Kirk is an active performing artist, clinician, and adjudicator throughout North America. He combines his traditional training in Western percussion instruments with his extensive knowledge in world percussion including Ewe drumming, Shona mbria, North Indian table, Japanese

taiko, Javanese & Balinese gamelan, and Caribbean steel pans to create a unique global perspective in his teaching and performing.

## Space Music Concert

On March 12 at 2pm at the Winfield Public Library, many CMS students will be performing space-themed music to go along with the NASA exhibit that is at the Winfield Public Library until April 19<sup>th</sup>. The event is free and open to the public!

# **Donating Furniture to CMS**

Any slightly used furniture that you can part with, the CMS could use to grow their studio space. This could include chairs, couches, file cabinets, etc. If you have questions, call us at 620-229-6188.

# **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 sending out a customer satisfaction survey to all families via email to provide an opportunity for all parents and families to provide feedback which will inform our planning process. There will be posters in the CMS area for you to leave feedback on during the month of March.



# Connect With Us!

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We would like to recognize one of our CMS teachers, Marsha Granberry. Marsha has taught music education at Leon, Wichita, Rose Hill, Wichita State University and Southwestern College. She believes that music connects students to learning about everything in a magical and unique way.

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