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"CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC"



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Dear friends and musicians,

As we approach Thanksgiving and are in the mood on thankfulness, don't forget to thank your teachers (in every subject!) and all of those who have helped you reach where you are today as a special and unique person.

Moving forward, SCCU is starting tonight and we are very excited. If you want to join, be at the Darbeth Rehearsal Hall from 6.30pm-8pm. Also, mark your calendars now for our annual Winter Fest concert on December 3rd at 3pm in Richardson. Many SC and CMS ensembles will be featured and you won't want to miss it!

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SCCU Rehearsal
Darbeth Rehearsal Hall
6:30pm-8pm

[November 27th](#)

SCCU Dress Rehearsal
Richardson Performing Arts Center
7pm-8pm

[November 28th](#)

JourneyKids Rehearsal
Darbeth 207
5:30pm-6:30pm

SCCU Start Up

The Southwestern College Choral Union is starting rehearsals **TONIGHT**, November 7th. Rehearsals will be every Tuesday 6:30-8 pm in Darbeth Rehearsal Hall.

SCCU is a community and college ensemble that offers choral and vocal education and performance opportunities to a broad range of ages (16 and up) and experience levels. SCCU is taking a new direction this year with being a project-based ensemble that will combine with the SC A Capella Choir for special projects and concerts. Rehearsals nurture the growth of all individuals through one-on-one instruction within the group setting, student internship collaboration, emphasis on vocal technique, and growth of musicianship skills. Performances maintain innovative programming, helping to stretch the choral art, community, and members. SCCU believes in strengthening both Southwestern and Winfield's commitment to the fine arts and enhancing our historical choral legacy by bringing music back to the community.

Winter Recitals

This winter season, SCCU will be performing at the Winter Fest Concert on December 3rd at 3pm in Richardson Performing Arts Center. This concert will feature South Kansas Symphony, A Capella Choir, SCCU, JourneyKids Choir.

Also, the CMS will be having a winter recital on December 13th. CMS recitals are an opportunity for each of our students to perform pieces for their parents and families. There will be a celebratory reception following the recital in the Darbeth Lobby where punch will be provided. **We ask each family to bring one dessert to share with others.**

Teacher Feature: Nikki Kirk

Nikki Kirk is a Music Educator in the Arkansas City, KS Public School District where she teaches Kindergarten through 5th Grade General Music. Nikki also serves as the Director of Music at the First Presbyterian Church of Winfield and Adjunct Instructor of Music at Southwestern College. Mrs. Kirk have over 10 years of experience of teaching and has taught general music, band and choir in the public schools of Kansas, in her home state of West Virginia, and has served as Instructor of Music at Coffeyville Community College. She received her BA in Music Education while studying trumpet and voice at Glenville State College (Glenville, WV), and is currently pursuing a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus in Elementary Music Curriculum. As a performer, she has performed at the National Trumpet Competition in Washington DC and performed as a trumpet and vocal soloist at educational events in the Eastern and Midwestern regions of the U.S. She is an active member of NAFME and ACDA, as well as an adjudicator and clinician throughout the region. She resides in Arkansas City, KS with her husband Jeremy, son Clark, and daughter Chloe.



The Estill Voice Model

We are excited once again to bring Estill Voice Training (EVT) workshops and courses to Southwestern students and community members! Want to learn how to sing a certain style of music? Want to learn how the voice works from the inside out? Want to be more versatile in your singing or speaking? Does your voice get tired by the end of the day? Then a course or workshop in EVT is for you! Whether a beginner or seasoned professional, learning more about your voice can protect you from vocal trauma and help you be heard without pain!

The Estill Voice Model is comprised of three operating principles:

Craft

is learning how to control the various structural components of the voice. Each structure contributes to sound and feeling of the voice. Control of these structures leads to unlimited options for changing – or maintaining – voice quality, without vocal strain. Craft is the foundation.

Artistry

requires knowledge and demonstration of the stylistic elements of a performance practice. Artistry gives you the know-how to make your performance vision a reality. Commonly this principle applies to dramatic and musical endeavors, but there is also “artistry” in effective communication in a lecture, sales presentation, or customer service call.

Magic

encompasses the indescribable experience of becoming one with your audience. Magical performances are breath-taking, goose-bump-raising, transformational experiences for both vocalist and audience. But these magic moments can be rare, unpredictable, and fleeting. Having a strong foundation of Craft and Artistry improves your chances of experiencing performance magic, finding that “zone” more frequently.

BENEFITS OF ESTILL VOICE TRAINING™

- Replaces mystery with knowledge
- Reduces performance anxiety
- Promotes confidence
- Empowers students to make choices
- Provides vocal variety
- Leaves nothing to chance
- Leads to a balance of vocal health and aesthetic freedom

What does this mean for you or your students? It means you can transform your teaching into a model that has scientific validity. No longer is the voice shrouded in mystery. EVT will give you the tools, software, exercises, and understanding of how to teach a wide variety of vocal qualities. Come check it out at our upcoming workshop or courses! Anyone high school aged or older is well to attend.

WORKSHOPS AND COURSES:

One Voice, Many Qualities: An Introduction to Estill Voice Training workshop
Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Southwestern College, \$55.00 for registration and materials

For more information and registration:

<http://www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/music/estill-voice-training-intro-workshop/>

Level 1: Figures for Voice Control & Level 2: Figure Combinations for Six Voice Qualities
5 day course: Sunday, March 18 to Thursday, March 22, 2018.

Southwestern College, \$595.00/adults and \$255.00/students

For more information and registration:

<http://www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/music/estill-voice-training-courses/>

A Glance into the Next few Months:

Winter Recital
 Spring Payment Change
 Cowley Percussion
 Elementary Honor Choir Day

Ways to Stay Connected & Support the CMS

There are many ways to stay connected with the Community Music School and different ways to support us. This month, we want to let you know about our Customer Service Survey. This survey is a great way to let us know how you feel about the CMS in different customer service areas, let us know if you would like to be more involved, and allow us to hear your concerns, comments, etc. in order to make the CMS a great place for everyone.

The link to our survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MB8YFKQ> and will only take a few short minutes!

Playful Practice

Here is a fun way to help keep your child engaged in their practice time.

Celebrate All Accomplishments

Learning to play an instrument is a long journey full of peaks, valleys, and plateaus. While you'll definitely be proud when you watch your child perform, it's important to celebrate the little victories along the way.

While verbal praise is important, you may also want to create another way to celebrate achievements; [familyshare](#) recommends keeping a journal of your child's accomplishments. When you put it in writing, you're less likely to forget. If journaling isn't your thing you can keep a white board on the fridge, or make a chart that you can display in the house!

Celebrating the little victories will help your child keep a positive attitude when they're struggling or having difficulty tackling a new concept or song.

<https://takelessons.com/blog/motivate-your-child-to-practice-music-215>

Parents! We would love for you to share your pictures with us to go on our website and FB page. Send them to us at cms@sckans.edu to be featured on our FB page.

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