March is coming to a close, and we plan to usher in the month of April with many exciting School of Music activities and events! Below we’ve captured some of the dynamic happenings, and as always, you can visit us at http://www.music.ku.edu for a complete list of events and news!

The University of Kansas School of Music will present its second annual School of Music Scholarship Concert, featuring a reading by Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little, this evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Lied Center of Kansas. This concert will feature the KU Symphony Orchestra, Choirs and Wind Ensemble performing a variety of works, highlighted by a reading of Copland’s Lincoln Portrait by Gray-Little. The entire program can be found online.

This concert is FREE for all Lawrence-area high school and KU students (students must show a valid ID). General admission tickets are $10, and senior citizens are $5. Tickets are available through the Lied Center Box Office.

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S.M.A.C. Update!
Due to the popularity of the "Get to Know You Thursdays," the School of Music SMAC (Student Music Ambassador’s Club) will continue to offer coffee and treats to all students, faculty, staff and visitors who stop by 460 Murphy on Thursday mornings. We feature a different faculty or staff member each week. The goodies are provided courtesy of our ongoing shirt sales.

The School of Music Ambassador's Club recently commissioned an original watercolor by Jayhawk artist, George Knotts. The conducting Jayhawk, designed especially for the School of Music, will hang in the School of Music Visitor Center, 460 Murphy. Look for the image to be used on future School of Music swag, as well!
Vince Gnojek, professor of saxophone, performed a faculty recital of Latin music with Holly Beneventi Page on January 29. He presented *Seven Habits of Highly Effective Musicians* February 9-10 at the South Dakota Band Masters Association State In-Service Workshop in Sioux Falls, SD, and February 24 at the Kansas Music Educators Association In-Service Workshop in Wichita. He was also the guest saxophone soloist, adjudicator and clinician at the Rhythm 'N Hues Jazz Festival in Carl Junction, MO February 17-18. In March, Gnojek has been the soprano saxophonist in the orchestra for the Kansas City Lyric Opera performance of *Nixon In China*.

Professor Ketty Wong’s book *La música nacional: Identidad, Mestizaje y Migración en el Ecuador* was released in Havana, Cuba on March 23, 2012. The author traveled to Havana for the presentation of the book, which won the Casa de las Américas Musicology Award in 2010.

David Neely, director of orchestral activities, recently conducted Samuel Barber’s *Vanessa* with Sarasota Opera. This new production is the second in the company’s “American Classics’ series that will span several seasons. Neely conducted the first opera in the series, Ward's *The Crucible*, last year.

Nick Curry, an undergraduate student in music theory studying with Professor Scott Murphy, recently presented a paper entitled “Formal Implications of Interactions Between Chromatic and Diatonic Perspectives in the Waltzes of Maurice Ravel,” at the Midwest Graduate Consortium 2012 conference at Northwestern University, March 2-3.

Kristee Haney, a voice/opera student studying with Professor Joyce Castle, was chosen to sing in world-famous opera singer Joyce DiDonato’s master class on March 21 at the Kauffman Center/Helzberg Hall. Haney performed “Il Padre Adorato” from *Idomeneo* by Mozart.

Kanako Chikami and Mai Tadokoro were both awarded top prizes from the Mid-Missouri Percussion Arts Trophy competition held March 3, 2012 at the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon, Missouri. Chikami won first prize and Tadokoro won third prize. Both are students of Professor Ji Hye Jung.
**KU organ students Yoomi Chang and Sheung Chi Chan** captured the first and second prizes, respectively, in the national organ playing competition sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Chang studies with Professor James Higdon, working towards a DMA in organ. As the first place winner, Chang will be featured in a public concert at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, on Sunday, April 29. Chan studies with Professor Michael Bauer, pursuing a DMA in organ.

**KU School of Music musicians dominated at the 2012 Naftzger Young Artist Auditions**, taking home all four cash prizes! The auditions were held March 23-24, 2012, at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas.

Top prize went to Crystal Lam (pictured at left), a doctoral student studying piano performance at KU. Lam won the coveted $5,000 prize with performances of works by Beethoven and Chopin. She was one of seven finalists and performed in a public recital at the end of the competition.

Three other KU music students won the secondary $2,000 prizes: Douglas Perry, a KU graduate student and marimba player, won the instrumental category; Etta Fung, a KU doctoral voice student (soprano), won the voice category; and Chi Kit Lam, a KU graduate piano student, won the piano category.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE KU SCHOOL OF MUSIC SPRING 2012**

- **Mar. 30th**
  - Scholarship Concert
  - 7:30 PM Lied Center
  - Call 785-864-2787 or go to lied.ku.edu for tickets

- **Mar. 31st**
  - Student Recital Series/SRS Calvin Dugan, percussion
  - 2:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall
  - Admission Free

- **Mar. 31st**
  - SRS Peter Walker, oboe
  - 5:00 PM Swarthout Recital Hall
  - Admission Free

- **Apr. 1st**
  - SRS Tzu-Hwa Ho, piano
  - 2:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall
  - Admission Free

- **Apr. 1st**
  - SRS Kristian Bucy, soprano
  - 5:00 PM Swarthout Recital Hall
  - Admission Free
Apr. 2nd  
SRS Mark Paisar, organ  
7:30 PM Bales Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 3rd  
SRS Chris Krampe, conducting lecture/recital  
7:00 PM Lied center Pavillion  
Admission Free

Apr. 3rd  
SRS Crystal Wong, piano  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 4th  
SRS Kirsten Schick, piano & Anna Smith, mezzo soprano  
5:00 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 4th  
SRS Demi Renault, mezzo soprano  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 5th  
KU Tuba/Euphonium Consort “Gems from the Age of Experimentation”  
6:00 PM 130 Murphy Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 5th  
SRS Michael Scott-Nelson, composition  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 6th  
SRS Kelsey Colby, voice  
5:00 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 6th  
SRS Jamie Sanborn, French horn  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 7th  
SRS Elizabeth Boresow, trombone  
2:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free
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5:00 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 13th  
SRS Madelyn Moore, clarinet  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 14th  
SRS Rebecca Faulkner, clarinet  
2:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 14th  
SRS Laura Potter, tuba  
5:00 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 15th  
Faculty Virtuosi Series  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 16th  
SRS Bethany Ingle, flute  
5:00 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 16th  
Faculty Recital Series/FRS: Ed Laut, cello  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 17th  
SRS Janis Porietis, trumpet  
5:00 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 17th  
SRS Erin Tompkins, piano  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 18th  
KU Trombone Choir  
5:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 18th  
FRS Paul Stevens, horn  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free
Apr. 18th  KU Jazz Singers & KU Jazz Combo I  
7:30 PM Lawrence Arts Center  
Admission Free  

Apr. 19th  SRS Thomas Strauser, flute  
5:00 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free  

Apr. 19th  SRS Jason Charney, piano  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free  

Apr. 20-22, 27-29  “Merrily We Roll Along”  
7:30 PM (2:30PM on Sundays) Crafton-Preyer Theatre  
Call 785-864-3982 for ticket information  

Apr. 20th  SRS Breanna Ellison, piano  
5:00 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free  

Apr. 20th  SRS Erin Tomkins, composition  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free  

Apr. 20th  Visiting Artist Series/VA  
Philippe Lefebvre, organ  
7:30 PM Bales Recital Hall  
Call 785-864-2787 or go to lied.ku.edu for tickets  

Apr. 21st  SRS Heather Barney, voice  
2:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free  

Apr. 21st  SRS Ann Wu, piano  
5:00 PM Swarthout  
Admission Free  

Apr. 21st  SRS Nicole Limones, violin  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free  

Apr. 22nd  SRS Kristi Baker, piano  
2:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free
Apr. 22nd  KU Choirs: University Singers & Men’s Glee
Emily Krampe, conducting University Singers
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall
Admission Free

Apr. 23rd  VAS Randy Hawes, trombone
5:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall
Admission Free

Apr. 24th  SRS Shan-Ken Chien, violin
5:00 PM Swarthout Recital Hall
Admission Free

Apr. 24th  SRS Jooyi Jung, piano
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall
Admission Free

Apr. 25th  SRS Congcong Chai, piano
5:00 PM Swarthout Recital Hall
Admission Free

Apr. 25th  SRS Crystal Lam, piano
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall
Admission Free

Apr. 26th  SRS Laura Hrivnak, piano
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall
Admission Free

Apr. 26th  SRS Rachael Mulford, drum set
7:30 PM 114 Murphy Hall
Admission Free

Apr. 26th  Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band & University Band
7:30 PM Lied Center
Call 785-864-2787 or go to lied.ku.edu for tickets

Apr. 27th  SRS Stanton Nelson, piano
5:00 PM Swarthout Recital Hall
Admission Free

Apr. 27th  Helianthus Contemporary Ensemble
7:30 PM Bales Recital Hall
Admission Free
Apr. 27th  SRS Javier Valerio, saxophone  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 28th  SRS Grant Bingham, bassoon & Daniel Sumrall, oboe  
2:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 28th  SRS Lindsay Ryan, clarinet  
2:30 PM 118 Murphy Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 28th  SRS Yaokun Yang, piano  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 29th  SRS Bing Li, piano  
2:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 29th  Instrumental Collegium  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

Apr. 30th  KU Choirs: Chamber Choir & Concert Choir  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

May 1st  SRS Daniel Chia-Te Liu, piano lecture/recital  
5:00 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

May 1st  VAS Borromeo String Quartet  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

May 2nd  SRS Soojin Kim, piano  
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall  
Admission Free

May 2nd  KU Jazz Ensembles I, II, III  
7:30 PM Lawrence Arts Center  
Admission Free
May 3rd
KUYC
5:00 PM Swarthout Recital Hall
Admission Free

May 3rd
SRS Łukasz Lagun, violin
7:30 PM Swarthout Recital Hall
Admission Free

May 3rd
Opera Gala
7:30 PM Lied Center
Tickets TBD

May 5th
Opera Gala
7:00 PM Kaufmann Center
Admission Free, tickets required
Call 816-994-7200

May 5th
Zakoura Collaborative Piano Recital
12:00 PM Spencer Museum of Art
Admission Free