

**Northern Illinois University
School of Music
December 2005 Newsletter**

UPCOMING ON-CAMPUS FACULTY & STUDENT RECITALS/CONCERTS

Most concerts and recitals are located in the Music Building on Lucinda Avenue on the campus of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois and (unless otherwise indicated) are free and open to the public. For up-to-date listings, check our School of Music [website calendar](#) or the [NIU events calendar](#)

[SCHOOL OF MUSIC AUDITION DATES](#)

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

University Open Houses

Monday, February 20, 2006 (President's Day)
Friday, April 14, 2006 (Good Friday/Spring Break)

IMEA

January 26-28, 2006

Our booth is 320/321

Our reception for students, alumni, and friends will be held on Friday, January 27 at 6 p.m. in the LaSalle Room of the Hotel Pere Marquette. Mark your calendars!

We'll see you there!

High School Music Events

The School of Music in conjunction with the Office of External Programs is once again offering many events for high school music groups and individuals:

Saturday, January 21, 2006 - Clarinet Cornucopia – Early Bird Special! Apply and pay by January 2!

Friday, February 3, 2006 - Jazz Day

Wednesday, February 8, 2006 - Women's Chorus Day

Wednesday, February 22, 2006 – String Day – There are still slots available for String Day! For more information, feel free to contact Brett Mitchell, director of the NIU Philharmonic:
bmitchell@niu.edu

Tuesday, March 7, 2006 - Jazz Combo Day

For more information about our high school days, call the Office of External Programs, College of Visual and Performing Arts, at (815) 753-1450 or e-mail director Deborah Booth at dbooth@niu.edu.

FACULTY NEWS

Myron Myers presented a recital with Stephen Swedish, pianist, on November 9. They performed Schumann's *Dichterliebe*, Shostakovich's *Songs of Captain Lebyadkin*, and Mozart's concert aria *Per questa bella mano* with Linc Smelser, cello.

Robert Sims and soprano Kimberly Aiken (Miss America) were in concert in the Detroit/Ann Arbor area in October. Robert sang songs that included opera, spirituals, and music from Broadway.

Jui-Ching Wang won a research grant competition from ASU. Her dissertation will be funded in

the amount of \$1800 from the ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association Research Grant Program.

Be sure to check out the December 22 issue of the Chicago Tribune. **Marlene Rosenberg** will be featured as one of the Women Instrumentalists in Jazz. The article will be in the Women's Section.

Marlene Rosenberg was notified that she will be included in the 2006 edition of Who's Who in America.

Rich Holly, Associate Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts and Professor of Percussion, presided over the 30th annual Percussive Arts Society International Convention in November in Columbus, Ohio. Rich is the current President of the Percussive Arts Society. From November 15 to 21, Rich was in Paris, France, at the 8th annual Journee de la Percussion, where he was among the jury for the international timpani competition and presented a drumset clinic as well.

Greg Beyer was the artist-in-residence at Milliken University on the 11th of November. On the 18th, he performed Reich's *Drumming* and *Music for Mallet Instruments, Voices and Organ* with the So Percussion group at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts in Burlington, Vermont.

Paul Bauer participated in a presentation at the Midwest Clinic, "No Bones About It: Bonified Advice for the High School Jazz Ensemble Trombone Section" Clinicians The Continental Trombone Quartet, and guests Matt Niess, Tony Garcia, and Paul Bauer, demonstrated jazz trombone concepts and addressed topics such as bass trombone technique, mastering fast tempos, the trombone section ballad, and use of the plunger. The leader of the session and member of the CTQ was Peter Madsen (MM 1995), Coordinator of Jazz Studies and Instructor of Trombone and Euphonium, University of Nebraska at Omaha Department of Music

Ron Carter was a clinician at the Midwest Clinic, presenting "Incorporating Jazz Concepts in Contemporary Jazz Charts with a 'Dose of Duke.'" The Eau Claire Memorial Jazz I was the high school band that Carter coached on specific concepts of phrasing, stylistic inflections, vocal inflections, and swing dance feel, using a Duke Ellington composition. Carter tells us that the clinic went very well and the band played beautifully.

STUDENT/ALUMNI NEWS:

Margaret Cornils (BM '82 and MM '85) has been appointed as Flute Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and also is Piano Accompanist and a Piano Class teacher there. She maintains her flute faculty position at Clarke College as well in Dubuque, Iowa. Her new flute CD "The Voice Outside" is currently available for sale for \$17.50 directly from her at CornilsMusic@aol.com or phone her at 563-584-0777.

Nick Fryer (MM '05) says, "For those of you that he hasn't seen in ages - check out nickfryermusic.com. Drop him a line. Stay in touch!"

Roger Hintzsche (MM '81) is currently involved in the local (DeKalb) community music scene. He is also a freelance musician working with Jim Kamas, John Smith (Shenanigans Big Band), and others as needed.

The NIU Chamber Choir performed in Chicago on Sunday, November 13 at St. Peters in the Loop at 3:00. This was a beautiful space with gorgeous acoustics.

The NIU Contemporary Ensemble presented its premiere performance on Nov. 16th here in the school of music. Members of the percussion and piano studios presented Steve Reich's *Sextet* as a part of

that concert.

Ed Partyka (BA '91) was on tour with the Vienna Art Orchestra, traveling and performing throughout Europe. This year they went to South America, their second time there and their first time in Chile. Ed also tells us that he is doing quite a bit of teaching these days. He has part time positions at the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany and at the Conservatory for Music in Vienna. He was recently "artist in residence" at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts in Perth, Australia, doing quite a few workshops with school/amateur big bands during the year. He plays with the VAO and Bob Brookmeyer's New Art Orchestra and does a fair amount of band leading/composing for the radio big bands in Germany. He also performed his music with the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra, Oslo Workshop Big Band, RTV Big Band (Slovenia) and WAYJO (Australia). He will be appearing next year as guest conductor in Amsterdam, Zurich, and Australia.

The NIU Jazz Ensemble has been invited to perform at the Internal Jazz Conference in New York in January. Congratulations!

The Jazz Ensemble will also be celebrating the release of their latest CD, "Swinging Every Which Way But Loose" at Chicago's Jazz Showcase. The Jazz Ensemble will perform two shows on Tuesday, January 10. Admission to the 7 and 9 p.m. concerts is \$10. Saxophonist Steve Duke and drummer Rodrigo Villanueva, members of the faculty, will join the band. For ticket information, call 312-670-2473. The Jazz Showcase is located at 59 W. Grand Avenue.

Brent Michael Davids (BM '81) flew into New York, heading to Carnegie Hall for the Miró Quartet premiere of his new composition, *Tinnitus Quartet*, on October 28. It is an autobiographical work based on his own Tinnitus hearing impairment. He is also celebrating his 30th year as a concert composer this year. The following link has the complete program.

http://www.carnegiehall.org/article/box_office/events/

Tony Kidonakis (2001) and Rich Moore (2002) were on the Tonight Show (NBC) Tuesday, November 1. They performed with the group The Redwalls. The group has a 'Beatles' influence - one of Tony's favorites. Tony called and wanted to say hello to everyone (and wanted us to watch!). He remembers us all very fondly!

Meredith Carreira (BM '97) has started a new company called Merit Artist Management. Her designer is working on her logo and website right now, and she will send us the link when it is up and running.

Current student Donnie Norton was invited to return to his hometown of Macomb to play in the fourth annual Al Sears Jazz Festival in September. Joining him were fellow NIU students Stuart Mindeman on piano, John Tate on bass, and Shirazette Tinnin on drumset.

Chris Smith (BM '04) is finishing up his masters degree from Manhattan School of Music this May. When he is not busy with school and playing around the city, he is working as the director of two percussion ensembles for 3rd grade kids in Harlem. His lovely wife Nina is working hard at the start-up company she recently launched. The company is called "Sweetriot" and they are taking the chocolate world by storm. They launched 6 weeks ago and they are all over NYC (check her out at Sweetriot.com).

Mai Sugimoto (BM '05) just started her first year of grad school at Cincinnati Conservatory and is getting used to the new system there. She tells us that being away from NIU is still a little strange for her, especially the jazz department. She realizes how great the NIU jazz department is!

Steve Govertsen (BM '03) is teaching high school band and orchestra in West Chicago, Illinois.

Gregory Dudzienski (BM '94) is teaching Jazz Harmony and Arranging at the U.S. Navy School of

Music in Norfolk, VA.

Joseph Pasteris (BM '89) just recently joined The Uptown Cats. They are a local DeKalb blues group. The band has a website if anyone is curious. www.uptowncats.homestead.com . Joe also has performed at the Waterfront in Rockford this past Labor Day weekend

Dave Stamps (MM '04) is now the managing Assistant Director of The Center for Jazz Composition in Tampa, Florida.

Meghan Beran Delarmente (BM '02) tells us that after getting married in 2003 to Reggie, they moved out to Colorado, which they love. He's working in the marketing department of Sam's Club. She has been teaching general music at an inner city elementary school for 4 years and loves it. She starts her Masters in Research, Assessment, and Curriculum Development in January of 2006 at the University of Colorado.

Alicia Cool (BM '03) is a 2nd grade assistant at an elementary school during the days, and teaches private lessons 4 nights a week and a youth orchestra one night a week in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Holidays to all of our friends!

Our web site is updated almost daily.

Check it out! <http://www.niu.edu/music>

Alumni - Do you have a link you want to add to our website? Just let us know!

We also have an alumni update form on the website just for you!