

**Northern Illinois University
School of Music
November 2006 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 [on-line calendar](http://www.niucalendar.niu.edu/EAS/) or the NIU website: <http://www.niucalendar.niu.edu/EAS/>

SCHOOL OF MUSIC AUDITION DATES

Formal audition dates for brass, percussion, piano, violin (music education), voice and woodwinds for Fall 2007 entrance to the School of Music are:

Friday, February 9, 2007
Saturday, February 10, 2007

Friday, March 2, 2007
Saturday, March 3, 2007

Additional voice auditions:

Thursday, February 8, 2007, 7 - 9 p.m.
Thursday, March 1, 2007, 7 - 9 p.m.

Auditions for violin (performance), viola, cello, bass (jazz & classical), organ, jazz piano, and guitar (jazz & classical) are by private appointment only. Please contact Lynn Slater at 815-753-1546 or e-mail her at lslater@niu.edu for assistance.

All audition repertoire and information can be found on [our website](#)

Auditions for Spring 2007 semester are on a private basis. Please contact Lynn Slater for details. lslater@niu.edu or 815-753-1546.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

University Open Houses
Friday, November 10, 2006 (Veteran's Day-observed)
Monday, February 19, 2007 (President's Day)
Friday, April 6, 2007 (Good Friday/Spring Break)

The Midwest Clinic
December 19-23, 2006
We'll be at booth 223 in the Southeast Hall. Be sure to stop in!

IMEA
January 25-7, 2007
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:

Friday, February 2, 2007 - Jazz Day - FULL

Wednesday, February 7 2007 - Women's Chorus Day - FULL

Wednesday, February 14, 2007 - String and Orchestra Day - FULL

Tuesday, March 6, 2007 - Jazz Combo Day

Open to everyone!

Clarinet Cornucopia - March 24, 2007 For information regarding this day:

<http://www.niu.edu/extprograms/Clinics/Cornucopia.shtml>

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 or go to their website: <http://www.niu.edu/extprograms>

FACULTY NEWS

Ron Carter will be the program director, lead instructor, and keynote speaker at this years' Alberta Band Conference held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, featuring The Jazz at Lincoln Center Band Director Academy. This is the 50th anniversary for the Alberta Band Association.

Joseph Rodriguez performed the Mozart Requiem in Carnegie Hall to a full house with the Juilliard Orchestra and Choral Union for the fifth anniversary commemoration of 9/11. The performance was a free community sing-along event and was sponsored by the New York Mets.

Steve Duke performed "BluesAx" written for him by Larry Austin on October 14th at the Electronic Music Midwest Festival. Larry Austin was awarded the Magisterium Award from the International Institute for Electroacoustic Music in Bourges, France for his writing of "BluesAx." Allan Kozinn reviewed the premier performance in the New York Times and wrote "Stephen Duke played the music with a gorgeous tone and moved easily between, say, the Coltranesque leaps and the supple fluidity of the Hodges pastiche."

Mary Lynn Doherty's 4th Grade Choir from the Choir Academy was just featured on a promotional CD recorded by the Lyric Opera. The choir performed one of their commissions last spring (Stone Soup, an opera for children), and after attending the performance, members of the Lyric Opera Education Department asked to make a recording of her choir. They said it was the best performance out of the 27 they had seen. Mary Lynn conducted the group as part of her appointment as Director of Music Education at the Choir Academy of Chicago, a charter school for students in grades 3-8 in Chicago which focuses on choral music education. It is modeled after the Choir Academy of Harlem and is now the only public choir school of its kind in the country. The student ACDA chapter has invited the Choir Academy's most advanced group, Elite Ensemble, to perform on the NIU campus on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Robert Chappell and Liam Teague were in recently Trinidad for a jazz festival. Check out the URL for a great article: <http://www.guardian.co.tt/entertain1.html>

Congratulations to Cliff Alexis on receiving the 2006 Arts-In-Education Award from the Cultural Academy for Excellence, Inc. which is in partnership with the Prince George County Office of the County Executive and the Office of Community Relations.

Greg Beyer was featured in the NIU Center for Latino and Latin American Studies newsletter as their new faculty associate.

STUDENT/ALUMNI NEWS:

Shannon Heffernan (2001) got a job at Marquardt Middle School in Glendale Heights. She is teaching 4th-8th grade band and jazz band. She teaches along with Ian Nevins (1990), who is also an NIU grad.

Michelle Suddith (1993) and Ben Oswald got engaged this past March. They are looking forward to their wedding next June in Montana. After they are married, they both plan to continue teaching in St. Charles (her 15th year in the district).

Karlene Olesuk (1995) just married Howard Robert (Rob) Anderson. Her new name is Karlene Anderson. Rob is the Direct Sales Manager for Elgin Symphony Orchestra, while Karlene is the IT & Administrative Office Manager for Olesuk Financial Services and a trustee on the McHenry County Music Center's Board of Directors. Karlene is co-chairing the committee that is organizing the music program for MCMC's silent and live auction fundraiser on Nov. 3, 2006 that is being held as part of the Lakeside Arts Park - First Friday series at the Dole Mansion in Crystal Lake.

The past year has been wonderfully productive for Rick Hirsch (1995): His two-movement work "Cityscapes" is the opening piece on the new Osland Saxophone Quartet CD "Commission: Impossible" (SeaBreeze Jazz). And, his five-movement "Village Green, in Blue" appears on the new Valley Jazz Orchestra CD "Free Food?" Folks can listen to samples of these and other works at his website: <http://www.hirschmusic.net>

Margaret Cornils (1982 & 1985) will be performing flute on Poulenc's Sextuor for the upcoming Wisconsin Public Radio Live broadcast from the grounds of University of Wisconsin-Madison on November 12th at 12:30 pm. She will be performing with other members of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville music faculty where she is currently employed as flute and piano faculty. Margaret is also a regular member of the famed Rountree Ensemble which performs on a regular basis at Broebeck Concert Hall Center for the Arts at University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Margaret performed on October 26 at the Wisconsin State Music Conference held in Madison, Wisconsin. Margaret also continues to be the flute faculty at both Loras and Clarke Colleges located in Dubuque, Iowa.

Kim (Milhorn) Kovar (1989) is teaching middle school band in Minnesota. This is her 20th year teaching. She and her husband had their first child last year, Zachary Alexander, and he is just beginning to walk. Kim tells us that she has great memories of NIU (especially theory class!) and she still keeps in close contact with Chris (Glass) Carlson (1989).

Tony Kidonakis (2001) composed the music for Dr. Kourvetaris' most recent Paideia Project, Contributions of Classical Greece to Western Civilization. He also organized the musicians for the dinner celebrating the project.

Dave Miller (2005) was highlighted in the November 2006 issue of Chicago Magazine as a rising jazz star. Very cool, Dave!

Current music major, Michael Griffin is the World Karaoke champ. He is currently at NIU studying for his master's in music education. One of his favorite places to sing is the Village Pub in North Riverside and Johnny B's in Brookfield. If you are ever in the area...

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!

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