Current Students

Music major Andrew Hill (BM, Trombone Performance) and professor of cello Peter Gelfand were invited to speak at the Rotary Club of Campbell in February. Their presentation introduced Rotarians to the SJSU Young Musicians’ Project, a student-run organization that offers at-risk youth in the San José area free or reduced private music lessons in exchange for community service. Founded in 2011, the Young Musicians’ Project instructs more than 30 students from all different backgrounds and ages.

Patrick McCaffrey, senior percussion major at SJSU, was hired by Symphony Silicon Valley to perform for the NHL hockey game held at Levi Stadium on February 21.

Alumni

The entire percussion section for the February 14-15 performances of Fantasia by Symphony Silicon Valley consisted exclusively of SJSU alumni: Trevor Dolce, Anne Hsu, Galen Lemmon, Nick Matthiesen, and Greg Messa. With the exception of Professor Lemmon, all are recent graduates of the School of Music and Dance. The symphony played the classical favorites heard in Walt Disney’s Fantasia while the audience watched the film and enjoyed live music.

Dance BFA senior Gabriel Mata performed with sjDANCEco in their fall season at the California Theatre. He premiered “Grit,” a solo choreographed by SJSU faculty and sjDANCEco co-director Maria Basile. He performed in three other pieces, including a solo in Jose Limon’s “Mazurkas.”

A film by Pasquale Esposito (Bachelor of Music, Performance 2009)—student of Professor Joseph Frank)—his homage to Enrico Caruso—will be broadcast nationally on PBS during March. The two-hour film features a stunning concert recorded live in the 13th Century Castello Giusso, (Vico Equense, Naples, Italy) as well as travel documentary footage shot in Caruso’s Naples, Sorrento, and the US. Local broadcasts will be seen on KQED on March 10 and 14 at 9pm.

www http://www.pasqualeesposito.com
Faculty

In January, Saxophone professor Dale Wolford performed with the San Francisco Contemporary Music Players in the world premiere of Agata Zubel’s “where to” as part of Cal Performances. He also performed William Bolcom’s “Concerto Grosso” for saxophone quartet and band with the Premiere Saxophone Quartet, including Dr. Aaron Lington and Associate Dean William Street, with the San José Wind Symphony under the direction of Dr. Edward Harris in February.

Trombone professor Tom Hornig performed Shostakovich’s 8th Symphony with the Oakland East Bay Symphony in January and the world premiere performances of “Where Angel’s Fear to Tread” with Opera San José in February. He also completed his first season as Mountain Host at Sierra at Tahoe, a volunteer branch of the National Ski Patrol.

Upcoming Performances

April 15 (Music Concert Hall): Described as playing with “imagination, infallible musicality, and huge vitality” (Fanfare Magazine), the Akropolis Reed Quintet is a cutting edge ensemble that performs an innovative, living repertoire with acclaimed precision. Akropolis’ dynamic concerts feature modern compositions framed by invigorating arrangements of classical music spanning four centuries. Founded in 2009 and winner of the 2014 Fischoff Gold Medal, Akropolis took Grand Prize at the MTNA and Plowman chamber music competitions consecutively in 2011. Championing the next generation of maverick musicians, Akropolis is also winner of the 2015 Fischoff Educator Award.

April 27: The SJSU Choraliers and Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Benson, will make their Carnegie Hall debut on April 27, 2015. The Choraliers will sing a short of American music featuring Professor Layna Chianakas, mezzo-soprano. The Concert Choir will then perform Gabriel Fauré’s Requiem with a professional orchestra and soloists from New York under Dr. Benson’s baton. The singers travel to New York for the entire weekend of rehearsals, with the culminating performance in Carnegie Hall on Monday night, April 27.

www.arielartists.com/artists/akropolis/
UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2, 2015
Michael Adduci Faculty Recital

March 9, 2015
Jazz Orchestra

March 12, 2015
Wind Ensemble

March 14, 2015
Mozart’s Requiem Choir and Orchestra Concert
Mission Santa Clara

March 18, 2015
Latin Jazz Ensemble

March 19, 2015
Symphonic Band

March 20, 2015
Percussion Ensemble

April 6, 2015
Music and Dance Collaboration

April 17, 2015
Opera Theater

University Dance
Theater Dance 2015
7:00 pm

April 18, 2015
University Dance
Theater Dance 2015
7:00 pm

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