Alumni News

Karl Heinz Grube (MA, piano, 2009) received a Ph.D. in Interpretation and the Theory of Interpretation at the Janáček Academy of Music and Performing Arts in Brno (Czech Republic) this year. He writes, “The next time I am in San José, I plan to drop by the piano seminar that was on Fridays when I studied at SJSU. Out of all the piano seminars that I visited at the universities where I studied, Dr. Mok’s was the best by far.”

Congratulations to our own Julie Bounds, the subject of the November School Band and Orchestra magazine’s cover feature. For the last several years, Julie has been the Executive Director of our music camp, Summer in the City, as well as a fantastic full-time band director at Santa Teresa High School. SBO features her strategies for building a quality program in “UpClose: Julie Bounds, Building a Program Worth Being a Part Of.” Read the full article.

Heather Klobokowski (BFA, 2011) has been enjoying an active dance career. After graduation from SJSU, she studied at The Ailey School, Rockette Summer Intensive as an invitational student and the Alonzo King’s Lines Ballet Training Program. Since moving to New York City, Heather has worked with artists Mike Eperanza, Ricky Hinds, and Cara Goodwin. She most recently danced in the band Neon Tree’s new music video for their single “Text Me in the Morning.”
November’s Guests

At the invitation of Professor Kathryn Aducci (trumpet), SJSU hosted composer Anthony Plog, Professor Emeritus at the Staatliche Hochschule fur Musik in Freiburg, Germany. A celebrated composer of music for brass, Professor Plog visited SJSU on November 12. Professor Plog offered a spirited talk on technology and music as well as a trumpet master class.

Professor Emeritus Mark Kroll of Boston University came to SJSU on November 5 to lecture at the Beethoven Center. Professor Kroll spoke to an enthusiastic audience about his recent publication, a full-length study devoted to Ignaz Moscheles (1794-1870), the famous Jewish pianist and friend of Beethoven.

Current Students

Soprano Chloe Smart (BM Vocal Performance, anticipated 2016) studies with Professor Layna Chianakas. She is currently an Assistant Resident Artist with Opera San José. This season, she was seen as Gilda in Rigoletto and Elvira in L’Italiana in Algeri. She will sing the role of Padrone in the world premiere of Where Angels Fear to Tread as well as Pamina in Magic Flute. Chloe will be singing her Senior Recital in February, where she will perform pieces by Strauss, Taillefaire, Heggie, and Tchaikovsky.
UPCOMING EVENTS

December 3, 2014  
Latin Jazz Ensemble

December 4, 2014  
Wind Ensemble

December 5, 2014  
Symphony Orchestra

December 6, 2014  
“Home for the Holidays” Choir Concert

December 7, 2014  
Images in Dance

December 8, 2014  
Symphonic Band

December 10, 2014  
Jazz Orchestra

December 12, 2014  
“Romeo & Juliet Go to Hell” Opera Workshop

Check our Events Calendar for more events!

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