The premiere performances of REACH BC Dance Company, founded by Dance faculty member Heather Cooper and international dance artist Raphaël Boumala, were presented to critical acclaim and full houses on February 6-8, 2015 at Dance Mission Theater in San Francisco. REACH BC boasts the strength of classical American modern dance with a contemporary sensibility. Performers included dance faculty member Dominique Lomuljo and BFA dance major Gabriel Mata, with SJSU dance alumni Robert Regala, Amanda Lacro, Joshua Lau, and Hannah Vaughan.

Professor Layna Chianakas celebrates her 50th birthday with a recital featuring herself and some of her talented vocalist friends, including SJSU voice faculty members Sandra Bengochea, Joseph Frank, and Julie Kierstine, as well as alumnae Christine Capsuto, Jennifer Mitchell and Chloe Smart. Craig Bohmler and Simona Snitkovskaya will accompany on keyboard. The recital will be Thursday, February 26 at 7:30pm in the Music Concert Hall. No gifts please! Instead, your donations to San José State Opera Theatre are most welcome. Reception immediately following. Please RSVP by February 22 to Layna.Chianakas@sjsu.edu.
Irene Dalis Opera Endowment

The School of Music and Dance is honored to establish the Irene Dalis Opera Endowment, which supports scholarships for deserving full-time students studying opera at San José State University. Irene Dalis was a principal artist at New York’s Metropolitan Opera for twenty consecutive seasons, and most other major opera houses in Europe and the United States. Miss Dalis was distinguished by the range and large number of roles in her repertoire. Upon retirement from her performing career, Miss Dalis returned to her native San José, where she was appointed a Professor of Music by the President of San José State University. Her principal focus at SJSU was the opera theater program, which produced such a large number of career entry-level performers that Miss Dalis was able to establish a professional, regional company, Opera San José, in 1984. Miss Dalis passed away in December, 2014.

To donate to the Irene Dalis Opera Endowment, please click on the link, go the box stating “Other Purpose,” and type in “IreneDalisOperaEndowment.”

Irene Dalis

Current Students

Bachelor of Music Jazz Studies senior Brian Shue’s group Super Soul Bros. performed at the 2015 MAGFest in Washington DC in January. The group performs original jazz fusion arrangements of 1980’s video game theme music. Super Soul Bros. also appeared at SJSU as part of “Rockage” at the SJSU Student Union Ballroom, February 6-8.

Brian Shue’s group “Super Soul Bros” (BM Jazz Studies)

CASMEC

Where do Music Education Majors go in February? To the California All State Music Education Conference (CASMEC)! This year, CASMEC will end its residency in Fresno, and starting in February 2016, SJSU’s School of Music & Dance will be honored to host this annual event. CASMEC began in 2011 when a number of the largest California music education organizations came together to create one unified event. We believe once CASMEC comes to San José, it will grow into one of the largest and most prestigious music education gatherings in the country!
February 15, 2015
Faculty Follies
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

February 26, 2015
Layna and Friends: A 50th Birthday Recital and Fundraiser

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

Check our Events Calendar for more events!

All events are located in the SJSU Music Concert Hall and begin at 7:30 pm. Events are wheelchair accessible. If you need special accommodations, please call 408.924.4673.

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