

# TIGER NOTES



Fall, 2003 Fort Hays State University Department of Music

## From the Chair



I am pleased to report that things are off to a great start for the 2003-2004 academic year in the Department of Music. I have just received statistics on the university's overall enrollment and am quite pleased that FHSU on campus enrollment is soaring at over 4,700 students - a 4.8 percent

increase over last year! This number includes 911 new freshmen - what a great recruiting year the university has had! As I glance across the department, I see a band program with 108 students - the first time we have broken over a hundred students in my four years at FHSU. I see a healthy choir program with 80 students and a recruiting class of 24 new music majors this year! It is nice to see enrollments like this again! It is an exciting time at FHSU and it is great to hear all the sounds of a multi-faceted music department at work from my office after the long, quiet summer months.

We welcome three exciting new faces to the department this year - Dr. James Brown joins our faculty as Assistant Professor of Voice/Opera, Professor Matt Means joins us as Assistant Professor of Violin/Viola, and Dr. Jennifer Rhyne joins us as an adjunct instructor of general music. Dr. Brown replaces Dr. Rager Moore and Professor Means replaces Dr. Ferenc Cseszko. Both Dr. Moore and Dr. Cseszko have accepted positions at the University of Idaho. We are very pleased to have Dr. Brown, Professor Means, and Dr. Rhyne join our faculty ranks.

We have over thirty musical events planned this year. Traditional concert offerings such as the annual Cathedral Concert and season-ending Choral/Orchestra combined concert will be supplemented with more recent offerings such as the Cottonwood Project and an operatic production of Ravel's *L'enfant et les sortilèges*. We are looking forward to an excellent year of service to the Hays area with our concert and recital offerings.

I'm proud to report that the department is healthy and vibrant in all areas except one - our scholarship budget for next year. This year we were forced to hold back thirty percent of our endowed funds because of poor economic performance nationwide. Our recovery is occurring slowly and at this time it appears we will be looking at available balances of approximately the same level of funding as we have awarded for this academic year. We are in need of one-time gifts to our scholarship accounts to help attract talented students to FHSU next year.

You can help! On November 4, 2003, the department will be calling alumni and friends as part of Tiger Call. Please consider increasing your annual pledge to help our department weather these difficult economic times. If you normally give \$25, please consider a gift of \$50. Tiger Call is a big help for our scholarship fund and we could not keep scholarships available to students without your help!

I'm pleased to report that, to date, we have received \$4750 in gifts toward the renovation of Palmer Recital Hall from the direct mail I sent out in July. This places our fundraising campaign at about 25% completion. Many naming opportunities for the new seats are still available for a minimum contribution of \$150. Please use the form at the back of this newsletter if you would like to make a contribution and name a seat in our renovated recital hall. Thank you for your continued support of the Department of Music at Fort Hays State University!

With wishes for a successful year, I remain,  
Sincerely yours,  
Dr. Tim Crowley

## Scholarship Audition Day

The scholarship audition day for the 2004-2005 academic year is **March 13, 2004**. Scholarship auditions will be held in Malloy Hall. Please contact the music office at (785) 628-4533 for more information about this process. Please help us identify prospective students and tell them about our scholarship audition date.

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## Choral Activities

This past spring, Dr. Rager Moore accepted an offer to serve as Director of Choral Activities at the University of Idaho. Replacing Dr. Moore as Director of Choral Activities at Fort Hays State University is Dr. William Rayburn. Dr. Rayburn joined the FHSU music faculty in 2002 as an Assistant Professor teaching music history, music education, voice, and directing the community choir. This fall, Dr. Rayburn will continue to teach music history and music education as well as direct the Concert Choir, Fort Hays Singers, and the Hays Community Choir.



Dr. William Rayburn

The Concert Choir and Fort Hays Singers will present concerts in Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center on October 16 and March 7. The October 16 concert will include Randall Thompson's *Frostiana* and selections celebrating the love of music.

The Hays Community Choir will join the Concert Choir and Fort Hays Singers on December 11 for the annual Cathedral Concert at St. Fidelis Church of Victoria. The Cathedral of the Plains offers an extraordinary setting for a concert.

For the final choral concert of the 2003-2004 school year, the Hays Symphony Orchestra will join the three choirs to present Franz Joseph Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* and John Rutter's *Gloria*. The concert will take place in Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center on May 2.

Your support and attendance of the Fort Hays State University Choral Activities provides opportunities for students to present and experience quality music in a choral setting. You are encouraged to continue your gracious support. Also, make plans to attend a concert. Please contact the Department of Music for more detailed information about Choral Events through our website ([www.fhus.edu/music](http://www.fhus.edu/music)), email ([wrayburn@fhsu.edu](mailto:wrayburn@fhsu.edu)) or by calling 785.628.4533/5329.

Dr. William Rayburn  
Director of Choral Activities

## President's Distinguished Scholar!



Dr. Paula Boire  
The Department of Music is proud of Dr. Paula Boire, Associate Professor of Music, who was selected as the 2003 President's Distinguished Scholar at Fort Hays State University on August 20, 2003! Dr. Boire's research focus is on Romanian art song. She has received two Fulbright grants to Romania to perform archival work in compiling Romanian art songs by contemporary composers. Her four-volume work, *A Comprehensive Study of Romanian Art Song*, was published by Mellen Press in 2002. She has also recently signed a contract with Leyerle Publications for the publication of four additional performance volumes of Romanian art songs. She is pictured here presenting her research in Romania.

## Orchestra and String Activities

The Hays Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1914; it is the oldest orchestra in western Kansas. The orchestra is a community-university ensemble affiliated with Fort Hays State University. Members of the HSO include FHSU music professors, faculty from other departments, music majors and other FHSU students, and musicians from Hays and surrounding communities. The orchestra is in its ninth year under the leadership of Dr. Daniel Delisi, Associate Professor of Music at FHSU. Other FHSU Music Department faculty in the orchestra include our exciting new violin/viola teacher, Prof. Matt Means, concertmaster. Matt brings a wealth of professional orchestral experience, and will strengthen the string sections of the orchestra tremendously.



Dr. Dan Delisi

This year's performances include symphonies by Haydn and Gounod, overtures by Mendelssohn, Mozart, Schubert, Suppe, and Offenbach, and choral/orchestral works by Haydn and Rutter. The "Light Classics" concert in December will include the march from "Babes in Toyland," a waltz by Strauss, and Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride." That concert will also premiere a new piece for strings by composer and department chair Dr. Tim Crowley. Works with faculty soloists will include the Mozart *Oboe Concerto*, Kay Werth soloist, and the Beethoven *Romance in F*, Matt Means, violin soloist. The orchestra will also perform its fourth annual Children's Concert this fall for students in the Hays Public Schools.

Dr. Daniel Delisi is Director of Orchestral Activities at Fort Hays State University, and also teaches conducting, intro. to music literature, listening to music, orchestra techniques, and cello. He is also principal conductor of the Hutchinson (KS) Symphony Orchestra. His solo performance areas are cello and classical guitar. Delisi has a strong commitment to the music education of young students, frequently visiting high schools to conduct their orchestras and serving as a resource to teachers. This year he will conduct the Kansas Junior High All-State Orchestra and the North Central District Honor Orchestra.



Matt Means

An opportunity for high school students to perform with members of the HSO occurs at the annual FHSU Honors String Orchestra. This one-day event in January brings talented high school students from around the state for intensive rehearsals and a performance with members of the Hays Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Delisi. For students considering FHSU as their university, this event is a good opportunity to meet the Music Department string and conducting faculty and see our facilities, including Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center, one of the finest performing halls in western Kansas.

### 2003-2004 Season

#### **Concert 1: "Viennese Masters" Sunday Oct. 12**

Schubert: *Overture to Rosamunde*  
Mozart: *Oboe Concerto*, Kay Werth, oboe  
Haydn: *Symphony No. 101 "Clock"*  
Mozart: *Overture to Abduction from the Seraglio*

#### **Children's Concert: Wednesday Dec. 3**

Excerpts from Oct/Dec concerts

#### **Concert 2: "Light Classics" Sunday Dec. 14**

Herbert: *Babes in Toyland March*  
Beethoven: *Romance No. 2 in F, Op. 50*, Matt Means, violin  
Strauss: *Roses from the South*  
Mendelssohn: *Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage*  
Crowley: *Changes*  
Anderson: *Sleigh Ride*

#### **High School Honor String Orchestra: Saturday Jan. 24**

Vivaldi: *Summer*  
Mosier: *Dance of Iscariot*  
Gould: *Deep River*

#### **Concert 3: "Inspired by Beauty" Sunday March 14**

Offenbach: *La Belle Helene*  
Mendelssohn: *Die Schone Melusine, Op. 32*  
Suppe: *Beautiful Galathea*  
Gounod: *Symphony No. 1*

#### **Concert 4: "Choral Glory" Sunday May 2**

Haydn: *Nelson Mass*  
Rutter: *Gloria*

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# Alumni News

## 1960s

**Brian Thielen (M.M.E. 1964)** is retired and living in Sterling, Kansas.

## 1970s

**Juliane Pruitt (M.M. 1970)** is semi-retired. She is currently performing more than she would have expected at this time in her life. She loves every minute of it.

**Rebecca (Kraus) Meis (B.M.E. 1972)**, director of orchestras for Olathe North High school, Olathe, Kansas, was recently selected as the Outstanding Orchestra Director of the year by the Northeast Kansas Music Educators Association. The awards presentation was December 7, 2002 at Blue Valley West High School at the Northeast Kansas Music Educators Honor Festival.

## 1980s

**Dr. Stephen Bomgardner (B.M. 1985)** was promoted to Associate Professor of Music at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Dr. Bomgardner continues a successful teaching and singing career, and this year will appear in recitals in Boston, San Antonio, Miami, Minneapolis, and Gunnison, CO.

## 1990s

**Dan Weller (B.A. 1993)** is a session musician (Guitar, Vocal, Mandolin) who recently worked with Aaron Lines (RCA) that included shows at the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville and with Johnny Lee (Urban Cowboy) - Music Director.

He is currently touring with Drew Womack (formerly with Sons of the Desert). More information is available at [www.danweller.com](http://www.danweller.com)

## 2000s

**Jeremy Rupe (B.A. 2002)** was granted a graduate assistantship with the directors of bands at FHSU in the fall of 2003,.

**Darren Bean(B.A. 2002)** Darren is currently attending the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, CA where he is ranked 4th in his class. After graduation, Darren reports "I plan on continuing to accumulate debt by pursuing a third degree or fleeing to the jungles of Brazil. As an alternative, I may actually get a law-related job."

Send your alumni news to us at FHSU Department of Music, 600 Park Street, Hays, KS, 67601, by email to [tcrowley@fhsu.edu](mailto:tcrowley@fhsu.edu), or through the alumni information form found at [www.fhsu.edu/music/alumni.shtml](http://www.fhsu.edu/music/alumni.shtml).

## Band Activities

As Director of Bands at FHSU, I am very excited about the growth in our band program as the university enters its second century. There have been so many wonderful things happening in Hays that I hope you will be as excited as we are after reading this report.



Dr. Jeff Jordan

The Tiger Marching Band has already roared into action this year with two performances of a sizzling Latin-Jazz halftime show. The 100+ member band will again host the high school bands of western Kansas in the annual Homecoming/massed band day and the High Plains Marching Festival. The festival will be held on Monday October 27th at Lewis Field, starting at 12 Noon, and will showcase fifteen of the finest high school bands from across Kansas.

Our concert band programs continue to grow significantly. Last year's season included the world premiere of Texas composer Greg Sanders' *Dreams and Faith: the Solomon Valley Anthology* by the Symphonic Winds under the direction of Dr. Bob Conger. The Wind Ensemble, in addition to performing the best of contemporary band literature, featured faculty soloists Brad Dawson (trumpet), Kay Werth (oboe) and Bob Conger (trombone).

Our first concert of the year, featuring the Wind Ensemble, is set for Thursday, October 23 at 8:00 pm in the beautiful Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center. On Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Symphonic Winds will join the performance. Our spring concerts are set for Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to another wonderful year of music making with the FHSU bands! Come on out and show your support for our wonderful students and your Fort Hays State University!

## High Plains Band Camp



Dr. Bob Conger

This past summer was the final High Plains Band Camp for Robert H. Brown who has been camp director for the past 14 summers. We would like to extend our most sincere thanks to him for his tireless work in organizing, promoting and running the HPBC.

Next year will be the 57<sup>th</sup> annual HPBC and our new camp director will be Dr. Robert Conger, an Assistant Professor of Music currently in his third year at FHSU. Dr. Conger is very excited about taking the reins of the camp and moving forward with plans for the summer of 2004. "We plan on making some very exciting changes to the camp" says Conger. He added, "Increasing the enrollment of the camp is one of our critical concerns for the future. Additionally we would like to offer students who were campers last summer a \$25 discount if they return in 2004 and bring a friend".

Although the guest conductor for next summer has not yet been decided, students can be certain that they will have a fantastic musical experience when they return to Hays next August. The dates for the 2004 camp will be August 1 through August 7, 2004. The HPBC website ([www.fhsu.edu/bandcamp](http://www.fhsu.edu/bandcamp)) was recently updated to include a survey of campers from the past summer. The website will also include audio files from 2003, pictures taken by the 'Multimedia Class', and student web pages. Please take the time to recommend this summer experience to any young instrumentalists in your area!

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## Jazz Activities

The Jazz Ensembles at Fort Hays State University will be very active this coming year. The first formal performance of the school year will be November 6, 2003 at 8:00pm in the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center. This will feature both Jazz Ensembles I and II. Early in the Spring semester, January 17, 2004, Jazz I will play the Great Bend Jazz Festival. We will also play at the Shawnee Mission School District Jazz Night on March 5, 2004. Jazz I will also be trying for a spot at the University of North Texas Jazz Festival in early April. We will conclude the year with a Spring Jazz Concert on April 22, 2004 featuring both bands.

Last year was also a great year for the jazz ensembles. We were again chosen to perform at the Kansas Music Educator's Association in Wichita in February and also performed in the evening at the Wichita Jazz Festival. Both Jazz I and II participated at the Wichita Jazz Festival this past year.

We look forward to seeing you at a performance this school year. Come out and hear these young musicians. I think you will be pleased with how well they play. For more information on concerts and/or Jazz Studies at Fort Hays State University please contact me. I can be reached at 785-628-4486 or e-mail: [bdawson@fhsu.edu](mailto:bdawson@fhsu.edu)

Brad Dawson  
Trumpet and Jazz Studies  
Fort Hays State University



Brad Dawson

## Opera Activities

The 2003-04 season of Musical Theater and Opera at FHSU begins with a Fall production of *Grease*. Performances will take place in Felten-Start Theater October 3-5 and 10-12. The Opera production for the Spring semester will include Scenes from Great Operas of the Baroque and Beyond and will culminate in a performance of Ravel's spectacular one-act opera, *L'enfant et les sortilèges (The Child and the Sorcerers)* on January 29-31 at 8:00 PM in Felten-Start Theater. Baroque lutenist James Smith from New York will assist in the Baroque portion of this evening. Mr. Smith will also present a lecture/recital on "The Birth of Opera and the Evolution of Italian Song" with new faculty member, Dr. James L. Brown, tenor. Contact Dr. Brown at (785) 628-4258 or [jlbrown@fhsu.edu](mailto:jlbrown@fhsu.edu) for more information about this exciting event.



Dr. James Brown

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## High Plains Children's Music Camp

The Department of Music sponsored its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **High Plains Children's Music Camp** during the first week of June. Open to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, the five-day camp afforded participants to actively engage in music making and music learning for three hours each day under the leadership of invited seniors, graduates and current faculty within the department. Units of study this summer included: group piano, group recorder, computer-based music instruction, and a hands-on introduction to musical instruments. The high return of first-year participants (9 out of 20 campers), positive feedback from new campers this summer, and an energetic staff contributed to another successful camp experience!

Camp instructors during the past two summers have included: Ms. Shelly Alefs, Dr. Laura Andrews, Dr. Tim Crowley, Ms. Marcella Cseszko, Mr. Scott Griffitt, Mrs. Victoria Griffitt, Mrs. Kathy Jamison, Mr. Luke Johnson, Mr. Travis Keller, and Mr. Toby Wood. Additional camp support was provided by Mrs. Jennifer Sauer, Mr. Chris Gahagan, and Mr. Issac Robbins.

Camp application forms are available in mid-April in the Music Department Office or on-line at the Department of Music website ([www.fhsu.edu/music](http://www.fhsu.edu/music)).

If you would like more information about the High Plains Children's Music Camp, please contact Dr. Laura Andrews, Director, at [landrews@fhsu.edu](mailto:landrews@fhsu.edu) or call (785)628-5352.

## Piano Activities



Dr. Junghwa Lee

This past year has been an exciting year in the piano area! Nicholas Parker presented a full solo piano recital in Palmer Hall on March 27, 2003, including a Mozart Piano Concerto performed with Amanda Pfenninger, a recent FHSU graduate. Nick played his own cadenza. He graduated in May 2003 with a BA in Music degree.

Pianist Heesook Kim has progressed to Music 461 in Piano Performance after passing her 461 jury in May 2003 playing works by Bach, Mozart, Chopin and Debussy.

Karole Erikson will present a Master's degree lecture recital (MLS degree) on "Spanish Piano Music and Chamber Music" in Palmer Recital Hall on Sunday, October 26, at 3pm.

We will be offering a piano camp during the week of June 7-12, 2004! This camp will be for students in grades 7-12 and will cost \$265 per student. Activities will include: student concerts, a faculty solo recital, master classes, daily private lessons, lectures on music theory, music history, piano literature, keyboard skills, ensemble, and other fun!

We will also be offering our inaugural High School Piano Competition on January 31, 2004! Students in grades 9-12 will be eligible to compete for cash prizes and opportunities for scholarships to attend Fort Hays State University.

Please contact Dr. Junghwa Lee at (785) 628-5362 or [julee@fhsu.edu](mailto:julee@fhsu.edu) for more information about these exciting activities in the piano area!



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## Alumni Contribution Form

The department needs your help! We need your contributions to continue our mission of contributing to our area's civic, cultural, and educational life.

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