

### Wounded Warrior movie music

Oboist **Ian Davidson** recently recorded featured oboe solos for an upcoming series of documentary films produced by Flow Nonfiction in conjunction with Wounded Warrior Project. The twelve films, set to air on MSNBC in the coming months, showcase issues of critical importance to a generation of wounded veterans, their families and their stories of struggle and resiliency.



From left to right, producers Billy West and David Rice, Davidson, film director David Modigliani, and in front, composer Stephen Barber.

### Opera on the national stage

Faculty members **Samuel Mungo**, **Ronald Ulen** and **Kristin Roach** attended the National Opera Association 2014 Conference in New York City. Dr. Mungo and Ms. Roach prepared and presented a scene from Giannini's *Taming of the Shrew*, which was chosen as a National Finalist. Student singers were graduate students **Kevin Park** (student of Ron Ulen) and **Andrea Hansen** (student of **Brigitte Bellini**). During the Convention, Dr. Mungo was elected to the NOA Executive Board for a three year term. Ms. Roach was selected as a Collaborative Pianist Liaison.



From left: Park, Mungo, Hansen, Roach

### TMEA activities

Texas State music faculty, staff, students and alumni at the annual Clinic/Convention in San Antonio:

**Mollie Tower** – *CTME Leadership Conference*

**Lynn Ledbetter** – *TexASTA General Business Meeting*

**Genaro Gonzalez** – *Texas Percussive Arts Society*

**Lynn Brinckmeyer** (dir.) & **John Schmidt** (pianist) – *Sigma Alpha Iota Sing-A-Long* hosted by

**Allison Childs**, Theta Omega Chapter President &

**Krystyn Jensen**, SAI Kappa A Province Officer

**Raul Rodriguez** – *Showcase: Texas State Tuba Euphonium Ensemble*

**Krystyn Jensen**, **Al Corley**, **Mary Ellen Cavitt** and **Amy Simmons** – *Graduate School Fair*

**Krystyn Jensen**, **Mary Ellen Cavitt** – *College Night*

**Bob Cannon** – trumpet soloist with *AAAA Honor Band*, Cedar Park High School

**Thomas Clark**, **Cindy Dean** – *Texas State Music Alumni Reunion*

**John Schmidt** (piano) – *Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Sing*

Judges: **Caroline Beatty** – *All-State Saxophone Chair Placement Auditions*; **Adah Jones** – *All-State 5A Flute Chair Placement Auditions*

Presenters: **Joey Martin** – *How Do They Sound Like That?* Demonstration Group; **Texas State**

**Chorale**; **Amy Simmons** – *Using Time Wisely: The Neuroscience of Music Practice* with video

examples of **Todd Oxford**; **Amy Simmons** and MM student **Samuel Parrott** – *College Division*

*Research Poster Session*; **Robin Stein** – *Music Education Organizations on Campus*; **Mary Ellen**

**Cavitt** – *Do You Hear What I Hear? Self-Evaluation of Your Band*; **Cynthia Gonzales** –

*SmartMusic for Vocalists: No Instrumentalists Allowed!*; **Ames Asbell**, **Lynn Brinckmeyer**,

**Karla Hamelin**, & **John Lopez** – *Working Together: Youth Outreach Programs in Harmony*

with Demonstration Groups: **Texas State String Project**, **Hill Country Youth Chorus**, & **Texas**

**State's Mariachi Infantil**; **Mary Ellen Cavitt** – *Career Moves: The Good, the Band, and the Ugly*;

**Faith DeBow** (pianist) – *Performance Anxiety: How it Works and the Means to Defeat It*

Exhibitors: **Cynthia Gonzales** – *SmartMusic*;

**Genaro Gonzalez** – *Percussive Arts Society*;

**Krystyn Jensen** – *Sigma Alpha Iota*; **Martin**

**McCain** – *Michael Rath Trombones & Pickett*

*Brass*; **Mollie Tower** – *Music in Motion*

### Alumnus receives Keller award

On Feb. 15 at the American String Teachers Association General Membership Meeting at TMEA, alumnus **Bryan Barrett** (former violin student of **Lynn Ledbetter**) received the Marjorie Keller "Young String Teacher of the Year" Award. Bryan teaches in Tomball ISD and is our Texas State Strings Camp manager. It was presented by Ms. Phyllis Malone (Orchestra Director at Garner Middle School in San Antonio).

pictured with Phyllis Malone (R) and Bradley Bouley (L), Director of Fine Arts for Tomball I.S.D.



Bryan is in his 5th year of teaching and currently is the Director of Orchestras for Tomball Memorial High School as well as the South Cluster Lead Teacher. Under his direction, the South cluster enrollment numbers have increased to 350 students across grades 6 – 11. The high school orchestra program consists of five performing ensembles: full orchestra, three string orchestras, and a strolling strings ensemble. His orchestras have consistently earned sweepstakes throughout his time in Tomball. Other honors include best in class and best overall orchestra at festivals across the state of Texas. The string program in Tomball ISD is now in its 6th year of existence. It will graduate its first class of seniors in May of 2015.

### Salsa Night

Salsa del Rio has found a new home for their monthly listen-and-dance events. On Sunday, February 23 they performed on stage at The Marc, the movie theater on the Square that is now a music venue (formerly called the Texas Music Theatre). The band was hot, and the sound, lighting and audience reception were amazing. Big crowd, big fun!



### Performance, recordings, broadcast

On February 24, Dr. **Martin McCain**'s debut solo CD *Trombone Czar* was broadcast on Toronto Canada's CKWR along with the Chicago Sinfonietta, Hot Springs Music Festival and Encore Chamber Ensemble in celebration of Black History month. Dr. McCain also gave a master class to the Hays High School Trombone Choir on the same day.

He recently performed with the Mid-Texas Symphony and Amarillo Symphony Orchestra. While in the Texas panhandle, McCain presented a master class for the West Texas A&M University Trombone Choir and taught lessons. On January 31, McCain performed on a duo recital for the Ham Jam Concert Series. He was an exhibitor for England's Michael Rath Trombones and Pickett Brass at the TMEA Convention.

McCain just finished recording his second solo CD, one of three albums that will be released on the Kairoi Music label this academic year.

### Piano teacher recognized

Dr. **Washington Garcia** has been nominated by



the Austin District Music Teachers Association to represent the association at the state level for the Texas Music Teachers

Association Collegiate Teaching Achievement Award. This state award is for outstanding success in teaching at the college level in music performance, composition, and/or theory. Dr. Garcia was also featured in the *Natchitoches Times* in conjunction with his performance at the Louisiana Piano Series International on February 18.

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### New scholarship fund for music ed

At the Alumni Reunion for TMEA in San Antonio on February 14, the School of Music honored retiring music educator Dr. **Robin Stein**. A new scholarship fund in her honor for music education students was announced by School of Music Director Dr. **Thomas Clark**.

To make a gift to the Robin Stein Music Education Scholarship Fund, mail a check payable to:  
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