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## First online Dixieland concert

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Dixieland Band, SCSU's latest ensemble, created history by performing an online concert Tuesday over the Internet.

"It's not what you know, and it's not who you know anymore; it's how fast you can change; that's the most important thing," said Glen Tuomaala, director of the Husky Sports Band and Dixieland Band.

Composed of student musicians from the Husky Sports Band, this small ensemble includes clarinet, trumpet, trombone, tenor saxophone, tuba, drums and banjo.

Dixieland Band was established in mid-December of 2009. The idea of forming such ensemble came from Mark Rhodes, a trumpeter of the Husky Sports Band.

"Or audience is changing, so we need to change," Tuomaala said. "I don't think anyone has done an online concert before."

David Roan Martin (leader, clarinet), Rachel Sailor (trombone), Mark Rhodes (trumpet), Darlene Peterson (saxophone), Ryan Udairum (tuba), Kevin Hooker (drums) and Deondre Smile (drums) played several numbers at Ritsche Auditorium.

Their performance was aired live with only a 30-second delay.

Audience watched the performance at [www.stcloudstate.edu/liveevents/ritsche](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/liveevents/ritsche).

Audience can comment and request songs to be played by Dixieland by sending email to [band@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:band@stcloudstate.edu).

"This is experimentation; I don't know if it will work," Tuomaala said. "We received 25 e-Mail responses during the concert."

"You have to change faster than your competition; that is what we are trying to do by doing an online concert," Tuomaala said. "We are trying to be ahead of the curve."

Dixieland performed a number of pieces of jazz and blues such as "Baby, Baby" and "My Darling."

"It is pretty much like [Glen Tuomaala] asked us to play and we said 'yes,'" SCSU sophomore, clarinetist David Roan Martin, said.

"I think doing an online concert is a pretty good idea. But, it is weird because we couldn't see our audience," SCSU freshman, trombonist Rachel Sailor said.

Martin said he played clarinet for 20 years and Sailor played trombone for a year and a half, oboe for eight years.

"It is a great way to get perspective students to hear the type of music that we play and to really find out what it is like to be [playing] in the Husky Band and the Dixieland Band," Martin said.

"My expectation for the Dixieland Band is that it [will] be fun, and they interact with the audience," Tuomaala said.

Dixieland also performed Child Neurology Foundation charity event in Minneapolis.

"It really put SCSU on the map when we performed it. [We are] getting the word out that we have fun here in St. Cloud State," Martin said.

"I hope that Dixieland can play at the basketball games, and other campus community events," Tuomaala said.

They are planning to practice for an extra hour every Monday night.

"[Students] have a chance to earn a little bit of scholarship money from the Sports Band," Martin said. "It's a great way to make friends; it's a great way to have fun. We all love each other, we all have fun."



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The Husky Dixieland Band performing at the first ever online concert out of Ritsche Auditorium.