



SCSU Music Student Shines at PASIC Competition

With a score of 92.3, SCSU music education student Andy Anker tied for second place in the College Tenor Drum category at the 30th Annual Percussive Arts Society International Convention

(PASIC) on November 5th, 2005. He was required to pass a preliminary audition and was one of only ten musicians internationally who were invited to compete in the competition.

Andy is a graduate of Eagan High School and studies percussion with Dr. Terry Vermillion, Professor of Percussion Studies. He was a member of the Madison Scouts, Cadets, Minnesota Brass Drum & Bugle Corps, and the Great Lakes Percussion Independent World Winter Drumline. His musical talents will also be showcased during the spring, 2006 semester with the University Orchestra as the winner of the SCSU Concerto/Aria Competition. For more information contact Dr. Terry Vermillion tvermillion@stcloudstate.edu (320) 308-5287



After months of hard work and planning the new Husky Sports Band is prepared for their first performances in March at the women's and men's basketball tournaments. The band is open to all SCSU and SCTC students, faculty, staff, alumni, and high school students grades 9-12 (with permission from their band director).

How do my friends and I join the band? Contact

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Sports Band Awards

Husky Sports Band members are eligible to earn a \$100 Sports Band Award each semester based on their attendance and performance. This scholarship is available to all SCSU and SCTC students; you do not have to be a music major to earn an award. The Sports Band Award reflects the musical contribution each member makes to campus athletic and community events. Membership requires a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and good attendance.

Outreach & Recruitment

The music department has been busy with recruitment efforts all year including clinics, workshops, and symposiums with department faculty:

- Honor Band of the Missota Conference Music Festival: April, 2006 – Dr. Rik Hansen
- Region VI Music Festival in Fergus Falls: March, 2006 – Dr. Rik Hansen
- Cantabile Children's Choir Festival (*Cantabile Girls Choir, St. John's Boy Choir, & Mankato Children's Choir*): Feb 25, 2006 – Dr. Lee Nelson
- MMEA Midwinter Clinic "Beginning Band and Orchestra Methods: Choosing the Right One for Your Students": Feb, 2006 – Dr. Timothy Wollenzien

Be Our Guest at MMEA!

Minnesota Music Educators Association SCSU Alumni reception on Friday, Feb 17 from 5:30 to 7p.m. in the Marquette Room of the Minneapolis Hilton or come and visit faculty and friends at our display booth #826

- MMEA "Chosen Gems" Reading Session: Feb, 2006 – Dr. Rik Hansen
- MMEA Collegiate Chair: Feb, 2006 – Dr. Timothy Wollenzien
- MMEA Mid-Winter Clinic: Feb, 2006 – Dr. Mark Springer
- Region 5A Honor Choir and Band Festival: Nov 15, 2005 – Dr. Lee Nelson
- Ridgewater College High School Choral Festival: Oct 8, 2005 – Dr. Lee Nelson
- North Dakota State Orchestra Festival: Oct, 2005 – Maxim Samarov & Marion Judish



SCSU @ Midwest Clinic

In December 2005 Dr. Rik Hansen, moderated the forum "Composers' Forum: Renewing the Creative Environment" at the Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinic in Chicago. The presentation focused on cultivating creativity in composers and wind band musicians and grew out of his recent work with composer Justin Freer. Freer was commissioned by the SCSU Wind Ensemble and his new composition *Liberty Fallen* received a world premier performance during the fall semester. Hansen has also recently been named to the editorial board of the WASBE JOURNAL.



Jane Oxtton Awarded Paramount Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award

SCSU alumna and Cantabile Girls Choir Director Jane Oxtton was honored for her "profound and lasting contributions to the arts" with the Paramount Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Cantabile Girls Choir that she directs at SCSU is an exceptional achievement of the music department preparatory program. The choir sponsors an invitational children's choir festival each February, sings at area elementary schools each May and takes an annual Minnesota tour. Congratulations to Jane on this incredible achievement from all of the faculty, students and staff of the Department of Music!

SCSU Choirs Tour Midwest

Both the Concert Choir and Women's Choir have nearly doubled in enrollment and the rebirth of the Chamber Singers has been met with great excitement and optimism. On March 29 to April 6 the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will be taking a Midwest tour, performing in Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin.



One of the highlights of the tour is a collegiate choral festival in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa where the Concert Choir, in conjunction with choirs from the University of Northern Iowa and Iowa Wesleyan College, will perform with the professional *a cappella* men's ensemble, *Chanson*.

The Concert Choir will also be performing a new composition by *Chanson* member and St. Cloud native, J. Aaron McDermid. Other tour performances include Chicago, Valparaiso, and stops in Wisconsin and Minnesota. For more information or to sponsor a tour concert, contact Dr. Lee Nelson, Director of Choral Activities ldnelson@stcloudstate.edu (320) 308-2260.

Great River Honor Band Festival features the United States Air Force Academy Band

The United States Air Force Academy Band Colorado Springs, Colonel Steven Grimmo



conductor, will be the guest of honor at the Great River Honor Band Festival on March 24th and 25th. Honor Band Concerts are at 4pm Friday and 3pm Saturday in Ritsche Auditorium. The SCSU Wind Ensemble will also share "A Concert for Peace" with the Air Force Academy Band on Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Admission is free for the evening concert, however seating is limited. Audience members must obtain tickets on a "first come, first serve basis" through either the St. Cloud Times or St. Cloud State University Atwood ticket service when available two weeks prior to the event. For more information contact Dr. Rik Hansen rkhanen@stcloudstate.edu (320) 308-3022

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