FROM THE PRESIDENT OF MAFA

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I had the opportunity to take my family to NGU's Christmas Concert this past season. It still amazes me to come on campus and enter the new facilities and see how much God has blessed North Greenville and, in particular, our music department. The facilities, number of students, and level of performance are simply amazing for those of us who came before. The music department continues to add instruments and opportunities for potential students. Dr. Griffin has informed us that North Greenville submitted to SACS a new BA in Music (General) for students who want a general music degree, but not a professional degree (music ed, church music, and performance). What an exciting time to be a part of MAFA. I want to encourage each of you to support MAFA with your enrollment and information and continue to tell potential students about the best kept secret in Music Education in the state. We will have our second annual MAFA picnic at Paris Mountain State Park on June 16. I hope you'll make plans to attend so we can re-connect and reminisce.

God bless,

David Pickens

FROM THE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Dear Alumni and Friends of the Cline School of Music,

It is such a delight for me to hear from so many old friends in the days following the publishing of each newsletter. Thanks to email and Facebook we can all get in touch with each other again. We are in the process of updating our MAFA Facebook page, so please look at it periodically for connections to old friends and new announcements. It's that time of year when we send you the enrollment form and hope you will enroll with us again. This helps us keep our rolls updated and provides funds for needed items such as instruments and special events for music students and MAFA membership. We are once again planning on a MAFA picnic on June 16, 2012, at a shelter at Paris Mountain State Park (Greenville, SC). There will be additional information about it on the MAFA Facebook page soon.

We continue to ask for your prayers as we continue with our mission of a quality education in a biblically sound, Christ-centered environment.

Jackie Griffin

SECOND ANNUAL MAFA PICNIC
PARIS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK
JUNE 16, 2012
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2012 AUDITIONS

This spring, the Cline School of Music will be holding scholarship auditions on the following Saturdays: February 11, and March 17. These auditions will begin at 9:00 am in the Sullivan Gallery and will get under way with a question and answer session with the faculty. These auditions are held for all prospective students interested in majoring in music.
From Phillip Capps ('73) "I was just thinking about the great times at North Greenville just the other day. I am teaching music at Sangaree Intermediate School in Berkeley County; my 32nd year of teaching".

J. Lance Stockton, ('07) NGU Music Education graduate and presently Band Director at Hartsville High School, Hartsville, SC, will receive the YOUNG MUSIC EDUCATOR AWARD OF THE YEAR at the 2012 SCMEA Inservice Conference. Lance has also taught in Laurens 55 School District, and was band director for three years at Berea High School, where he received the TEACHER OF THE YEAR award for 2011-12. Congratulations to Lance as he joins Brian Grant and Laura Bolt Brooks, also NGU graduates, who have achieved this honor. Lance wrote and received another $20,000 grant through the Byerly Foundation towards the purchase of new instruments.

Matt Limbaugh ('69) had 2 anthems published, one by Lorenz for Christmas, 2011, titled, Who's The Little Baby, arranged by Mary McDonald, and the other, And Give You Peace, published by Shawnee. He will also be participating in a composer's symposium honoring Dr. Louis O. Ball in April, 2012, for Carson-Newman graduates who have had music published. He has had organ and/or piano music published by LifeWay, Lorenz, SoundForth, Hope, and FJH publishing companies.

Carla Fowler ('98) is Director of Bands at Chesnee High School and finished her Masters degree recently from Gardner Webb. She received the MA in School Administration and hopes to begin her doctorate in the fall. Congrats, Carla.

Joyous Tyson Davis ('00) is in her second show at Town Theatre in Columbia, SC. Last year she was in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, and in January, 2012 she was in Dirty Rotten Scoundrels.

Jason Rainey ('02) married Jennifer Polin in 2009 and lives in Greer. She is an English teacher at Greer Middle and he is a Spanish teacher at Blue Ridge High School. Jason directs mission trips to Nicaragua every summer and while there directs the music team. He also directs the music ministry for the Hispanic services at his church, His Vineyard.

Bill Sherrill ('03) PARMA Recordings will cut and market a CD in 2012 featuring the Romanian cellist Ovidiu Marinescu and will include Bill's Divertimento for Strings, which includes a cello solo. The CD will be distributed worldwide by NAXOS. The deal includes two concerts to promote the release, one in West Chester, PA, where Marinescu teaches, and the second in Carnegie Hall.

Erin Mayfield ('06) is teaching at Brook Glenn Elementary School in Taylors, grades K4-5th grade. She is also a wedding planner and coordinator for SC, NC, and GA. Her company is Next Step Weddings and Events.

Lance Stockton ('07) wrote and received another $20,000 grant through the Byerly Foundation towards the purchase of new instruments. He is looking forward to being back at the SCMEA Conference this year as the past couple of years he has been extremely busy and in the middle of indoor percussion.

Lauren Powers Cason ('08) On October 1, 2011, Lauren married NGU graduate Tyler Cason. She is teaching for NGU as well as teaching 14 students at Piano Central Students. This spring, she will be accompanying for Baptist All-State Chorus, as well as Greer Children's Theatre's Production of "Hairspray."

Greg Suits ('08) plans on beginning Grad school for Composition at USC in August. He has moved to Columbia to begin training to be General Manager of the Chick-fil-A on Harbison Boulevard, and is very active as a wedding musician and church musician.

Melissa Dickerson ('09) is working at Burlington High School (Vermont) as the musical accompanist. Also, in November she was the soprano soloist with the Burlington Choral Society in their performance of Liszt's Missa Choralis and a new Remembrance Cantata by David Neiweem.

Brandon Graves ('10) is at Boiling Springs Middle School teaching Music Appreciation, 6th grade beginning band, and 7th and 8th grade orchestra. He had a student place in the South Carolina Region One Honors Orchestra back in October. Brandon also received the Outstanding Senior Music Award for 2010-11 at North Greenville University. This award is given by the faculty in recognition of scholarship and all-round dedication to the Cline School of Music.

Mitchell Yaksh ('10) just graduated with the Master of Music in Performance from UGA, a semester early and with a 3.94 GPA. Currently he is freelancing in Athens as flutist/pianist as well as volunteering part time for his church, Compass Community Church.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Jordan Sepsey (piano student of Mr. Fabio Parrini) performed Prelude in A-flat major, Op. 23 No. 8 and Prelude in D major, Op. 23 No. 4 by Sergei Rachmaninoff for a Master Class with guest artist Volodymyr Vynnytsky at the 51st Annual Conference of the South Carolina Music Teachers Association in November 2011.

Pi Kappa Lambda
The Kappa Eta chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda at the North Greenville University Cline School of Music announced the election of the following new student members into the Society:

- Rachel Baker
- Matt Davis
- Mark Eshenbaugh
- Pamela Williamson

In addition, we also welcomed Dr. Carolyn Hamlin, a past graduate of the Cline School of Music, into the Society. These men and women will be recognized in a special Student Recital and Awards Ceremony in February. We offer our congratulations to these new members!

MENC
The NGU Collegiate NAfME chapter tied with Kansas State University for the most votes in a contest to achieve free memberships for chapter members. President Rachel Baker, Matt Davis, and Brandon Leonard participated in a Music Trivia Webinar in late October. NGU led for most of the Webinar, but lost by one point to Kansas State. Congratulations to these students and the members who supported their efforts. About eleven NGU NAfME members will be attending the SCMEA Inservice Conference, Feb. 2-4 in North Charleston.

Student teachers for the spring semester in the Music Education area are Brandon Leonard at Riverside Middle and Eastside High School, with Mrs. Ginger Greer. Brandon’s major area is Strings.

Kenneth Perkins will be student teaching with Ms. Sherry Biondo at Tigerville Elementary in general Music, with emphasis on Piano Instruction. This school has a large piano lab.

Zach Taylor will be student teaching at Pickens Middle with Mason Mumford and at the new Pickens High School under Mrs. Laura Bolt Brooks (NGU graduate) in Band.

Alumni, please take note that MENC is now NAfME (National Association for Music Education).

FACULTY NEWS

Dean Jackie Griffin will be inducted into the South Carolina Music Educators’ Hall of Fame, on Friday, February 3rd. Dr. Griffin is most deserving of this high honor from SCMEA because she has taught more than a generation of music educators who teach not only in South Carolina, but throughout the southern states. She has provided leadership for her faculty to attend and assist with SCMEA activities, and used the physical facilities at NGU for SCMEA festivals and other programs. In addition, she served on the SCMEA Executive Board as President-Elect, President, and Vice President of the College Division (now Higher Education) and has attended national NAfME(MENC) inservice conferences and the Music Education Week Technology Academy in Washington, D.C. As President of the Higher Education Division, she planned programs for the state inservice conferences. Congratulations to Dean Griffin on this latest honor! Dr. Griffin attended the National Association of Schools of Music Conference in November in Scottsdale, Arizona. She serves as an evaluator for that organization and visited two institutions during 2011 that were seeking accreditation renewal.

Dr. Cheryl Greene is the Vice President for the South Carolina National Association of Teachers of Singing (SCNATS) organization. On December 12, 2011, she directed the volunteer choir that sang with Keith and Kristyn Getty at First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC in JOY~An Irish Christmas. Dr. Greene is also the vocal coach for the NGU musical, Little Women, that will be February 15-18 and 22-25 in the Billingsley Theatre. In addition, she is the understudy for the role of Marmee (the mother).

Dr. Brent Coppenbarger, clarinet, and Mary Elizabeth Hendricks, viola, will present their instruments for the music classes at Alexander Elementary School on Feb. 1, 2012. Alexander music students are learning about instruments in their music classes.

Dr. Marianne Holland, Music Education, will introduce the guest speaker for the Daughters of Eta, Delta Kappa Gamma members, on Saturday, January 28th, at the Piedmont Club in Spartanburg. The speaker is Dr. Gwen Simmons of North Carolina, who will speak on Gender Differences and Leadership.
Dr. Christopher Davis (Assistant Professor of Percussion) has recently been endorsed by Yamaha instruments and is now a Yamaha Performing Artist. In addition to Yamaha, he is also an Innovative Percussion Artist. Dr. Davis will be presenting a Vibraphone Fundamentals clinic at the 2012 South Carolina PAS Day of Percussion, held on the University of South Carolina campus on Saturday, April 14. Two days later, on Monday, April 16, Dr. Davis will be playing the marimba Concertant, *Gate to Heaven*, by David Gillingham with the NGU Concert Band at 7:00 pm in Turner Chapel.

Dr. Lilia Stoytcheva presented a piano recital on September 19th, 2011 in Hamlin Recital Hall. Repertoire included Sonata E Flat Major by Haydn, two Grand Etudes by Liszt, *Pictures at an Exhibition* by Mussorgsky, and *Rachenitsa* Op. 29 and *Humoresque* Op. 15 by Pancho Vladigerov.

Richard Kennedy (NGU Concert Choir Conductor, 1972-1979) and Dot Kennedy are retired and living in Gowensville in the Links Community. Richard went on to conduct the Voices of Appalachia at Alice Lloyd College for 28 years. In retirement he is director of the Sanctuary Choir at Tryon Presbyterian Church where he and Dot are members. Since returning to South Carolina, Richard has sung with the Greenville Chorale and conducted the Carolinas Community Chorus in Tryon. “The best part about being back in South Carolina is catching up with former NGC students. Some of those are: Tony Spencer, Glen Plumley, Sam Coates, Charlie Miller, Donnie Abercrombie (he designed the lighting in our house), Kyle and Cindy Batson (sang in the Greenville Chorale with Kyle), Pam Savage, and Paula Henderson Rhoden.” In addition Richard and Wayne Gilliam had the opportunity to get together in Kentucky a few times.” Richard would love hear from more of you. His e-mail is: richardkennedy@hotmail.com. His phone is: 864-404-8001.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The NGU Chamber Players presented a recital on campus on January 17, 2012. Performers for the evening included Leslie Warlick, violin; Michael Weaver, viola; Brenda Leonard, cello; Brian Gencarelli, double bass, and Fabio Parrini, piano, presenting works by Mozart, Rossini, Handel-Halvorsen, and Mendelssohn. Last semester the group performed and coached at Beck Academy and J. L. Mann High School, and this semester they plan to continue visiting schools within and beyond the Greenville area, including Spring Valley High School in Columbia, SC.

2012 Car Show - The NGU Marching Crusaders will be hosting their annual car show on Saturday, April 21, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm on the Fairview Baptist Church campus in Greer. Any and all support for this event is welcome, with all inquiries being directed to Dr. Christopher Davis at 864-977-7176 or cdavis@ngu.edu. Further information may be found on the registration form at music.ngu.edu. News and Announcements.

Catalyst Percussion, an education-focused theatrical percussion ensemble based out of Greenville, SC, is in its second year of performing on the WGI indoor percussion circuit. Catalyst was founded by NGU percussion alums Matt Chastain, Barry Mullinax, Sam Studley, and Christopher Otte.

The School of Music welcomes a new addition to our staff. Mrs. Liz Boehm joined us as College of Fine Arts Secretary last November. She is a wonderful addition, and if you need any assistance, please contact her at liz.boehm@ngu.edu. Welcome, Liz!

**CLINE SCHOOL OF MUSIC CALENDAR - SPRING 2012**

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