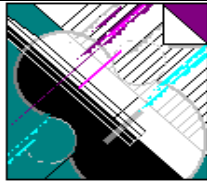


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MUSICALumni Notes

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Homecoming, Nov. 19-21, 2009 MUSICALumni Events to Honor Dr. Dan Nelson

This year PLNU MUSICALumni is planning a very special celebration to honor Dr. Dan Nelson. Dan has been a key figure in the Music Department for the past 18 years, most visibly with the Concert and Jazz Bands. However, his influence on his many students goes much deeper. PLNU recently announced that Dr. Nelson is stepping down from his teaching duties because of ongoing health issues. He has been very open over the years in allowing us to walk through this journey with him. We are privileged to continue to do so now. So, what can you do?



1. **Mark your calendars** for the following events on Homecoming weekend:
 - **Thursday evening, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m.** - Fall Musicale Concert in **Crill Hall** celebrating Dan's contributions to PLNU.
 - **Saturday afternoon, Nov. 21, 2:00 p.m.** - MUSICALumni reception in **Cooper Parlor** honoring Dan Nelson.
2. **Share Memories** by contributing to a scrapbook that will be presented to Dr. Nelson at Homecoming Weekend. Go to www.celebrateahero.com, click on "Invited Guests" tab and enter Book ID 826150. **Entries must be in by Nov. 11!**
3. **Contact the Music Department** at 619-849-2325/music@pointloma.edu or Beryl Pagan at [619-849-2350](tel:619-849-2350)/bpagan@pointloma.edu with questions.
4. **Write a note of encouragement to Dan.** Mail can be sent to the PLNU Music Office, 3900 Lomaland Dr., San Diego, CA 92106. Email can go directly to dannelson@pointloma.edu. He would love to hear from you.

Also on Homecoming Weekend: Our annual **MUSICALumni@Miguel's fundraiser** to benefit the MUSICALumni Endowed Scholarship Fund!

2009-10 PLNU Music Scholarship Winners:

MUSICALumni Scholarship

Vladiken Bgatov, Elisa Jordan

Beresford Piano Scholarship

Claire Massey

Bergland Endowed Scholarship

Richard "Abe" Powers

David L. Garven Scholarship

Alexandra Rodrick

Bud Hussong Scholarship

Christen Horne

Chester and Alice Crill Scholarship

Christian Sanders

Chester C. and Alice F. Crill Organ Scholarship

Abby Greathouse

M.A. Merriman Scholarship

Derek Jackson

Dr. and Mrs. Keith Pagan Scholarship

Abby Greathouse

Doris Titterington Scholarship

Sarah Bishop

Dr. Myron and Mrs. Pauline Tweed Scholarship

Matthew Long

Department Academic Awards

Abby Greathouse, Emily Haberstroh, Christen Horne, Alex Rodrick

Spotlight On...Dan Nelson and Rwanda LoveWorks 2009

BKP: I understand you recently went to Rwanda with PLNU's LoveWorks program. Can you tell me about it?

DN: Jann, Jared Callahan, Melissa Tucker, and I led a group of ten PLNU students to Rwanda. One music major, Abe Powers, was among the ten. We spent the first of three weeks in southern Rwanda visiting churches, schools, genocide memorials, and participated in the ground-breaking of a child development center. The last two weeks were spent in northern Rwanda, specifically the Gisenyi Province. The list below is not exhaustive, but representative of how we spent our time:

- Planted the 100th Nazarene church in Rwanda
- Built foundation for 16 classrooms at orphanage
- Taught trumpet and trombone lessons
- Played countless hours of soccer
- Made concrete bricks for two sites
- Worshipped (sang, danced, preached, testified) with many different congregations
- Loved and bonded with children
- Ate



BKP: Why did you feel so strongly that you wanted to return to Rwanda after your trip two years ago?

DN: Two years ago, the students saw a vision for an orphanage to be built. They raised \$25,000 for the building. Now two years later, we were able to see the completion of that vision. We were part of the dedication ceremony which drew more than a thousand people. The celebration was broadcast on Rwandan National Radio. It was wonderful to be able to go back and be part of the opening festivities.

BKP: I understand that there was a musical aspect of this trip. Can you tell us about it?

DN: When Simon Pierre was in San Diego, he enjoyed the music of the concert band and the jazz band. He decided that his church and his orphanage needed a musical program and was told by the regional government that if he were to start a brass band and have it available for civic functions it could be subsidized by the local government. So he asked me to start a program by giving trumpet and trombone lessons. Abe Powers, Jann, and I worked with eighteen Rwandan students on the three trumpets and three trombones we took with us. They played in church after two weeks of lessons.

BKP: Is there some way that music alums could contribute to this cause?

DN: Several pressing needs are:

- A keyboard, something along the lines of a Rowland, weighted action keyboard
- Cable for running sound in a church sanctuary
- Trumpets and trombones and all the auxiliary needs, such as valve oil, slide grease, water spray bottles, etc.
- Folding music stands

To contribute to the Rwanda Project, please contact Dan and Jann Nelson at dannelson@pointloma.edu. --Beryl K. Pagan ('84)

Point Loma Opera Theatre

A group of PLNU students have created a new all student-led organization called *Point Loma Opera Theatre (PLOT)*. They are producing two operas in the fall: Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi*, and Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* on November 6, 11, 13, 14 at 7:30 p.m., and November 8 @ 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 (students, military, seniors), \$10 (general). For ticket reservation call the Music Department at 619.849.2325 or MusicTickets@pointloma.edu

Any donations to the club would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to the attention of *Point Loma Opera Theatre* club president, Elisa Jordan, c/o the music department.

Top 10 Happenings in Vocal Studies at PLNU this past year

1. PLNU's presented *Die Zauberfloete (Magic Flute)* fully staged with orchestra. It was a great success!
2. First recognition by the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions of a current PLNU student, senior Jackie M. Hayes. Jackie won the highest monetary encouragement award given at the auditions.
3. A record eleven PLNU students were granted call-back auditions with San Diego Opera which resulted in six students being hired to sing in the chorus for the 2009 season - seniors Jackie Hayes, Brendan McClenahan, Steven Vail, and sophomores Vlad Bgatov, Elisa Jordan, and Christian Sanders.
4. Two PLNU students, senior Brendan McClenahan and sophomore Christian Sanders, won first place in the upper and lower-collegiate division of the National Association of Teachers of Singing - San Diego. Two others, sophomore Alexandra Rodrick and senior Jackie Hayes, won third place and honorable mention, respectively.
5. PLNU sophomore Elisa Jordan won third place in the California Women's Chorus Scholarship Auditions.
6. Four PLNU seniors (Jackie Hayes, Brendan McClenahan, Steven Vail, & Megan Webb Vail) were accepted into the Vocal Performance masters program at Cal State Northridge and will be attending this fall.
7. Four PLNU students (sophomores Elisa Jordan, Alex Rodrick, and seniors Jackie Hayes and Megan Vail) were accepted in, and attended, the SongFest international summer program in Los Angeles.
8. PLNU students organized Point Loma Opera Theater - a student-led organization. They have already cast two shows for Fall 2009 with the help of the director for San Diego Opera's 2010 production of *La Boheme*. They were busy this summer in pre-production work and fundraising. (*see article on previous page*)
9. PLNU students were employed by or did internships at: Torrey Pines Christian Church, First United Methodist Church - San Diego, and Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church.
10. PLNU music majors organized PLNU's first Music Theater Club and produced and performed Jason Robert Brown's *The Last Five Years*, starring senior Alex Moore and junior Kendall Richardson.

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in prayer:

- **Mrs. Alice Crill** has recently been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Please pray for Alice's peace and comfort.
- **Professor Emeritus Dr. Myron Tweed** recently had surgery for a tumor on his spine. Please pray for Myron and his family during his recovery.

Notes of encouragement to Alice or Myron can be sent c/o Betsy Northam in the Music Office (see address below) or bnortham@pointloma.edu.

GIVING TO MUSICALUMNI

Have you contributed to MUSICALumni lately? Please consider contributing in either or both of the following ways:

- Dues: \$25/person or \$40/couple (these go toward our operating expenses).
- MUSICALumni Endowed Scholarship Fund (we give scholarships to two music students each year).

Your support is vital to our efforts. Checks can be sent to the address at the bottom of this page. Or, give online through our secure website at www.pointloma.edu/Music/MUSICALumni.htm. Thank you for your continued support!

Get out the vote!

It's that time again. Please complete the ballot on the reverse of this page and vote for your MUSICALumni board.

Alumni Happenings

On April 25, MUSICALalumni Helen Lundgren, Larry Rench, and Lisa Freed and PLNU music students gathered together for "A Musical Day in LA" to hear Joshua Bell play with the LA Philharmonic, enjoy dinner, and see a performance of Wagner's *Die Walkyre*.

We'd love to hear your ideas for future "can't miss" musical outings combining alumni and music students. Contact Juliette Singler with ideas at jsingler@pointloma.edu.

MUSICALumni Board, 2009-2010 BALLOT

The following continuing positions on the 2009-2010 PLNU MUSICALumni Board will be filled by members of the 2008-2009 Board:

President	Lynette (Bellefeuille) Davis ('00)
Past-President	Beryl Pagan ('84)
Ex Officio Member	Paul Kenyon, Chair, PLNU Music Department

The remaining offices are: **President-Elect** (elect one), **Secretary/Treasurer** (elect one), and **Board of Directors** (elect five).

President-Elect (vote for one):

_____ Dana (Roper) Ayer ('64)

Secretary/Treasurer (vote for one):

_____ Judith (Madsen) Thomas (pref. '81)

Board of Directors (vote for five):

_____ Bernardo Campos ('93)
_____ Judy (Halbert) Faulhaber (78)
_____ Dee Dee Varner ('81)
_____ Steve Vail ('09)
_____ Crystal (Richardson) Pridmore ('08)

Please complete and return by **October 31, 2009**. **Send ballot to:**

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