



# The Academy Accent

WINTER 2009 - 2010

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 2nd Annual Lessons for Life Breakfast, April 28, 2010
- Kernersville Satellite Location at Main Street Baptist Church, 126 N. Main St., Kernersville, NC 27284
- Lessons for Life Tour Dates, see page 8

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## 5th Annual Guitar Festival

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Guitar Festival at The Music Academy on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. This year's festival was a great success, and brought in competitors and participants from 34 cities in 12 states across the country!

The festivities began with a concert lecture on Friday afternoon by Music Academy faculty members Mark Mazzatenta and Wolfgang Planz. That evening, the *Carolina String Duo*, (featuring faculty

member Kevin Dollar and former faculty Carey Harwood), and renowned classical guitarist Jason Vieaux performed in the beautiful sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church in downtown Greensboro.

Jason Vieaux also gave a master class at The Music Academy on Saturday afternoon prior to an evening concert featuring local guitarist Patrick Lui, and Brett Parnell and Geremy Shulick of *Threefifty Duo*.

Sunday's events included a master class with *Threefifty*

*Duo* and a Classical Workshop for Kids with Patrick Lui. The winners of the Elementary and Middle School rounds performed a recital at 1:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, followed by the final rounds for both the High School and College categories. The final winners of all categories in the festival are listed on page 2.

A special thank you to our clinicians, performers, and volunteers for making this year's festival so memorable! The Music Academy also owes a big thank you to First Presbyterian Church for making the sanctuary available for our concert series.



## The Music Academy Honors Volunteer Anita Barfield

At the 2008-2009 Annual Meeting, on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, the Board of Directors honored volunteer **Anita Barfield** with the **2008-2009 Pamela A. Allen Volunteer Achievement Award**. Anita, an

accomplished pianist and organist, has volunteered at MANC for over a year in many areas, including inventory, phone coverage, and reception.



Jane Whichard (left) with Anita Barfield

Join us for the **2nd Annual Lessons for Life Breakfast**, on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at the Greensboro Country Club. Guests will enjoy breakfast at tables hosted by friends of The Music Academy, a message from our Executive Director, stories of our impact in the community, and of course, beautiful music.

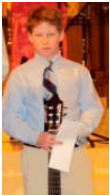
# 5th Annual Guitar Festival Winners

## Elementary Category

- 1st Place **Maximus Merrill**, of Lewisville
- 2nd Place **Will Soler**, a Music Academy student, of Greensboro
- 3rd Place **David Wells**, a Music Academy student, of Greensboro



Max Merrill



Chris Staton

## Middle Category

- 1st Place **Chris Staton**, a Music Academy student, of Greensboro
- 2nd Place **J P Castillo**, of Jamestown
- 3rd Place **Austin Delossantos**, of Winston-Salem

## High School Category

- 1st Place **Max Hiner**, of Radford, VA
- 2nd Place **John Marcel Williams**, of Wintersville, OH
- 3rd Place **Kevin de Miranda**, of Greensboro
- 4th Place **Jordan Taylor**, of Katy, TX



Max Hiner

## College Category

- 1st Place **Armin Abdihodzic**, of Denton, TX
- 2nd Place **Danny Rectenwald**, of Cleveland, OH
- 3rd Place **Stevan Jovic**, of Bloomington, IN
- 4th Place **Donovan Butez**, of Columbus, GA



Left to right: Armin Abdihodzic, Danny Rectenwald, Stevan Jovic, Donovan Butez

# Children's Concert Series

The Music Academy presented performances of Raymond Brigg's *The Snowman* at local preschools and elementary schools around the Triad during the month of December. The tour included visits to:

- Allen Jay Elementary School
- Archer Elementary School
- First Presbyterian Weekday Preschool
- Guilford Park Presbyterian

**Preschool**  
Lindley Elementary School  
Partnership Village  
Peck Elementary School  
Sumner Elementary School  
Vandalia Elementary School

A performance was also held at The Music Academy and families came in their holiday pajamas to spread out a blanket and enjoy the holiday music. Staff member Laura Holley and faculty members

Mittie Douglass, Samee Griffith, and Liz Doebler brought the story of the little boy and his snowman alive for the audience members.

Keep on the lookout for the next concert program in the series, to be announced early this spring!

*"Thank you from a fellow music lover. This is one of my favorite pieces of music and I enjoyed hearing it again. My Pre-K class loved hearing the piano and the different moods that can be created. Great job!"*

*Cynthia Webster,  
Vandalia Elementary School*



David Choi auditioned and was accepted to All-County Orchestra as principal cellist. Congratulations David.

## The Music Academy Faculty Give Back

Every year we have many faculty members who donate their time and talent by giving back to the community through Music Academy performances throughout the Triad. This year we are highlighting two of our most generous faculty members, Wayne Reich and Kevin Dollar.

A member of the violin faculty, Wayne received his Master's degree in Music from Syracuse University, and his Bachelor's degree in Music from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he is currently pursuing the Doctor of Musical Arts. In addition to his studio at The Music Academy, Wayne is an Adjunct Violin Instructor at Guilford Technical Community College, where he also teaches sections of Music Appreciation. Wayne received the 2008-2009 MANC Faculty and Staff Merit & Service Award for his dedication to The Music Academy.

Kevin Dollar has been a member of the guitar faculty at MANC since 1995. He is currently a Master Teacher and Director of Recitals. Kevin received his Master's degree in Music from UNCG in 2001, and has received the 1998 Music Academy Board Service Award, the 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2004 MANC Faculty Merit & Service Awards, a 2002 Teaching Excellence Award, and the 2003 Pamela A. Allen Achievement Award. In addition to teaching at The Music Academy, Kevin is also a guitar instructor at Elon University.

This semester, Wayne and Kevin both performed on behalf of MANC at the Art D'Vine event in Kernersville on June 5<sup>th</sup> to help promote our new Kernersville Satellite location. Wayne also performed at speaking engage-

ments with the Optimist Club (September 21<sup>st</sup>) and the Lion's Club (October 5<sup>th</sup>). In November, Wayne and Kevin joined with former faculty member, Chip Harwood, to play for the United Arts Council Vanguard Celebration at Revolution Mill Studios. Kevin also performed with his *Carolina String Duo* (including former faculty member Carey Harwood) at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Guitar Festival this past fall. Together, Wayne and Kevin often perform in the gypsy jazz style of pre-WWII France, giving audience members a chance to hear a specialized genre to which they might not otherwise be exposed.

Kevin explained his generosity as a way to help younger guitar teachers become more established, to provide a positive role model for those that may be inspired to give back, to make sure that everyone gets a chance to experience music (regardless of their ability to afford it), and to repay the debt he owes for "just being a part of this world." Wayne writes: "Of all the performances in which I have participated, those that included MANC faculty have been some of the most rewarding. I never doubt the quality of performance or the joy of camaraderie when I respond to a MANC performance request. I feel that this element comes across to those for whom we play, and I know that audiences respond more positively to a group of performers who enjoy one another and express that in the music."

We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Wayne and Kevin for all of their hard work and devotion to The Music Academy. We are lucky to have faculty members who share so much with us!



Wayne Reich



Kevin Dollar

*"MANC has been like a family to me for the last 15 years and I am proud to be able to represent the school in the community. Our staff is the most dedicated and selfless group of people that I've ever worked with...there's still room for the personal touches that make the group as much a family as a 'staff.'"*

*Kevin Dollar,  
Guitar Faculty*

## Fall Field Trips 2009

This fall, The Music Academy hosted field trips for local elementary students to teach them about music and musical instruments. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, fourth graders from Gillespie Elementary School were introduced to percussion, saxophone, banjo, and piano. The following day MANC welcomed

the third graders from Gillespie, and on November 4<sup>th</sup>, first through fifth graders from Sedgefield Elementary who participated in a field trip. Groups spent 20 minutes learning about each instrument, then shared their experiences during a wrap up period in the Allen Recital Hall. Each

student took home a “goody bag” with MANC t-shirts, rubber band bracelets, and beads. The groups brought a lot of excitement and energy to our halls, but behaved exceptionally well. Thank you to all of our faculty members who helped us with these events!

## The Feldenkrais Method

Greensboro’s only **Feldenkrais Method Awareness Through Movement** class will continue to be offered at The Music Academy. The Feldenkrais Method is an educational system that uses movement to improve our awareness of how we move in the world, and is applicable to all people looking to improve flexibility, reduce habitual tension and pain, release creativity, and generally improve overall health. Classes consist of following instructed movements and directing your sense of awareness of how your body functions and reacts.

Students participate in a relaxed, informal atmosphere and let go of their daily stress and worries as they allow themselves to “play!”

Practitioner and MANC voice faculty member **Matthew DiCamillo** has spent over two years training in the method at the Institute for the Study of Somatic Education in San Francisco, CA. In addition to his work at The Music Academy, Matthew is also an Adjunct Voice Instructor at Elon University, and a private instructor at Szymanski Studios, in Chapel Hill.

For questions or registration information, contact: [mdicamillo@musicacademync.org](mailto:mdicamillo@musicacademync.org).



Matthew DiCamillo



Allison Burse performed with the Trans-Siberian Orchestra in Greensboro on November 25 and Charlotte on November 28, 2009. Great job, Allison!

Austin Chung auditioned and was accepted to All-County Orchestra. Congratulations Austin!

## Refer your Friends! Earn Credits!



When a student registers with The Music Academy based on your referral, you earn \$20 towards your tuition costs. Music Academy student George Horton has earned the most referral credits this trimester. George studies

guitar with faculty member Ken Brown. Thank you George, for your help in spreading the news about The Music Academy!

# Pam Allen Tribute Concert

The internationally acclaimed group *Balalaika*, a traditional Russian musical ensemble, came to Greensboro to play in a concert honoring the memory of Pam Allen. Pam was a dear friend to The Music Academy and had served on the Board for 19 years; 9 years as chair. A lover and advocate of the arts, Pam was extremely passionate about bringing people together through music of different cultures, as well as providing music

educational opportunities for children.

*Balalaika* gave a master class at The Music Academy on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, before the tribute concert at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro School of Music Recital Hall on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. The artists were introduced by Rotarian Mike Sigmon and the Head of Educational Programs at the Embassy of the Russian Federation Eugene

Agoshkov, and were accompanied by dancers from Artistic Motion, directed by Natasha Davison. The Music Academy's own Executive Director, Jane Whichard, spoke in tribute to Pam Allen's memory.

The concert and master class were part of a cultural exchange arranged through the Russian Embassy and Greensboro Rotary Clubs.



Shalini Kapil and Anjali Kapil both sang at the Indian Festival on November 14, 2009 in Greensboro. Great job, Shalini and Anjali!



# The Fall Piano Festival Returns to MANC!

On Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup>, the Annual Piano Festival returned to The Music Academy with a full morning of student performances. The Festival is an opportunity for every student to experience an audition, and to gain feedback and constructive criticism from our own Music Academy faculty members.

At 1:00 pm, **Evelyn Smith, of Noteworthy Piano Service** made available a workshop entitled "Inside the Instrument: A Piano Player's Guide" exploring the workings of a piano and discussing tips for piano care. Evelyn has been a Registered Piano Technician for over 20 years, and her technicians service the pianos at

The Music Academy as well as those in hundreds of homes, churches, schools, and concert stages in the Greensboro area.



Adam Donohue performs regularly with the jazz/funk group Hot Politics. They perform throughout the southeast and plan to release a new full-length album in the spring of 2010. Adam also serves as an instructor of Music Technology at Elon University. For more information on Hot Politics, check out their website at [www.hotpoliticsband.com](http://www.hotpoliticsband.com).

## Partnerships with Local Schools

The Music Academy partners with private and public schools, colleges and universities, and community organizations to provide musical opportunities that are customized to fit the needs within each collaboration. Offerings include after-school enrichment, school and college credit, master classes, demonstrations, workshops, and performing series.



*Carol Cubberley tutors 3rd-5th grade students at Vandalia Elementary School in beginning violin.*

## Policy Reminders

**Festivals:** students are automatically registered to perform for comments-only from a clinician in the applicable MANC festival. Upcoming festivals include:

**The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Cello, Violin, & Viola Competition**, March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
**The Voice Festival**, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
**The Jazz Festival**, (TBA)

**Recordings:** students receive two recordings per term from Student Showcase recital performances! If you are unable to perform on recitals, there is a built in **Recording Day** on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.



Celena McWilliams was chosen to be part of the North Carolina Honors Chorus in November 2009 at the Stevens Center in Winston-Salem, NC. Congratulations Celena!



Allison Burse is the founder, director and a performer with Greensboro Early Music. They performed November 9, 2009 at the UNCG School of Music, Organ Hall.

## Sell Your Instruments Here

The Music Academy conducts an annual instrument consignment sale in late summer. To accommodate year-round requests for help selling instruments, MANC provides 3 options:

**Option 1:** For a fee of \$10.00: 8 1/2" x 11" size ad designed by the seller, posted on a central bulletin board in the lobby of The Music Academy, viewed by almost 1,000 students and their families on a weekly basis. The ad will remain posted for 3 months from the date of this agreement, or until The Music Academy is notified that the instrument has sold.

**Option 2:** For a fee of \$50.00: The above advertisement, plus a 1" x 2" ad space mention in an upcoming newsletter (January, May, or September). The ad will run only one time.

**Option 3:** For a fee of \$75.00: The above advertisements, plus an ad posted on our website in our "Quick Clicks" section, accessible from the homepage.

For more information. Contact Shana DiCamillo at [sdicamillo@musicacademync.org](mailto:sdicamillo@musicacademync.org).

## New Tricks for Old Dogs

You're never too old to enjoy music! A number of adult offerings have been added to this year's class schedule at The Music Academy in order to better ensure that musical opportunities are available for **students of all ages, interests, abilities, and backgrounds**. Adults can take advantage of the many potential benefits of music study, including enhanced attention capacity and memory; decreased anxiety, loneliness, and depression; and improved stress management. Music provides an emotional release and can strengthen your overall health and immune system!

### Class offerings include:

Private and semi-private lessons in piano, voice, guitar, and banjo

Recreational Keyboard Class for Adults with Carol Soter, piano faculty  
 Wednesdays 10:30 – 11:30 am  
 5:30-6:30 pm.

Happy Hour Chorus for Recreational Singers with Liz Doebler, voice faculty  
 Thursdays 6:00-7:00 pm

Beginning Guitar Class for Adults with Kevin Dollar, guitar faculty



## Music for a Great Space: Upcoming Events

🎵 **Ciampi String Quartet**  
 Eric Pritchard, violin; Hsiao-mei Ku, violin;  
 Jonathan Bagg, viola; Fred Raimi, cello; with  
 Mitchel Sommers of the Community Theater of  
 Greensboro, performing works by Jewish composers.

Monday, January 25, 2010 at 7:30 pm  
 Temple Emanuel, 1129 Jefferson Rd.  
 Greensboro, NC

Tickets: \$18 general admission, \$15 seniors, \$5 students. Available at the door (check or cash) or in advance through the Carolina Theatre at [www.carolinatheatre.com](http://www.carolinatheatre.com) or 336-333-2605 (credit, check, or cash).

🎵 **Music for Young People**,  
 featuring the Ciampi Quartet and Mitchel Sommers  
 Sponsored by the Greensboro Jewish Federation

Monday, January 25, 2010 at 1:00 pm, for grades 9-12,  
 Temple Emanuel  
 Monday, January 25, 2010 2:15 pm, for grades 5-8, Beth  
 David Synagogue

Free for all students and their teachers. Students will receive vouchers for free admission with their families to the evening concert. For more information, [execdirector@musicforagreatspace.org](mailto:execdirector@musicforagreatspace.org), or 336-638-7624.

🎵 **The Red Clay Saxophone Quartet**  
 Susan Fancher, soprano saxophone, Robert Raub, alto  
 saxophone, Stephen Stusek, tenor saxophone, Mark  
 Engerbretson, baritone saxophone, with the Tango  
 Duo, Lorena Guillén, soprano, Alejandro Rutty, piano.  
**Never Too Tango!** Sponsored by Lincoln Financial.

Friday, February 12, 2010 at 7:30 pm,  
 Christ United Methodist Church, 410 N. Holden Road,  
 Greensboro

Tickets: \$18 general admission, \$15 seniors, \$5 students. Available at the door (check or cash) or in advance through the Carolina Theatre at [www.carolinatheatre.com](http://www.carolinatheatre.com) or 336-333-2605 (credit, check, or cash).

🎵 **Music for Young People**  
 Featuring the Red Clay Saxophone Quartet and Tango  
 Duo

Friday, February 12, 2010 at 9:30 am, for grades K-2,  
 Christ United Methodist Church  
 Friday, February 12, 2010 at 10:30 am, for grades 3-5,  
 Christ United Methodist Church

Free for all students and their teachers. Students will receive vouchers for free admission with their families to the evening concert. For more information, [execdirector@musicforagreatspace.org](mailto:execdirector@musicforagreatspace.org), or 336-638-7624.



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## **The Music Academy of NC Lessons for Life**

Join us for a one-hour tour of The Music Academy of North Carolina's mission and facility. Meet our Executive Director, members of our Board of Directors, and faculty. Enjoy a short musical performance, learn about the programs of The Music Academy, and hear a message from a student or parent impacted by our work. Please contact Laura Holley at [lauraholley@musicacademync.org](mailto:lauraholley@musicacademync.org) if you are interested in attending a tour!

### **Scheduled Tour Dates**

Monday, February 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, February 12, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.  
Friday, March 12, 2010 at noon (bring a bag lunch)  
Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.  
Friday, April 9, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.  
Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

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