



## High Notes - Spring 2011

### Theresa Bogard to Chair Music Department

Dr. Theresa Bogard will be assuming the role of Department Chair in Fall 2011. Theresa takes over from David Brinkman, who has served two terms as Department Chair. Dr. Brinkman will continue as Coordinator of Music Education and will teach courses in the Music Education Area.

Thank you to David for his leadership in the past six years, and best of luck to Theresa in her new duties. Dr. Bogard will continue to teach piano.



### Fine Arts Building Remodeling

The current Fine Arts Building will be remodeled once the Art Department moves to its new facility. Funding for this is provided by the Wyoming Legislature, and planning and selection of architects in proceeding this spring. This project will result in new and remodeled space for both the Department of Music and the Department of Theatre and Dance.

We expect construction to begin after July 1, 2012.

### Jennifer Higdon, Eminent Artist

Jennifer Higdon has been the Eminent Artist in Residence during the past academic year. She worked with student composers, faculty performers, and ensembles. Ms. Higdon accompanied the Collegiate Chorale to the MENC Northwest Convention, and the entire concert was composed of works by Higdon.

Students and faculty have appreciated the opportunity to work with a Pulitzer Prize and Grammy winner!



### University of Wyoming Fall Events

- *First home game: September 3*
- *Homecoming: October 15*
- *Band Day: November 5*



# 2010-2011 Highlights

## Chicago, the Trip

Several students attended the American Choral Directors Convention in Chicago.

## Chicago, the Musical

Music students formed the “pit orchestra” for the musical *Chicago*, produced by the Department of Theatre and Dance and the Department of Music.

## Jazz Ensemble to New York

In February, the Wyoming Jazz Ensemble performed at Smoke, a jazz club, and took in jazz and other cultural attractions while in New York City.

## Opera in a Gym

The innovative Opera in a Gym program continues to tour in the region. Founder and Director Dr. Larry Hensel will have the ensemble on tour in May.

## Concerts, Concerts, Concerts

The Department of Music put on over 100 concerts and recitals during the 2010-11 season.

## New Marching Band Uniforms

New uniforms have been ordered, and will be featured for the fall 2011 season.

## Student Standouts

- \* **Gwendolyn VanBaalen** was selected as a A&S Top 20 graduate.
- \* **Michael Jaycox** (Sr., Music Education) of Laramie, WY, **Lynn Hartley** (Sr., Music) of Buffalo, WY, and **Becky Frawley** (So., Music Education) of Phoenix, AZ, were selected as Drum Majors for the 2011 University of Wyoming Western Thunder Marching Band.
- \* **Sarah Ferguson** was selected as the Presser Scholar (funded by the Presser Foundation) for the 2010-11 year.
- \* UW music student **Jun Guo** of Liaoyuan, China was named the winner in the University of Wyoming’s Dorothy Jacoby Student Soloist Competition.

## UW Summer Music Camp for grades 7-12

- June 5-11, 2011
- [www.uwyo.edu/musiccamp/](http://www.uwyo.edu/musiccamp/)
- Contact Dr. Brad Williamson, camp director, for information.
  - Phone: (307) 766-5127
  - E-mail: [bwilli29@uwyo.edu](mailto:bwilli29@uwyo.edu)



## Faculty and Staff Awards and Accomplishments

- **Kate McKeage** is serving as president of the Wyoming Music Educators Association.
- **Katrina Zook** has been selected to receive the Promoting Intellectual Engagement (PIE) Award. This honors faculty who inspire students intellectually in first year courses.
- **Dr. Anne Guzzo** was selected as an A&S "Top Teacher" by the 2011 graduating class.
- **Nicole Lamartine** and **Kate McKeage** each gave two presentations at the NW Music Educators National Conference.
- **Bob Belser** was guest of Jeff Lockwood on Wyoming Signatures interviewed about conducting and creativity broadcast by UWTW and on You Tube.
- The **UW Singing Statesmen (Nicole Lamartine, conductor)** performed as the featured choir on the 2011 Opening Night All-State Concert in Cody, WY.
- **Leslie Gallagher**, Office Assistant, Sr., was chosen as the Unsung Hero - Full Time for 2010-2011 at the annual Staff Recognition Day on April 20, 2011.

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