



The Euclid String Quartet Returns to the CMS

The Community Music School of Webster University (CMS) welcomes the **Euclid String Quartet** for a return visit February 9-12, 2012 as the resident ensemble of the **St. Looney Chamber Blitz**. The four day chamber music workshop, now in its fourth year, is an offering of the **Preparatory Program (PREP)** of the CMS, and is funded in part by a generous grant from the **National Endowment of the Arts**. Students are coached and mentored by Euclid Quartet members, **Jameson Cooper, violin, Jacob Murphy, violin, Luis Vargas, viola, and Si-Yan Darren Li, cello**, and participate in a juried mock-competition, concluding with a master class given by the quartet members. For more information about the Euclid Quartet visit: www.euclidquartet.com.

On Saturday, **February 11, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.**, the Euclid Quartet will be presented in concert at the CMS Concert Hall. Performing Haydn's String Quartet in B-Flat Major, Op. 71, No. 1, Debussy's String Quartet in g minor, Op. 10 and the **WORLD PREMIERES OF Gypsy Suite** arranged by Christian Woehr and *Caprice* by Kim Portnoy. Special guest performance by clarinetist and Artistic Director of Chamber Project St. Louis Dana Hotle and pianist and PREP Artistic Director Vera Parkin.

All St. Looney Chamber Blitz events are FREE and open to the public. For more information call 314-968-5939.

Student, Faculty & Alumni Kudos:

- **Matthew Fink**, percussion (YPCO & JLE), was ranked top drummer and placed in the top Jazz Combo at SIUE Jazz Summer Camp for the second year in a row.
- **Alex Groesch**, cello (PREP & C. Lehr), **Thomas Johnson**, violin (PREP), **Jasmine Scott**, violin (PREP), and **Nomin Zolzaya**, cello (PREP) are finalists in the *Rising Star Concerto Competition* sponsored by the Southeast Missouri Symphony Orchestra. They will compete in Cape Girardeau on February 4.
- **Shelby Nugent**, Horn (PREP), was a finalist in the *National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts Competition*. There were over 500 finalists out of 5,000 applicants. Only 150 were chosen to attend the Young Arts Week and Shelby was among the chosen.
- **Alexander Rice**, piano (Z. Ilyashov), was awarded second place in the West Central Division Junior High Piano MTNA Competition.

CMS Concert Schedule:

FEBRUARY

- **Feb. 4:** Faculty Recital at 5 p.m.
- **Feb. 11:** Euclid String Quartet Concert at 6:30 p.m.
- **Feb. 25:** School Recital at 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
- **Feb. 26:** *Preparatory Program* Concert at 3 p.m.

MARCH

- **March 10:** School Recitals at 3:30 p.m. & 5 p.m. **Please note the 2 p.m. recital has been changed to 5 p.m.**



The CMS Welcomes New YPSO Conductor David Commanday

The CMS is pleased to announce **David Commanday** as the new conductor of the Young People's Symphonic Orchestra (YPSO). Commanday follows former YPSO conductor Richard Holmes who passed away in June 2011 after serving as the conductor from 1999-2011. Established over 25 years ago, the YPSO is the most advanced of the School's orchestras. Click [HERE](#) to read more about Mr. Commanday and the official CMS announcement.

Additional Important CMS Dates:

FEBRUARY

- **Feb. 9 - 12:** Prep Program St. Looney Chamber Blitz workshop

MARCH

- **March 19-23:** Spring Break

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- Concerts & musical events around St. Louis
- CMS instructor Marc Thayer works with young musicians in Cairo and Gaza

CMS Violin Instructor, Marc Thayer, Traveled to Gaza & Cairo to Work with Young Musicians

CMS Violin instructor, Marc Thayer, traveled to Gaza and Cairo in December 2011 to work with young musicians. He encountered some challenges getting into Gaza, but once he arrived he taught and mentored young musicians throughout the region.

Marc collaborated with the St. Louis Beacon to publish letters about his adventures. Click the links below to read his letters:

["Letter from Gaza: Getting there"](#)

["Letter from Gaza: Breakerz in the house"](#)

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Marc Thayer (right) at the Gaza Community Music School

Concerts and Musical Events Happening Around St. Louis....

- Sunday, February 12:** The CMS Preparatory Program presents a **lecture lead by Ray Ricker**, author of the book *Lessons from a Street-wise Musician*. The talk will be held at the CMS concert hall at 3 p.m. *FREE and open to the public*. For more info call 314-968-5939.
- Friday, February 17: Art & Analysis: The Internal Life of a Musician**, "What are the dreams, fears, and internal struggles of musicians? In this thought-provoking evening, we will hear about music making as integral to these musicians' lives. They will talk about the relationships to their instruments, about performance anxieties, and about striving for "ideal" performances." Held at the St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute from 7:30—9 p.m. Fee: \$25. Call 314-361-7075 x 323 or visit www.stlpi.org for more info.
- Saturday, February 18:** The St. Louis Classical Guitar Society and the Whitaker Foundation presents *The Romeros* in concert at Washington University Music Center at 8 p.m. The Romeros are known to millions around the world as "The Royal Family of the Guitar" for over 40 years, three generations of Romeros have given hundreds of concerts all over the world, winning the raves of audiences and reviewers alike. Tickets \$36, \$32, \$28. \$4 discount for recipients of this c-blast, use the Promo code: PEPE. Call 314-935-6543 or visit www.metrotix.com for tickets. For more info visit: www.guitarstlouis.net.
- Thursday, February 23: "Intimate Songs" Chamber Project St. Louis performs** at Washington University Danforth University Center at 7:30 p.m. Featuring three CMS faculty members Dana Hotle, Nina Ferrigno, and Laura Reyecraft. Admission is FREE. For more info visit: www.chamberprojectstl.com.
- Sunday, March 4:** New CMS faculty member **Patrick Rafferty** will be performing a **solo guitar concert** presented by the Artist Presentation Society at the Ethical Society of St. Louis at 3 p.m. To purchase tickets visit www.apsmusic.org or call 314-822-4697. For more info about Patrick visit: www.patrickraffertyguitar.com.

More Student Kudos Honors Ensembles Lists*:

SLSMEA All-Suburban Middle School Band

David Kim (flute) - Hoyer

SLSMEA All-Suburban High School Band

William Bernard (bassoon) - D. Bauer

St. Louis Metro District 8 Middle School Band

Emily McDonnell (flute) - Hoyer

St. Louis Metro District 8 High School Band

Craig Butler (bassoon) - D. Bauer & YPSO

Erin Grev (flute) - Hoyer

Emily Zhao (flute) - Hoyer & YPSO

2012 Missouri All-State High School Band

William Bernard (bassoon) - D. Bauer

Craig Butler (bassoon, honorable mention) - D. Bauer

Emily Zhao (flute, honorable mention) - Hoyer

SLSMEA All-Suburban Sixth Grade Honor Orchestra

Glen Morgenstern (cello) - G. Lee

St. Louis Metro District 8 High School Orchestra

Julie Holzen (cello) - YPSO

Tim Kampen (cello) - PREP, YPSO, C. Lehr

2012 Missouri All-State High School Orchestra

Allison Peipert (cello) - C. Lehr

2012 Illinois All-State High School Orchestra

Mackenzie Brazier (oboe) - YPSO & PREP

**Please note: this list consists of student names that were left off of last month's honors ensemble list. This list was provided by teachers and parents. For the original list, please view January's c-blast.*

Attention: Students, Parents & Teachers....

Got news? We wanna know about it! Please e-mail your accomplishments to: mpeterson34@webster.edu. Please include your name, instrument, teacher or ensemble, and details about your accomplishment. We'll do our best to recognize you in the next c-blast and on the CMS website. We'd like EVERYONE to know just how amazing our students are!



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