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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Welcome back, dear HMI family, summer has come and gone! The holidays have simply flown by and we will soon be hearing more of your music at HMI. There were deadlines for composition, vocal auditions for Trinity, speech and drama, piano, violin and instrumental contests and of course, our yearly Spelling Bee.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS ISSUE



**JOIN OUR DRAMA AND MUSIC CLASS...LEARN AUDITION TECHNIQUES
THIS IS AN EXCITING ADDITION TO OUR CURRICULUM.
WE CAN HELP YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE!**



CHERYL KINION received her Masters of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Texas at Austin. After nearly 20 years of teaching voice at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, she moved to Houston to work for Intropa Tours, designing concert tours for choirs, bands, and orchestras to destinations all over the world. While at NSU, Cheryl was the artistic director of the River City Players Music Shoes, a summer stock program, as well as owner and director of "Standing Ovation," a music theater studio for young people. Cheryl has performed in numerous musical theater and opera productions and is active in the Houston community as a soloist and has been a member of the Houston Symphony Chorus, The Moores School Choral Artists and at the Houston Masterworks Chorus. Cheryl lives in Houston with her husband, Jonathan Christie, a professional jazz musician, and their two cats, Bella and Dexter.



**LOOKING FOR OTHER OPPORTUNITIES
TO MAKE YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE?**



RUBEN VARGAS was an early achiever and has continued to be recognized for his varied accomplishments. He began playing guitar and singing at the age of 7 years old and studied saxophone as well as other instruments throughout his school years. Ruben received his Bachelors of Music from Texas A&M, Kingsville. He has directed mariachi bands which have won recognition all over the United States. He is considered to be one of the best jazz saxophonist in the nation and has performed in Washington, DC. Ruben recently moved to Houston with his family and is currently teaching music in two schools as well as providing private lessons for guitar, strings, and woodwinds at Houston Music Institute. Ruben is a native of Laredo, Texas.



HOUSTON MUSIC INSTITUTE & STAFF
(Alphabetical Order)

Ella Burgerenko
Strings

Cheong Yong Chang
Piano

Kara Cloud
Voice



Cheryl Kinion
Voice/Drama
Music Theater

Mary Lou Laboa
Piano

Saung Cheng Lee
Piano



Judy Litherland
Receptionist

Anita Messenger
Voice/Piano
Newsletter Editor

Ruben Vargas
Guitar/Strings
Woodwinds



Special Notice for Make-up Lessons

Thank you for your cooperation during recent events that have affected teaching schedules due to Hurricane Rita. Under these conditions students and instructors are asked to arrange make-up lessons within a reasonable amount of time. Please contact your instructors directly or leave a message for the instructor at the office after 1:00 pm, Monday-Friday, 281-556-1664.

STUDENT NEWS



SWEEPSTAKES TROPHIES

Violin and Cello

Kyrie Aitken	Christopher Hivnor
Nader Girgawy	Ethan Le
Ariana Morgan	Kevin Le
Claire Wood	

Voice

Ariana Morgan	Sandra Blackmun
Megan Lloyd-Jones	Lauren Johnson

Piano

Sophia Thang	Brittany Long
Sonia Sanchez	Antonio Marc
Sandra Blackmun	Angela Chang
Kathrine Fetizanan	Trisha Madhavan

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TRINITY COLLEGE (Passed with Distinction)

Casie Chen	Gabriel Sobarzo
Becky Lee	Christi Keeter
Rafaello Cuneo	Nadia Halim
Juliette Blackmun	Sameer Sripada
Angela Chang	Daisy Campos
Dylan Che	Kathrine Fetizana
Stephanie Cuevara	Dominic Lakhota
Reinace Odufisan	Zoe Christiansen

ITALIAN SPELLING BEE

Kindergarten	Stephanie Chang
2nd Grade	Zack Westenhaver
3rd Grade	Sarina Madhavan
4th Grade	Angela Chang
5th Grade	Sandra Blackmun
6th Grade	Thomas Yang
7th Grade	Sneha Raju
8th Grade	Brittany Long
9th Grade	Edith Gonzalez
10th Grade	Anjali Salvador
11th Grade	Sophia Thang
	Christopher Lowson

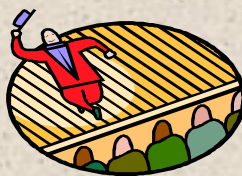
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HMI STUDENTS....TAKE A BOW!



Former Student, DANIEL CAMPOS, made "All-American Youth Orchestra". Daniel and his family are living in Washington, DC.

CHRSTOPHER LOWSON, a piano student of Mrs. Sugars, is a commended Scholar with National Merit Scholarship, National Honor Society.

ZACK WESTENHAVER, a piano student of Mrs. Sugars, was invited to play a mini-piano concert, August 11, 2005, for the Katy Senior Community Service Center. The Center holds a monthly luncheon and the August theme was the "Watermelon Festival" and over 50 seniors thoroughly enjoyed Zack's 8 songs.

ADAM BRUCE performed, "Singing in the Rain", at Houston Christian Academy.

SIDNEY WILLIAMS, former student of HMI and sister of RYAN WILLIAMS, was selected to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Her SAT scores were in the 95th percentile in Math, Language, and Social Science, making her eligible for this program. Congratulations!

We want to be accurate. Please report errors. E-mail anitamessenger@hal-pc.org.



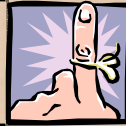
FORMER HMI STUDENTS OFF TO COLLEGE!!!



KATIE FRENCH to New York University.
BETH LLOYD-JONES to Boston University.
JENNIFER ACRES to Houston Baptist University.
THERESA HOGAN to University of Texas.



LOOKING AHEAD Calendar Reminders



October 22-23	Fall TMTA Theory Exams Houston Baptist University
October 24	Winter Quarter Begins
November 5	TMTA Jazz/Pop Festival
November 19	Ribbon Suzuki Festival Memorial Dr. United Methodist Church
November 24	Thanksgiving Day (Holiday)
December	Santa's Grab Bag
January 28-29	Spring TMTA Theory Exams Houston Baptist University
May, 2006	Trinity College Exams
TBA(s)	Piano Master Class

FYI

ALL HMI STUDENTS are encouraged to accept invitations to perform at schools, churches, and other community events. In addition to invaluable experience, students can expect to find their NAMES and a brief description of the event in our newsletter. Please make sure instructors or the office knows about these events so they can be included promptly.

TRINITY COLLEGE OF LONDON offers students in more than 50 countries the opportunity for assessment of their musical ability by an international system of graded examinations. Examiners assess candidates objectively using standards developed by the college. Successful candidates are awarded either a pass, merit, or distinction certificate. Practical and theory examinations are held twice yearly.

PERHAPS YOU KNEW HER.....

IN MEMORY OF... CONNIE ANN MILLS, a former HMI violin student, passed away May, 2005. She had moved from Houston to Denver to be closer to one of her children. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The ALS Association, National Office, Donations Line in her memory.



Congratulations

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New Faculty Members

Joining the HMI team of instructors are Kara Cloud, Cheryl Kinion, Anita Messenger and Ruben Vargas.

Have you visited our website recently? Log on to our address: www.houstonmusicinstitute.com. Much has been done toward making information available. We are planning to post this newsletter in a few days. We are considering making the newsletter available in three possible formats: print, website, or e-mail. We ask that you pick the one that will work best for you and then let us know by e-mail: anitamessenger@hal-pc.org.