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Two NKU Percussionists Win World Championship Title
On August 30th 2014, senior Morgan Minor and sophomore Zachary Neal won world championship honors in the Rochester, New York DCA championships Mini-corps category performing Rimsky-Korsakov's symphonic poem *Scheherazade* with Star United Drum and Bugle Corps. Competing as one of eleven finalists and with members from all over the country, Indianapolis based Star United has won this prestigious championship eight of the last nine years.
Assistant Professor of Trumpet Conducts Kentucky Symphony Orchestra
Dr. Raquel Rodriguez had the privilege of conducting a piece with the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra on their concert at the Notre Dame Academy on August 30, 2014.

Dr. Rodriguez Adjudicates Campbell County Marching Band Festival
Dr. Rodriguez served as a judge for the 2014 Campbell County Marching Band Festival that included eleven bands from northern and central Kentucky on September 13, 2014.

NKU Music Education Student’s Arrangement Performed by Orchestra Kentucky
This past May 18, Steven Funke had an arrangement performed by Orchestra Kentucky, a professional symphony in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Steven, a senior music education major, arranged Solemnity by Cecil Karrick, for his final project in the music department's Orchestration course, of which he was a student this past spring. The arrangement was extremely well received by both performers and audience and Dr. Brant Karrick, Director of Bands at NKU conducted the performance.

NKU Vocal Corps Celebrates 180% Increase in Participation
The Music Preparatory Department's new vocal program, NKU Vocal Corps, celebrates a 180% increase in vocal ensemble participation from last season.
Assistant Professor of Voice Publishes in Journal of Singing
Dr. Jason Vest’s article, “The Weightier Matters: Low Larynx Positioning and Adolphe Nourrit,” was featured in the most recent issue of the peer-reviewed Journal of Singing.

Dr. Vest to Appear with Vocal Arts Ensemble
Dr. Jason Vest has been chosen as a member of the prestigious Vocal Arts Ensemble in Cincinnati.

Dr. Rodriquez Hosts Assistant Professor of Trumpet from the University of Kentucky
Dr. Rodriquez hosted guest artist, Dr. Jason Dovel, Assistant Professor of Trumpet at the University of Kentucky, for a recital in Greaves Concert Hall on September 3, 2014.

NKU String Project Receives Grant Award
The NKU String Project received a $6,650 grant award from the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation through the National String Project Consortium.

NKU String Project Featured in International Publication
The NKU String Project and its impact in the northern-Kentucky and greater-Cincinnati communities was featured in the article, "String Projects: Affordable and High-Quality Group Music Instruction for Homeschoolers" by Amy Gillingham (NKU String Project Director) and published in the internationally circulating Old Schoolhouse Magazine. A digital version of the
NKU Music Faculty Receives Awards
District Six Kentucky Music Educator Associations Award Recipients at the August 2014 meeting (for the 2013-2014 school year):
Friend of Music - Jonathan Eaton (Bill Kidwell - nominator)
Citation for Service - David Dunevant (Joe Craig - nominator)
College/University Teacher of the Year - Karen Koner (Mary Scaggs - nominator)

Academic Program Advisor Promotes Recruitment and Retention
Program Advisor, Joan Brummer, arranged to have two high school students visit the music department to experience classes and free applied lessons. Ms. Brummer sent current students multiple emails to promote the Music Theory & Aural Skills Help Clinic, free cell phone apps that improve quality of student life, advising appointments for spring scheduling, referrals to campus resources, NKU Fuel Program, Reg Fest, and Academic Success Workshops.

NKU Music Department Welcomes New Faculty
NKU Jazz Studies Area Goes to France
On June 6, 2014, the NKU Jazz Studies Area made history and began a two-week agenda of fourteen concerts and twelve days of studying and sharing jazz with French counterparts in the south of France.

Please join us for one of our many upcoming concerts! We’d love to see you there!
http://artscience.nku.edu/departments/music/concerts.html