

Duke University String School

Celebrating 49 Years

April 25, 2015

Interim Director's Letter

Dear DUSS families,

Serving as Interim Director this year has been an honor and a privilege. Looking back, I am inspired anew by the good will, cohesiveness and camaraderie of the DUSS community. I deeply appreciate all the assistance I received in my efforts to make a positive difference and to carry on the tradition of supporting each other and our school. I want to thank the Duke Music Department, DUSS staff, DUSS families and our Founder and Director Emeritus, Dorothy Kitchen, for their encouragement.

This year we had our first leadership auditions, auditions for solos and our first faculty concert organized by Dr. Sangeeta Swamy. The Youth Symphony has learned much orchestral repertoire under the direction of Ms. Livingston. And, as we hear the soloists this evening, it will be clear that we are continuing the tradition of excellence established by Dorothy Kitchen. Nicholas Woodrum is a light of promise for our future while Moonsu Kim and Ben Maxwell inspire our younger students to further their musical abilities. Our seniors will move forward and take with them all that they have learned at DUSS, and we wish them all the very best.

The Duke Music Department hopes to have a permanent Director in place by this fall. This will begin an exciting year. Our teachers and staff are committed to continuing the DUSS tradition as we move forward with a new Director. I know our families and students will be with us all the way.

Mrs. Kitchen founded a school with a strong foundation of excellence underpinned by family support. To have been a part of this school, indeed, to have been Director of this school for a short time, has been both a humbling and an extraordinary experience.

Ms. Swisher



CONCERT DATES
2015-2016

OCTOBER 11 (SUN)

DECEMBER 6 (SUN)

MARCH 13 (SUN)

MAY 1 (SUN)

ALL CONCERTS ARE IN BALDWIN
AUDITORIUM

FIDDLING AROUND

In addition to DUSS students listed in the last newsletter, **Gianni Lacey-Howard and Iris Newlin** played in the DPS Middle School Honors Strings Orchestra concert on March 13th at Baldwin.

On the first Sunday of the month **Gianni Lacey-Howard** can often be found at Union Missionary Baptist Church of Durham, playing her violin for the youth church service. On May 11, 2015 at 6pm, Rogers-Herr Middle School Strings students including Gianni will present a concert in the auditorium. The public is invited.

Ella Han, Elena Schulmeister-Antona, Violet Huang and Ben Maxwell were invited to play for the NC Symphony Ovations program. The DUSS quartet, coached by Stephanie Swisher, performed for the audience before the NC Symphony concert at Meymandi Hall on March 14th. We would like to thank Mrs. Latoya Lucus for making this possible.

Violet Huang, a violist in the Youth Symphony Orchestra, was admitted to the UNC School of the Arts as a 10th grade student for the Fall of 2015. Violet will major in viola, and have piano as a second instrument which she is also accepted after audition. Violet is a former student of Ms. Stephanie Swisher, who transitioned Violet to the current viola teacher, Ms. Berenyi of NC Symphony.

Jeff Zhong was accepted into the 2015 Governors school.

Violet Huang and Mauri Bardales will participate in the Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival in Vermont this summer.

Amilia Yun won first place in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Talent Hunt competition in February and received \$500. She will be competing in the regional competition in April.

Sanaa Lucas will be performing with members of her String Quartet at the NC Symphony's Ovation's Pre-concert performance in April 2015. Sanaa will be attending the Arianna Chamber Music Festival this Summer in St. Louis, Missouri.

Isabella Santillo and Matteo Santillo were accepted into the 2015 Intermediate All State Orchestra.

Sarah Kim and Davi Sapiro-Gheiler played "All I Ask of You" from The Phantom of the Opera in an event "Solos, Duets and Ensembles" in Durham Academy on March 4.

Theresa Webber was accepted into UNC Chapel Hill's 'Richard Luby' Violin Symposium for a week of individual violin study in May 2015.

Tim Rinehart's (bass, Intermediate II) rock band, Some Antics, played at the Be Loud Sophie Foundation event at Cat's Cradle in Chapel Hill in March. You can watch their performance on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64s66dU_UDs.

Jayon Felizarta won Second Laureate in the Erich Bergal-Dorothy Kitchen International Violin Competition in

Cisnade/Heltau, Romania. He played in the Gala along with First Laureate Malina Ciobanu. His program included the 1st Movement with Cadenza of Mozart Concerto #3, the Largo from the Third Solo J.S. Bach Sonata, and Czardas by Vittorio Monti. He studies with Mrs. Kitchen, plays in the Youth Symphony and has Chamber Music with Mr. Rempher.

Grace Kirkpatrick is one of fifteen students accepted into the 3 week Voice Program at Brevard Music Center Institute where she will study vocal technique, acting, and opera/choral repertoire.

Congratulation to **Camille Birckhead** who was accepted into the 2015 Summer Strings Intensive 3 week program at the UNC School of the Arts.

Charlotte Maxwell and Elena Schulmeister-Antona will play violin in the NCMEA Junior Eastern Region Orchestra on May 2nd. **Oskar Schulmeister-Antona** performed Irish Jigs at George Watts Montessori Magnet School on March 17.

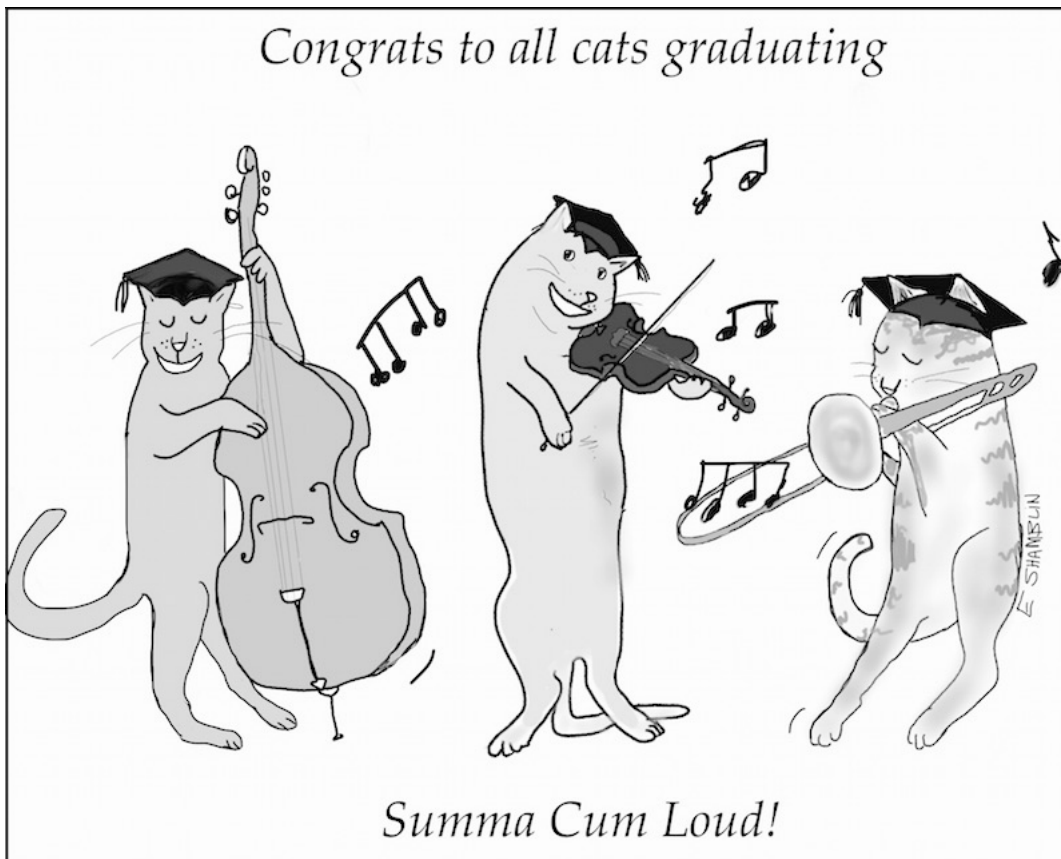
On April 18th, **Moonsu Kim** participated in the RCMG master class coached by ECU's Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival. On April 19th, Moonsu performed for their pre-concert showcase recital at Hayes Barton United Methodist Church in Raleigh.

Fiddling Around continues on page 4.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DUSS SENIORS!

Best wishes to our senior students now leaving DUSS for the next stage in their careers. We wish them well and hope they will send news of their adventures for future editions of our newsletter. If we have inadvertently left someone off the list, please let us know and we will publish corrections in our next edition.

Senior	Future plans
Kevin Chen	Will attend UNC-Chapel Hill
Chris Givens	Will attend Virginia Tech
Samuel Henderson	Will attend either UNC-Chapel Hill or NC State
Julia Illana	Will attend Brown University
Jay Iyer	Will attend either Duke or Washington University
Grace Kirkpatrick	Will attend Vassar College
Matthew Laird	Will attend UNC-Greensboro
David Takamiya	Will attend UNC-Chapel Hill
Cecelia Tannous-Taylor	Will attend Oberlin College
Katie Turi	Will attend the University of Rochester
Amilia Yun	Will attend Appalachian State University
Connor Rogerson	Will attend Brigham Young University



FIDDLELING AROUND CONTINUED

Charlotte Aspinwall, Daphne Davis, Joshua Facello, Julia Gao, Zack Jacobs, Deborah Kim, Mara Lowry and Alex Welch presented an exciting violin recital February 8 at the Nelson Music Room.

The DUSS chamber music program was well represented at the Raleigh Chamber Music Guild youth Recital on April 12. **Moonsu Kim**, violin and **Ben Maxwell**, cello played the Pas-sacaglia in G minor -G. F. Handel/ Halvorsen coached by Stephanie Swisher and Carlos Bardales. **Joshua Facello**, violin and **Jonathan Xu**, piano played the first movement of Sonata No. 1 in G Major, Op. 8 by J. Brahms coached by Shelley Livingston. **Ella Han**, violin I, **Violet Huang**, viola, **Elena Schulmeister-Antona**, violin II and **Ben Maxwell**, cello played the second movement of the Quartet in f minor, Op. 80 by F. Mendelssohn coached by Stephanie Swisher. **Daniel Yu**, violin I, **Nathaniel Lai**, viola, **Jin-ho Kang**, violin II and Evan Jiang*, cello played the second movement of the Quartet in F Major by M. Ravel coached by Rob Rempfer. **No longer a member of DUSS.*

After a week with the Duke String School camp in June, **Ben Maxwell** will attend the Interlochen Arts Camp in Michigan. He plans to attend the UNC School of the Arts beginning next fall.

INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE

3/4 size cello available for \$900.

Contact information is y5aces@gmail.com or Stacey Yun at 513-284-1223.

3/4 size violin available for sale. Instrument is Amati model #325 with a new bridge and a good quality bow valued between \$350 and \$400. Contact information is Jennifer Bachman at 919-630-9864.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thanks to the DUSS teachers and parents who faithfully send me items for the Fiddling Around column. In addition thanks to Elizabeth Shamblin who contributes our cartoons which are my favorite feature of the newsletter. Special thanks to our DUSS student artists Sam Kim and Nicholas Woodrum who shared their work with us this year. As your Editor I would like to have more student submissions.

Emily Reisner

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