Alumni News

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1950s

An album of the music of Sammy Nestico (B.S. Public School Music, 1950) and honorary DU Doctor of Music) featuring the U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors was produced by DU alumnus, Jim Anderson (B.S. Music Education, 1973). It was released in early 2016.

1970s

Craig Cannon (B.S. Music Education, 1975) has been named Director of the Pittsburgh Boy Choir.

Marie “Mimi” (Hess) Hammerling (B.S. Music Education, 1976) recently wed Erwin Hammerling in Apopka, FL.

1990s

Christopher Powell (B.S. Music Education, 1993) will become Director of Administrations and Community Engagement for Glimmerglass Festival in Cooperstown, NY.


Julian Ayers (B.M., Performance, 1996; M.M. Performance, 1998) has become the new head drum major in The United States Army Band.


2000s

Lindsey Goodman (B.M. Performance, 2001) released her debut CD, Reach Through the Sky, on New Dynamic Records in April. The recording, which includes works written for her by six living American composers, features Goodman as soloist, flutist, vocalist, and chamber musician and is available through iTunes, Google Play, and CD Baby.

Jimmy Morehead (B.M. Performance, 2002) has been named Artistic Director of the Chicago Gay Men’s Chorus (gmc.org). Serving as only their third artistic director, Jimmy begins their 33rd season with more than 150 singing members and “Miracle on Thirty Funk Street,” as well as “My Kind of Town,” a Chicago tribute show that starts in the spring. Jimmy is also the music director for VOX3 Collective (vox3.org). The classical art song, cabaret, and opera is entering its ninth season.

Tamara Nuzzaci Park (B.M. Performance, 2002) has been appointed as the new Executive Director at the Breckenridge Music Festival.

Adam Hallam (B.S. Music Education, 2005) and his wife Amanda (Snyder) Hallam (B.S. Music Education, 2005) are pleased to announce the birth of their second son, Caden Mark, on July 28, 2014.

Briana (Bailey) Gresko (B.S. Music Education, 2007) and her husband Joshua are pleased to announce the
birth of their first child, Jonah Joshua Gresko, who was born October 15, 2014.

Roxanne (Avila) Packer (M.M. Sacred Music, 2007) and Andrew Packer welcome their second child, John Frederick Packer. John joins his big sister, Bertille. John Frederick Packer Bertille Packer

Nathaniel Joseph Davis was born January 5, 2015 to Elizabeth (Gessner) Davis (B.S. Music Education, 2008) and Gregory Joseph Davis (B.M. Music Technology, 2008).

Christopher Donato (B.S. Music Education, 2008) and Lauren (Janosco) Donato (B.S. Music Education, 2008; M.M. Music Education, 2015) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Lydia Grace Donato March 23, 2016. Lydia Grace Donato

Lauren is teaching music at Conemaugh Valley School District in Johnstown, PA. Lauren

Her efforts at Conemaugh Valley include providing opportunities for student success, and she accomplishes this through the inclusion of a strong elementary music curriculum that includes classroom instruments and cross-curricular activities. Lauren's high school choir enjoys performing in their community and consistently receives high marks at festivals and adjudications. The choir’s favorite piece this past year was Mozart’s Dies Irae.

2010s

Sarah J. Giliberto (M.M. Music Technology, 2010) received her National Board of Professional Teaching Standards Certification in November 2015. Sarah is in her eleventh year with the district at Pittsburgh’s Carrick High School. She teaches all of the courses in the music department including band, orchestra, piano, choir, and steel drums. She also directs the marching/pep band. Sarah serves as the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers (PFT) Union Representative for her school and as a Member-at-Large on the PFT Executive Board.

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