Keeping Up with MSU Alumni (continued)

Dear MSU Choral Conducting Alum,

Welcome to our annual choral newsletter—our yearly reminder that you are still part of the MSU choral family and an opportunity for you to find out what’s happening with your fellow alumni choralists. We have a strong group of new and continuing graduate students in choral conducting. We have several new and returning doctoral students. We have a new director of choral activities at MSU who received a B.A. from Concordia College-New York. Over the past six years he has embarked on nine concert tours. He is in his third year as a member of the MSU faculty and serves as vice president of advocacy for the Association of College Choralists.

Katie Wolfe Tidwell, M.S., 09, serves as music coordinator and director of the adult and children’s choirs at Aldersgate Church in Shreveport, Louisiana; and as artistic director of the Apollo Madrigal Choruses, which will be performing at Carnegie Hall in January as part of a weekend celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.

Wes Stoner, M.M. 10, sang with the Santa Fe Desert Chorale for their 2013 Holiday Season and served as alto soloist with the Boise Baroque Orchestra. He continues as director of the College of Idaho Wind Ensemble.

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Sarah Stockton, M.M. ’10, continues to lead the choirs and music programs at Nevada Lutheran High School. She also directed the Nevada Youth Choral Festival in 2013. She continues to serve as choral director at the School of the Arts at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Panuel Miller, M.M. ’11, directed the revised performance of the St. Louis Symphony Choral Society in January and the St. Louis Symphony Choral Society in March. He continues to serve as director of the St. Louis Symphony Choral Society.

Matthew J. Olson, M.M. ’10, completed his D.M.A. degree from the University of Iowa and taught in Texas before coming to MSU for his doctoral studies. He continues to serve as vocal music director at Summit High School in suburban Boston.

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• Taiwon Moses, MM '06, is in his seventh year at Illinois Central High School. His choir will direct the school’s annual Fundraiser Dinner with authentic Victorian food, costumes, and music. He regularly has a number of students selected for the Illinois All-State choruses and Jazz Choirs.

• Brian Reeler, BM '09 and DMA '12, serves as director of choral activities at Baldwin Wallace University and artistic director of the Blue Concert Choir in Aurora, Pennsylvania. The IUP Chorale will perform at the fall conference of the Pennsylvania ACDA. This past year he participated in the conference of the Pennsylvania ACDA and Music Educators Association and conducted the Arkansas All-State Choirs and honor choirs in North Carolina and Virginia. As a choral singer he performed with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Cleveland Orchestra, and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

• Allen Hightower was our guest for the Choral Society News

• Jerry Center, DMA '92. He co-authored "The Compelling's: A Practical Guide for Students and Teachers," published by GIA Publications in 2013. Over the past year, he has written commissioned works for the Columbus (Ohio) Choralis, Backlund University-Chapel Chapel, and for high school choirs in Florida and New York. He served as conductor for the Long Island Festival of High School Choralists. He continues to serve on the faculty at Wayne State University and as music director of the Detroit Choral Society.

• Robert J. Harris, MSU alum (BM '64; MM '66), is a tenured director of choral organizations at Northwestern University, a Michigan State alumus (BFA '72), and the founder of the Robert A. Harris Choral Conducting Endowment over the years! The Choral Society will also be represented at the ACDA Central Division Conference in Cincinnati. Dr. Michael Whitehead will attend the Colorado Choral Directors Association Conference on Oct. 21, where he worked with eighth grade choirs from around the state. He continues to be a part of the Iowa Choral Society and Church Music Conference in Des Moines. In addition he was a speaker on the same session at the 2013 Michigan Conference.

• Megan Bies, BM '12 and DMA '13, has been selected to serve as a demonstration choir at the ACDA Central Division Conference in Cincinnati.

• Eliza Adam, BM '12 and DMA '13, is a member of the MSU Choral Society and Church Music Conference in Des Moines. She recently also directed the MSU Choral Society and Church Music Conference in Des Moines.

• Matthew Miller, BM '12 and DMA '13, has also been selected to serve as a demonstration choir at the ACDA Central Division Conference in Cincinnati.

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