

Percussionist Drew Lang Presents Lecture Demonstration

On November 6 The Burch School of Music presented percussionist Drew Lang of Dallas in its Fall Enrichment Class. Mr. Lang presented a lecture-demonstration and spoke for an hour about various drums and accessories (called **toys**) and demonstrated how percussionists play them.



gas, various sized snare drums, and bongos. He passed around different drum heads for people to examine, and also demonstrated the smaller pieces, such as gongs, chimes, whistles, slap sticks.

He brought a field drum from the Civil War, along with Con-

Mr. Lang then taught the audi-



ence how to do a basic sticking technique, the paradiddle. The highlight of the morning was the grand finale when he gathered several audience members to play claves, goat hooves, conga, tambourine, and sleigh bells as a backup to his performance of *La Bamba* on the xylophone.

multi-faceted percussionist. He performs regularly with the Dallas Opera, the Dallas Symphony, the Ft. Worth Symphony, and other regional symphonies. He most recently he performed with James Taylor at the Tarrant County Convention Center on November 13.

Special thanks go to Tom Burchhill at Weatherford College for allowing Mr. Lang to appear on stage at the Fine Arts Center.

Mr. Lang is in demand in the Metroplex as a

Happy Birthday!



September	October	November	December	January	February
1 Carol Boyle	1 Cybill Moore	5 Hannah Penny	2 Breley Seay	3 Rachel Rogers	15 Emily Cox
2 Nicholas Fincher	7 Cherise Godwin	6 Carlita Marchitto	6 Juanito Saucedo	3 Madison Clarke	20 Marisa Diaz
9 Melissa Morgan	12 Collin Boyd	8 Caleb Hughes	7 Ashley Bosley	15 Alayna Holm	23 Bonnie Bryant
11 Claire Clauser	19 Elizabeth Helbing	9 Scarlett Edwards	9 Kimbell Sadler	19 Meredith Blalock	23 Hannah Burks
15 Danny Akbar	27 Hannah Chesney	16 Erin Bracke	19 Yasmin Dalal		25 Austin Wheeling
17 Sarah Ware	29 Christi Adley	20 Logan Baldwin	26 Teryn Mize		25 Jacob Wheeling
24 Josh Penny		25 Garrett Hadley			
27 Samantha Sadel		26 Maggi Eidson			
		30 Sam Thiebaud			

Burch School Students Enter MTNA Composition Competition



Each year the Music Teachers National Association sponsors a national composition competition for student composers with three levels of competition. The state first chooses a winner in various categories and then each winner moves to the division competition, which includes several states in the Southwest, and finally those winners move to the national competition where there are cash awards. This year two students from the Burch School



entered the state competition. Kimbell Sadler entered her piano solo, *Lords of the Highland*, and Adam Blalock entered his piano solo, *Sonatina in G Major*. They were competing in the same category of 8-9 graders, and Adam was named first alternate. Comments

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Weatherford Music Teachers' Association Fall Festival

Each year the Weatherford Music Teachers Association hosts a Fall Festival for area students. Judges are engaged from other cities to give a fair and unbiased assessment of the students' abilities. Students are judged on their level of preparation and their level of musicianship, and they receive ratings of Good, Excellent, Superior and Superior Plus. This fall's festival included the Hymn Festival and the Sonata/Sonatina Festival. Those students receiving a Superior rating receive a medal, while those receiving a Superior Plus rating receive a trophy. Students receiving a Superior rating in the Sonata/Sonatina Festival also receive a medal, but those who receive a Superior Plus rating receive a trophy and an invitation to perform on the spring honors recital in May. Students who received a Superior Plus rating in the Sonata/Sonatina competition were

Lindsey Adley, Adam Blalock, Meredith Blalock, Brent Holcomb, and Kimbell Sadler. Students who received a Superior Plus rating in the Hymn Festival were Christi Adley, Adam Blalock, Meredith Blalock, Kayla Lane, Teryn Mize, and Janet von Phul.

All other students from the Burch School of Music received either an Excellent or a Superior rating. These students were: Danny Akbar, Ashley Bosley, Carol Boyle, Faith Boyle, Erin Bracke, Bonnie Bryant, Kallie Carlton, Shane Clack, Caitlin Connelly, Yasmin Dalal, Rebeka Dollar, Maggi Eidson, Cherise Godwin, Rob Goodhue, Ella Harper, Elizabeth Helbing, Nathan Henderson, Danielle Holcomb, Carlita Marchitto, Matthew Mason, Melissa Morgan, Lauren Newman, Samantha Sadel, Katy Spellmann, and Sam Thiebaud. Congratulations to all of you!



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WMTA FALL THEORY TEST from the Burch School who took The annual Fall Theory Test was the fall test were Danny Akbar, Sara Akbar, Adam Blalock, Meredith Blalock, Ashley Bosley, Carol Boyle, Faith Boyle, Kallie Carlton, Hannah Chesney, Shane Clack, Caitlin Connelly, Scarlett Edwards, Maggi Eidson, Rob Goodhue, Charlotte Griffin, Elizabeth Helbing, Nathan Henderson, Brent Holcomb, Carlita Marchitto, Teryn Mize, Those who score a 90-93 receive a bronze medal. A score of 94-97 garners a silver medal, and those earning a score of 98-101 are honored with a gold medal. Students from the Burch School who took the fall test were Danny Akbar, Sara Akbar, Adam Blalock, Meredith Blalock, Ashley Bosley, Carol Boyle, Faith Boyle, Kallie Carlton, Hannah Chesney, Shane Clack, Caitlin Connelly, Scarlett Edwards, Maggi Eidson, Rob Goodhue, Charlotte Griffin, Elizabeth Helbing, Nathan Henderson, Brent Holcomb, Carlita Marchitto, Teryn Mize, Melissa Morgan, Lauren Newman, Rachel Rogers, Samantha Sadel, and Kimbell Sadler. Danny Akbar and Ashley Bosley tied for the highest score with a perfect 101.

Kindermusik Classes Continue to Grow



Cybill Moore tunnels through hula hoops

Kindermusik Classes at the Burch School of Music continue to increase enrollment as more people hear about this exciting music program for young children. This fall the 18 month through 3 year-old classes, called *Kindermusik Our Time*, had an enrollment of seventeen children. They were Logan Baldwin, son of Dawn and Cary Baldwin; Hannah

Burks, daughter of Amy and Gene Burks; Claire Clauser, daughter of Leslie and Mark Clauser; Madison Clark, daughter of Janice and Darrell Clark; Kimbell Hall, daughter of Sheri and Lewis Hall; Alex Hammett, son of Luann and Chris Hammett; Alayna Holm, Lisa and Jeff Holm; Weston Hudspeth, son of Lori and Bill Hudspeth; Patrick Keck, son of Catherine and Mike Keck; Greer McDowell, son of Lou and Patrick; Cybill Moore, daughter of Mary and Robert Moore; Joshua Penny, son of Lea and Clifford Penny; Robbie Senter, son of Carlene Coover and Bill Senter; Hunter Smith, son of Amy and Clay Smith; Austin and Jacob Wheeling, sons of Kelly and Tom Wheeling; and Sam Worden, son of Georgia and Timothy Worden.

The *Growing with Kindermusik* Class for three-year old to five-year old children had four students enrolled: Carrie Ellen Burge, daughter of Valerie and

Timothy Burge; Chad Hall, son of Mari Anne and Randy Hall; Madison Villo, daughter of Kindel and Csaba Villo; and Anna ZitzEvancih, daughter of Denise ZitzEvancih.

Kindermusik for the Young Child, First Semester, had eleven four-year old to seven-year old students enrolled: Madison Bennett, daughter of Cindy and Vern Bennett; Bailey Burks, daughter of Amy and Gene Burks; Marisa Diaz, daughter of Angela and Miguel Diaz; Nicholas Fincher, son of Nikki Berry; Ben Goodhue, son of Michelle and Greg Goodhue; Jonathan Newman, son of Teresa and Stephen Newman; Garrett Hadley, son of Tisha and Eldon Hadley; Logan Hammett, son of Luann and Chris Hammett; Juanito Saucedo, son of Sylvia and Juan Saucedo; and Jordan Stagg, son of Lisa and Jim Stagg.

Kindermusik for the Young Child, Third Semester, had six students enrolled: Collin Boyd, son of Susan and David Boyd; Caleb Hughes, son of Christi and Scott Hughes; Avery



Hannah Burks explores an Earth Bell in Kindermusik "Our Time."

Mason, daughter of Sarah and Mark Mason; Hannah Penny, daughter of Lea and Clifford Penny; Breley Seay, daughter of Brenda and Brad Seay; and Sarah Ware daughter of Donna and John Ware.



Logan Baldwin and his "Nan" keep a steady beat.



Hunter Smith tries his hand at the keyboard.

Burch School Students Compete at Mountainview College



Mize (below). Carol Boyle (right) competed in the sixth grade category. All three girls prepared the required piece for their age group, and the required pieces were



Every autumn, Mountainview College hosts a Piano Solo Competition which draws students from all over the metroplex, as well as others parts of the state. Students from the Burch School who competed at this event in the eighth grade category were Lindsey Adley (left) and Teryn

quite challenging. By preparing for this competition, the girls polished and refined very difficult pieces of music, and in the

process, they each grew as performers. They were also able to hear other very inspiring performances by fellow competitors. Congratulations to these three talented students!

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