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"CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC"

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Dear friends and musicians,

As the semester keeps going, we are very excited to tell you that we are already working to prepare for the fall semester by re-booting our new ensembles, planning to add a Cello Ensemble, and stepping up our marketing game.

We are so excited for the students who are currently in lessons and the progress they are making on a weekly basis. We are also excited for an upcoming concert titled "Light It Up Blue" that is to raise awareness for Autism and will feature JourneyKids Choir, current Southwestern students, and an original piece from Southwestern's percussion professor, Jeremy Kirk.

In an effort to keep growing and meeting the needs of our community, if you ever have concerns, questions, ideas for something new for us to try/add, etc. please never hesitate to email us and let us hear from you!

Brandi Young
Executive Director of the CMS

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Upcoming Events

[March 6th](#)

JourneyKids Rehearsal
5.30-6.30pm
Darbeth 207

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SCCU Rehearsal
6pm-7.30pm
Rehearsal Hall

[March 13th](#)

JourneyKids Rehearsal
5.30-6.30pm
Darbeth 207

**NO REHEARSALS OVER SPRING BREAK
MARCH 19-23**

[March 27th](#)

JourneyKids Rehearsal
5.30-6.30pm
Darbeth 207

[April 2nd](#)

“Light It Up Blue” Concert
7pm
Messenger Recital Hall

CMS Ensemble Update

As some of you had seen/known, the CMS had hoped to start Dance Classes, Cowley Percussion Collective, and Group Piano Classes this semester. We did have some of you show interest, however, there was not enough for each ensemble and therefore we had to cancel all of them for this semester.

Moving forward, we are working hard to market these ensembles to you, the community, and the local towns to gain more interest to start all of these ensembles, and a Cello Ensemble, next fall.

Also, be on the lookout for news about summer lessons and possible Dance Classes that would start in the summer!

SCCU Start-Up Information

SCCU will be performing with the Southwestern College A Capella Choir this spring. Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, March 6th from 6pm-7.30pm in Darbeth Rehearsal Hall. Dues are \$60 per person and free for current students.

The concert is April 21st at 7.30pm in Richardson Performing Arts Center. Music for this concert can be picked up in the Performing Arts Office between 8am and 5pm.

If you have questions, please email the CMS or Dr. Brian Winnie at brian.winnie@sckans.edu.

Teacher Feature



Jeremy Sheets is a graduate of Oklahoma City University, where he obtained his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Cello Performance. Jeremy is a native of Dallas, Texas, where he began his journey as a musician in the 6th grade. In 2004, Jeremy was accepted to OCU on a full-tuition talent scholarship, where he studied with internationally renowned cellist, Tomasz Zieba.

While studying at OCU, he won 1st place in the Ladies Music Club Competition (2011), performed with the Cellovoce ensemble, and sat principal cellist for the OCU Symphony Orchestra for multiple concerts. While at OCU, he also participated in a number of masterclasses with successful cellist such as: Tido Janssen, Eugene Osadchy, Matt Haimovitz, Zuil Bailey, and Christopher Adkins. Outside of OCU, Jeremy's performance experiences include; the Fort Smith Symphony Orchestra, Poteet Theatre, the Fayetteville Opera (2016), in addition to recording for multiple singer-songwriter albums.

Currently, he is a member of the HeartString Piano Trio, principal cellist for the Painted Sky Opera, and a cellist with the South Kansas Symphony. Currently he teaches at Servant of the Arts Academy, where he was recently promoted as the academy coordinator. Also, as of recently he re-joined Oklahoma City's El Sistema program teaching cello. Jeremy believes that every performer should be knowledgeable in multiple areas of the arts to better themselves as an artist and a person. He is passionate about performance education as a whole.

We Need You!

In an effort to increase our marketing game and show how much growth the CMS has made and is making, the CMS would like to ask for your endorsements. We plan to use these endorsements and your names to go with pictures that we use on social media, or to include in newsletters (like this one!). You can email your endorsements to the CMS at cms@sckans.edu.

Also, we have a Customer Service Survey that is an effective way for the CMS to make sure our spaces, our teachers, and the way we operate is family-friendly and if you could take that survey to help us move forward, that'd be wonderful! The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MB8YFKQ>

Fun Practice Tips!

These are a few tips to creating a meaningful practice session, as it is the best way to hone the craft of instrumental or vocal music.

1. Slow it down

When working out a problem area, don't be afraid to slow down and work out every physical movement until it's fixed!

2. Change it up!

Along with slowing down, try practicing just a few notes over and over before moving on to guarantee muscle memory.

3. Take care of your body

Good nutrition, rest, and avoiding bad things will keep your body healthy to ensure that you will be able to perform at your maximum capacity!

<https://spinditty.com/learning/Better-Faster-Top-Ten-Music-Practice-Tips>

Ways to Support the CMS

Dillons Community Rewards Program

Whenever you use your Dillons Plus Card at any participating store, you can set up your account to give part of your proceeds back to the CMS. Our 5-digit NO number is **24738** and the official name is **The Community Music School at Southwestern College**. Check out this link to help you set it up correctly: <https://www.sckans.edu/other/community-music-school/support-our-mission/>. Thank you for your support!

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