

Annual Report

AUGUST 2009—JULY 2010

DECEMBER 2010

A Note from the Executive Director...

Just how does an organization measure its impact on the community it serves? Numbers seem to be the requisite data, and we can - and do - deal with that. What those numbers may not show are the OTHER signs, such as happy smiles on faces as they come and go from their lessons and classes. The sparkle in their eyes during their particular dance onstage. The 'ah-ha' moment, when the concept is grasped, or the new confidence that is exhibited in their posture.

Even at a recent adult music social, we were cheering each other on as everyone shared the pieces that had been prepared. Yes, there are lots of reasons to be glad and grateful around here, and it is possible because of YOU! This school we call Harmony exists because the community is there to rally behind it when times get tough. Thank you for the ways you have helped keep the arts alive!

As part of an effort to increase revenue from a wider range of funding sources, the Board has launched a "Friends of Harmony" Membership Program, with benefits corresponding to various gift levels. We hope you will consider the impact Harmony School makes every day and count yourself 'in' to help keep us strong through these times. The arts do make a difference.

And we hope you have noticed our new road sign!

Barbara Bend

Executive Director

Program Highlights from 2009-2010

Each year offers various opportunities to share our arts with the community. Our Highland Lakes Community Orchestra, led by Keenan Fletcher, kicked off the Christmas season with a concert of holiday favorites, followed by a sing-along of treasured carols for a packed audience.

In honor of the 250th anniversary of G.F. Handel's death, we partnered with the Marble Falls High School Chorale to present the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah. The musicians were conducted under the distinguished baton of Dr. Robert Linder, who has recently received several Grammy nominations for his jazz album. What a blessing for our community!

Our eighth annual Fantasy Nutcracker again delighted audiences in two performances at Marble Falls High School Auditorium. Proceeds from this ticketed event added several hundred dollars toward our scholarship and outreach programs. Dance students look forward to this ballet every year, and each season brings new whimsical surprises, all under the leadership of Artistic Director Alicia Sommer.

In the spring, Harmony School once again collaborated with Faith Academy's elementary drama department and Hill Country Community Theatre to produce *Honk! Jr.*, the musical about the Ugly Duckling. David Bend directed, with assistance from Michelle Jett and Chandra Irvin.

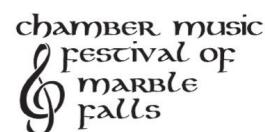
The spring dance recital, themed "I Believe", was dedicated to those who suffer due to natural disasters, as the world had recently faced huge trials in Haiti and Chile, as well as others. Donations were collected and sent to the American Red Cross for their disaster assistance fund.

Performathon 2010 was a brand new endeavor, headed by Esther Jones, with great success on all accounts! Music students expanded their repertoires (always a good thing!) to keep music playing for 14 hours over two days, first at River City Grille and then at Lakeside Pavilion. The faculty participated, as did some of the board members. This marathon raised over \$7,000 for our scholarship and outreach programs, thanks to the many pledges of support and other donations.

In June, the week-long Chamber Music Festival of Marble Falls took center stage under Artistic Director Keenan Fletcher, with support from several grants and other community donors. This annual festival provides a safe, encouraging setting for amateur musicians to hone their ensemble skills and explore various musical genres. Evening concerts mirror the same styles, to reinforce their education and for the enjoyment for the community.

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Chamber Music Festival of Marble Falls—

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The Picayune
The River Cities Daily Tribune

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Our Faculty and Staff

Music Faculty, 09-10:

Barbara Bend (BS—UTexas) - *Piano*
David Bend (BME—UTexas)
Musical Theatre, Percussion
Keenan Fletcher (BM—UTexas)
Violin, Viola, Cello, Orchestra, Chamber Music Director
George Gurganus (BA—Hardin-Simmons) - *Guitar*
Amy Harris (BM - UNorthern Colorado, MM - UCincinnati,
 DMA - UTexas) - *Violin, Viola*
David Horner - *Guitar, Bass, Beginning Banjo*
Carlene Jasper (BM—Sul Ross) - *Piano*
Esther Jones (BM—Howard Payne)
Piano, Voice, Woodwinds
Gale Pierce (BS Education—Angelo State)
Piano, Keyboard
Wes Ryan (Music studies—South Plains College)
Guitar, Bass
Michael Saenz (BA - UTexas, music studies at Moorpark
 College and UNorth Texas) - *Piano*
Robert L. Schneider (BME—Eastern Michigan,
 MVP—UMichigan, doctoral studies—UTexas) - *Voice*
Marsha Spinner (BME, MME—UTexas)
Melody Singers

Dance Faculty, 09-10:

Jane Allen
Ballet, Pointe
Chandra Irvin
Musical Theatre, Jazz, Tap
Randall Marks
Ballet, Technique, Partnering
Alicia Sommer, Artistic Director
Pre-Ballet, Ballet, Pointe
Susan Stivers
Jazz
Shannon Turrentine
Creative Movement

Staff, 09-10:

Barbara Bend
Executive Director
Leslie Walzel
Bookkeeper, Registrar
Cody Summerville
Office Assistant
Rosie Jones
Office Assistant
Pam Spiller
Manager, In Harmony Thrift Store



Financial Statements - August 2009-July 2010:

Revenue	FY 09-10	FY 08-09	Balance Sheet	July 31, 2010	July 31, 2009
Tuition and Fees	\$244,712	\$238,041	Assets		
Contributions/Events	62,725	42,789	Cash	\$1,461	\$ 4,456
<i>In Harmony Thrift Store</i>	<u>24,246</u>	<u>3,843</u>	Savings	18,029	20,734
	\$331,683	\$284,673	Property	<u>369,635</u>	<u>368,635</u>
Operating Expenses			Total Assets	\$389,125	\$393,825
Instruction	\$198,791	\$190,321	Liabilities		
General & Admin.	<u>126,833</u>	<u>82,251</u>	Accounts payable	\$ 2,900	\$ 1,804
(includes <i>In Harmony Thrift Store</i>)	\$325,624	\$272,572	Mortgage	<u>246,246</u>	<u>257,486</u>
			Total Liabilities	\$249,146	\$259,291
			Net Assets	<u>\$139,979</u>	<u>\$134,534</u>
			Total Liabilities/Net Assets	\$389,125	\$393,825

(UNAUDITED) More information available upon request.

Other Highlights

Music: **Savannah Spiller** and two classmates made history for Harmony School AND the Marble Falls High School by becoming the first local students to successfully auditioning all the way to All-State Chorus.

Several of the music faculty performed in our fall Faculty and Friends Recital, a **Schubertiade**, including **Barbara Bend**, piano; **David Bend**, marimba; **Amy Harris**, viola; **Carlene Jasper**, piano; **Esther Jones**, vocal; **Gale Pierce**, piano; and **Robert L. Schneider**, vocal. Also featured was vocal student **Henry Rowland**.

Amy Harris, violin, and fellow musician **Daniel Kurland**, piano, were featured in a recital at the Church at Horseshoe Bay in late February.

Rachael Carstens, **Emily Curtis**, **Dean Henry**, **Florita Rodriguez**, **Robyn Rodriguez**, **Kelsie**

Tackitt, and **Hannah Tutor** all earned **Top Talent** recognition during the annual auditions for the National Fraternity of Student Musicians in April.

Cody Summerville treated family and friends to a senior recital at MFHS auditorium, featuring both vocal and piano pieces. Sisters **Florita and Robyn Rodriguez** likewise shared their pianistic talents at a similar program at St. Andrew Presbyterian.

Faculty member **Esther Jones** ably completed her coursework toward her (much desired) **Bachelor of Music**, vocal concentration, from **Howard Payne University** in Brownwood.

In July, string instructor **Keenan Fletcher** was privileged to break tradition and learn how to fiddle with the best at the **Randy Elmore Fiddle Camp** in Cisco.

Katherine Golladay participated in the **Annie Moses Band Fine Arts Summer Academy** at Lipscomb University in Nashville.

Dance: These advanced dance students auditioned and were accepted into one or more summer 2010 intensives:

Abby Jo Oliver, **Autumn Barker**, **Kristen Cherry**, **Chase Gibson**, **Genevieve Hicks**, **Hannah Hicks**, **Victoria Johnson**, **Rosie Jones**, **Remi Pierce**, **Kaylee Pope**, and **Bethany Radle**.

Companies holding auditions included Joffrey NY, Brooklyn Ballet, Ballet Austin, American Ballet Theatre, Kansas City Ballet, and Magnus Midwest.

Bethany Radle was blessed to participate in the **Magnus Midwest** program in **Flint, Michigan**.

Community Engagement: Students performed in the community for various events, such as:

- *CASA Gala Reception
- *Children's Day Celebration
- *Founders Day
- *July 4th Celebration
- *Legacy Fund Banquet

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Community Arts Education.**

Our Mission: *Harmony School of Creative Arts exists to cultivate the God-given talents of the Highland Lakes community with exceptional education in a loving and nurturing environment.*

Our Vision: *Harmony School of Creative Arts nurtures and guides the artistic talents of Hill Country residents. Students of all ages and backgrounds are provided instruction and various avenues of participation in the visual and performing arts. These activities enable each of us to discover our God-given talents and to express ourselves creatively throughout the community.*

Board of Directors:

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Neal Kennedy

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*Barbara Bend, Founder
& Executive Director*

Why We Are a Member of the National Guild: *Harmony School of Creative Arts is a member of the National Guild for Community Arts Education. We renew our membership each year in order to continue to provide the highest standards of excellence in our school. As members of the National Guild, Harmony School adheres to a code of best practices which commits our school to quality, accessibility, and accountability.*

Our commitment to quality includes offering broad, sequential programming responsive to community needs with a qualified faculty. We challenge students to his/her highest level of artistic potential, provide opportunities to participate in recitals, camps, and other performances. Our commitment to accessibility is evident by serving students and hiring staff without discriminating on the basis of age, sex, gender, race, national or ethnic origin, ability, or financial circumstances. We offer need-based financial aid and other subsidized arts education programs.

Our commitment to accountability is sustained and monitored by our mission and service to the community. Our professional staff works with the board of directors to ensure accountability, adherence to mission, and responsiveness to the community. We also adhere to policies and procedures that ensure the safety and security of students, faculty and staff.