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News from the Delta Omicron Foundation, Inc.

Spring 2023

Foundation Hosts Commission Premiere at Conference

Dr. J. Ryan Garber's new work, titled *Evolving Reflections for Alto Saxophone and Piano*, was premiered July 29 at the 2022 Delta Omicron Conference July 29. Garber accompanied the saxophone soloist, Dr. Richard Scruggs, in this initial performance.

The work was the latest created through the Dr. Thor Johnson Memorial Commission, honoring the late national patron.

Currently organist/choirmaster and composer-in-residence at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Morristown, Tennessee, Garber also teaches music courses at Walters State Community College. Previously he taught music composition/theory, organ and bassoon at Carson-Newman

University for eight years, where he was an associate professor and recipient of the excellence in teaching/leadership and creativity awards.



Dr. J. Ryan Garber (left) and Dr. Richard Scruggs after the premiere of Garber's new work at the 2022 Delta Omicron Conference in Norfolk, Virginia.

As a composer he has received recognition from multiple organizations including the "Composer of the Year" award from the Tennessee Music Teachers Association. Garber's music covers most genres and is performed regularly in the U.S. and Europe.

Scruggs has performed widely in America, Germany, Sweden, Poland and the Netherlands as soloist and chamber musician in concert venues and festivals such as Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall (New York City), the Alte Oper (Frankfurt), Sophiensaal (Munich), the Internationale-Ferienkurse flir Neue Musik (Darmstadt) and the Festival der Seltenen Besetzungen (Ludwigsburg).

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Meet the 2022-2023 Foundation Grant Recipients

Here are the students who received grants for the academic year 2022-2023. The Foundation is accepting its applications for educational grants for 2023-24, and these awards will be announced early in the fall. A list of the grants may be downloaded from the Foundation website at www.dofoundation.org.

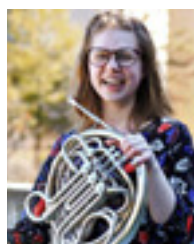
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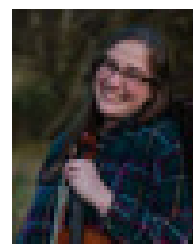
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Update on Pathways Project:

This year's recipients come from Colorado, California, and Pennsylvania

The Delta Omicron Foundation has made donations to three youth-oriented musical organizations to continue its Musical Pathways for Youth project. This year's recipients included the Denver Children's Choir in Colorado, the Tune-Up Philly program in Pennsylvania and the San Diego Youth Symphony in California.



Members of the Denver Children's Choir.

With a goal of inspiring, uniting and educating children, the Denver Children's Choir provides in-school and after-school choral programs in select schools and community-based settings throughout Denver to children ages 7-18. These singers have diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds and have opportunities for singers to perform at local schools, in concert halls, for organizations, and at cultural events each season.

"I would like to take this opportunity to send a personal note

of thanks for the recent grant," said Eric Wentz, musical director of the choir. "Our program has been steadily building back our participation levels after COVID, and we are proud to report that this season (2022-2023) we have over 220 singers enrolled. Next year, we hope to grow our outreach to more communities in need of

choral music, with a goal of reaching more than 250 Denver area students with our programming."

This season marks the 11-year anniversary of the Community Opus Project of the San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory. Over 100 of

its past musicians are now learning in SDYS' Conservatory programs on weekends in Balboa Park, California.

The youth symphony now provides after-school instrumental music instruction at six sites in the Chula Vista Elementary School District (CVESD), with the eventual goal of building self-sustaining programs with a greater sense of community ownership. As this happens, SDYS will be able to re-

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Contributors to Delta Omicron Foundation's Campaigns

The following persons and groups have contributed to the Foundation from April of 2022 through April of 2023. Monies raised will support scholarships to worthy Delta Omicrons and other Foundation projects. Thanks, everyone!

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Several gifted composers have dedicated saxophone works to Scruggs in addition to Garber, including Werner Wolf Glaser, Cristian Marina, Mark Alan Taggart, Alan Theisen and Michael Sidney Timpson.

Also premiered at the same concert was the winner of the Fraternity’s composition contest, *Night Songs III*, by David Hamilton. The work was performed by Augusto Gil, baritone, and Andrew Johnson, piano.

Members of the Delta Omicron Foundation Board of Trustees also presided over the traditional

Foundation luncheon, where Foundation history and projects were discussed.

In addition to these two events, members of the Foundation Board of Trustees met with the rest of the members of the Foundation, who are past national officers of Delta Omicron.

Musical Pathways

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allocate resources to where other needs exist in CVESD.

Tune Up Philly, a program of the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra Music

Institute, focuses on true community change, with musical instruction offered within the most underserved communities/demographics of any Philadelphia area programming. Opportunities are given for students to perform in locations both within students’ neighborhoods and elsewhere in high-profile Philadelphia venues.

Future plans for the Musical Pathways for Youth project of the Delta Omicron Foundation include continued gifts to organizations supported in the past and discovery of new recipients with similar aims and purposes. See the form below to assist with this worthy project.

Today’s Gifts are Tomorrow’s Philanthropies

For more than sixty years, the Delta Omicron Foundation, Inc. has served the philanthropic purposes of the Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity. As a member or friend of the Fraternity, you can help the Foundation increase its giving potential.

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