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Missouri-Illinois Musical Arts Consortium

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SPOTLIGHT:

flute society of saint louis

Founded in 1979, the Flute Society of Saint Louis is a non-profit organization operated by a board of directors that work on a volunteer basis. This organization strives to provide our members with activities that showcase the flute in professional and educational development. We provide events that cater to the needs of a diverse audience, which includes students, amateurs, professionals, and teachers. Our primary goal is to offer flutists of all ages events that educate and enrich their knowledge of the flute, its performance, and its repertoire.

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Throughout the year, FSSL presents both local and internationally acclaimed professional flutists in lecture recitals and master classes, sponsors an annual Young Artist Competition for talented young flutists at both the high school and college level, and has open recitals for members to showcase their talents to the public.

Our most attended event is our **annual Flute Day**, which is held on the campus of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. This event accommodates flutists ranging from the young beginner to the adult professional and provides opportunities for educational insight and interaction with legendary guest performers whose knowledge and experience exemplify the highest levels of musical achievement.

In FSSL also finances a flute choir comprised of flutists (advanced high school, college age and above) from the St. Louis community of varying careers and musical backgrounds. The flute choir performs regularly during the season at venues such as nursing homes, FSSL events, church services, and school tours. The ensemble features piccolo, C-flutes, alto, and bass flutes. Musical selections include a diverse mix of popular music, arrangements of famous classical works, and modern compositions written for flute ensembles.

For more information about our organization, please visit our website at flutesocietyofsaintlouis.com.

Shelly Monier- FSSL President

HIGHLIGHTS

Alton HS & SIUE Jazz Concert *April 19, 2022*

Alton High School Jazz Band under the direction of Chris Jarden opened the show held at Faith Fellowship Church in Alton.

Nearly 25 young musicians masterfully and enthusiastically brought several jazz tunes to life.

After a short break, the **SIUE Concert Jazz Band** took the stage with slightly fewer numbers but no less enthusiasm or skill.

After burning through several jazz charts, Chris Jarden joined the SIUE combo on piano and soloed on a tune he wrote.

Thomas Pullen - MIMAC Board Member

To read more about this event, click here

Tessitura Jazz Night

May 24, 2022

On Tuesday, May 24th ,

Tessitura Music held their first Jazz Night, hosted by 1818 Chophouse, Edwardsville. Tessitura Music provides music education and performance opportunities for students and performers of all ages. This event developed out of the recognition of three extremely talented and enthusiastic vocal students from Tessitura Music, Maeve Durkee, Trinity Whitesides, and Ella Carter.

Tessitura Music was happy to join forces with Dan Smithiger and the Missouri Illinois Musical Arts Consortium in providing this opportunity for the singers of Tessitura Music to perform for their friends and family. The evening included an audience of 40 individually invited guests who attended a 45-minute jazz concert followed by a beautiful private dinner party.

Amy Prince - Owner/Operator of Tessitura Music & MIMAC Volunteer

To read more about this event, click here

The 12th Annual Percussion Institute at SIUe was another tremendous success.

Many participants, 5 tracks and ensembles, and a variety of classes which included: marimba, snare drum, timpani, ensemble, steel drum band, marching percussion, drumset, congas, accessories, and more...

A large thanks to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, the Missouri-Illinois Musical Arts Consortium, Halpin Music, Salyers Percussion, Black Swamp Percussion, and Steve Weiss Music. We look forward to 2023.

Daniel Smithiger - MIMAC President
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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 20,2022

Percussion Recital by
Daniel Smithiger
@ Mascoutah HS

AUG 20,2022

Greater St. Louis Marching
Percussion Festival
@ Granite City HS

SEP 13, 2022

Solo Piano Recital by
Dr. Kris Pineda
@ St. Louis Community College -
Meremac Campus

Check out the MIMAC Facebook page for more details on each event

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The Missouri Illinois Musical Arts Consortium (known as "MIMAC") is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. More specifically, MIMAC is dedicated to providing a platform for emerging and established musicians, hosting education and performance modules for music events across the St. Louis Area (in a 25-mile radius from downtown St. Louis).

https://mimac-stl.org

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