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Left: Student Jose Moreno, photo by Dario Griffin **Above:** Student Patrick Murphy, guest performer Melanie Emelio, photos by Dario Griffin; teacher Rebecca Merblum, photo by Gary Leonard



Dear Friends of PCM,

New Year's Eve marks PCM's thirtieth birthday. Much has happened over the past three decades and, with a major construction project in the works, it's clear that the next chapter will be exciting and one of continued growth. Reflecting recently on our rich history, I have been reminded of a number of special individuals whose contributions along the way were fundamental to the Conservatory's success. This past year, two of these protagonists passed away, but their dedication and hard work will continue to be reflected in daily life at our school for years to come.

Wynne Stone cofounded the Pasadena Conservatory of Music with friend Silke Sauppé in 1984. Their vision and commitment to attracting exceptional instructors gave the school a remarkable start. The school thrived during those early years and grew rapidly.

A decade later, Pasadena-born fundraising consultant Barbara Martin joined the Conservatory as its first director of development. It was her idea to start the Mansions & Music concerts. This series turned out to be especially effective in introducing the Conservatory to a growing number of supporters and still continues.

This report provides a snapshot of where we are today and allows us to acknowledge the extraordinary and generous contributions that make our school's work possible.

Sincerely

Stephen mc Curry

Stephen McCurry
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Noteworthy events in music for the year 1983: compact discs debut in the U.S., Michael Jackson unveils the moonwalk on the Motown special, and a music school opens its doors in Pasadena, California, at the intersection of Queensberry Road and Allen Avenue.

For many people, turning 30 is a bit traumatic. Many see it as the end of youth, the beginning of middle age and the onset of the serious life. Robert Frost memorably said "Time and tide wait for no man, but time always stands still for a woman of thirty."

Not so for the Pasadena Conservatory of Music. I say with conviction that we mark this anniversary not with bittersweet nostalgia, nor with trepidation of what's to come, but with considerable pride in our past and with confidence in the direction we head.

What began as a dream, with forty students taking lessons in a church basement, is now a prospering institution that serves more than 1,200 on campus, and provides significant educational outreach programs in the community at large. More than 60 faculty members span nine musical disciplines, including our newest department, Jazz Studies.

Over the past year, progress continued, with enrollment up 12 percent. Financially, we report that our sterling fiscal record remains unblemished. The \$7.5 million Milestones campaign made significant strides, as we now cross the \$7 million threshold with the momentum to see our way to the finish.

Soon, the dreams of today will begin to take shape, as we create an exceptional performing space to showcase the work of our outstanding faculty and their students, while preparing our wonderful, if a bit old, original Hill Avenue campus for the thirty years to come.

So, Mr. Frost, time will not stand still at PCM. Thirty exceptional years have passed, and they will remain a part of us as we move enthusiastically forward. Excelsior indeed.

Sincerely,

To

Henry O. Eversole
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



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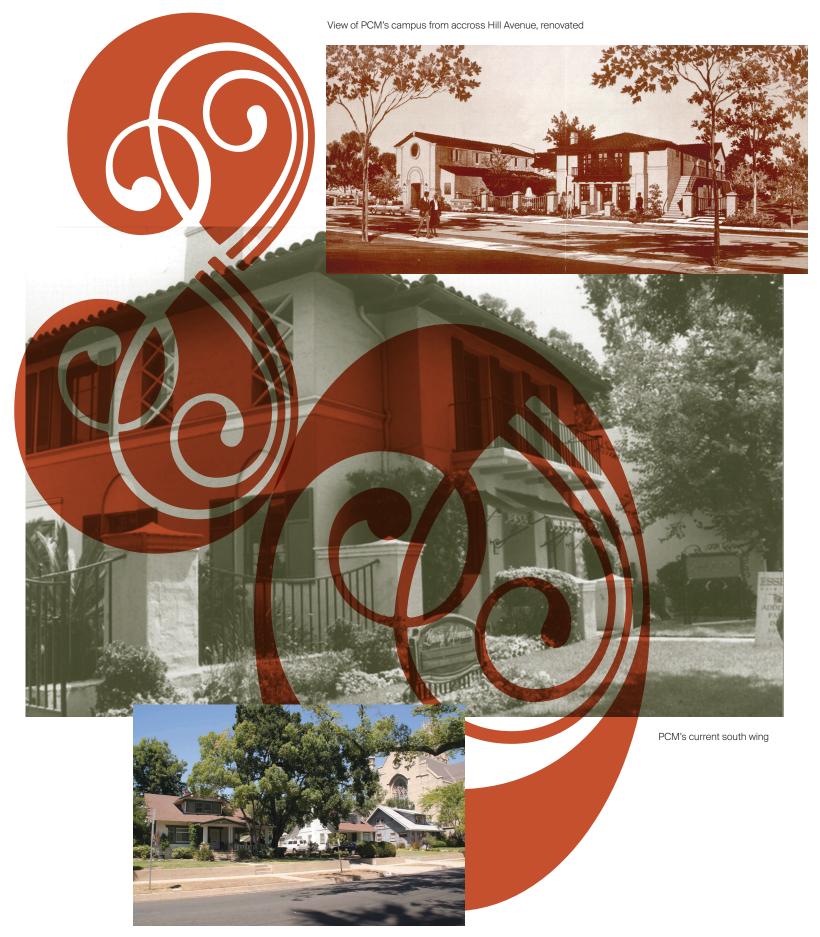
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PCM History Beginnings

December 31, 2013, marks the thirtieth anniversary of the Conservatory's incorporation and launching of the dream of its cofounders, Wynne Stone and Silke Sauppé, to create a center of music education and performance for the Pasadena community.

Wynne and Silke had been teaching Suzuki piano at the Claremont Community School of Music (and were tired of the long commute), when Wynne decided to start a music school in Pasadena and Silke took up the challenge and joined in. With their husbands, Norman Sauppé and "Rocky" Stone, they planned their new school around the Sauppés' dining room table, an enterprise that would take vision, energy, and shoe-leather. Over the next year, they found the school's first home at Mount Olive Lutheran Church on Queensberry Road and Allen Avenue, where Silke was the organist, and where Rocky canvassed the neighbors on whether they would mind having a music school nearby. They hired a secretary and a registrar and distributed advertising flyers, printed on Norman's home computer, to schools, libraries, and music stores. In the summer, Wynne traveled around the country, studying other community music schools, particularly how they operated and how they got their funding.

On January 3, 1984, the Pasadena Conservatory of Music opened its doors to forty students. The faculty of nine joining Wynne and Silke included Ruth Kasckow, Cynthia Fogg, Fritzie Culick, Rick Mooney, Barbara Jensen, Michael Huang, and Charlotte Zelka. Charlotte added a fine grand piano to Mount Olive's collection of church "klunker" pianos and also contributed her connections in the music world far beyond Pasadena: the Schnabel Piano Duo visited annually to perform and conduct master classes, Ernst Krenek celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday at PCM, and Nicolas Slonimsky entertained his young audience by playing the piano backwards while lying on the floor. By the end of its first year, the Conservatory was teaching 150 students and had tripled the size of its faculty. The school continued to thrive during those early years, which were characterized by exuberance, fun, and freedom to innovate. When, in 1991, the time had come to find a new home, Wynne and Silke relocated the school to 845 Atchison Street (behind Westminster Presbyterian Church). Here the Conservatory continued on the path of growth they had so capably started.



PCM's former campus: two white bungalows at 845 Atchison Street







Our Students

Every year, PCM students are locally and nationally recognized for their musicianship, hard work, and talent. Here are a few of the many impressive student achievements from the past year.

PIANO DEPARTMENT

Four students won awards at the Southwestern Youth Music Festival.

Ryan Dewberry placed second in the Chopin Mazurka category as well as the solo category, Zoey and Ella Mao placed second in the piano duet category, Juliet Pooler placed third in the Chopin category, and Spencer Rooke placed third in the American composer category.

Erica Lee, Juliet Pooler, Katelyn Vahala, and Leila Wu made it to the final round of the Southern California Junior Bach Festival.

David Rodgers won the Pasadena Rotary Club's Dan Stover Memorial Instrumental Music Competition and received a full scholarship plus stipend to Vanderbilt University School of Music.

Katelyn Vahala won second place in the Bach Festival Complete Works Auditions 2012, third place in the Los Angeles Young Musicians International Competition 2013, her piano trio won first place in the American Protégé Competition 2013 and second place in the USC/Junior Chamber Music Chamber Competition 2013, and she won a gold medal in the 2013 Bach Complete Works Auditions for her performace of the Fantasie and Fugue in A Minor, BWV 904.

WINDS AND BRASS DEPARTMENT

Bryan Rose placed third in the Sierra Madre Rotary Club's Dan Stover Memorial Instrumental Music Competition.

Jeff Haeglin, Jonathan Martinez, and Chris Myers were all accepted to the Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra/ Wind Ensemble, and Chris Myers won the principal clarinet assignment.

CHAMBER MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Chamber groups **Cantando Quartet** and **Judadii Trio** made it to the semifinals of the national Fischoff Competition, which places them among the top twelve chamber groups in the country.

STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Cameron Cheung won the principal second violin position in Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra (PYSO).

Natalie Dale won a position in the first violin section of PYSO.

Jeff Huang won the concertmaster position in Pasadena Young Musicians Orchestra (PYMO) and placed first in the Dan Stover Memorial Instrumental Music Competition for high school seniors sponsored by the Arcadia Rotary Club at the club level.

Anya Kwan won second place in the San Marino Dan Stover Memorial Instrumental Music Competition.

Marian Sato won second place in the San Dimas Rotary Club's Dan Stover Memorial Instrumental Music Competition.

Calvin Lin won the principal second position in PYMO.

Atticus Mellor-Goldman won first place in the MTAC memorial awards competition and also won a position in the cello section of the America Youth Symphony.

GUITAR DEPARTMENT

Djembe Aschmann, Maggie Grether, Blake Hardy, Michelle LaJoie, Mackenzie Mendez, Michelle Nguyen, Neel Sadda, Adriana Shen, Kendrick Shen, Ethan Wang, Malachi Wang, and Brandon Wong all performed and won awards at the Pacific Guitar Festival in Monrovia. The aforementioned musicians studied with the following teachers:

Stephen Cook, piano

Ryan Dewberry, Ella Mao, Zoey Mao, Juliet Pooler, and Spencer Rooke

Susan Svrček, piano

Erica Lee, David Rodgers, Katelyn Vahala, and Leila Wu

Heather Millette, clarinet

Thomas Brooks, Jonathan Martinez, and Chris Myers

Toby Holmes, low brassJeff Haeglin and Bryan Rose

Andrew Cook, cello and chamber music Cantando, Judadii, and Atticus Mellor-Goldman

Sharon Harman, violin

Cameron Cheung, Natalie Dale, Jeff Huang, and Calvin Lin

Cynthia Fogg, violin

Anya Kwan and Marian Sato

Felix Bullock, guitar

Djembe Aschmann, Maggie Grether, Blake Hardy, Michelle Nguyen, Neel Sadda, Adriana Shen, Kendrick Shen, Ethan Wang, Malachi Wang, and Brandon Wong

Connie Sheu, guitar

Michelle LaJoie and Mackenzie Mendez

We asked PCM's high school seniors to reflect on their time at PCM before they left for college. Here are some highlights from their thoughtful responses. Some of them studied at the Conservatory for more than a decade and all of them have a great history with the school, which we hope will continue into their adult lives.

I feel like music education is important in order to educate a whole and cultured person.

Daniele Bellutta (piano), Ohio State University, computer science major

WHY IS MUSIC EDUCATION IMPORTANT TO YOU?

As someone who has been lucky enough to be the recipient of 14 years of music education, I believe that the values music education instills in a student are priceless. Music teaches you how to be disciplined, how to figure out solutions for problems you may encounter, and offers you the exciting opportunity to simply make music.

performance/computer science double major

David Rodgers (piano), Vanderbilt University, piano

art history major It is a way for me to relax and escape from reality and stress. It is very soothing and always can free up my mind. It is also a great way to get involved

different outlet that I think everyone should have. Alex Ford (violin), Princeton University

with something other than school and sports. It is a

Music education evokes a kind of learning unfound in standard education. Emotional expression, critical thinking, and consistency are all skills I've obtained from studying music.

Jeff Huang (violin), University of California Irvine, business and violin performance double major

To put it simply, music education has made me really happy throughout my life. I'd played the piano since I was six and the violin since I was nine, but learning voice with Ms. Mariné was really different and fascinating.... Music education has taught me how to handle life and also how to share it with others.

Emily Lam (voice), University of Southern California, accounting major



It gives performers and listeners insight to the past and what others enjoyed. Music can really define a person and I think that's cool. People can easily express themselves.

Joshua Witczak (guitar), Biola University, business major

Music education has helped me grow as a person and

Because it's a great advantage to

become more intelligent. I feel like music education helps

children become wiser and more mature and disciplined.

Mimi Ruth Stiver (voice), Whittier College, theater arts

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY FROM YOUR TIME AT PCM?

My favorite memory is singing "Habenera" on stage in a studio recital and then "dying" onstage after playing. Anya Kwan (violin), Harvey Mudd College, biologychemistry joint major and concentration in music

My favorite memory at PCM would have to be the times when I could really connect, feel, and enjoy the music during a live performance, which would always make me very nervous. Another favorite memory would have to be when I premiered Mr. Enrique Gonzalez's "Capricchio" and he said that it sounded like what he had imagined it to sound like.

Raina Choi (piano), University of Southern California

I can't think of any specific event that's stood out to me, but the overall sense of a community I've felt has been fantastic. I've been so blessed to have developed relationships with many of the PCM faculty and students, and I can't thank PCM enough for the opportunities that have been provided for me. Thinking of it now, perhaps my favorite memory was representing PCM at the 2012 Gold Crown Awards, after PCM nominated me for Pasadena Arts Council's Young Artist Award in music.

David Rodgers (piano), Vanderbilt University, piano performance/computer science double major

> Every lesson with Mr. Holmes is a gift; he makes lessons fun and helpful.

Bryan Rose (trombone), Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, mechanical engineering major

Above: Anya Kwan, Bryan Rose, Emily Lam, and David Rodgers (back row); Sonia Aparicio, Raina Choi, and Mimi Ruth Stiver (front row)

PCM at a Glance

STUDENT PROFILE: AGE





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171 / 15%

Adult

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382/33%

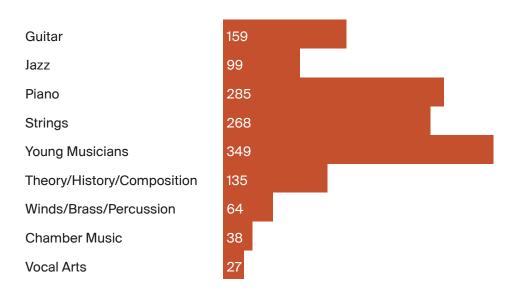
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STUDENT PROFILE: RESIDENCE

Altadena, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre 49%

Other San Gabriel Valley Communities 13%
South Pasadena and San Marino 12%
La Canada, La Crescenta, Montrose, and Glendale 11%
Los Angeles 7%

San Fernando Valley 6%
Other 2%

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET





Outreach

Through its three outreach programs, PCM strives to offer underserved youth in our community access to highquality music education. Each year, these programs serve approximately 3,200 students, ages four through eighteen, throughout the greater San Gabriel Valley. They help meet an increasing need for access to arts education, as well as access to opportunities that will nurture each student's inherent musical aptitude.

YOUNG MUSICIANS AT JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY

In 2002, PCM adapted and introduced its sequential and



1,024 classes were provided to the 598 students at Jefferson **Elementary School**

Left: Students at Jefferson Elementary School and PCM teacher Erin Buschiazzo, photos by Dario Griffin







68 students received onsite

aid awards and scholarships

lessons through financial



2,600 students participated in 82 assemblies provided by the Pasadena Showcase House Music Mobile™



PASADENA SHOWCASE HOUSE MUSIC MOBILE™

Since 1999, Pasadena Showcase House Music Mobile™ has been presented in partnership with the Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts (PSHA). Music Mobile assemblies introduce third graders to the concepts of classical music and to the instruments of the orchestra through a hands-on experience with each instrument.

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIP

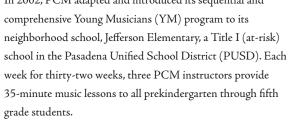
Tuition assistance supports their enrollment in a range of activities, including

individual lessons and ensemble instruction.

PCM's financial aid/scholarship program provides and sustains financial assistance for students who demonstrate continued interest and commitment to music study.













Year in Review

This past year, the Conservatory presented student recitals, faculty concerts, master classes, guest artist performances, parent education panels, adult music history classes, donor events,

Mansions & Music, Guitar Nights, and our newest series, Songs

About Place. Thanks to all of the musicians, teachers, and audiences that make those performances possible. You are the faces of PCM!

1. Guitar Nights audience; 2. Mansions & Music performers Ming Tsu and Lorenz Gamma; 3. Andrew Cook, Shari Raynor, and Melanie Emelio perform at Mansions & Music; 4. Rick Mooney, Sara Koo, Jim Lee, and Kyle Champion with Mansions & Music hosts Michael Schneickert and Karen Otamura; 5. Vin Fiz Flyer performs for the first Songs About Place concert; 6. Jon Kleinhaus performs at Guitar Nights in

September; 7. PCM patrons James Ballinger and Annette Sneidmilller; 8. Student Katelyn Vahala; 9. Artist-Teacher Andrew Cook; 10. Artist-Teacher Scott Tennant performs with L.A. Guitar Quartet at Guitar Nights in May; 11. Master class with Wojciech Kocyan; 12. Incendio performs at Guitar Nights in September; 13. Student Rohan Prashant, teacher Jim Sullivan, and student Lawrence Wang; photos by Dario Griffin, Gary Leonard, and PCM

















































Top row (L to R): PCM friends and Bill and Brenda Galloway; Heather Haaga and Hope Tschopik Schneider; Dorinda Marticorena and Steve Slater Second row: Olin Barrett and Harry Eversole; John Baldeschwieler, Marlene Konnar, and Sid and Betsey Tyler; Patricia Ketchum and Danzey Treanor Third row: Nick and Amanda Stonnington and Stephen McCurry; Linda Dickason, Stuart Bowne, and George Abdo; Peggy Spear and Helen Hines Bottom row: The Guitarra del Sol planning committee with guest artist Marcin Dylla (center); Sara Lippincott and Adelaide Hixon

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PCM is grateful to have the ongoing and generous charitable support of many families, students, and community members; sustaining our high-quality music education programs both on and off campus. You can help ensure that future generations enjoy these programs by including PCM in your estate plan with a simple bequest, or even by naming PCM as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. We encourage those who are considering making a planned gift to consult with a legal or financial advisor.

While cash contributions are always appreciated, a planned gift is another way to make a meaningful donation that substantially impacts our future. If you have named, or plan to name, PCM in your will or estate plan, please let us know. It is not necessary to share the details, but we would like to recognize your generosity today for your gift tomorrow. Organization's legal name: Pasadena Conservatory of Music Tax ID: 95-3900207

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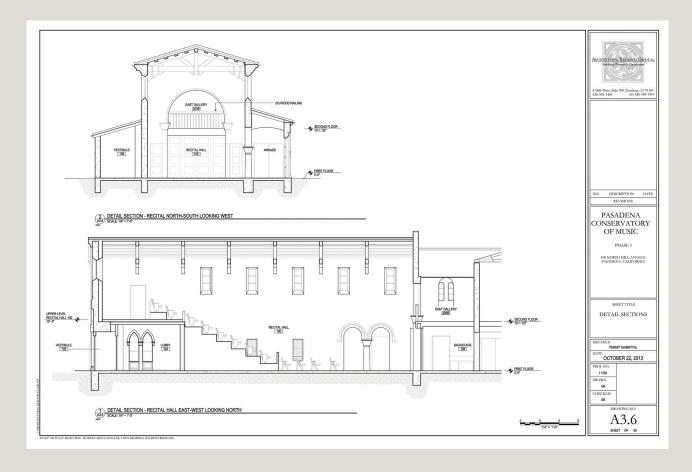




In January 2011, PCM launched a capital campaign to raise the funds needed to improve and expand the campus. To date, we have raised just over \$7,000,000 towards our \$7,500,000 goal. Two important milestones have been accomplished. We anticipate the completion of the third milestone this year.

- Architectural Resources Group has prepared a campus development plan that provides guidance for the long-term.
- PCM acquired and improved the adjacent property which added studios, classrooms, offices, and a second performing venue to our campus. This enabled the introduction of a jazz studies department and a twelve percent growth in enrollment over the past year.
- This year, we will complete the Milestones Campaign, which will allow us to begin development of an exquisite and intimate performance hall, a music library, significant improvements to infrastructure, and site work that integrates our two properties while improving safety, security, and accessibility.

The generosity across the spectrum of our constituencies is extraordinary. We are deeply grateful for this support that is so critical to our success.





















Top row (L to R): Teacher Elizabeth Babor with student Ralph Miles, summer jazz workshop students. Second row: Student Brian Espinoza; teacher Dorthy Kwon with student Nathalia

Caramaschi; student Ian Camner. Third row: Student Anya Kwan, teacher Stephen Cook, and student Chelsea Lim; YM teacher Sharon Weed with parents and students; teacher Felix Bullock



with student Djembe Aschmann. Bottom row: Teacher Nic Gerpe with student Patrick Babajanian; student Grayson Gooden, photos by Gary Leonard

FACULTY

CHAMBER MUSIC

Andrew Cook, department chair, Artist-Teacher, cello Cynthia Fogg, viola and violin Sharon Harman, viola and violin Mary Kelly, viola and violin Rebecca Merblum, cello Elizabeth Pattengale, cello Patrick Rosalez, violin Jim Sullivan, clarinet Susan Svrček, piano Erika Walczak, violin

GUITAR

Felix Bullock, department chair Brian Barany Adam Pettit Michael Sawitzke Connie Sheu Scott Tennant, Artist-Teacher

JAZZ

Ray Briggs, department chair Michael Birnbryer, saxophone Steve Cotter, guitar Gary Fukushima, piano Toby Holmes, low brass Sherry Luchette, bass Roy McCurdy, Artist-Teacher, percussion Damon Zick, saxophone

PIANO

Susan Svrček, department chair, Artist-Teacher Elizabeth Babor Annie Chen Wendy Chen Stephen Cook Nicolas Gerpe Renee Gilormini Enrique Gonzalez-Medina Hsin-Tai Liu Vatché Mankerian Bobbie Ann Meech Kay Min Elizabeth Sawitzke Mariné Ter-Kazaryan

STRINGS

Mary Kelly, department chair, viola and violin Rick Mooney, artistic director, Artist-Teacher, cello Niklas Bertani, cello Andrew Cook, Artist-Teacher, cello Madeleine Eaton, violin Tim Eckert, bass Rachel Fabulich, viola and violin Cynthia Fogg, viola and violin Sharon Harman, violin Tami Iskendarian, violin Dorthy Kwon, viola and violin Iim Lee, cello Varty Manouelian, Artist-Teacher, violin Rebecca Merblum, cello Elizabeth Pattengale, cello Patrick Rosalez, violin

THEORY, HISTORY, & COMPOSITION

Erika Walczak, violin

Priscilla Pawlicki, deparment chair, theory and history Ray Briggs, history Matthew Brown, theory and composition Stephen Cook, history Kimberlea Daggy, history Enrique Gonzalez-Medina, composition

VOCAL ARTS

Tamara Bevard Michele Hemmings Mariné Ter-Kazaryan

WOODWINDS, BRASS, & PERCUSSION

Heather Millette, department chair, clarinet Michael Birnbryer, saxophone Melissa Frey, bassoon Melanie Hoffman, trumpet Toby Holmes, low brass Kimberly Lamb, oboe Barbara Mullens-Geier, flute Danielle Ondarza, horn Jim Sullivan, clarinet T.J. Troy, percussion Damon Zick, saxophone

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Above (clockwise): Students Chez Epps, Julia Langer, Thelonious Cundieff, and Uriel Lopez, photos by Gary Leonard and Dario Griffin

Inside cover: Students and faculty from PCM's summer Jazz Workshop, photo by Gary Leonard

Front cover: Students Justin Berger-Davis and Ethan Lainez, and teacher Mary Kelly, photos by Gary Leonard

Back cover: Students Ruben Rodriguez and Eric Chadwick, photos by Dario Griffin





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