BOYER NEWS

FOR ALUMNI, FRIENDS AND THE COMMUNITY

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Dear Friends:

As we head toward the end of the fall semester, I wanted to report on some upcoming and recent events at the Boyer College.

If you haven’t yet joined our email list, you may do so by visiting www.temple.edu/boyer and clicking on “join our email list.” This not only helps us save resources, but ensures that you will be up-to-date on news and events at Boyer. I also hope you have a chance to look over the list of upcoming performances through early next year, which includes the fall opera production, a choral concert, master classes, faculty recitals, wind and percussion ensembles and Temple Music Prep’s annual winter string concert.

Reflecting on the successes of this past year, we thank our many friends who continue to support our students and programs. Boyer alumni know the value of the education they received here, which is why we can consistently boast one of the highest alumni participation rates at the University. Please take a moment to make a year-end gift to Boyer at www.myowlspace.com that will greatly impact the educational experience of our students.

I hope to see you at our upcoming events.

With warm regards,
Robert T. Stroker
Dean

The 15th Annual David M. Katz Scholarship Golf Tournament was held at Meadowlands Country Club in October. Several former scholarship recipients joined current students in playing great jazz after a day on the golf course. Alumni Tyree Barron (’05) and Greg Snyder (’05) participated in the golf tournament and were part of a competitive “Katz alumni” foursome. From left to right: Hans “Jake” Munch (’03), Greg Snyder, Tyree Barron and Jeremy Barker (’01).

2009 GALLERY OF SUCCESS

Each fall, alumni from Temple’s schools and colleges who have achieved professional distinction are chosen to be inducted into the Gallery of Success. The 2009 Boyer recipients are Martin Banner (MMus ’75) and Blanche Burton-Lyles, (BMusEd ’71).

Martin Banner is highly regarded in the choral world as a gifted editor and clinician. He has published more than 100 modern performing editions, with an emphasis on sacred Latin compositions of the 18th and early 19th centuries for combined chorus and orchestra. His work has been performed around the world including at such prestigious venues as New York’s Carnegie Hall, Symphony Hall in Boston, the Seoul Performing Arts Center and the Harrowgate Festival in Great Britain.

A protégé of Marian Anderson, Blanche Burton-Lyles was the first African-American female pianist to play with the New York Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall (1947) and to graduate from the Curtis Institute of Music with a degree (1954). Upon graduating from Temple with her music education degree, she taught in the Philadelphia School District for many years. She later founded the Marian Anderson Historical Society, dedicated to supporting talented vocalists. Burton-Lyles continues to perform and mentor young artists.

Upcoming Performances
Visit www.temple.edu/boyer for venue and ticketing information.

* = Rx required

12/4, 7:30 and 12/6, 3:00 Opera - Lee Hoiby’s A Month In The Country*
12/7, 7:30 Temple University Percussion Ensemble
12/8, 7:30 Temple University Wind Ensemble
12/9, 7:30 Temple University Singers, Chorale and Women’s Choir
12/12, 4:00 Temple Music Prep: Winter String Concert
1/27, 7:30 Faculty Recital - Lawrence Indik, baritone and Charles Abramovic, piano
2/1, 3:00 Master Class - Arnold Steinhardt, violoncello
2/12, 2:00 Orlando Cole Tribute Master Class
2/12, 8:00 Temple University Concert Choir

Celebrating 40 Years of Dance

Kariamu and Company Celebrates 40 Years of Dance

The ‘essence’ of Africa, a feature article in the Philadelphia Inquirer, covers the 40th anniversary of Kariamu Welsh’s Umfundalai style of dance. Umfundalai means “essence” or “essential” in Kiswahili. Dr. Welsh, chair of the Dance Department, developed the technique in 1970 and notes, “The technique is predicated on the premise that there are common aesthetic elements in African dances, regardless of the region of the world that the movement comes from.” Two major performances in October kicked off a series of upcoming events in the spring celebrating the 40th anniversary of Umfundalai.

ALUMNI NEWS

Larry Newman (BMusEd ’82) was co-recipient of an Emmy® Award for Outstanding Achievement in Children/Youth Programming for All Schools Elementary Honor Orchestra.

Robert Birman (BM ’89) has been appointed CEO of the Louisville Symphony Orchestra.

David Chang (MM ’04, Professional Studies Certificate ’05) has been appointed to the clarinet section of the Pacific Symphony. He joins fellow Temple alumnus Robert T. Stroker

IN MEMORIAM

The Boyer College community mourns the death of Dr. Robert I. Katz.

Dr. Katz and his wife, Mimsye, both members of the Boyer Board of Visitors, have been working for several years to successfully build the David M. Katz Scholarship Fund in memory of their son, David, who was an aspiring young musician.

Memorial gifts may be sent to: “David M. Katz Scholarship Fund”
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