Coordinator's Corner
Welcome to November, another busy month in the Greenwood School of Music! In this newsletter, you will read about recent activities and upcoming events you won’t want to miss.

First, some good news: the OSU Friends of Music are providing some funding for student travel/development. You can apply for funds to attend the OkMEA January Conference! Visit OkMEA.org for dates/details. FOM applications are due November 18; use the QR code here to apply! - Dr. Julia Haley

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NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

11/11  Frank Troyka @ OSU

11/18  Student Travel/ Development Grant applications due

11/19  November NAfME Meeting
       6:00 pm, SCPA Room 123
       Growing your Middle School Program, Howard Neugent

11/22  Young Persons Concert
       Cirque Mechanics
       Volunteers needed!
In October, the OSU NAfME Chapter was honored to host State Representative and former music teacher, Trish Ranson! She spoke of her story and how she decided to become a legislator in Oklahoma. She told of her current experiences as a politician and how connections are what makes change—to make change, we have to work together. Drawing from her previous experience as a music teacher, Ranson believes that politics is like a choir; you can mouth along with the words, but your voice won’t be heard. You have to actually use your voice in order for it to matter.
NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC VERY YOUNG PEOPLE’S CONCERT

The McKnight Center for the Performing Arts at Oklahoma State University hosted its opening gala weekend with the New York Philharmonic from October 11 through October 14, 2019. The weekend culminated in the New York Philharmonic’s Very Young People’s Concert, the inaugural event of a larger initiative of educational programming in which all Stillwater Public School students attend a production every year. Our Michael & Anne Greenwood School of Music (GSM) Music Education majors had the opportunity to earn community observation hours towards their Oklahoma teacher’s license by assisting in this event. GSM students ushered and entertained 1,070 first- and second-grade students for the New York Philharmonic’s brass quintet. Additionally, our GSM students learned about music education advocacy in action by working alongside Oklahoma Representative, Trish Ranson, and Education and Community Engagement Manager for The McKnight Center for the Performing Arts, Darin Williams. We are deeply excited for our pre-service teachers, who will have many more hands-on experiences with local in-service teachers and students thanks to The McKnight Center for the Performing Arts. - Dr. Jackie Skara

“I would rather write 10,000 notes than a single letter of the alphabet.”
— Ludwig van Beethoven