

NDNU MUSICAL ARTS
RECENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
ALUMNI, STUDENTS, 9/29/10

The accomplishments and visibility of alumni moving into the profession, and of students already participating on Bay Area stages, speaks to the level of focus, intensity, rigor and credibility of the department. Following is a partial list of recent (2009-10) student engagements and activities.

RECENT AWARDS in PERFORMANCE and DIRECTION

Michael Reed: Winner Subscriber Choice Award for Best Leading Actor in a Musical at Hillbarn Theatre for Judd Frye in Fall 2009 OKLAHOMA! (Summer 2010)

Martin Rojas Dietrich: Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Award: Best Musical Direction for CABARET at San Francisco Playhouse (2009)

Martin Rojas Dietrich: Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Award: Best Performance by Supporting Actor in a Musical for MAN OF LA MANCHA at San Francisco Playhouse (2009)

ALUMNI

Kelly Jean Hammond, BMu 2010

- RAGS at Camelot Theatre, Ashland, Oregon (Summer 2010)
- Rhoda in WHITE CHRISTMAS, Camelot Theatre, Ashland (December 2010)
- La Badessa in SUOR ANGELICA, Rome Opera Festival (2009)

Martin Rojas-Dietrich, BMu 2009

- Montfleury in CYRANO at SF Opera w/Placido Domingo (October 2010)
- EVERY CHRISTMAS STORY EVERY TOLD, San Jose Stage (December 2010)
- Leading role in DIRTY BLONDE at SJ Stage (April 2010)
- Music director at Max's Opera Cafe, Stanford (ongoing)
- Stage director for two shows for Hillbarn Theatre's summer Conservatory (Summer 2010)
- Music/vocal director FIDDLER ON THE ROOF for Hillsdale High (Fall 2010)
- Singing chef in THE MOST HAPPY FELLA at Symphony Silicon Valley (March 2010)

Justin Nixon, MMu 2007

- Chantal in LA CAGE AUX FOLLES with Broadway By the Bay (September 2010)
- Pete in PETE N' KEELY, Palo Alto Players (September 2009)
- Vocal Director at Sacred Heart Prep in Atherton (ongoing)

Julia Hosack, MTC, BFA 2007

- Wardrobe and Mrs. Potts (cover) in First National Tour of BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Justin Basl, MTC, BFA 2005

- Jean Michel in LA CAGE AUX FOLLES with Broadway By the Bay (September 2010)

Francesca Camus, BMu 2005

- Performing weekly at the Venetian Hotel with the Artiste del Arte opera singers
- Performing weekly with "The Shakers" all over Las Vegas singing blues, jazz, classic rock
- Guest appearance at the House of Blues, Mandalay Bay (September 2010)

Matthew Hutchens, MTC, BFA 2005

- First National Tour of YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN, Frankenstein cover (2010)
- First National Tour of CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG (2009)
- WHITE CHRISTMAS, Toronto, San Francisco (2008-09)

Patricia Urbano, BMu 2005

- See NDNU Faculty updates

Phillip Kirchman, BMu 2004

- First Keyboard, First National Tour of WICKED

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In Coastal Repertory Theatre URINETOWN (Summer 2010)

- **Martin Rojas Dietrich**, stage director
- **Dottie Lester-White**, Choreographer
- **Alanna Pinell** Little Sally; Assistant Choreographer
- **Efrain Lazcano-Ibarra (BFA 2007)**, Hot Blades Harry
- **Beth Guido**, Soupy Sue
- **Kris Hauck (MM 2009)** Robbie The Stockfish.

CURRENT STUDENTS

Amanda Andrews

- Alexi Darling, Roger's Mother, Sue and various ensemble roles in RENT at Palo Alto Players (spring 2010)

Lauren Herman

- Collette in LA CAGE AUX FOLLES with Broadway By the Bay (September 2010)

Brie Jones

- Ensemble/Sweeney's Demon in SWEENEY TODD with Sunnyvale Players (September 2010)

Jenny Matteucci

- "For the Love of...." Cabaret show with Daniel Lockert, pianist, Bellevue Club Oakland, and multiple bookings throughout 2010 and 2011.
- Bracebridge Dinners, December 2010, Yosemite National Park (December 2010)
- Artistic Director, Broadway Chorus, Tri-Valley Repertory Company, Concert: "Can't Help Singing... a 20th Anniversary Celebration" (November 12-14, 2010)
- Co-Music Director/Cantor St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, Clayton CA (ongoing)

Samantha Bruce

- Amber in HAIRSPRAY at Woodminster Summer Theatre (Summer 2010)
- Lily St. Regis in ANNIE with Diablo Valley Light Opera (September 2010)

Alina Fontanilla

- Circle in the Square Summer Training program, New York City (Summer 2010)
- Assistant Director/Coach for Riordan High School (Fall 2010)

Beth Guido

- Ensemble in MOST HAPPY FELLA (March 2010) with Lisa Vroman, Symphony Silicon Valley
- Ensemble in HELLO DOLLY (October 2010) with Leslie Uggams, Symphony Silicon Valley

Heather Orth

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Neal Pascua

- Ensemble in HAIRSPRAY at Woodminster Summer Theatre (Summer 2010)

Nicholas Patton

- Stage Director for ONCE ON THIS ISLAND at Graham Middle School (Spring 2010)
- Stage Director for JOSEPH & THE DREAMCOAT at Mountain View high School (Summer 2010)

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Wayne Self

- His musical WISE UP will be produced in San Francisco, (January 2011). Writer, composer, director.

**Samantha Bruce, Leah Sawick, Bailey Batti, Lee Foster, Elaina Vielbaum, Heather Orth, Megan Conroy,
Mary Garcia, Kelsey Byrne, Wayne Self**

- Music Theatre Conservatory, Summer 2010