Welcome to the newsletter of the University of Kentucky Oboe Studio!

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Members of the 2015-2016 UK Oboe Studio following our Studio Recital. (April 2016)

A new semester...
Please help us welcome these fantastic new students to the UK Oboe Studio!

**Abbie Bowman** joins us as a masters student in Music Therapy. She is a graduate of Florida Southern College with a degree in music education.

**Joel Huether**, a graduate of Bulitt East High School, will be studying chemistry and Spanish with a minor in oboe performance.

Need some UK Oboe in your life?
Members of the studio are available for performances, reed classes, and clinics. Dates are being scheduled NOW!

Email marchioni.oboe@uky.edu for more information!
Student Spotlight
Molly Almes - Junior Oboe Performance and Music Education Double Major

Junior Music Major Molly Almes is from Owensboro, KY and a graduate of Daviess County HS. As a member of the UK Wind Symphony, Symphony Band, and UK Symphony Orchestra, her peers have described her as disciplined, motivated, generous, patient, energetic, and genuine. She is also incredibly sweet and most likely to moonlight as a Disney princess! In April 2016, Molly received the Lynn Markowitz Struttman Oboe Scholarship for outstanding performance, talent, and professional promise in oboe. (pictured to the right)

Q: How did you decide to attend UK and to do a double major?
I decided to attend UK for a few reasons: I had been influenced by several people at my high school because they loved the music program, and my sister had attended for two years and really loved it. I also decided to attend because I took a lesson with Dr. Marchioni, and I knew that I could become a great instrumentalist under her teaching. It took me a while to get to where I am in my schooling, and adding the double major of performance is actually my third or fourth change of major! But I decided to double major because I really enjoy teaching, and I really enjoy playing the oboe. I hope this path will lead me to a future where I get to do both!

Q: Tell us about your summer activities!
I was a Camp Counselor at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp where I had several new opportunities: to teach young oboists, to play with oboists my age that attend different schools and professional oboists who teach at several different colleges and universities, and to live with eleven campers who attended the camp to grow in their art (whether that be music, theatre, drawing, or sculpture). This experience was wonderful because I learned so much about who I am as a teacher and as a person. Hopefully I will be able to come back to school with a frame of mind about what kind of teacher, instrumentalist, and person I want to be.

Q: What are you most excited about for the coming school year?
I am most excited about seeing everyone again and getting to play with everyone. I have missed the other students! I also can’t wait to play for everyone and even give a recital in the fall!

Q: What would you tell a prospective student considering UK?
I would say to explore all of your options, but choose a school that makes you comfortable to be yourself and grow. Going to UK has given me so many more opportunities than I could ever imagine, and I am so thankful for that. UK was the family for me that I needed. I hope you too find your calling! (Hopefully here!)

Q: If you could have any color reed thread, it would be...
an ombré of blue!

Q: Your favorite thing about the UK Oboe Studio is...
how supportive everyone is. The talent level is high, where we can have a little competition, but everyone is still friendly!
Spring 2016 in Review

(Above) Dr. Marchioni loved working with the double reed students at the Governors School for the Arts!

Our Newest Alum!
left: Congratulations to Justin Reynolds, who graduated from UK this May with an engineering degree. We will miss you!

(Below) As the winner of the UK Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition, Christine Sallas performed the Mozart Oboe Concerto to a huge crowd in February!

Christine with the studio following her performance!

(Left and above) With Guest Artist Dr. Courtney Miller (University of Iowa)
With the start of the new school year, I am thrilled to tell you about a brand new initiative from the UK Oboe Studio, designed to help Lexington oboists of all ages and support the work you do in the classroom! I hope you will encourage your students to take advantage of this fantastic new resource.

Introducing the Lexington Oboe Club, a place for young students to meet and share in the joy of oboe! Looking for an effective way to improve your oboe section? Weekly sessions under the direction of UK Oboe Studio teaching assistant and doctoral candidate Christine Sallas will help students master oboe basics outside of band class, giving them a chance to work on oboe specific problems with personalized attention and meet other local oboists. With assistance from music education student Molly Almes, classes will be designed to establish a strong fundamental base and to encourage continued development of musicality. This is the opportunity for your students to reach the next level! Group classes start at just $10 per week for each student. Contact Christine Sallas (acsallas@gmail.com) for schedule and availability.

As always, I welcome your emails and am happy to serve as a resource to you in any way I can. Feel free to contact me at any time! Be sure to watch for the All State instructional video coming next month, and to check out all of our fantastic events happening this year!

Musically yours,
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Watch Dr. Marchioni give the world premiere of Discipline for Oboe and Piano by Lansing McLoskey: https://youtu.be/9PYUBmR1qxU

Selected Upcoming Studio Events:

- **SAVE THE DATE!**
  - University of Kentucky
  - **DOUBLe ReD REED DAY!**
  - April 15, 2017
  - Singletary Center for the Arts
  - Featuring guest artists, vendors, and more!

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