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Perhaps the most common question I get as an alumni board member is “Well, what do you do?” The inaugural issue of the IU Jacobs School of Music E-Newsletter is designed to give you a better idea of our role in the life of an alum of the Jacobs School of Music. Check your e-mail inbox every few months for these alumni updates.

The Jacobs School of Music Alumni Association (JSoMAA) is our branch of the Indiana University Alumni Association (IUAA). Our goals are much like yours after graduation: to find meaningful ways to connect people from different generations and cultures through musical performance, study, and education.

There are few places on the globe one can visit without someone recognizing the name of Indiana University. It is one of the best training grounds for musicians of all kinds. Those involved with the JSoMAA have come to recognize just how fortunate we are to have benefited from the kind of education we received in Bloomington. We believe in remaining connected with this strong foundation. In so doing, we have found a sense of perspective in our professional and personal lives; just as playing music written in 1811 has deep significance for audiences in 2011.

How does this flowery language result in tangible benefits for IUAA members from the Jacobs School? From networking dinners to career seminars, from graduation lunches to event receptions in which we meet with other alumni in cities all over the world, our primary goal is to connect with something greater than ourselves, just as each graduate of this fine school has for the past century.

Chris Ludwa, B.M.E. ’97, M.M. ’99
President, Jacobs School of Music Alumni Association

Greetings from the Jacobs School of Music Alumni Board!

Board membership is the perfect way to stay connected, give back, and help shape the future of successful young musicians from the Jacobs School of Music.

If you’re interested in learning more about board membership, please contact C. F. Callihan at cfc2@indiana.edu or (812) 855-1850.

Board Members Build Success

The Jacobs School of Music is fortunate to have supporters across the globe. Numerous friends assist the school and its students and faculty with immeasurable generosity through their time, talent, and treasure.

Alumni board members not only give back in each of these ways; they provide valuable leadership regarding the future of alumni relations and event planning, and act as mentors to current students and recent graduates.

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Alumnus Shines on the International Stage

Christopher Bolduc, M.M.’06, received a stellar review for his leading role in Mozart’s Don Giovanni at Theater Basel in Basel, Switzerland, in January 2011. In addition to his recent international success, Bolduc has received top prizes in numerous competitions, including the Sullivan Foundation Awards for Voice, the Opera Index Competition, the Julián Gayarre Competition, the George London Foundation, the Licia-Albanese Puccini Foundation, the Loren Zachary Society, the Giulio Gari Foundation, the Fritz and Lavinia Jensen Foundation, the Liederkranz Foundation, the Florida Grand Opera Voice Competition, and the Connecticut Opera Competition. He was a national semifinalist in both the 2007 and 2008 Metropolitan National Council Auditions. In 2010, he was nominated for the Leonore Annenberg Arts Fellowship with a top prize of $50,000.

Fadeley Finds Success with Pennsylvania Ballet

In her third season with the Pennsylvania Ballet, Lauren Fadeley, B.S.’07, performed the role of Odette/Odile in its 2011 production of Swan Lake. Since joining the company, Fadeley has originated feature roles in Peter Quanz’s Jupiter Symphony, Annabelle Lopez Ochoa’s Requiem for a Rose, and Matthew Neenan’s Pampeana, Keep, and At the Border. She has performed soloist roles in Messiah, Kazimir’s Colours, Ballo Della Regina, Cinderella, Octet for Strings, Five Tangos, La Sylphide, and George Balanchine’s The Nutcracker. She also appeared in the Oscar-nominated film Black Swan.

Concert in Memory of K. Robert Schwarz

The New Music Ensemble concert of Dec. 3, 2009, was dedicated to the memory of alumnus K. Robert Schwarz, who passed away on Dec. 6, 1999, shortly before his forty-third birthday. Son of musicologist Boris Schwarz and his wife, Patricia, he was a musicology graduate student at the Jacobs School of Music from 1979 to 1981. Throughout his studies, Schwarz continued to play violin and worked with Josef Gingold while at IU.
How do you stay connected to the Jacobs School?

How about wearing a new Jacobs School of Music Alumni t-shirt? We’ve come up with a new and innovative approach to making our alumni stand out in a crowd. The Development Office identified hundreds of Jacobs School alumni in major orchestras around the country and asked them to participate in our Alumni T-shirt Project.

Once identified, the alumni received an IU Jacobs School of Music alumni t-shirt. Each group of alumni then happily posed with their fellow former Hoosiers and their instruments. The project began in 2010. Senior Development Officer Melissa Korzec said, “We felt this would be a unique way to connect with our graduates across the country. It’s been thrilling to get a glimpse of our alumni in their professional setting as they reconnect with each other.”

Our alumni rallied and a renewed sense of camaraderie ensued. The Alumni T-shirt Project forged new connections between alumni of different generations. Many orchestra members were surprised to learn the number of alumni in their own ranks. We believe this effort has and will continue to spark nostalgic conversations about exciting performances, hours of diligent rehearsing, and the moments of fellowship found on a college campus.

Would you like to show your IU Jacobs School of music alumni pride? Contact the Development Office at musdev@indiana.edu to get involved!

Wearing your Jacobs School of Music Alumni Pride

By Courtney Byelich
A New Direction for Alumni Relations

By C. F. Callihan II and Jennifer Gentry

Recent changes have spurred new vitality at the Indiana University Alumni Association (IUAA) and the Jacobs School of Music Alumni Association (JSoMAA). With 14,000 alumni across the globe, the JSoMAA has the opportunity to engage, connect, and grow unlike any other group.

In June 2010, IUAA welcomed a new executive director, J. Thomas Forbes. Forbes has brought a burst of enthusiasm and a new vision that will ultimately take the IUAA from being a good organization to being a great one. Developing stronger partnerships between the IUAA, the Indiana University Foundation, and Constituent Societies will help all units further their own missions in addition to “Connecting Alumni. Serving IU.”

The IUAA is also working towards “Functional Excellence in Alumni Engagement.” This strategy will serve as a way to mobilize the full potential of students, faculty, staff, and alumni who share a commitment to each other and IU. The new plan, “Principal Priorities,” is designed to provide a clear focus for all alumni activities.

In addition to university-wide plans for alumni progress and engagement, the JSoMAA is poised to engage alumni in new, innovative, and exciting ways. Ideas for future connectivity and growth focus on four areas of alumni involvement: communication, dialogue, advocacy, and patronage.

This represents a positive “Path to Success” for future alumni engagement. Within these areas, we have identified achievable tasks, projects, and strategic goals for the next few months and years. Better coordination between the Jacobs School of Music and the IUAA will allow alumni more opportunities to engage with each other and their alma mater. Consistent and appropriate communication will educate graduates about keynote events, departmental updates, and alumni success stories.

The IU Jacobs School of Music Web site will be a hub of information, with upcoming events, interactive content, and increased ease for the user. Additionally, initiatives such as the T-Shirt Project will continue to flourish.

Our ultimate goal is to connect alumni personally to the school, engage in one-on-one conversations, and promote ideas for future success.

Principal Priorities of the Indiana University Alumni Association

• Celebrate achievements and relationships that define IU
• Create experiences that boost IU pride, engagement, and giving
• Become more technology- and data-assisted
• Integrate with University Partners

Chicago Area Alumni, Save the Date!

Joshua Bell IU Centennial Concert

Saturday, July 2, 2011 | 7:30 pm
The Pavilion at Ravinia

With the Jacobs School of Music Summer Festival Orchestra
Michael Stern, Conductor
Joshua Bell, Violin

Visit ravinia.org for more information.