

MCLENNAN HIGHLANDER QUARTERLY

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WINTER 2011

MCC SHINES AT DUELING GRANDS CONCERT

As anyone who has ever heard a performance on a Steinway piano will attest, there is nothing more beautiful than the sound of a Steinway.

Except, perhaps, the sound of *two* Steinways. Two Steinway pianos and two pianists sharing the stage is what made the evening of Jan. 8 such a memorable night as the MCC Foundation hosted the Dueling Grands piano concert at the Ball Performing Arts Center. Dueling Grands was a fundraiser to support the Foundation's All-Steinway initiative and to honor former Waco Mayor Virginia DuPuy.

The event began with a photo tribute to DuPuy narrated by MCC Foundation Executive Director Harry Harelik and Waco City Manager



MCC Foundation Executive Director Harry Harelik, left, with Dueling Grands pianists Gail Wade and Donnie Balmos. Wade and Balmos performed a stunning piano concert on Steinway concert grand pianos as a fundraiser for the Foundation's All-Steinway campaign.



Waco City Manager Larry Groth, left, joins honoree and former Waco mayor Virginia DuPuy, Harry Harelik and MCC President Dr. Johnette McKown.

Larry Groth. The MCC Foundation presented the former mayor with a crystal vase to thank her for her commitment not only to Waco, but to the arts. In her gracious acceptance speech, DuPuy praised the college for its many partnerships with the City of Waco and also for its vision in becoming only the third All-Steinway school in the state of Texas. DuPuy has long held a passion for the arts.

And then, there was the concert. As Harelik deftly pointed out, there was really nothing 'dueling' about the it--the performers, their instruments and the music blended together beautifully.

Longtime MCC music educators Donnie Balmos and Gail Wade performed three pieces that represented

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ALUMNI *Spotlight*



From high school fizzle to "The Bomb"

Alan Carr didn't have much of a plan for his life after he graduated from Midway High School in 1996. In fact, he describes his high school years as "pretty much a social and academic disaster," leaving him lacking direction and purpose. He remembers watching a rerun of "Hogan's Heroes" in June of 1996 and seeing an MCC commercial.

"I realized at that moment I had better get serious about my future, and MCC might be a good place to start my personal reclamation project," he says.

And reclaim his life he did. Today, Carr is the institutional historian for the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, New Mexico, where he helps record and share

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the history of the nuclear age for visitors, scholars and scientists. It's a job he describes as "incredible."

"During my time at MCC, I began thinking about a career as a historian for the first time. MCC helped me develop my passing interest in history into a potential career path," Carr explains. "When I started my college career at MCC, I went back to basics ... I studied English composition, algebra, economics, public speaking and history. I regained my academic confidence at MCC as a freshman and discovered the limitless possibilities offered by higher education."

The following year, Carr transferred to Texas Tech for his bachelor's degree, pursuing a major in history and a minor in English. In 2002, he completed his master's degree in modern military history with a minor in political science.

Carr's job duties at Los Alamos include managing archival records, developing historical presentations, writing the history of LANL, working with scientists on research and development projects, and providing information to the public via the lab's history web site and the Freedom of Information Act process.

"I have many wonderful memories of MCC," Carr says today. "In my youth, I enjoyed taking classes at MCC during the summers – everything from pottery to karate. Later, I had several excellent instructors, but two really stand out. My intermediate algebra teacher Gary Duncan really gave me a lot of encouragement and helped make one of my worst subjects an entertaining challenge. Although it was a non-credit developmental course, intermediate algebra would prove invaluable to completing my undergraduate studies. Another important course was public speaking, which I took from Linda Dulin. I give public lectures regularly, and Dr. Dulin helped me develop my speaking skills at a very early stage in my academic career." Both Duncan and Dulin still teach at MCC.

"With all that said, the most important lesson I learned from my instructors at MCC was to believe in myself," Carr says.

From a self-described "social and academic disaster" to a highly respected historian, Alan Carr's journey exemplifies the purpose of MCC: to provide opportunity for personal and academic growth. The "social" part worked out pretty well, too: Carr has been married to his wife Christy for 12 years and they have two children, Emily (7), and John David (2).

Carr can be reached at abcarr@lanl.gov. Or, visit the LANL website at <http://www.lanl.gov/history/>

Dueling Grands Concert

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the finest in the two-piano repertoire. They began with Mozart's lovely "Sonata for Two Pianos, K. 448." Brahms' orchestral-sounding "Variations on a Theme by Haydn, op. 56b" revealed the range a Steinway can achieve through 10 separate movements. The duo closed with the haunting "Elegie" by 20th century impressionistic composer Francis Poulenc.

The Balmos and Wade performance was spectacular and brought the entire audience to its feet. So popular was the show that the pair agreed to a second performance on Sunday, Jan. 30.

"It was truly a grand performance befitting the world's finest grand pianos, the Steinways," DuPuy said after the concert. "I am proud of MCC and grateful for the Steinway campaign as the pianos will enrich the lives of music students for years and years to come. What a fine investment MCC is making in our community's young people!"

The Dueling Grands event was supported by a grant from the Greater Waco Council for the Arts.

Editor's Note: If you are an alumnus of McLennan Community College and would like to be featured in a future edition of "Alumni Spotlight," please contact Kim Patterson at kpatterson@mcclennan.edu.

Join the Highlander Alumni Association! Free membership is available at <http://alumni.mcclennan.edu>.

AN EVENING *with* STEPHEN C. FOSTER

Kurt Kaiser fundraiser boosts Steinway campaign

Kurt Kaiser is a Dove award-winning composer who truly “hears the vision” of the MCC Foundation’s All-Steinway campaign. He is such a fan that he has two of the instruments in his lovely Waco home ... a home he and wife Pat opened to about 40 friends on Oct. 16 for an intimate parlor concert and dinner to help raise money for the All-Steinway campaign.

“There is nothing like playing a Steinway ... and there is nothing like hearing a Steinway played,” Kaiser said before the performance he titled “An Evening With Stephen C. Foster.” Kaiser performed a variety of well-known songs penned by Foster, including “Camp Town Races,” “Swanee River,” and “Beautiful Dreamer.”

Kaiser also told the story of the brilliant 19th century composer who, despite later success and the title of “the father of American music,” died penniless at

Contemporary Christian music industry and a member of the Gospel Music Hall of Fame,” said MCC Foundation Executive Director Harry Hareluk. “We are tremendously fortunate to



Dottie Fornoff, Cynthia Lewis, Dave Fornoff and Elinor Davis enjoyed dinner and a parlor concert by renowned Contemporary Christian composer Kurt Kaiser.

have someone of his caliber supporting MCC and our All-Steinway campaign.”

In December 2009, the MCC Foundation board voted to undertake a \$911,000 campaign to purchase 27 new Steinway pianos for MCC. The initiative replaced pianos that were up to 40 years old and in almost unplayable condition. Of the campaign total, \$611,000 was for pianos and \$300,000 was for a maintenance fund to keep the pianos in top shape for decades to come.

The college now boasts two concert grand and five grand Steinways as well as 21 upright Boston pianos, also made by Steinway. The difference for students has been dramatic: practice studios that once sat empty now must be tightly

scheduled to accommodate the hundreds of students clamoring to practice their musical studies on the Steinways. By January 2011, the campaign had raised \$575,000, almost 65 percent of the goal.



Pat and Kurt Kaiser hosted a fundraising dinner for the MCC Foundation’s All-Steinway campaign on October 16. They are pictured with MCC President Dr. Johnette McKown.

the age of 37. Between tunes, Kaiser shared personal reminiscences of his own successful lifetime spent behind the keyboard as an artist and composer.

“Kurt Kaiser is not only a jewel in Waco’s crown, but he is a brilliant star in the

McLennan Distinguished Lecture Series To Present Astronaut Sally Ride



Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, will discuss “Leadership and America’s Future in Space” at an April 5th lecture hosted by the McLennan Distinguished Lecture Series and the MCC Foundation.

Sally Ride, astronaut, educator and the first American woman in space, will speak at McLennan Community College April 5.

Ride will present a lecture titled “Leadership and America’s Future in Space” at 7 p.m. in the MCC Conference Center at 4601 N. 19th St. The lecture is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required, but seating is limited and on a first come, first served basis.

Ride is the 7th distinguished speaker hosted by the McLennan Distinguished Lecture Series, which was founded in 2004 and is sponsored by donors to the MCC Foundation.

Ride joined NASA in 1978, and on June 18, 1983, she became the first American woman in space as a crew member on Space Shuttle Challenger mission STS-7. After leaving NASA in 1987, Ride taught physics at the University of California, San Diego and served as Director of the California Space Institute. She currently is the President and CEO of Sally Ride Science, a company that creates entertaining science programs and publications for elementary and middle school students, with a particular focus on girls.

Ride has written or co-written five books on space with the goal of encouraging children to study science.

FUN TIMES & FUN-DRAISERS

Now in its 10th year, the MCC Foundation's annual **Hearts in the Arts Gala** has become one of the area's premier social events: a delightful pairing of the esteemed talents of MCC's visual and performing arts students and faculty with the educational mission of the MCC Foundation. This month, we are pleased to present a special Gala rendition of the musical favorite "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," along with a cocktail buffet at the Ridge-wood-area home of Hatch Bailey. The evening concludes with a lavish dessert reception with cast and crew at the theatre. All Gala proceeds benefit student scholarships at MCC. **To reserve your spot, call 254-299-8677 or e-mail reservations@mclennan.edu before February 21.** See p. 5 for information about the "Glam for Good" Gala Jewelry Raffle!



The McLennan Community College Foundation
Invites you to the 10th Annual

Hearts in the Arts Gala

Join us at the Bee! Tony Award-winning musical favorite
"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"
spells an evening of hilarious musical comedy.

Saturday, February 26, 2011

6 p.m.

Cocktail dinner buffet
at the home of Hatch Bailey
7333 Westover Road

8 p.m.

Special condensed Gala performance of
"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"
at the Ball Performing Arts Center

\$65 per person*

Reservations must be received by February 21

*\$25 is a charitable donation

Save The Date!

Friday, October 7, 2011

Mark your calendars now for the **25th Annual** MCC Foundation Golf Classic on Friday, Oct. 7 at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course. There are a limited number of \$10,000 Diamond and \$5,000 Platinum sponsorships available, as well as other levels ranging from \$200 to \$2,500. For the 25th anniversary, we are gathering great auction and raffle prizes, such as vacation packages, special event tickets and more! For more information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Harry Harelik at 254-299-8606 or hharelik@mclennan.edu.



LOUIS XIV *and* THE NEW WORLD 'SUN KING' EXHIBIT DONATED TO MCC



Dan and Claude Valahu recently donated an exhibit about Louis XIV of France to the MCC Foundation. They are shown at a gallery opening with Randy Cox, Chair of the MCC Board of Trustees.

The glory and grandeur of the reign of Louis XIV of France that dazzled Europe for almost a century was on display last fall at McLennan Community College, thanks to an historical exhibit donated to the

MCC Foundation by Waco residents Dan and Claude Valahu.

"The Sun King: Louis XIV and The New World" opened on Oct. 28, 2010, when the MCC Foundation hosted an opening reception in the Learning Technology Center gallery. Dan Valahu is a visiting research professor at MCC and his wife Claude is a native of France and longtime Waco French teacher. The Valahus acquired the exhibit from the Texas Humanities Resource Center following its national tour, and they thought MCC would be a perfect home for this visual exploration of French and American history and culture.

The allure of the opulent reign of Louis XIV was evident as community members, students and MCC faculty and staff mingled in the small gallery, thoughtfully reading and discussing each panel. It is estimated that hundreds of people viewed the exhibit during its three-month showing.



Many thanks go out to the Valahus for their generous gift, to friend of MCC Claire Masters and the MCC Theatre Department for exhibit assistance, and to Glenn Downing of the MCC Visual Arts Department for his expertise in displaying the pieces.



Jewelry photography by Belle Jiao



A Chance To Help A Student

Win this stunning 1.5 carat diamond and 18 karat white gold ring from Kindler's Gem Jewelers, valued at \$5,200. Tickets are \$30 each, two for \$50, or five for \$100. Drawing will be February 26, 2011.

Maximum of 500 tickets will be sold. Winner need not be present to win. Raffle ticket costs are not tax deductible and income taxes are the responsibility of the winner. Raffle proceeds benefit student scholarships. Sponsored by: The McLennan Community College Foundation • 1400 College Drive, Waco, TX 76708 • 254-299-8604

Diamond Jewelry Raffle Benefits MCC Scholarships

The McLennan Community College Foundation is selling raffle tickets for chances to win a 1.5 carat diamond and 18 karat white gold ring valued at \$5,200 from Kindler's Gem Jewelers. A limited number of tickets will be sold (maximum of 500) and all proceeds benefit MCC scholarships.

Tickets are \$30 each, two for \$50, or five for \$100 and will be sold until the Foundation's Hearts in the Arts Gala on Feb. 26. Winner need not be present at the Gala to win.

For more information about the jewelry raffle, or to buy tickets, contact the MCC Foundation at 299-8604 or rdeleon@mcclennan.edu.

HONORARIUMS *and* MEMORIALS
OCTOBER 1, 2010-DECEMBER 31, 2010

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Donation Given by: Glynnis Gaines

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If you are tired of less-than-impressive returns on traditional investments, consider the new Charitable Gift Annuity program offered by the MCC Foundation.

With a charitable gift annuity, donors can achieve a high rate of return on their investment each month for life, with any balance at death going to a surviving spouse or to the MCC Foundation. A charitable income tax deduction is available in the year the annuity is purchased. MCC's program is sponsored by the Austin Community Foundation, a \$100 million foundation established in 1977 that manages funds for many smaller foundations (www.austincommunityfoundation.org.)

Current rates* for single life annuities are as follows:

Age:	75	80	85	90 and up
Guaranteed yield for life:	6.4%	7.25%	8.1%	9.5%+

An annuity program is available for married couples as well, and rates vary slightly. For more information about the MCC Foundation's Charitable Gift Annuity program, contact Executive Director Harry Harelik, MPA, CPA, CFRE at hharelik@mclennan.edu or 254-299-8606.

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