JUDGE McCain PRESIDING
Dr. Martin McCain was invited to adjudicate for the 2012 Edwards Bass Trombone Solo Competition and Yamaha Xeno Tenor Trombone Solo Competition, which was held at the Big 12 Trombone Conference at Texas Tech University. Dr. McCain performed a guest recital and masterclasses at the University of Arizona, broadcast on Arizona’s KUAT and Austin’s KMFA classical radio stations. McCain also performed with The Minor 4th Trombone Quartet at the University of North Texas and was recently endorsed by the English trombone manufacturer Michael Rath Trombones. McCain recently performed as a soloist on the guest faculty recital at the 2012 Big 12 Trombone Conference.

PIANISTS IN PORTLAND
Dr. Washington Garcia and his student YuCi Liao performed at The University of Portland on February 15 as part of the "Music at Midweek" Series. The performance was well received by the students, faculty, and staff. Ms. Liao was also a winner at the Concerto Competition held at Texas State University last fall and was selected as a semifinalist at the Schmidbauer International Competition last January.

BIG 12 FEATURES 18 BOBCAT TROMBONES
The Texas State Trombone Choir, under the direction of Martin McCain, had the honor of being featured at the 2012 Big 12 Trombone Conference at Texas Tech University. The ensemble also performed at San Marcos High School and Austin High School. Additionally, the choir has been asked to record works that will be published on the Southern Music Company website.

WICKED TOUR
Participating as part of Broadway Across America, oboe professor Ian Davidson joined the national tour of Wicked for 24 sold-out performances, reaching a total audience of more than 70,000.
LARGE TX STATE PRESENCE AT TMEA
The recent Texas Music Educators Association annual Clinic/Convention in San Antonio featured many of our School of Music faculty, students, and alumni . . .

The Phoenix Saxophone Quartet, under the direction of Todd Oxford performed a 30-minute Music Showcase. Specially selected by TMEA Deputy Director Frank Coachman, the quartet (below from left) consists of Gerald Martinez, Gilbert Garza, Josue Mora, and Joshua Weisbrod-Torres.

Dr. Cynthia Gonzales and Dr. Lynn Brinckmeyer presented a poster entitled: “A Pilot Study: The Effect of Singing and Non-Singing Instructional Strategies on Harmonic Listening Skills.” Music education major Amy Beckman served as the research assistant for the project. Dr. Gonzales also presented a poster, “A Pilot Study: The Effect of Online Exercises to Increase Error Detections Skills”. Dr. Amy Simmons served as overall coordinator for the Research Poster Session.

From left: Brinckmeyer, Beckman, Simmons, Gonzales

SINGING IN SEGUN
Dr. Henry Leck and Dr. Lynn Brinckmeyer both served as clinicians at the recent Texas Lutheran University Youth Choir Festival in Seguin. Singers from Texas State’s Hill Country Youth Chorus participated with approximately 100 singers in the festival chorus.

OTHER TX STATE ACTIVITIES AT TMEA
Feb. 8 – Adah Jones, judge: 5-A All-State flutes.