About the School of Music at the University of Missouri:

The University of Missouri School of Music prepares students to make meaningful contributions in the world as performers, composers, teachers, and scholars.

The School of Music offers professionally oriented bachelor’s degrees in performance (brass, classical guitar, percussion, piano, strings, voice, and woodwinds), composition, music education, music history, and music theory. Master’s degrees are available in the same areas, as well as in conducting (choral, orchestral, and wind ensemble), collaborative piano, and piano pedagogy, and the Ph.D. is offered in music education. Undergraduate music majors can further enrich their studies by pursuing a certificate in jazz studies, and a graduate certificate in jazz studies is available either as an add-on or freestanding credential. The School of Music also offers the Bachelor of Arts in music, a degree program attracting numerous double majors, students who combine study in music and another field, drawing from the numerous academic options available on the Mizzou campus, as well as minors in music and jazz studies.

Over 260 music majors and numerous music minors enjoy extensive interaction with the School of Music’s distinguished faculty, comprising 36 full-time and 10 part-time members. Hundreds of non-music majors also participate in School of Music activities—everything from courses such as “Jazz, Pop, and Rock” to Marching Mizzou. The School of Music is also home to several community programs serving Columbia and the Mid-Missouri region, including the Community Music Program, the Missouri String Project, and the Missouri Youth Orchestra. For more information, visit music.missouri.edu.
2011 Missouri Summer Composition Institute

Intermediate Division Program

Justin Cook, flute
Melissa Morrow, oboe
Jeff Panhorst, bassoon

Amber Waves  Matthew K. Cochran  b. 1995
Crusade  Edward Crouse  b. 1995
Enchanted Elegance  Erin Hoerchler  b. 1995
Amourella  Julia Schaller  b. 1995
what has been, what is, and will be  Nick Simon  b. 1995
House of Perish  Kyle Dunn  b. 1994
The Valley of the Shadow of Death  Katherine Benjamin  b. 1994
The Drone  Trevor Bennett  b. 1992

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Dustin Dunn has been playing the piano for about 4 years now, and has only recently started composing. Dustin will be a sophomore at South Iron High School. This has been his first year participating in the COMP projects. His first piece “American Rhapsody” won third place in the Fine Arts category of the COMP festival.

Kyle Dunn is a senior at Lebanon High School. He started out playing drum set in 5th grade then joined band in 6th grade to play percussion. Since then Kyle has received numerous rewards. His top rewards include: 1st place his junior year and 3rd place his sophomore year at MMPAT in the high school marimba division and placing 1st in the other division for the COMP music festival for a drum line piece he composed. Other awards include: a 1 rating for marimba solos on both the district and state level for his freshman, sophomore, and junior years and a percussion ensemble his sophomore year. He was 2nd chair all district band his sophomore year and 1st chair his junior year. Kyle is also a member of the National Honors Society and the Percussive Arts society. After school Kyle plans on attending a university to major in music.

Ethan Edwards is a home-schooled student from Florissant, and will be starting his senior year this fall. In addition to composing, he plays clarinet, piano, bass clarinet, oboe, and participates in musical theatre. In February 2010, Ethan was named the Outstanding High School Clarinet Soloist in the Solo and Small Ensemble Festival at Principia. Ethan is honored to be a part of this year’s camp, and he hopes to do more with COMP in the future.

Advanced Division Program

Stephanie Berg, clarinet
Andrew Bell, bassoon
Graham Woodland, violin
Briana Bassman, viola
Matt Pierce, cello

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Zachary Adrian attends Oak Park High School and will be a sophomore the following school year. Zachary has been playing the piano for over seven years and the viola for over five. Zachary entered the COMP Composition Contest during his 9th grade year and received Honorable Mention for his orchestral piece *Battle of the Kings*. Zachary entered two more orchestral pieces, *Armageddon* and *Lord of the Flies*, and two piano pieces, *Piano Solo No. 3* and *Piano Solo No. 5*. As a result, he was accepted into the Summer COMP Institute and placed in the advanced division.

Katherine Benjamin is home-schooled and will be a senior this fall. She has played cello for 6 years, and has been composing for a year and a half. She plans to attend Merrimack Community College for a degree in occupational therapy.

Trevor Bennett, age 18, is a recent high school graduate planning a future in music. Playing primarily saxophone, he has been a part of the All-District Honorable Mention Ensemble and participated in the 2011 UMKC Midwest Honor Band Festival Symposium. Fairly new to composing, he hopes to broaden his knowledge at UCM next year where he will study music technology.

David Boullion, 18 years old, is a graduate of Hickman High School. He plays the trumpet and enjoys listening to many different genres of music. He began composing about 6 years ago, and recently composed his first full wind ensemble piece. He has also been involved in the Missouri All-State Band in the past, and looks forward to going to the University of Missouri as a freshman double majoring in Music Composition and Computer Science.

Erin Cameron, a recent graduate of Central High School (Springfield) has been involved with music since early youth. She began singing with the Children’s Choirs of Southwest Missouri at age seven, and began playing the piano at age nine. Erin began composing at age 11. She cites many influences, including the works of Prokofiev, Stravinsky, and Ravel; as well as the film scores of Danny Elfman. Her primary instrument is the clarinet, and she plans to major in Clarinet Performance at Northwestern University next fall.

Matthew K. Cochran is sixteen years old and attends Francis Howell Central High School in St. Charles MO. He plays bassoon, oboe, piano, and percussion. He is section leader for the front ensembles in his high school marching band and he is an Eagle Scout with troop 533. Matthew has written compositions for school in the past including a Fugue for his geometry class. He hopes to continue writing and playing music for a very long time.

Benedetto Colagiovanni will be a senior at Clayton High School next year. He has been playing the piano since he was three years old and composing music since he was seven. He participates in his high school’s jazz band and chamber choir and also had the pleasure of composing music to accompany scenes of CHS’ fall play. His piece “*And the Prince Can Swing*” won first place in the jazz category at this year’s COMP festival. He would like to thank his parents for their support, the entire COMP staff for putting together such a wonderful week, and his fellow composer-campers, who made this week so much fun!

Edward Crouse is a sophomore grader at Jefferson City High School. He plays piano and viola in his high school orchestra and community symphony. He is part of a successful student string quartet. He began composing in 6th grade and plans to continue with it.