

Forty flute students participated in the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Solo & Ensemble Festival on February 6, 2010 at the University of Central Oklahoma. Congratulations to Outstanding High School Soloists Holly Gaines (student of Juliana Overmier) and Caleb Mitchum (student of Parthena Owens). The judges declared a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place and each winner was awarded a \$150 prize.

Honor Recital performers in each division were:

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under—Nina Palmer (student of Juliana Overmier), Ascenda Gibbon (student of Lisa Hoel)  
7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades—Miranda Hamilton (student of Natalie Syring), Olivia Jirousek (student of Juliana Overmier), Elaina Moore (student of Mary Kirkendoll)  
9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades—Erin McCoy (student of Parthena Owens), Kimberly Boross (student of Lisa Hoel), Dae-Kun Heo (student of Juliana Overmier)  
11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades—Holly Gaines, Caleb Mitchum

Honorable Mention awards went to:

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under—Ian Wu (student of Natalie Syring)  
7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades—Abigail Shuler (student of Juliana Overmier), Carolyn Hewes (student of Janet Romanishin), Aiden Hamilton (student of Natalie Syring)  
9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades—Jane Jarshaw (student of Natalie Syring), Meagan Stevens (student of Amanda Thomas), Kayla Crego (student of Janet Romanishin), Chelsi Turner (student of Parthena Owens)  
11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades—Taewook Song (student of Parthena Owens), Linda Jenkins (student of Natalie Syring), Kat Scott (student of Natalie Syring), Valari Jett (student of Angela Heck)  
Adult—Charles Lofties

While waiting for results, students and parents enjoyed relaxing in the Game Room, led by UCO student Julianne Janeway. With flute music playing in the background, they played Music Bingo and a variety of music-related games.

Dr. Susan Fain presented a Performance Workshop on body alignment and flute basics, bringing along her full-sized skeleton model to aid the understanding of proper body use.

A highlight of the recital was the performance by guest artist Juliana Overmier. While the judges deliberated, she and Dr. Sam Magrill captivated the audience with a virtuoso performance of Briccialdi's *Carnival of Venice*.

Judges for the final competition were Dr. Valerie Watts, Dr. Janet Romanishin, and Dr. Susan Fain. Other judges were Dr. Emily Butterfield, Angela Heck, and JoeLee Mills. Special thanks are due to Janet Romanishin and UCO students Liz Scott and Veronica Serrano for greeting students and monitoring rooms, and to Emily Butterfield and Natalie Syring for hosting the event at UCO.

Amy Zuback and Natalie Syring  
Festival Co-chairs