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Twenty-Third Annual Alumni Band Reunion

This year's annual University of Montana Homecoming celebration to be held on Friday, September 30 and Saturday October 1, 2011, will be the 23rd annual reunion of the University of Montana Alumni Band. I am hoping that many of you have already made your plans to attend. This year's events by the UM Alumni Band will again be full and active with much reminiscing, trading of stories and wonderful camaraderie among UM alums. We would really hate for you to miss out on all of the fun and frivolity. The newsletter lists all the information that you need to get organized to head to Missoula for this great weekend of playing, marching and catching up with friends. Please read through it carefully and return the registration slip so that we can get organized on our end to help make the weekend a success.

Registration will open at 1:00 PM and will be located this year in Room 105 in the music building. By moving the registration table out of the entrance hallway and into a



A message from the CHAIR!

classroom I feel will allow us more room to mingle and visit while browsing through the numerous photos from past reunions and making those all important purchases of UM Alumni Band "gear." The registration table will remain open through the afternoon and will also be open on Saturday morning when we gather to prepare for the parade. The UM Jazz Band I will be conducting an open rehearsal in music room 1 for all those interested in listening. The rehearsal of the UM Alumni Band will begin at 2:15 pm in music room 1 and will continue until 4:00 pm, when we will gather with the UM Grizzly Marching band on the field to rehearse our field show number. Don't worry, the Alumni band will not be performing any marching drill while on the field, just marching on to the field, stand and play and then march off of the field.

The evening banquet will begin with a no-host bar and social time from 5:00 – 6:00 pm in the Madison-Jefferson-Gallatin room of the Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park. The banquet will begin at 6:00 with the UM Alumni Jazz Band slated to start swinging out tunes by 7:30 pm. The UM Grizzly Marching Band will make a rousing appearance in the Holiday Inn Terrarium somewhere around 8:30 – 9:00 pm, a performance you don't want to miss. The evening ends with either listening to the rock/pop/CW band that will perform following the UM Alumni Jazz Band, around 10:00 pm or by slipping into the Brooks & Brown saloon, in the far basement corner of the Holiday, to jam out with the UM Jazz combo jam session. Don't forget to bring "your axe" to join in.

Saturday starts out with the UM Alumni Band gathering at the music building for a picture session at around 9:15 am. The registration table will be open by 8:30 am. We will depart for the parade via buses at around 9:45 am. If you plan to attend the football game to be part of the field show at half time, please be in your seats in the stadium by 12:30 pm so that you can watch the UM Grizzly Marching Band perform their pre-game show. We will finish off the weekend with a barbecue at the music building following the football game. Please be sure to read the registration form carefully so that all of the pertinent information that we need to make the weekend a celebration of success is available to us. Hope to see you this fall in Missoula for our 23rd annual University of Montana Alumni Band Reunion.

-Scott McKenzie, UM Alumni Band Chairman

UM Alumni Jazz Band & Jam Session



Alumni Jazz Band

If you plan to play with the UM Alumni Jazz Band, please indicate this on your registration form. Each year we have numerous alums who perform wonderful big band swing tunes to the delight of the multitudes. Knowing in advance that you are planning to participate will help in the facilitating of the performance. This way all who wish to perform will get a chance. The timing format for the UM Alumni Jazz Band was altered last year in order to accommodate another performance by a performing group of a different music medium. It ended up being very successful for the UM Alumni Association and the Holiday Inn resulting in the best revenue Friday night ever for a Homecoming weekend. The format will run again the same as it did at last year's Homecoming. Please note the earlier start time for the jazz band performance.

A jam session will be held in the Holiday Inn bar "Brooks & Browns" following the UM Jazz Band performance Friday evening. Starting at around 10:00 those interested will be encouraged to sit in on a song or two and rip it up with a jazz combo from the University of Montana.

Band Member Spotlight: Christopher Stark, Composer

Christopher Stark is a composer of contemporary classical music deeply rooted in the American West. Having spent his formative years in rural western Montana, his music is always seeking to capture the expansive energy of this quintessential American landscape.

A recipient of the 2010 American Composers Orchestra Underwood Commission and winner of the 2011 Utah Arts Festival Orchestra Commission, Stark's music has been heard in concert venues around the world from the *Neue Synagoge Berlin* to Carnegie Hall. His music has been programmed, rehearsed and performed by such ensembles as Brave New Works, the American Composers Orchestra, the Buffalo Philharmonic, Dinosaur Annex, the University of Texas Wind Ensemble, the CCM Wind Symphony & Philharmonia, the Israeli Chamber Project, *Juventas!*, janus trio, the Momenta Quartet, and members of eighth blackbird.

In 2010, Stark was awarded an ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer Award, and in 2007, he was winner of the Cincinnati Conservatory Orchestral Composition Competition. Stark has also received honorable mentions from both the ASCAP/CBDNA Frederick Fennell Prize and the Music Teachers National Association Distinguished Composer of the Year Award. Stark has been selected to attend festivals and courses such as the Aspen Music Festival Composition Master class, the American Composers Orchestra Underwood New Music Readings, the Buffalo Philharmonic Young Composer Forum, the Dinosaur Annex Young Composer Festival, the Composers Conference at Wellesley College, the Music10 and Music09 Festivals in Blonay, Switzerland, the FUBiS Summer Composition Course in Berlin, the Music06 Festival in Cincinnati, Ohio, an electronic music forum at Stanford's CCRMA, the Mountain Computer Music Festival, and the Oregon Bach Festival.

Stark is currently finishing his DMA at Cornell University where he studies with Professors Roberto Sierra and Steven Stucky. Stark has previously studied at the Freie Universität Berlin, the Cincinnati Conservatory, and the University of Montana. At these institutions and abroad in Vienna, he studied with notable composers Samuel Adler, Michael Fiday, Mara Helmuth, Joel Hoffman, David Maslanka, Charles Nichols, Wolfram Wagner, and Patrick Williams. Stark taught composition and music technology at the University of Montana during the 2010 – 2011 school term.

"In 2010, Stark was awarded an ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer Award."

Christopher Stark played trombone in the UM Marching Band and has participated in Alumni Band.



These pictures were “borrowed” from the University of Montana Alumni Band Facebook group...



Harold Hubert “Hal” Herbig

The UM Alumni Band lost one of its founders and Board members November 8, 2010, just 12 days before his 86th birthday.

Hal was born November 20, 1924, in Oskaloosa, Iowa, to Roy and Helen Herbig, the 7th of 9 children. The family moved to a ranch near Arlee, Montana, in 1926 and eventually to a Missoula ranch at the South end of Higgins Avenue.

On January 19, 1945, he married his life companion, Lois Cain-Young.

Hal was a graduate of Missoula County High School and The University of Montana Music School and received a Master’s Degree from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York. He taught music in the Billings and Missoula Public Schools and was a

member of the woodwind faculty at The University of Montana Music School. Hal was the director of the Missoula High School youth Symphony for 22 years. The Youth Symphony was one of the premiere High School Orchestras in the Northwest.

Hal is survived by his wife of 65 years, Lois, his sons Lyle, Doug, Bob and Bill, numerous grandchildren, one great grandson, sister Mary Hill and Brother Don.

Hal was the complete musician; he was first oboist in the Missoula and Eastman Symphony, as well as being an outstanding conductor. He loved music, and was *in love* with jazz. Hal began playing jazz tenor saxophone while in his teens in both big band and small combo, which

continued throughout the rest of his life. If jazz was happening anywhere he could get to, he and wife Lois were there. He often quoted Duke Ellington in saying, “It don’t mean a thing if it ain’t got that swing.”

Hal was the Alumni Jazz Band Coordinator for nearly 20 years, and did a terrific job in getting the many elements of a big jazz band tied together and ready to function by Homecoming weekend.

Hal Herbig, gentle, compassionate, honest, great comedian and story teller, wonderful friend to so many of us, is greatly missed; his departure has left a great chasm in Montana’s musical world.

Submitted by Fred Nelson.

“Herbig chose to direct almost all his musical efforts at teaching Missoula’s children.”

Hal Herbig Was a Lover of Music and of Teaching

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Hal Herbig had everything it took to be a professional touring musician – talent in abundance as a woodwind player, the pedigree of coming from a musical family, a deep love of both classical and jazz, and the energy to do it.

Instead, Herbig, who

died in Missoula on November 8 at the age of 85, chose to direct almost all his musical efforts at teaching Missoula’s children.

“He did a spectacular job,” said teaching colleague Don Simmons, a retired University of Montana music professor and former chairman of what is now the UM School of Music. “One of the things that happened in the musical world in this town was when the

orchestra played.” Simmons was referring to the Missoula Youth Orchestra, which Herbig founded in 1970 and directed for 22 years.

The youth orchestra was an ensemble of Missoula’s best string, brass, percussion and woodwind players, and back then the only real chance for student musicians to tackle the orchestral repertoire.

And the students

Hal Herbig, cont'd.



Hal Herbig

shortly afterward moved to Rochester, N.Y., where Hal Herbig had accepted a scholarship at the Eastman School of Music, still today the most prestigious music school in the United States.

His graduate degree in hand, Herbig began teaching music in Billings, where he spent 16 years before he moved with his wife and five children to Missoula.

Once here, he taught for a few years at UM alongside his former orchestral conductor Eugene Andre before accepting the position in the Missoula County Public School District.

As the leader of the youth orchestra, Herbig was part of a musical “triumvirate” of legendary music teachers, which included John Lester and Andre, said Simmons.

“It was a very exciting time because all these great musicians, most of whom studied at the University of Montana, were just legion,” he said. “And so well-regarded.”

The orchestra was Herbig’s greatest musical legacy in Missoula, but certainly not his only one.

Until he got too sick and too weak to stay involved, Herbig was the longtime coordinator and director of the UM Alumni

Jazz Band and Marching Band, and was involved as well in the Mendelssohn Club, the Missoula City Band, the Missoula Symphony Orchestra and the International Choral Festival.

One of his four sons, Doug Herbig, said it was the children he missed after retiring from MCPS.

“He missed the young kids from high school, because they were really open to things,” he said.

Two years ago, Herbig’s health deteriorated, and he became too weak to stay involved in the Missoula music community.

Simmons said that would have been hard on Herbig.

“He was a very social guy.” He said. “Music was a social center for him.”

Lois Herbig said that her husband was, in fact, missing the spotlight and missing his friends and colleagues in Missoula’s tight-knit music world.

“I think he missed it.” She said, “But I also think he just ran out of energy.”

“Herbig was the longtime coordinator and director of the UM Alumni Jazz Band and Marching Band.”

appreciated it, said Herbig’s wife of 65 years, Lois Herbig.

“Everybody liked him,” she said. “He was a father to all of them. He spent a lot of time with them, and they knew it.”

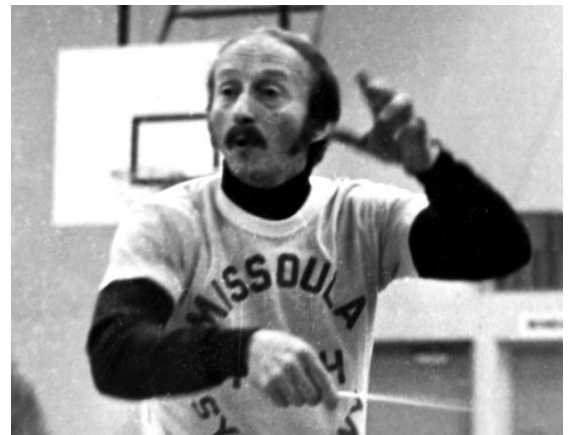
It was music too that bonded Hal Herbig and Lois Cain-Young as Herbig was getting his undergraduate degree in music from the UM.

Herbig, an oboe player, followed in his brothers’ footsteps and began playing in dance bands, which led to a lifelong love of jazz.

Searching for a piano player for one of his groups, he found Lois.

“He needed a piano man, is how we met,” Lois Herbig said. “There were very few around. So I was his piano man.”

The two married in 1945, and



UM Alumni Band Photos



Each year, prior to loading the buses to the parade route, the UM Alumni Band gathers on the steps in front of the University Theater for a group photo. The photos are available for sale at a very reasonable price. We will have order blanks available at the registration desk. If you would like a copy of the photo, fill out the purchase form and either turn it in or mail it to the address listed on the form. The photo will be mailed to you.

Instrumental Supplies

If you are in need of supplies for your instrument, reeds, valve oil, marching lyres, Morgenroth Music – Missoula will have a table set up in the Music building entrance hallway during registration on Friday with those items available for sale. Contact them at (406) 549-0013.



A Tribute to Our Buddy, Hal Herbig!

-Leader of the Big Band-

Always; the life of the party
go-to guy
card
jokester
swingster
gentleman
consummate musician . . .



Hal touched so many of us in so many ways. We are all lucky to have known him. A legitimately trained Eastman oboist who couldn't help but swing hard on his tenor sax. The dude who could easily take charge if need be, or 'cat call' from inside the ensemble some light 'aside' at just the right point in a rehearsal. A man with a golden heart who wouldn't give a second thought about helping someone else. The originator of the UM Alumni Big Band – henceforth to be known as the Hal Herbig Big Band. A man with so many wonderful stories, and the talent and wisdom on how to tell em!! “shit man . . .”, “play fo fo time . . .”, “the waltz I saved for you” . . . He had the personality of a cheerleader, and the humor of Jackie Gleason. A gentle man who endured far too much pain and suffering . . . though . . . each thought of him brings a smile to each of us. Bless you, Hal, you are so loved.

-Gary Gillett

UM Alumni Band 23rd Annual Reunion Schedule

(With locations)

Friday, September 30th

Registration Table Opens	1:00 pm	UM Music Building Room #105
Reception	1:00-2:00 pm	UM Music Building Room #105
Open Rehearsal – UM Jazz Band I	1:10-2:00 pm	UM Music Building Room #1
Alumni Marching Band Rehearsal	2:00-4:00 pm 4:15 -4:45	UM Music Building Room #1 Marching Band Practice Field
No-Host “Happy Hour”	5:00-6:00 pm	Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown at The Park
*Alumni Band Banquet	6:00-7:30 pm	Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown
Alumni Jazz Band Plays for Dancing	7:30 – 9:00	Holiday Inn at the Park
UM Marching Band Performance	8:30-9:00 pm	Holiday Inn at The Park
Alumni Jazz Band Plays for Dancing	9:00-10:00 pm	Holiday Inn at The Park
Alumni Jazz Combos	10:00 – 12:30 pm	Brooks & Browns Bar Holiday Inn at The Park

*For those not wishing to participate in banquet, the UM Alumni Association provides hors d’oeuvres and drinks in the Holiday Inn Atrium, just outside the banquet room.

Saturday, October 1st

Registration Table Opens (Coffee Provided)	8:30 am	UM Music Building Lobby
Gather for Parade	8:30-9:15 am	UM Music Building Lobby
Photo Session	9:15-9:30 am	Outside UM Music Building
Load Buses & Travel to Parade Start	10:00-10:30 am	Outside UM Music Building
March in Parade (Parade begins 10 am)	10:30 am	Downtown Missoula
UM Marching Band Pre-Game Show	12:30 pm	Washington/Grizzly Stadium
Post-Game Barbecue	After Game	UM Music Building Room #105

UM Band Department Update

Dear UM Band Alumni,

The 2010-2011 academic year was full of new and exciting experiences for the concert bands at UM. We began the season with an outstanding concert featuring the works of UM alumna, Chris Stark (completing his doctoral work at Cornell), and longtime Missoula resident David Maslanka. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble then performed for the Montana Music Educators Association Conference as part of my workshop about choosing quality repertoire. We stepped it up another notch second semester with performances for the wildly popular School of Music showcase concert titled Fusion, a performance with trombone/jazz legend Harry Watters, our annual tour with concerts at six high schools in Kalispell, North Idaho and Spokane, and our spring concert featuring the premiere of D.J. Sparr's new flute concerto titled Precious Metals featuring Prof. Margaret Lund Schuberg. One of the highlights of second semester was the annual Odyssey of the Stars Scholarship Concert where the Symphonic Winds joined forces with the University Choir under the baton of Odyssey honoree and UM alumna, LTC Timothy Holtan, Commandant of the U.S. Army School of Music and former conductor of the West Point Academy Band.

The 2011-2012 academic year promises to be equally exciting with performances of the monumental Symphony in B flat by Paul Hindemith paired with the original 1924 orchestration of George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue as performed by the Paul Whiteman Band featuring Dr. Christopher Hahn. Please visit www.umt.edu/music for more detailed information.

We want to thank the UM Band Alumni for their continued contributions to all aspects of the UM Band program. The health of our program has benefited greatly from your generosity. We are currently in need of purchasing a few concert tubas, bass clarinet, and contra bass clarinet to replace the "antique" instruments that are no longer usable or repairable. We are also seeking funds to sustain our central mission of creating new music for wind bands. I have exciting offers from internationally recognized composers if we can raise a small amount of funds necessary and pool our resources with other universities. If you are interested in helping us with either of these projects, please contact me for details at james.smart@umontana.edu. See you at Homecoming 2011!

Sincerely,

Dr. James Smart
 Director of Bands and Trumpet
 School of Music
 The University of Montana

"When I hear music, I fear no danger. I am invulnerable. I see no foe. I am related to the earliest times, and to the latest." 1857 journal of Henry David Thoreau



Dr. James Smart

UM Jazz Program 2011-2012

The school year begins again and the UM Jazz Program is looking forward to an exciting year, including a very important milestone. This fall semester marks the beginning of a "B.A. Degree with a Specialization in Jazz." It has been a long time in coming but the University of Montana Jazz Studies has grown to where it has the faculty and coursework in place to provide a degree in jazz. My jazz colleague, Johan Eriksson, and I look forward to getting it under way.

Our Annual Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival is April 27 & 28, 2012, and will feature two outstanding artists: Bob Sheppard on saxophone and Ignacio Berroa on latin drums and Afro-Cuban percussion. Each will be featured with UM Jazz Band I and with Buddy DeFranco & the Festival Combo. Our clinicians, who will be working with the school jazz bands, will be Peter Somers from Colorado State University and Jim White from the University of Northern Colorado.

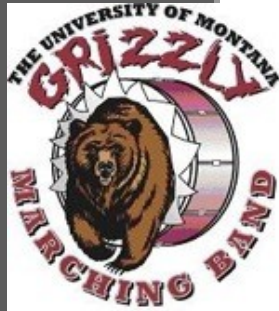
As in past years, the Jazz Band Program will perform its Fall Concert on November 11 and Winter Concert on March 2. Both concerts will be in the University Theatre and feature all three jazz bands. Bring your family and friends because we expect to have some excellent talent to showcase this year.

See you at Homecoming.

-Lance Boyd



Guess what? These pictures were ALSO borrowed from the Facebook group! Good thing you guys are good photographers.



Grizzly Marching Band Update

Hello Alumni!

The Grizzly Marching Band had a very successful season in the fall of 2010. We had 125 dedicated and skilled students in the band and performed three different shows. For our first show we brought back some favorite tunes from performances over the preceding three or four years. Our second show took us to the world of pop music and we performed some music which hit the charts in the last ten years. We finished our season with a funk show featuring music from Bill Chase and Earth, Wind and Fire. It was a great season and we feel like the band has become an essential part of game day at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

The band took one road trip this season, to attend the game in Cheney, Wash., against the Eastern Washington University Eagles and to witness the first game on their now famous (infamous?) red turf. In addition to a disappointing loss, the whole band spent several days trying to get the color balance readjusted on our eyes. The trip was enjoyable though and the band represented The University of Montana as positive ambassadors once again.

This fall is shaping up to be another great year. Recruiting has gone well and this season's band could be the largest ever fielded at the university. My goal for the band remains a sustainable average of 150 students on the field. We will continue to try and improve the quality and energy of the band and attract even more students to participate with us each year. Our show selections will include the following: The Music of "Glee" - based on selected tunes from the popular TV show, The Music of Michael Bublé, and Space Music - featuring music from popular space shows like Star Wars and Star Trek. If you are able to attend some home Griz games, be sure to stick around for halftime.

The Grizzly Marching Band will again be thrilled to participate with all of you during our Homecoming activities on October 1st. We enjoy the added energy you bring to our half-time performance and look forward to performing with you. We'd love to see you back on campus so check your schedules and come and join us in the 2009 UM Alumni Band and GO GRIZ!

-Kevin Griggs

Alumni Band on Facebook



The UM Alumni Band is on Facebook. If you use this social network, you should friend the UM Alumni Band. If you don't use Facebook, you should check it out.

You will find many pictures of reunion activities from the past years as well as photos from long ago. It is an excellent way to connect with friends and reacquaint yourself with classmates that you haven't seen or talked to in years. Check it out. And thanks, Facebook friends, for providing ALL of the pictures for the newsletter!

2011 HOMECOMING UM ALUMNI BAND REUNION REGISTRATION

Please complete and return to Scott McKenzie by Friday September 16, 2011
 (Address: Scott McKenzie – 821 Montana Ave. Missoula, MT 59802)

NAME _____ EMAIL _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Address _____

Years you participated in UM Bands _____ Years of Participation in the UM Alumni Band _____

Please check one:

_____ I wish to be an ACTIVE MEMBER and will be participating in the 2011 Reunion
Please provide information requested below

_____ I wish to remain ACTIVE but am unable to attend the 2011 reunion
Enclosed is my \$5.00 membership fee

_____ Please remove my name from the UM Alumni Band mailing list

EVENT DATES: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011

Please be sure to return this form to the address shown above by **SEPTEMBER 16TH** to allow us to plan. Your spouse/friend/significant other is invited to participate in all events and is welcome to play in the band. Percussion and large brass instruments will be provided but **ONLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED IN ADVANCE**

PLACE A CHECK MARK IN FRONT OF EACH EVENT IN WHICH YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE

_____ Friday afternoon Marching Band Music and Marching Rehearsal 2:00 – 4:30 pm

_____ Friday Evening Happy Hour and Banquet – 5:00 -7:30 pm

_____ Friday evening Jazz Band Performance 7:30 -8:30: 8:30 – 10:00

I would like to play _____ 1st set, _____ 2nd set, _____ either set _____ both sets

_____ Saturday morning Parade – MEET AT THE MUSIC BUILDING BY 8:30 am

_____ Saturday afternoon game, BE IN THE STADIUM BY 12:30 FOR PRE-GAME SHOW

_____ Saturday Post-Game Barbecue – right after the game

MARCHING BAND INSTRUMENT _____ PART _____ 1ST _____ 2ND /3RD

JAZZ BAND INSTRUMENT _____

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING MARCHING BAND INSTRUMENT AVAILABLE FOR MY USE;

_____ Sousaphone _____ Baritone Horn _____ Percussion _____ preferred part

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE “UM ALUMNI BAND” AND ENCLOSE IT WITH THIS FORM

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PER PERSON</u>		<u>NUMBER</u>	=	<u>TOTAL</u>
Friday Evening Banquet	\$28.00	X		=	
Saturday Post –Game Barbecue	\$20.00	X		=	
Alumni Band Membership & Registration	\$5.00	X		=	
GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED					

Won't you make a donation in support of the University of Montana Bands? To contribute to one of the best band programs in the history of the world, write a **separate check** made payable to **“University of Montana Bands”** and enclose it with this form.

Yes, I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$ _____

THANK YOU!



UM Band Echoes

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