



UTM Department of Music Alumni News

Hello Music Alumni,

We hope everyone is having a great fall!

In this newsletter, we have important information about HOMECOMING, but also our UTM MUSIC ALUMNI REUNION on February 22-23, 2019 and much more!!!

UTM Homecoming is just around the corner so we want to inform you of the activities that will be taking place in the Department of Music during homecoming weekend.

Quad City is Saturday, October 27th and will begin at about 10:30am.

We invite you to join us at the Department of Music's tent anytime between 11am – 1pm, featuring live music by steelworks faculty steel band, Dippin' Dots, and FREE UTM Music t-shirts (for Music Alumni only), which have been especially designed for Homecoming.

These are in limited supply and were designed by our UTM Visual and Theater Arts Faculty in order to provide what we hope will provide our graduates with a somewhat humorous t shirt for Homecoming from their alma mater. These are COMFORT COLORS too and super snuggly. More information on HOMECOMING including how to sign up to play with the Aviators Band is below. We hope to see you there!!



Events During Homecoming Week

Monday, October 22nd

Rope Pull - 4pm - Behind Student Rec Complex
Tailgate Games - 4-6pm - Student Rec Complex

Tuesday, October 23rd

Rope Pull - 4pm - Behind Student Rec Complex
Lip Sync - 7pm - Stage behind Elam Center
Homecoming Court Announcement - 8:45pm - Stage behind Elam Center

Wednesday, October 24th

Homecoming Elections - 10am - 6pm
Rope Pull - 4pm - Behind Student Rec Complex
Keith Aleo, Zildjian Cymbal Testing

Zildjian REP KEITH ALEO PRESENTS

CYMBAL CLINIC & TESTING!

October 24 | 5-7pm | Fine Arts Building 118

- Info session, hands-on demos, & history of Zildjian Company
- Learn about drum set, crash, effects cymbals, & MORE!



Test & purchase cymbals at
extremely **DISCOUNTED RATE**
through Amro Music!

Open to individuals and schools alike!



UF MARTIN
Department of Music

Tuba Guest Artist Performance, Dr. Todd French, 7:30pm, Fine Arts Building

Thursday, October 25th

Rope Pull - 4pm - Behind Student Rec Complex

PRSSA Womanless Revue - 7pm - Watkins Auditorium

Small Jazz Group Concert, 7:30 pm, Fine Arts Building

Friday - Saturday, October 26th

Rope Pull Championships - 3:30pm - Behind Student Rec Complex

Comedy Show - 7-9pm - Sponsored by Black Alumni Council

Pyramid and Pep Rally - 7pm - (\$5 per person) Elam Center

Dessert Evening, 7pm - Fine Arts Building

(To purchase Desert Evening tickets, please click [HERE](#).)

1988 UTM Football Team Reunion, 7-9pm - Champions Club

Black Alumni Council Reception, 10pm-1am - Dunagan Alumni Center

Saturday, October 27th

Letter winner's Breakfast and Hall of Fame Inductions, 7:30am - Student Life Center

Chancellor's Brunch and Alumni Awards Program, 9am - Paul Meek Library

QUAD CITY opens, 10:30am - Buy Food Tickets [HERE](#).
Football Team's Skyhawks Walk, 11am - Quad by Meek Library

UTM vs. SEMO, 2pm - Hardy M. Graham Stadium

If you would like to perform with the Aviators in the stands, you will have to purchase a ticket for the game.

- Purchase a general UTM **Homecoming t-shirt** [HERE](#).
- Click [HERE](#) to purchase **your ticket to the game**.
- Click [HERE](#) to **play in the stands with the Aviators**. NOTE: You will be sight-reading.

NPHC Step Show, 6:30pm - Elam Center

Dessert Evening, 7pm - Fine Arts Building

Black Alumni Council Party "Party with a Purpose", 9pm - Opera House Restaurant

Sunday, October 28th

Homecoming Brunch, 10:30am - University Center

Recent Alumni News

Keith Paluso

UTM Alumni Keith Paluso, recently made it through the blind auditions for The Voice. To see his performance on The Voice and to see which judge picked him for their team, click [HERE](#).

Keith will also be performing on October 19th in Watkins Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets will be sold at the door beginning at 6:00 p.m. that evening and the doors will open at 6:30. Seating is limited and tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. General tickets are \$5 and UTM students will be admitted for free.



Newly Named Scholarships

- **The Rita Winter Vocal Soloist Competition Winner**
- **The Sandra Robbins Music Scholarship**

If you wish to fund a scholarship or award, please contact Dr. Julie Hill at jhill@utm.edu.

UTM Music Reunion

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday

February 23rd, 2019

Cost: \$25 per person

For those coming in a little early, we will have Friday evening casual cocktails at Dr. Hill's House

Things to look forward to

Reconnect with Alumni

Connect and visit with UTM Students and Faculty

Visit Cadillac's? (It hasn't changed much)



Things to do

Q&A Panel Discussion with Dr. Hill, Select UTM Faculty, Alumni, & Students

Campus Tour & Media/Memorabilia Room

Afternoon Concert featuring YOU!

Evening Banquet & Awards Ceremony at Discovery Park of America in Union City

Full listing of events will be provided via e-mail
and posted on the Facebook event and group page.
Questions??? email musicga@ut.utm.edu

If you would like to RSVP for the 2nd Annual Musicians Reunion, please click [HERE](#).

UPCOMING DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC EVENT AND OTHER NEWS

Allison Nelson Guest Artist Series: Seksion Maloya

Paris-based Seksion Maloya will share the style of Maloya from Reunion, an African island off the eastern coast of Madagascar. This internationally touring

group will perform an evening concert in Blankenship Recital Hall on traditional percussion instruments called the rouler, kayanm, bobre while singing in Reunionese creole.

\$10 General Admission, \$5 students.

To purchase tickets to this event, please click [HERE](#).



PHASE II



"A short progress report on Phase 2 the new Concert Hall. Much progress has been made and we are nearing the \$300,000 mark thanks to a very generous gift from two of our UTM Alumni (who shall remain nameless for now since I haven't yet asked for their permission to publicly share their names). My friend and mentor Bill Blankenship is working hard to help identify a major donor to pay for the bulk of the project, if not all. Ideally, we need to raise between 4-6 million to have the state appropriate the rest of the 60 million for the project. The more we raise on our own, the more "points" we score in the state system and the more likely our project will be fully funded and maintain a priority for state appropriations. We are the number 1 building priority on the UTM Campus and I am absolutely dedicated to making this happen. If you know any multi-millionaires who need a tax write off, please send them my way! Thanks to all of you who have contributed to this critical performance showpiece for our department, campus, and community!" - Dr. Julie Hill

If you would like to be a contributor to Phase II, please click [HERE](#).

We are creating and archiving spotlight interviews on our website and already have a few posted with interviews coming soon from Dr. Allison Nelson, Dr. Michael Hernon, and many more. We hope you enjoy these as we pay tribute to outstanding alumni and faculty who hold the institutional memory of our incredible department.

Please check it out [HERE](#).

**Thanks so much to all of our great alumni out there.
Please keep in touch and come visit us soon!!!**