

## **Your Music Department's Success**

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Dear Colleagues:

Last Friday, on March 16, I presented a talk at the Western American Choral Directors Association Conference in Pasadena that included some visiting artists from Mt. San Antonio College.

The highlight of my presentation was a performance by male singers from Bruce Rogers' excellent Chamber Singers, in collaboration with the beautiful voice of soprano Dr. Rebecca Tomlinson.

The subject of the presentation was how to perform a particular aria from the year 1638 by the revolutionary composer Claudio Monteverdi. The performance required thinking 'outside the box' and performance flexibility, and your students and Dr. Tomlinson performed beautifully. Their accolades and applause were long-lasting, and showed great appreciation.

The male singers had been very well prepared by student Marlon Santizo from the Chamber Singers, who encouraged the singers to perform with confidence and accuracy, even though the performance required changes 'on the spot' and flexibility.

Later on that same day, Dr. Tomlinson and Professor Rogers collaborated on a highlight evening concert. Again the presentation was excellent, eliciting a standing ovation. The programming ranged from music of the Renaissance to some tremendously moving recent compositions.

Mt. San Antonio College can be extremely proud of the musical excellence represented by these students and faculty. The College is tremendously fortunate to have such strong artistic representation. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

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