

About the College

Points of Pride

Department of Art + Design, Art History, Art Education

Jessica Ring, Jan Baum, Nahid Tootoonchi and Kim Voigt, Art + Design, Art History, Art Education, all presented at the ATINER 1st Annual International Conference on Fine and Performing Arts, in Athens, Greece this past summer.

This summer, Jordan Faye Contemporary presented “The Salon All-Stars” exhibition featuring Towson faculty Jenee Mateer, Bridget Z. Sullivan, Janna Rice, and Towson students Susannah Fitz and Sherri Sawyer. The show ran through August 15th. [Jordan Faye Contemporary Website](#)

WJZ-TV interviewed Instructor, Leigh Maddox and undergraduate, Dan Scannapieco, on May 28th on campus. Leigh Maddox and Sculpture Instructor, Jim Paulsen, organized a competition for an internship with Hasbro Toy Company. Dan won the competition and spent the summer in New England designing toys. [WJZ News Article 2010](#)

Jessica Ring, Art + Design, Art History, Art Education, directed student designers (now alumni) Mallory Varvaris, Caren Lipman and Mario Iati in the creation of the Towson University Student Green Map. The piece won a Silver award in the Going Green category of the 40th Annual UCDA Design Competition. Out of 1,300 print, electronic media, and going green entries, a total of 6 Gold Awards, 18 Silver Awards and 213 Awards of Excellence were chosen.

- [Towson University How To Go Green Website](#)
- [Towson University Green Map Website](#)

Department of Dance

The Department of Dance won the Academic Department President's Diversity Award for their excellent work in support of advancing the university's commitment to diversity.

Towson University Dance Accompanists invited to perform at the Kennedy Center. Jason Armstrong Baker is a Baltimore-based percussionist and music therapist. Mr. Baker is a graduate of Wilde Lake High School in Columbia Maryland, 1993; a graduate of Berklee College of Music, 1999; and he was awarded a music therapy graduate certificate from Shenandoah University in 2006.

In addition to Jason Armstrong Baker, Baltimore-based Vocal Dominic “Shodekeh” Talifero will accompany Prudence during the VSA Festival Opening. Shodekeh is a recent recipient of the Baker Artist Award and is the director of “Embodiment: A Festival of the Vocal Arts.” Mr. Baker and Shodekeh have performed and recorded together on numerous projects.

<http://vimeo.com/11850343>

Department of Electronic Media and Film

Department of Electronic Media and Film worked towards the renovation of Van Bokkelen's Auditorium in room 204 and upgraded it to HD and Surround Sound (and Assisted Listening).

They also enacted "Phase 1" of audio upgrade to ProTools HD in Media Center room 006 with surround sound speakers and a C24 mixing board.

Department of Electronic Media and Film established a memorandum of understanding with Harford Community College for EMF transfer students and are currently working on a similar agreement with Anne Arundel Community College and Community College of Baltimore County.

2010 Annual Fall Film Series: Exploring Math, Science, and Storytelling, encourages the presenters and the viewers to explore the relationship between math, the sciences, and storytelling in cinema

Department of Electronic Media and Film coordinated and co-programmed a Russian Underground Films Series of 4 films with Yury Urnov (will repeat for 2010-11).

Department of Electronic Media and Film coordinated a 4 film series with the TU Anime Club called Saturday Night Anime, which will repeat for 2011.

Department of Electronic Media and Film worked with College of Health Professions and College of Liberal Arts to invite the director of Shooting Beauty to conduct master class and hold screening.

Bridges to the World International Film Festival – Department of Electronic Media and Film worked with Sister States of Maryland and World Artists Experiences to hold 2nd annual, state-wide, Bridges to the World International Film Festival of 5 films. They are currently planning 4th series.

WAMM Festival featured The Kitchen Sisters at The Senator Theatre.

Queer Film Festival was co-sponsored by the Department of Electronic Media and Film.

Media Arts Festival was revamped for online submissions and judging.

Department of Electronic Media and Film worked with the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund and MD State Police to hold an Anti-Car Theft PSA Competition; 10 EMF projects won \$8,000 presented at a press conference. The competition will repeat for Fall 2010.

Center for Adults with Autism worked with Charlotte Exner (CHP), Ray Stinar, and Tim Watkins (Renegade) to give 5 EMF interns an opportunity to work with the launch of the center by creating two videos for the opening fundraiser and website.

EMF worked with Pamela Morgan (COE) to give 8 EMF Directed Study students an opportunity to interact with Baltimore City Middle Schools students in the creation and production of video portraits of successful alumni. Videos were presented at the Back to the Future Conference at Goucher College.

Simple Gifts is a collaboration with the Music Department; 3 faculty members and 4 students to provide abstract videos for Appalachian Spring performance.

TU Athletics worked John Latteri and Steve Sowers to give an EMF Directed Study Student, Steve Freitas, the opportunity to produce a promo for Towson Football for Fall 2010.

Department of Mass Communication and Communication Studies

Drs. Kong and Zhang's summer course in China was approved, and they will launch the study-abroad program in China for Summer 2011.

Since 2001, the Journalism and New Media track of the MCCA Dept. hosts Maryland High School Journalism Day. Since its beginning, the day of workshops provide almost 1,000 Maryland high school journalism students with training in news writing, reporting, photography, layout, sports coverage and legal issues. At the event, winners of the Maryland High School Journalism Awards are honored.
<http://www.marylandjournalism.com>

At least 10 MCCA staff, faculty, students and former students took pictures for the Daily Camden:
<http://www.stacyspaulding.com/welcome-to-camden-yards-hon/>

Department of Music

Senior MUED clarinet majors Jennifer Barber, Robert Lapinski and Sophomore MUED clarinet major Amanda Purcell were members of the 2010 International Clarinet Association University Clarinet Choir which was held in July at ClarinetFest at the University of Texas in Austin. (July 2010)

21 Towson Music and Theatre Majors traveled to Oldenburg University for a joint production of 3Penny Opera (Kurt Weill) in May 2010. Three sold out shows and standing ovations. 29 students and 3 faculty from Oldenburg will arrive at Towson on Sept. 23rd for a 10 day residency during which 3Penny Opera will be played again along with many other activities as part of the Kurt Weill Festival at Towson University. Collister wrote a successful grant to the Kurt Weill Foundation for Music Inc. and recieved \$7500.00 for Kurt Weill Festival activities. (May 2010) The Baltimore Sun Review