

## **Project Year**

2005

## **Project Team**

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## **Project Title**

Saxophone Department Website

## **Audience**

All Peabody students studying in the Woodwinds or the Brass departments, particularly saxophone students.

## **Pedagogical Issue**

In today's orchestral world, there is a lack of published resources for the classical saxophone performer. (Publications currently used frequently become outdated from the moment they are published.) Students enrolled in Peabody's saxophone program would greatly benefit from an online resource which provided pieces to perform and also facilitated technical instruction and communication between saxophonists.

## **Solution**

For this project, the team proposes to create a Saxophone Department Website which will serve as a means of connecting students, alumni, faculty, composers, and publishers in the sharing of ideas and information related to the instrument. The site's online environment will include access to saxophone musical works and various instructional materials, foster discussions between saxophonists, help to circulate department contact information and schedules, and promote new saxophone works. The website will be integrated into The Peabody Institute's current site, allowing it to serve as a public research tool for artists everywhere.

## **Technologies Used**

Graphic Design, PHP, HTML/Web Design

## **Project Abstract**

This project proposes to develop a comprehensive website for the Peabody Institute's Saxophone Department, to serve both as a resource for musicians within the department and to connect the department with the larger musical community. This website will be composed of, but not limited to, the following elements: a well-designed database of published works, to allow easy access to a comprehensive list of musical works for the saxophone, promote new works to saxophone players everywhere, and encourage composers to write works including the saxophone; a weblog run by Professor Gary Louie to allow artistic ideas discussed at the Peabody Institute to be introduced to the

world; forums with the capability for online discussions, to facilitate the free exchange of ideas between faculty, students, and the outside world; instructional materials, concerning instrumental maintenance, technique, and exercises, filling the current gap in resources provided to today's saxophone students; and contact information and schedules for students, to provide better communication within the saxophone studio and maintain relationships with alumni. This dynamic, searchable research tool's unique approach will enhance saxophone pedagogy. All of these materials will be used in private saxophone lessons (126.101-402), small ensembles (950.529-530), and weekly saxophone repertoire classes (no course number). This website will lead to improved networking within the world of saxophone players, which will smooth Peabody students' transition from the conservatory to the professional world. It is our hope that this website will become a standard resource in the saxophone world and inspire other instrumental departments at Peabody and at other universities to develop similar methods of sharing information and ideas. A functional webpage will signify completion of the project, which will not extend past the summer. Monitoring online forums, documenting pieces performed, and new works inspired by the website will provide a viable assessment strategy. After the project is completed, Professor Louie will maintain the site, with student help, by updating the chamber music database, alumni contacts, and instructional material over time.

A video of Brian, Zachary, and Gary's presentation (time=3:26) is available here:

[http://mfile.akamai.com/7111/mov/streams1.nts.jhu.edu/~jhimedia/cer/tfvideos/17\\_sax\\_site lec.mov](http://mfile.akamai.com/7111/mov/streams1.nts.jhu.edu/~jhimedia/cer/tfvideos/17_sax_site lec.mov)

A link to the Saxophone Department Website is available here:

<http://www.peabody.jhu.edu/saxophone>