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Joliet Junior College music professor unveils American composer's piece at 40th Annual World Saxophone Congress



JJC Music Professor Thomas Liley

Thomas Liley approached this performance as he had all others. The JJC music professor practiced his mental focus. He practiced with other musicians, which included a Latvian violinist, a Polish cellist, and his Joliet Junior College colleague, pianist and assistant professor Daniela Broderick.

And then the day of the concert arrived. Liley stepped onto the stage, and in front of hundreds of professionals and saxophone students representing more than 70 countries, he presented American composer Claude Baker's new chamber piece, "Burlesque," to a world audience gathered in Mahidol University's School of Music in Bangkok.

The university served as the site of this year's 40th annual World Saxophone Congress meeting, of which Liley's performance was a highlight. The magnitude of the performance didn't seem to ruffle Liley, who said he prepares for all performances—whether they're in the Main Campus Fine Arts Theatre or at an international symposium in Hong Kong—the same way.

"Practice, or more accurately, preparation, should at a certain stage of development be primarily mental," Liley said. "Learning how a musical passage sounds and how your part does (or does not) fit into the context, as well as maintaining the mental focus necessary for a good performance are crucial."

"Burlesque," which is nearly 16 minutes in length, is a chamber work for saxophone, violin, cello, and piano. Liley said that it evokes the music of Mozart, Liszt, and the 20th century composer George Rochberg.

"What I like the most about the work," Broderick added, "is the mixture of old and new, peace and chaos. When we performed the piece at JJC in March, with the composer in the audience, it was great to have the opportunity to discuss some of those details with him."

Liley, a charter member of the World Saxophone Congress, has been asked to play at five symposiums over the organization's 40-year history, which includes performances in Montreal, Slovenia, Washington, D.C. and Minneapolis. But his impressive list of professional performances is not merely confined to bullet points on his resume. He transforms each experience and each performance into learning opportunities for his students.

"I'm aware of the influence I have as an educator," Liley, who has been a professor of music at the college since 1991, said. "In the most general sense, [my performances] demonstrate to my students what it is like to be a professional musician. I want my students to know that this is possible for them, too."



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