Music Department: Charles Lindsley Memorial, Oct. 25

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One of the hallmarks of success in one’s field is influence; building a foundation for people to build upon is how all great institutions rise beyond mediocrity.

People who facilitate progress in their fields, without a doubt, should be remembered and praised for their priceless contributions.

Despite Charles Edward Lindsley teaching here before her time, Music Professor Janine Riveire expressed that Linsley was incredibly important and made the music department “a place to be.”

Every year since 1994, the music department has hosted a memorial concert and vocal scholarship fundraiser in honor of Lindsley.

This year, the event will take place on Wednesday Oct. 25, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall.

This event has helped keep Lindsley’s memory and influence alive at CPP for the past 23 years.

Even though the vast majority of people who personally knew Lindsley at CPP are long gone, his name is still known by many because of his contributions.

Lindsley single-handedly founded the Kellogg Chamber Singers and the Opera Workshop, which are both crucial assets and mainstays of the music department.

Lindsley taught at CPP from 1970 to 1992. During that time, he directed opera and choral groups and gave music and voice lessons.

Even before coming to CPP, Lindsley was highly decorated.

He attended the University of Wichita and then went on to receive a Ph.D from the University of Iowa.
Following that, he went on to teach at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

Lindsley even taught voice at his Hollywood studio from 1986 to 1993.

He also had work published in multiple publications, including Musical Quarterly.

Unfortunately, Lindsley died in 1993.

Being such a respected faculty member, the annual Charles Lindsley Memorial Vocal Scholarship Fundraiser was immediately put together in his honor by, fellow music department faculty, Susan Burns and Iris Levine.

This event did not only become a CPP tradition as a way to remember Lindsley but also a way to raise funds for outstanding music students to receive a well-deserved scholarship.

This year’s distinguished scholarship winner is Morgan Semrau.

The concert will showcase faculty, alumni and students, all of which will perform from a wide variety of musical styles including solos, duets, ensembles, classical, pop and broadway.

Since the memorial concert is a yearly affair, every year the theme and message of the event changes.

This year’s theme is Around the World in 90 Minutes, featuring music from around the globe in an effort to promote worldwide unity.

Tickets for the event are $10 for students and $15 for general admission. They are available online at the music department’s website: http://csupomona.tix.com/Event.aspx?EventCode=1012658.

The music department’s next event is The Fall Showcase Music Hour on Thursday, Nov. 2 during U-Hour. The event will feature CPP students playing their own original music and will be hosted by Riveire in the Music Recital Hall.