

# News from the Maestro



Don Appert

Music Department Chair and Orchestra Director Don Appert has had a busy summer. The Clark College Orchestra took third place in the 2013 American Prize category of Orchestral Performance-Community Orchestra. The award was given specifically for the orchestra's March 14, 2012, concert. "In addition I am also pleased to announce that my work **Quartetto Basso** was premiered and subsequently recorded by Rocco Parisi's Bass Clarinet Quartet in June," Appert adds in an email. "The piece was commissioned by the ensemble for the CD *A tempo, a modo: Path tracking Vito Marsico*. The proceeds from the CD will go to support FA-R.I.T.M.O., which is the Bone Marrow Transplant Research Foundation treating patients with acute leukemia in Genoa, Italy. It is fitting that I composed this piece of music for them, as my mother died of leukemia in 1972."