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Florence, Al...The W.C. Handy Music Festival is pleased to announce the winner of the 2010 design competition is a team of undergraduate students from the University of North Alabama. Nancy C. Gonce, Executive Director of the Music Preservation Society (which oversees the Festival) said, "The outstanding design submitted by the UNA design team will become the visual image of the 2010 W.C. Handy Festival, and will be used on everything from tee-shirts to brochures. The versatility of the design was one of the deciding factors in the selection process."

UNA Honors Program students Katherine Hardiman, Atticus Wright, and Drew Mills teamed up to submit the winning entry. Hardiman is from Iron City, Tennessee, Mills hails from Tusculmbia, Alabama, and Wright is originally from Loretto, Tennessee.

Their submission was an assignment for an introductory computing course taught by Ron Davis, an assistant professor in the Computer Information Systems department of the College of Business. This class was created several years ago for the UNA Honors Program, and it focuses on solving real life problems with computing application software. "Since this class is composed entirely of Honors students, it gives me the freedom to assign challenging projects that are sometimes a bit unorthodox," stated Davis. The Honors Program at UNA is a selective four-year experience and open to all majors. "We are extremely proud of our Handy Design award winners," said Dr. Vince Brewton, Director of the Program. "These three students are talented, smart, and ambitious. They really represent everything we are trying to do in the Program."