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Clark College music department head Don Appert had a memorable 2007.

An international flair

Don Appert, head of the music department at Clark College, opened and closed 2007 with two milestones in his long musical career.

Appert has long been associated with the Ashiya Chamber Orchestra in Kobe, Japan. Last January, as the guest conductor for the orchestra's 40th anniversary concert, he conducted his own work, "Elegy."

Appert was back in Japan to close out the year with another original piece, inspired by that earlier visit to Kobe. The Ashiya Chamber Orchestra also performed the world premiere of Appert's work.

Sandwiched between his performances

in Japan, Appert performed at other international locations. His compositions were performed at many others.

"It was a good year for some other works to be performed," Appert said. "In March I conducted the European premiere of 'Prism' with the Oradea State Philharmonic in Romania."

He also conducted the El Salvador State Symphony in San Salvador in September. The Clark College Women's Vocal Ensemble also performed one of his works in June.