



Official Bulletin of the WSMTA

Eastside Chapter

Message from the President



Time does not stop for anyone! It has occurred to me that this is the last letter from me as President of the EMTA. I cannot express enough thanks for the support I have received from the officers, past presidents, and all members of the chapter. I am truly honored to have had the

chance to serve and get to know what it takes to lead an organization. I know the Eastside Chapter will continue to grow and help to provide the best educational opportunities for both teachers and students. I am looking forward to all the programs coming up next year. Please help me welcome and give your support to the next President, Julie Howe, and the most hard-working team of officers. I look forward to seeing you at the May 9 Luncheon at the home of Randall Jackson. We will provide driving directions for you at the April 25 general meeting.

Thank you!
~Lu Leslan
EMTA President



EMTA Chapter Meeting

When: Monday April 25, 2011

Where: Sherman Clay, 1000 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue 98004

Schedule:

9:30 am – Pre-meeting Recital: Robert G. Pajer, pianist, performs Schubert *Impromptu*, Opus 90, No. 4, and *In A Mist*, by Bix Beiderbecke

9:45 am- Business Meeting

10:30 am - Coffee break

10:45 am-12 noon - Program - *Beethoven Sonatas: Stylistic Development through the Periods*, by Nicole Kim

What a great year of programs! To round out the season, our very own Nicole Kim will present a program with an emphasis on how to teach the Beethoven Sonatas. Examples will be drawn from different sonatas. Don't miss it!

Dr. Nicole Kim began piano studies at four years old, and gave her orchestral debut at age eleven. After moving to the United States, she studied with teachers such as Robert Turner, Daniel Pollack, Eduardo Delgado, and Mac McCray. With Mr. Turner and Mr. Pollack, she learned keen observation with fluent technique, while Mr. Delgado taught her lyricism, and Mr. McCray the joy of piano. As a winner of numerous competitions such as the Joanna Hodges International Piano competition, she has been concertizing in the states as well as abroad. Dr. Kim has been an educator and adjudicator in Washington, California, and abroad.

We are planning programs for 2011-2012! If you have a great program or topic idea, please contact Eric Armstrong:

ericarmstrong.pianostudio@gmail.com



Announcements

Donations for EMTA Basket

The State Convention is fast approaching and our chapter has the privilege of putting together a “something” that can be raffled off at the convention. In the past we have brought items to the May luncheon, but this time we would like to put together a basket “something” full of items that have a unified theme. So what we would like is for monetary donations of any amount that you would like to give to help the chapter represent itself as the wonderful, giving chapter that it is.

At the general meeting, April 25th, bring whatever change, \$100 bills, etc. that you can spare to help us put together a stunning contribution to the scholarship fund that the state gives to help students in need.

Of course, if you miss the general meeting, you could give your donation at the May luncheon. And then again, if you feel so led, you could give twice...☺

Stephanie White and Julie Howe will be putting together the basket, so feel free to give your donations to either of us at the general meeting and/or at the May luncheon.

We are so appreciative of anything that you want to give. It is our privilege to serve you, the best members that any chapter could have. We truly are blessed to have you all in the EMTA membership.

~Julie Howe, President-Elect



Book Sale

Donate your unwanted books for our library! We will have a book sale at the April 25 meeting.

All income will be used for purchasing future library materials.

~Pamela Huang, Librarian

Bravo!

Congratulations, Lois Jacobson!

Longtime EMTA member, Lois Jacobson, is celebrating 60 years of piano teaching! Please click on the following link to view a beautiful photojournal!

<http://blogs.pnwlocalnews.com/focusnorthwest/sixty-years-teaching-piano-lois-jacobson/1513/>

Celebration of the Newest WA Steinway Artist, Dr. Nicole Kim

It is no small accomplishment to become a Steinway Artist. Dr. Kim is part of an elite group — including several legendary pianists — to be included on the Steinway Artist Roster.

We are going to be celebrating this accomplishment with Dr. Kim in our Bellevue Showroom. Dr. Kim will also perform a small program in honor of this occasion.

Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, April 30th, at 7PM

Sherman Clay, Bellevue

Reservations are required. Please email your RSVP to Diane_Villaflor@sclay.com.



2011 Honors Recital

Greetings! It was a great honor for me to host the Honors Recital for EMTA this year. The recital took place on March 20, 2011, and it was a huge success! This year, 33 piano students performed in the recital. They were selected from 22 teachers' studios because of their exceptional performance during Adjudication week.

Thanks to those teachers who participated in the Honors Recital. The young pianists were so well trained and they represented the high standard of piano performance among the State of Washington which also made this event so successful!

EMTA active members who did not participate in Adjudication this year are strongly encouraged to enroll your students in this event next year!

We look forward to seeing more talented young pianists perform in the Honors Recital in 2012!

~Ariel Chou, Chairman of the Honors Recital

Students in 5:00pm Honors Recital



Students in 6:45pm Honors Recital



Member News

Welcome New Members!

Brian Morris - Piano, Voice, Guitar
Steve Stevens - Choral, Voice, Piano

New Member Biography

Wendy Eng Yee

The inspiration for Wendy's musical career began in the summer of her tenth year while staying with an aunt who had an organ with lighted keys. After teaching herself to play the keyboard, her parents invested in a piano and lessons. In junior high, a clock radio gift took Wendy outside the realm of big band to the world of classical music. This prompted her to add violin and experiment with armchair conducting; she took a guitar to college and also studied the er hu (Chinese violin). When her 3 children became collegiates and grads, Wendy recently obtained a degree in Music and Worship to add choral conducting and organ to her repertoire.



New EMTA Specialized Categories

Earlier this year, the Executive Board voted to add three new categories to the Specialized Categories section of the 2011-2012 Yearbook. Please send an email to emtamembers@gmail.com if you should be listed in these categories.

Adaptive Piano: Teaching the physically and cognitively handicapped piano student.

ASTA: American String Teachers Association (2011-2012 member)

NFA: National Flute Association (2011-2012 member)

2011-2012 Yearbook

Please note: ALL teachers must renew membership in EMTA to be listed in the Yearbook. The renewal deadline for publication in the Yearbook is **June 30, 2011**.

Directory Updates

All directory updates for new members and address or phone changes are published in our chapter meeting agenda to protect our members' privacy in this online newsletter. If you need to update your personal information (address, email, phone number, etc.), please let us know by sending an email to: emtamembers@gmail.com.

Important Membership News

The "Participating Membership List of Activities Form" needs to be filled out by all members and a hard copy returned to Jeanne Ellis by May 9, 2011. You may hand deliver the form at the April chapter meeting, or the May luncheon, or send it in using the good old

U.S. Postal Service! For your convenience, the form is being sent as an attachment with this Opus. The form can also be found on page 28 of your YEARBOOK, and is downloadable from the chapter website:

<http://www.eastsidemusicteachers.org/>. Hard copies of the form will also be available at the meetings and luncheon. Please do print your name legibly. Thank you so much for your attention to these details.

Extra Notes

Maria Larionoff (violin) & Robin McCabe (piano) in Recital

Sunday, April 17, 2011 at 2 p.m.
Brechemin Auditorium at UW School of Music
\$10 cash or check at the door

Program:

Johannes Brahms: Sonata in G Major, Opus 78

Robert Schumann: Violin Sonata in A minor, Opus 105

Gabriel Faure: Sonata in A Major, Opus 13

Trio Lexicon in Recital

Friday, May 13, 2011 at 7:30pm
Sherman Clay, Bellevue
\$15 suggested donation



Join **Madeline** and **Richard**

Bersamina and EMTA member, **Christina**

Bach for a delicious and memorable evening of music and poetry in celebration of food and drink! Selections will include favorites like "Tea for Two" and "If music be the food of love" to rarely-heard gems like Leonard Bernstein's "La Bonne Cuisine," along with poetry by Merriam, Wodehouse, Thackeray and others. Please join us at 7pm for a complimentary wine and cheese tasting to whet your appetite!



Festival of Impressionistic and Contemporary Music

SIPF invites pianists of all ages, including adult amateurs, chamber ensembles with piano, as well as piano duos (4-hands, one piano) to participate in the Festival of Impressionistic and Contemporary Music. Narrow age categories make this festival extremely friendly and encouraging. Winners will be featured in a concert at Benaroya Hall on May 22, 3pm. Applications are available at <http://www.seattlepianocompetition.org/nwfestivals.htm>

Festival of Impressionistic and Contemporary Music

May 7, 2011, Sherman Clay of Seattle.
Adjudicators: Craig Sheppard (UW) and Corey Hamm (UBC).

*~Dr. Ivona Kaminska Bowlby
President of Seattle International Piano Festival*

Just for Fun

Recipe for a Successful Lesson

<http://denleymusic.com/wordpress/2011/03/18/891/>



Opus submissions:
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