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Eastside Chapter

Message from the President

Happy March 2011! I cannot help but noticing the blossoming flowers despite a chill in the air. We had some serious rain this last month, let's hope for warmer days ahead.

First, I want to thank all the teachers for their hard work to make this year's Adjudication a success. My gratitude goes to Sheri Skidmore, Adjudication Chair, and the teachers who helped to make this a very meaningful event for all.

The February workshop with Jane Bastien was well-attended. Thank you for your support. Again, we welcome your suggestions and comments for Workshops and Programs. As we looking forward to the coming year, we would like to know what offers the greatest interest to you.

Congratulations to the new slate of officers who have volunteered to serve on the Eastside Chapter Board! We appreciate your willingness to contribute to the chapter. You are in with great company.

Have a fabulous March and I look forward to seeing you at the general meeting.

~Lu Leslan, WSMTA Eastside President

EMTA Chapter Meeting

When: Monday, March 28, 2011
Where: Sherman Clay, 1000 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue 98004

Schedule:
9:30 am – Pre-meeting Recital: **Stan Watkins** will perform selections from *12 American Preludes*, by Alberto Ginastera

9:45 am- Business Meeting
10:30 am - Coffee break
10:45 am-12 noon – Program: *The Independent Music Teachers' Forum*, a part of the MTNA, is designed to help teachers by passing on tips and pertinent information on a range of subjects. It allows teachers the opportunity to ask questions and gives them a place to turn when experiencing any problems or teaching issues. The forum is hosted by Nancy Drake.

Profile:

Nancy Drake began her musical education at the Toronto Conservatory of Music when four years old. She received her BA in psychology, and A.R.T.C. in piano performance.

She arrived in Bellevue in 1968 and joined the Eastside Chapter in 1970, holding every position on the board in the ensuing years, including President. She has worked with numerous artists including Daniel Pollack, Nelita True, and Eduardo Delgado. She is an adjudicator for the National Guild, the Federated Music Clubs and various other competitions and auditions.

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Announcements

Nominees for EMTA Executive board:

President-Elect: Stephanie White
Vice President: Christina Bach
Treasurer: Sherry Owens
Recording Secretary: Renata Shumskaya
Corresponding Secretary: Donna Sams

The new slate of officers will be voted upon at the next general meeting at Sherman Clay, **March 28.**

President: Julie Howe (current President-Elect)
Past President: Carol Hibbard will continue on the board for another term.

The 2011-2013 Executive Board members will be inducted at the May luncheon.

Stephanie White
Stephanie received her Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Victoria with a focus on piano and musicology. She teaches piano from her private studio, is an active accompanist and has presented at the WSMTA convention. She has served on the board of the Eastside chapter for the last four years and is looking forward to leading and serving the members of this chapter in the years to come. Outside of music Stephanie enjoys mountain climbing and working in her garden. She lives in Renton with her husband, Shawn.

Christina Bach
Christina Bach, a German native, graduated with a master degree in piano and music from the Conservatory of Music in Cologne, Germany in 1996. She also holds a degree in "Teaching Music to Adults", from Goldsmith College, London. In the past 20 years, Christina has been engaged in various chamber music ensembles. Her "Trio Con Brio" ensemble won a prize by the "Deutsche Schubert Society" in 1995 in Germany. Christina is a member of the well-known choir, Seattle Pro Musica. She has been teaching music and piano to children and adults for more than 20 years in Germany and the UK.

Carol Hibbard
Both MTNA and WSMTA Certified, with a BA in Music Education from the UW, Carol Hibbard has taught for 30+ years. Committed to the MTNA mission to advance the value of music study and to support the professionalism of music teachers, she is completing a term as WSMTA District II Vice President and her 7th year as president of the Greater Newcastle Federation Music Club. Serving on the EMTA board for 9 years, including two terms as President and currently as Immediate Past President, she has agreed to continue on in Lu (KaiLi)'s place. Carol credits her successful growth as a teacher, musician, and professional to the generous sharing of ideas and experience by valued colleagues and the many programs and opportunities provided through these outstanding associations. With four grown children, she and her husband share their no-longer-empty nest with a puppy named Tempo.

Book Sale-April 25

Spring time means cleaning time! Donate your unwanted books for our library. We will have a book sale at the April meeting. All income will be used for purchasing future library materials.

~Pamela Huang, Librarian

Scholarship Competition

The Scholarship Competition is fast approaching and the excitement builds. Teachers and students are working hard to perfect pieces. Our judges are excited to be in the Seattle area. Everything is running smoothly and we hope that you will avail yourself of the wonderful opportunity to listen to great music. Come to the First Presbyterian Church in Bellevue between April 13 and 16. We will gladly welcome an audience!

~Julie Howe and Yunbo Cassady

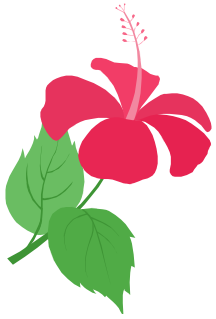
Adjudications

Adjudications week was an amazing event this year, and was much larger than anticipated. Over 40 teachers took advantage of this opportunity for more than 400 of our students. We had six exceptional adjudicators: Del Parkinson, Greg Presley, Deborah Dewey, Robin Chadwick, Sasha Starcevich and Leonard Richter.
A huge THANK YOU goes out to the many teachers who made this event work so well. Students were well prepared, well dressed and polite. Each adjudicator expressed delight at the bountiful lunches that teachers provided for them. Those who welcomed adjudicators into their private studios are our heroes of the week. You are greatly appreciated Bonnie Debu, Sherry Owen, Julie Howe, Yunbo Cassady, Donna Sams, Carol Hibbard and Donna Bender!

Many of you have sent in your **Adjudicator Evaluations**. If you still have yours to fill out, you may give it to Sheri Skidmore at the general meeting or mail it to her (please refer to the Yearbook for her address), by **March 31st**. Please do this if you entered five or more students. State relies on this feedback from us to maintain the high standards of Adjudications.

Those teachers on the Adjudications team are Grace Gu, Nancy Bent, Yunbo Cassady, Julie Howe, Sherry Owen and Sheri Skidmore. Thank you to Ariel Chou who diligently planned the details of the March 20th Honors Recital.

Two additional people are wanted to fill out the team for next year. Please consider joining us!



Ribbon Festival

Did any of your students or their parents inquire about the lack of a Ribbon Festival this year? Did you miss having an event where you could send your students of virtually any level to participate in music activities throughout the day? A place where they genuinely enjoyed going and they (as well as their parents!) came away with a better knowledge of music?
If so, please contact Carol Hibbard (hibbardbc@gmail.com). She will be collecting your responses and presenting them to the Board. The result will determine whether Ribbon Festival is resurrected next year.

Member News

Welcome New Members

Wei Gao - Piano, Music Education
Wendy Eng Yee - Violin, Piano, Voice

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.

Participating Membership List

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 March or April chapter meeting, or the May luncheon, or send it in using the good old U.S. Postal Service! For your convenience you may print out the Form, which 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.

~Jeanne Ellis, Vice-President, Membership

MTNA

MTNA Membership Dues—DEADLINE: June 30

The June 30th deadline is fast approaching! You will be receiving your renewal form from MTNA very soon. Why not pay the dues now while you have a higher income stream? Late payment will result in exclusion from the EMTA Yearbook, Teacher Referral List, and other important disseminated information. Don't miss out! Please pay ON TIME.

Thank you!
~Julie Howe, President-Elect

Extra Notes

Deborah Gandolfo in Recital

Deborah Gandolfo will play 2 concerts in April:
Saturday, April 16, 2 p.m.
Seattle Asian Art Museum
Volunteer Park, Seattle

Thursday, April 28, noon
Sherman Clay Pianos
1624 Fourth Ave (between Pine and Olive)
Seattle

Program will include:
Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel, Opus 24, by Johannes Brahms

Both concerts are free.

Festival of the Romantics and 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 the Romantics and Festival of Impressionistic and Contemporary Music. Narrow age categories make those festivals 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 the Romantics
March 26, 2011, Sherman Clay of Seattle.
Adjudicators: Mark Clinton(UNL) and Kristin Elgersma from the (UI)

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

Teachers Needed

Busy Issaquah piano school seeks piano teachers: Puget Sounds Piano Studio is expanding and is currently looking for two or three piano teachers to work with beginning and intermediate piano students, and possibly advanced classical students and/or jazz students, depending on the teacher's personal skills. Compensation begins at $35/hour, and increases to $42/hour after three months of satisfactory performance. Applicant requirements: Bachelor of Music degree or higher and some previous teaching experience. Please send resume, references, and a teaching philosophy statement to pugetsoundspiano@gmail by April 15th. Visit the studio website at www.pugetsoundspianostudio.com for more information about Puget Sounds Piano Studio.

Opus submissions:
All articles are due the second Monday of the month. Please send as an attachment in Word format to opuseditor@hotmail.com.