



Official Bulletin of the WSMTA

Eastside Chapter

Message from the President



November arrives with lots of rain and sunshine. I hope you get to enjoy the fall colors despite your busy schedules.

First, I would like to offer my congratulations to everyone for another successful Scholarship Concert. We are

absolutely thrilled with the impressive turnout. The Woodcock Memorial Event will be taking place on November 19 & 20. Special thanks to Julie Howe and Carol Hibbard for organizing the event. A big thank you to Sheri Skidmore who is graciously serving again as Adjudication Coordinator. Sheri is available to answer any questions you have about Adjudications. January is always a busy month, please refer to your Yearbook for all the relevant deadlines. Remember the Holiday Tea is coming up on Monday, December 6 at Yunbo Cassady's home. Please RSVP to Yunbo with your choice of food to share.

We look forward to seeing you before the holidays.

~KaiLi Yang
EMTA President



EMTA Chapter Meeting

When: Monday, November 22, 2010

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

Schedule:

9:30 am – Pre-meeting Recital: Lily West
Debussy *La fille aux cheveux de lin*
Schumann *Intermezzo* (from *Carnival in Vienna*, Op. 26/4)

Brahms *Rhapsodie* in G Minor, Op. 79/2

9:45 am - Business Meeting

10:30 am - Coffee break

10:45 am-12 noon - Program – “*The Heart of Performance*” by Jody Graves

Jody Graves will discuss how to guide students (and ourselves) into a deeper understanding of what performance is, how to focus in performance, and the process of ensuring performance success. Includes techniques on handling performance anxiety!

Profiles:

Lily West studied at the Beijing Central Conservatory of Music from grade 5 to grade 12. She continued her studies at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music, where she graduated in 1979. As a piano accompanist for voice and string soloists, she was performing and traveling throughout China before China opened its doors to the world.

Jody Graves maintains an exciting and diverse performing career, and is recognized nationally as a distinguished artist/teacher of piano. Dr. Graves holds a faculty position at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington as Assistant Professor of Piano. Jody Graves holds a Doctorate Degree in Piano Performance and Literature from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, where she was the recipient of the distinguished *Teacher of the Year* award for her excellence in teaching.



Announcements

Holiday Tea

You are invited to the Holiday Tea on Monday, **December 6 from 10:30 am to 12 pm** at the home of Yunbo Cassady. Due to privacy issues, please refer to your Yearbook for Yunbo's address.

R.S.V.P. to Yunbo Cassady at conanima63@gmail.com. Please also mention which dish you will be bringing.

Library News

New addition to the library:



The Well-Prepared Pianist Preparatory Level Crash Course by Jane Tan

Thank you to Carolyn Carson for donating *Pianist* magazines, and to the Bowles family for donating books to our chapter library.

~Pamela Huang, Librarian

Woodcock Mentoring Series Schedules

The Woodcock Memorial Endowment committee is sponsoring a series of master class piano sessions to take place November 19-20, 2010, and February 11-12, 2011. We are thrilled to have master teachers Deborah Dewey and Cassandra Carr coming to work with our students. These sessions will all be taking place in the home studios of EMTA teachers, and all teachers, parents, and students are encouraged to attend as observers at no charge.

Dr. Dewey and Dr. Carr will each teach for 1.5 days during both the November and February sessions, with participating students receiving a 30 minute lesson in each of the two sessions. Each student will be bringing a piece in the rough for the first session in November, and then memorized and ready for polishing details at the second session in February. The November schedules for each of our master teachers follow.

The Dorothy Woodcock Memorial Endowment Fund was a gift from the estate of EMTA founding member, Dorothy Woodcock, the proceeds of which will be used to bring projects for student and/or teacher enrichment. Thanks to the Dorothy Woodcock Memorial Endowment Fund for underwriting nearly half of the actual cost to bring this opportunity to Eastside Chapter students.



Woodcock Memorial Masterclass Series Friday, Nov. 19 Schedule 6 students with 30 min. lessons Dr. Cassandra Carr at the studio of Sherry Owen

1:30 Emily Zehm, student of Sherry Owen
2:00 Davis Pratt, student of Sherry Owen
2:30 Audrey Monin, student of Sammie Marten
3:00 Break
3:15 Willie Robertson, student of Eric Armstrong
3:45 Jeremy Chen, student of Donna Bender
4:15 Jamie Himes, student of Donna Bender
4:45 afternoon complete



Woodcock Memorial Masterclass Series
Friday, Nov. 19 schedule
6 students with 30 min. lessons
Dr. Deborah Dewey at the studio of
Meg Mann

1:30 Eric Yoon, student of Yunbo Cassady
2:00 Shannon Cassady, student of Michi Hirata North
2:30 Billy Wu, student of Michi Hirata North
3:00 Break
3:15 Naomi Tram, student of Lydia Chang
3:45 Zhong Shu Li, student of Lydia Chang
4:15 Isabelle Nguyen, student of Siu-Yin Mak
4:45 afternoon complete

Woodcock Memorial Masterclass Series
Saturday, Nov. 20 schedule
14 students with 30 min. lessons
Dr. Cassandra Carr at the studio of
Carol Hibbard

8:30 Mara Sovde, student of Christina Bach
9:00 Tyler Strafford, student of Christina Bach
9:30 Janine Poulin, student of Jennifer Li
10:00 Eun Soo Hyun, student of Jennifer Li
10:30 Break
10:45 Adrian Galer, student of Jeanne Ellis
11:15 Maddie Coles, student of Jeanne Ellis
11:45 Michelle Hill, student of Jeanne Ellis
12:15 Lunch
1:15 Madeline Dietz, student of Carol Hibbard
1:45 Nicholas Weiss, student of Carol Hibbard
2:15 Ryan Gelzer, student of Carol Hibbard
2:45 Linda Gelzer, student of Carol Hibbard
3:15 Break
3:30 Rebecca Gelzer, student of Carol Hibbard
4:00 Micah Allred, student of Stephanie White
4:30 Savannah Wentworth, student of Stephanie White
5:00 day complete

Woodcock Memorial Masterclass Series
Saturday, Nov. 20 schedule
14 students with 30 min. lessons
Dr. Deborah Dewey at the studio of
Julie Howe

8:30 Mimi Lee, student of Nicole Kim
9:00 Grace Phan, student of Nicole Kim
9:30 Jiho Kang, student of Nicole Kim
10:00 Catherine Tampi, student of Nicole Kim
10:30 Break
10:45 Christy Oh, student of Nicole Kim
11:15 Mary Elizabeth Adler, student of Corrina Sorensen
11:45 Jordan Kendall, student of Julie Howe
12:15 Lunch
1:15 Xena Vronay, student of Julie Howe
1:45 Victoria Breyer, student of Julie Howe
2:15 Kristine Lee, student of Sharon Van Valin
2:45 Michelle Lee, student of Sharon Van Valin
3:15 Break
3:30 Amber Kim, student of Sharon Van Valin
4:00 Claire Kim, student of Sharon Van Valin
4:30 Conner Jensen, student of Sharon Van Valin
5:00 day complete

Woodcock Memorial Masterclass Series
Friday, Feb.11 schedule
6 students with 30 min. lessons
Dr. Cassandra Carr at the studio of
Sherry Owen

1:30 Willie Robertson, student of Eric Armstrong
2:00 Jeremy Chen, student of Donna Bender
2:30 Jamie Himes, student of Donna Bender
3:00 Break
3:15 Audrey Monin, student of Sammie Marten
3:45 Davis Pratt, student of Sherry Owen
4:15 Emily Zehm, student of Sherry Owen
4:45 afternoon complete



Woodcock Memorial Masterclass Series
Friday, Feb.11, 2011 schedule
6 students with 30 min. lessons
Dr. Deborah Dewey at the studio of
Michi North

1:30 Naomi Tram, student of Lydia Chang
2:00 Zhong Shu Li, student of Lydia Chang
2:30 Isabelle Nguyen, student of Siu-Yin Mak
3:00 Break
3:15 Eric Yoon, student of Yunbo Cassady
3:45 Shannon Cassady, student of Michi Hirata North
4:15 Billy Wu, student of Michi Hirata North
4:45 afternoon complete

Woodcock Memorial Masterclass Series
Saturday, Feb.12, 2011 schedule
14 students with 30 min. lessons
Dr. Cassandra Carr at the studio of
Carol Hibbard

8:30 Mara Sovde, student of Christina Bach
9:00 Tyler Strafford, student of Christina Bach
9:30 Janine Poulin, student of Jennifer Li
10:00 Eun Soo Hyun, student of Jennifer Li
10:30 Break
10:45 Adrian Galer, student of Jeanne Ellis
11:15 Maddie Coles, student of Jeanne Ellis
11:45 Michelle Hill, student of Jeanne Ellis
12:15 Lunch
1:15 Madeline Dietz, student of Carol Hibbard
1:45 Nicholas Weiss, student of Carol Hibbard
2:15 Ryan Gelzer, student of Carol Hibbard
2:45 Linda Gelzer, student of Carol Hibbard
3:15 Break
3:30 Rebecca Gelzer, student of Carol Hibbard
4:00 Micah Allred, student of Stephanie White
4:30 Savannah Wentworth, student of Stephanie White
5:00 day complete

Woodcock Memorial Masterclass Series
Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011 schedule
14 students with 30 min. lessons
Dr. Deborah Dewey at the studio of
Meg Mann

8:30 Mimi Lee, student of Nicole Kim
9:00 Grace Phan, student of Nicole Kim
9:30 Jiho Kang, student of Nicole Kim
10:00 Catherine Tampi, student of Nicole Kim
10:30 Break
10:45 Christy Oh, student of Nicole Kim
11:15 Mary Elizabeth Adler, student of Corrina Sorensen
11:45 Jordan Kendall, student of Julie Howe
12:15 Lunch
1:15 Xena Vronay, student of Julie Howe
1:45 Victoria Breyer, student of Julie Howe
2:15 Kristine Lee, student of Sharon Van Valin
2:45 Michelle Lee, student of Sharon Van Valin
3:15 Break
3:30 Amber Kim, student of Sharon Van Valin
4:00 Claire Kim, student of Sharon Van Valin
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Scholarship Concert

The evening of Oct. 29th was a memorable one! Stephen Beus's piano recital was one of the very best concerts our chapter has sponsored. As one of the teachers commented, "What a magnificent recital Stephen presented on Friday evening! His combination of virtuosity and exquisite musicianship filled me (and my students and church friends) with absolute joy." It is truly rewarding to see such a gathering for our chapter - over 800 teachers, students and parents attended the concert. We sold nearly 900 tickets and all of Stephen's CDs at the concert with a total gross income of \$11,530.



I cannot thank all the teachers enough who worked with me to make this event happen. It is truly a team effort!

Thank you to our EMTA Board for its strong support throughout the process and all the Board members who provided refreshments at the reception.

Thank you, Nino Merabishvili, for opening your beautiful home for the post concert reception.

Thank you, Julie Howe, for decorating such a festive reception table.

Thank you, Stephanie White and Carol Hibbard, for helping me check out tickets at the general meeting.

Thank you, Julie Howe, Risa Jung, Sumiyo Ohuchi, Randall Jackson, Donna Bender, and Pamela Huang, for helping out on the concert night.

Special thanks to Julie Howe for the warm opening greeting at the concert. You really made everyone at the concert feel special and welcomed.

Thank you, Sherry Owen, for processing all the tickets/CDs income so quickly.

Most of all, I would like to express sincere appreciation to all the teachers who brought your students to the concert. Here is the list of recorded teachers who sold tickets.

Unfortunately, there may be names which I inadvertently missed. Please send me corrections so I can update them in the next OPUS.

Randall Jackson \$725 total tickets sale

Victoria Bogdashevskaya \$615

Tatiana Lanford \$555

Soonja Kim \$500

Donna Bender \$480

Donna Sams \$440

Sharon Van Valin \$400

Sumiyo Ohuchi \$370

Yunbo Cassady \$360

Nino Merabishvili \$295

Renata Shumskaya \$295

Elizabeth Yusim \$265

Lilian Szlaga 260

Julie Howe \$255

Carol Hibbard \$250

Michi North \$250

Bob Pajer \$250

Valentina Grandmaison \$245

Betty Mak \$220

Yelena Petrov \$220

Nancy Jang \$185

Ann Stockman \$180

Larissa Satichtchev \$170

Lily West \$170

Sammie Marten \$155

Jennifer Li \$150

Bonnie Debu \$150

Eliza Erico \$115

Judy Huehn \$105

Risa Jung \$130

Eric Armstrong \$130

Sherry Owen \$125

Sheri Skidmore \$120

Donald Denegar \$100

Stephanie White \$90

Nancy Bent \$85

Sasha Starceвич \$80

Wen-Chi Hsu \$75

Jeanne Ellis \$60

Nicole Kim \$55

Barbara Detrich \$50 (Donation)

Lydia Chang \$50

Sharon Lawrence \$50

Arina Akhrin \$45

Tomoko Ishihara \$35

Rebecca Bennett \$30

Joyce Meech \$30

KaiLi Yang \$30

Christina Bach \$20

Dee McRoberts \$20

Sam Beckert \$15

Pat Martin \$10

Thank you! Until next year!

~Yunbo Cassady, Scholarship Concert Chair



Workshops

***Developing Our
Students' Inner
Hearing, presented
by Jane Bastien,***

Date: Monday, February 14, 2011

Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Place: Sherman Clay, 1000 Bellevue Way NE

The Bastien name has become synonymous with piano pedagogy. With more than 300 books to their credit, Jane, her late husband, James and their daughters, Lisa and Lori, have inspired millions of teachers and piano students world-wide. In 1999, Jane and James were presented with the Music Teachers' National Association Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of their significant contribution to music and music education.

The cost for members is \$20 per workshop.

Please contact Nancy Bent at nancybent@comcast.net with any questions. Checks are payable to *Eastside Chapter WSMTA* and may be sent to Nancy.



Adjudications

March 2011

If you haven't taken advantage of this excellent opportunity yet, make this the year you begin!

The purpose of WSMTA Adjudications is to:

- 1) Provide an educational experience which encourages goal setting, persistence, and creativity.
- 2) Provide a performance opportunity for students where an objective evaluation of the student's skill and musicianship is made by an impartial, competent adjudicator.
- 3) Provide the teacher an opportunity to consult with another professional musician.

Each student is given a written evaluation and oral comments from the adjudicators. WSMTA presents a certificate to each participating student. Teachers with 5 or more students may enter one student (two if 11 or more students participate) in the March 20, 2011 Honors Recital at Sherman Clay.

The November General Meeting is the day we begin the simple registration process for our students to participate in the March 2011 Adjudications. All updated **registration materials will be available online only, beginning November 22nd, NOT BEFORE**, at www.EastsideMusicTeachers.org. Please use **only** this site to obtain the forms used by our Eastside Chapter.



To register, you will need to download the following forms:

- 2011 Adjudications Booklet (8 pages)
- 2011 Piano Adjudications Must Read (instructions for the Registration Form)
- 2011 Teacher Registration Form
- 2011 Teacher Registration Form, more than 20 students
- 2011 Parent Information Sheet (this briefly explains Adjudications, for your students and parents)

TEACHERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THESE FORMS. BE THOROUGH!

Please note that if you don't have Excel capabilities on your home computer, you can use your local library.

Remember that the November meeting is the only meeting we have before the registration deadline of January 10th.

Thank you to the Adjudications team, Sheri Skidmore, Nancy Bent, Grace Gu, Yunbo Cassady and Julie Howe.

Member News

New Member Tea

The Eastside Chapter extends a heartfelt "Thank You" to Gladys Bath who once again graciously hosted the New Member Tea! And a big thank you to the Board Members and Anna Lukas as well, who provided food for everyone to enjoy. We had a great turnout and a wonderful time getting to know one another!

Welcome New Members!

Jason Chamberlain - Piano, Violin, Viola
EunJoo Kim - Piano

New Member Biography

Tatiana Sharapova:

Tatiana graduated from Leningrad Conservatory in St. Petersburg. In 1989 she moved to Los Angeles. As a member of MTAC, and a certified Yamaha teacher, she prepared students for competitions and Certificate of Merit exams. In 1994, Tatiana moved to Paris and had a great experience as the accompanist for Art Lyriques, working with French, Scandinavian, American and Russian singers. At her music studio in the 16th arrondissement for the past 15 years, she prepared students for UN, Steinway, Bach, and L.Bellin competitions. Tatiana also taught children in Paris' prestigious bilingual schools. Family reasons brought her to Redmond where she now teaches.

Mentoring Sign Up

The Eastside Chapter has a program which matches more experienced members with newer members to answer any questions about our chapter and explain its benefits and programs. If you would like to be a mentor, or if you would like to be mentored, please email: emtamembers@gmail.com, or call Jeanne Ellis at 206-232-7189.

Directory Update

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.





Extra Notes

Composition Contest

The WA State Federation of Music Clubs is looking forward to this year's entries in the Composition Contest. The pieces composed by the students get better every year.

Please contact Sharon Van Valin at 206-236-7394 for all needed information. Compositions must be IN MY HANDS by Jan. 15. You can download an entry form from the National Federation of Music Clubs site, or obtain one from me. Have a happy, creative year!

~Sharon Van Valin

You are invited! A Second Opportunity!

What: A Super Open House to Find Treasures among Used Music and Teaching Materials Donated from the late Beverly Bowles and from the library of Sandy Arildson

Where: The Bowles family home
6175 90th SE, Mercer Island

When: Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010 from 1-5 pm

Why: The Bowles family is donating Beverly's music and teaching supplies to our chapter as a gift to her colleagues in her memory, and to raise funds for a "**Beverly Bowles Memorial Fund for Student Composers.**" In addition, Sandy Arildson has donated many boxes of music to the chapter which will be added to the Bowles music for a Super Open House

How: Teachers may come to peruse the boxes of music, etc., take home the treasures they find, leaving a donation in Beverly's memory to build the Young Composers' Fund in her name.

There is much great music remaining after our first open house offering the music of Beverly

Bowles for EMTA members to come browse and take home what they can use, leaving a donation for the chapter. ***In addition***, Sandy Arildson has donated much music, plus flashcards, rhythm instruments, and other valuable teaching materials to help build the Student Composers Fund. So, the Bowles family has graciously offered their home once again for a second Open House to give those who were not able to come in November another chance to come browse. There will be twice as much music this time, thanks to the generous donation by Sandy Arildson, as well! So even if you already came, come back for a second chance to find materials at a fraction of their cover price.



Beverly was a wonderful composer, chosen WSMTA State Composer of the Year about 11 years ago. Her family and the EMTA Board are establishing the "**Beverly Bowles-Eastside Chapter Young Composers' Fund**" for the purpose of providing travel stipends to Eastside winners of the WSMTA Young Composer Project who travel to state conference to play their winning pieces in the Young Composers' Recital. All funds raised from this "Print Music Open House," as well as any other donations made to EMTA in Beverly's memory will go toward this memorial fund to encourage student composers of the Eastside. Members are encouraged to donate generously in remembrance of our long-time colleague who has made such a difference through her leadership, her artistry, her commitment to music teaching, her excellent example of being a lifetime learner, and her commitment to her friends and colleagues of Eastside Chapter.



If you are not able to attend, but would like to donate in her name, donations may be made out to EMTA, noting that it is for the Beverly Bowles Memorial fund, and sent to our EMTA Treasurer, Sherry Owen.

Questions? Email Carol Hibbard:
hibbardbc@gmail.com

See you there!
~Carol Hibbard

Ten Grands Concert/KING FM Contest

The 4th annual Ten Grands Concert is Friday, April 1st at Benaroya Hall. One of our sponsors, King FM, is holding their 2nd annual Young Artists' Contest in conjunction with the concert.



If you have outstanding students who like to perform, have them check out the King FM website for all of the rules and information. The website is www.king.org. The contest is open to 6-18 year old students. The call for entries is November 8th - January 14th. Public voting will begin on January 17th via the internet. Last year, Peter Mack's student won \$1000 as the first-place winner.

In January, Kathy DeWalt and I will bring tickets to our meeting. If you sell ten tickets to your students, you will receive a free ticket to the concert.

~Sondra Hopper

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