



Official Bulletin of the WSMTA

Eastside Chapter

Message from the President



I hope all of you enjoyed a relaxing Spring Break! This is the week of the Scholarship Competition which means May is just around the corner. April 26 is the last general meeting before the end of school year.

This year, the

Washington State Conference will be held in Olympia from June 21-25. I encourage you to check it out at www.wsmta.net.

The Woodcock Proposal Form you received last month from Julie Howe is due at the April 26 meeting.

Please fill out the 'Participating Membership' list of activities (page 31 in the yearbook or download a copy from www.eastsidemusicteachers.org) and bring it with you to the April 26 meeting. You may also choose to mail it directly to Vice President, Jeanne Ellis, by May 10 or bring it to the May Luncheon.

If you have received the Membership Renewal Statement in the mail please renew it as soon as possible so your name will be included the directory.

We are gathering at Ann Stockman's home on May 10 at 10:30am for a wonderful luncheon this year. Please bring a tasty dish to share. I look forward to seeing you there and wish all mothers a very Happy Mother's Day!

~KaiLi Yang, President
WSMTA Eastside Chapter

EMTA Chapter Meeting

When: Monday April 26, 2010

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

Schedule:

9:30 am – Pre-meeting Recital: **Bob Pajer** performs *Beethoven Sonata, No. 9, Op.14, and No.1*

9:45 am- Business Meeting

10:30 am - Coffee break

10:45 am-12 pm – Program, *Art in Practice: Tips, Tricks and Essentials*, presented by **Gail Tremblay**

This program will focus on general practicing principles which can be applied to all levels. Help your students implement these principles and achieve more accuracy, integrity and interpretation of their pieces in their practice at home.

Profiles:

Gail Tremblay studied with Earle Voorhies from the age of seven. She received a Bachelors degree from UCSB in Santa Barbara and a Secondary teaching credential from California State University. In 1993, she started a private teaching studio in Washington. She has had many student winners in SCMTA concerto competitions and has repeatedly had students chosen for the State Honors recital. Gail is currently a member of the Snohomish County Chapter and teaches privately in the southern part of Everett.

Bob Pajer is a local performing pianist, and is currently banquet pianist for the Snoqualmie Ridge Golf Club. He also performs at Salish Lodge and many other venues throughout the Seattle area. He teaches a full studio of children and adults in Snoqualmie. He is a founding teacher in the National Music Certificate Program, in which a number of his students have achieved High Honors and Honors Certificates.



Announcements

May Luncheon

Monday, May 10, from 10:30 am-12:30 pm

The Spring Potluck Luncheon will be held at the home of Ann Stockman in South Bellevue. Please bring a favorite luncheon dish to share.

In order to respect Ann's privacy, please refer to your yearbook for her home address.

Library News

Missing DVD!

Performance Practices in Early 20th Century Piano Music by Maurice Hinson

This DVD case was returned with the incorrect DVD (*Mastering Piano Technique- A Guide for Students, Teachers and Performers*)

Please double-check your materials at home.
Thank you for your help!
~Pamela Huang, Librarian

EMTA Programs

We are planning programs for 2010-2011! If you have a great program or topic idea, please contact Eric Armstrong:
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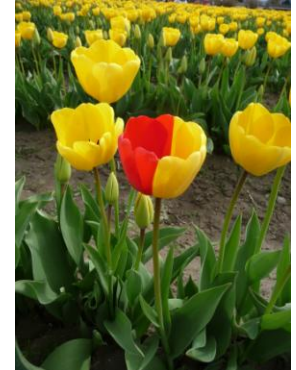
~Eric Armstrong, Program Chair



Woodcock Investment Proposal

The EMTA Chapter has been presented with a wonderful opportunity!

Dorothy Woodcock donated a large sum of money to three chapters in the state of Washington, including the Eastside chapter. She was an SMTA member but she left the chapter and with Betty Lou Barton, became the catalyst for establishing our EMTA chapter.



Dorothy taught piano on Mercer Island with many plans for what she could do with her investments. She wanted to help all students love music and love learning. She wanted to have opportunities for teachers and students to learn. She also felt that teaching is bigger than any one person and that the community needs to be involved.

We are presenting to the members of the EMTA chapter the ability to propose an event that would benefit the students represented in our chapter. Each year either students or teachers (alternatively) will have the opportunity to be involved in an event. The amount of money available to each event is \$2000. The board has discussed possibilities, but is eager to hear your ideas. When the proposals are in, the board will review them, vote upon them, and inform the members of the decision in the May Opus.

If you would like to participate please download the attached form and send it in by the next general meeting on April 26th.

~Julie Howe, President-Elect



Member News

MTNA Renewal

By now you should have received your MTNA renewal form. The MTNA Dues Renewal **deadline is June 30**. Meeting that deadline guarantees your inclusion in the 2010-2011 Eastside Chapter Directory (a.k.a. the EMTA Yearbook). Each teacher is expected to send national, state, and local dues directly to the MTNA headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio, or to renew online at www.MTNA.org.

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Application and Information for New Members may be accessed online under Membership at www.mtna.org. Please contact Jeanne Ellis (Eastside Chapter Vice President) at emtamembers@gmail.com or 206-232-7189 if you need further assistance.

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 10, 2010**. 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 has been attached to this email. The form can also be found on page 31 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 meeting and luncheon. Please do print your name legibly.

Thank you so much for your attention to these details!

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.

~Jeanne Ellis, Vice-President

Extra Notes

Dr.Yelena Balabanova in recital

Thursday, April 15, 2010, 12:15 p.m. at Sherman Clay in Seattle.

EMTA member, Yelena Balabanova will perform Chopin Sonata op.58 and other pieces in the second Chopin Lunch concert.

Friday, May 21, 2010, 7 p.m. at Benaroya Hall main stage in Seattle.

Yelena will also be one of the featured pianists in the "Ten Grands" performance. This performance benefits the Snowman Foundation "Giving the Gift of Music to Children". Tickets are available at www.benaroyahall.com.

SIPF Winner's Concert

Sunday, May 2, 2010, 2:30 pm at Benaroya Hall, Nordstrom Recital Hall in Seattle.

Hear the brilliant winners of the SIPF local Festivals of Romantic and Contemporary Music, including chamber music ensembles! The winners will represent the categories of Age 7 and Under, Adult Amateurs, and Chamber Music Ensembles.

Tickets at the door: \$18 general/ \$12 for students and seniors.



Dr. Peter Mack in Recital

Sunday, May 23, 2010, 2:30pm at Frye Art Museum

Seattle International Piano Festival presents the unforgettable pianist, Dr. Peter Mack as he dazzles audiences with his superb knowledge and pianistic skills. This recital will enlighten you with unique and lesser known music by famous composers. Proceeds benefit the Seattle International Piano Festival (501 3C).

Frye Art Museum is located at 704 Terry Avenue, in Seattle. Tickets are available at the door. \$20 for general seating, \$15 for students and seniors.



Daniel Pollack Piano Master Class

June 4-6, 2010 at Benaroya Hall, Soundbridge in Seattle.

For 32 years Daniel Pollack has conducted a Master Class in the Northwest. Members have come from all over the country to benefit from Mr. Pollack's vast knowledge and valuable insights.

This year, the class will focus on the Birthday Boys: Frederick Chopin, and Robert Schumann celebrating their 200th, and Samuel Barber, his 100th. Works by other composers will be

discussed with priority given to lesser known compositions. Over 23 other composers celebrate a birthday in 2010, which could provide interesting repertoire.

For those planning to participate and perform, registration with repertoire must be received by May 15th, and non performers who wish to have a list of repertoire in advance must register by that date.

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Opus submissions:

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