



Official Bulletin of the WSMTA

Eastside Chapter

Message from the President



Happy February! I am glad all the registration forms are in and we are moving forward to many major events coming up in March. On January 23, I went to see Peter Mack's benefit concert for the Seattle Music Teacher Association. It was wonderful! Moreover, I

was pleased to see many members from the Eastside Chapter in attendance as well. I encourage all of us take the time to connect with members from other chapters and benefit from various workshops and concerts held throughout the year. At the benefit concert, many teachers who have dedicated their lives to music education received a medal of honor as a token for their work. I was happy to be a part of their celebration. Best wishes to all and Happy Chinese New Year!

~KaiLi Yang
WSMTA Eastside Chapter President



EMTA Chapter Meeting

When: Monday, February 22, 2010

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

Schedule:

9:30 am – Pre-meeting Recital: **Carolyn Carson** will perform *The Forgotten Man*, Op.46 by Stephen Heller, and *Waltz* from "Masquerade" by Khachaturian, as a duet with KaiLi Yang

9:45 am- Business Meeting

10:30 am - Coffee break

10:45 am-12 noon – Program: **Yelena Balabanova**, *Russian Piano Literature as a Reflection of the Teaching Method and Vice Versa*

This unique program will cover beginning and intermediate Russian repertoire. She will approach it from the perspective of consistent development on technical and artistic skills. Come and benefit from the Russian method, literature and Yelena Balabanova's expertise!

Profile:

Yelena Balabanova holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Dr. Balabanova has taught at the State School of the Arts in the Moscow region of Russia, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the Renaissance Music Academy of Virginia, and the University of Colorado at Boulder. She is a sought-after clinician and was awarded the National Recognition Certificate from the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts for the exceptional artistic achievements of her students, among other distinctions.



CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

16 Deadline: *Young Composers Project* Entries. Contact Krista Seely, Chairperson. Ks88keys@gmail.com for more information.

27 Ribbon Festival

MARCH

8-13 EMTA Piano Adjudications

20-24 MTNA Conference: Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please see American Music Teacher December/January issue for scheduled events.

21 EMTA Honors Recital

Announcements

Library News

New books:

Great Masters: Brahms-His Life and Music
Great Masters: Liszt- His Life and Music

Adjudications

Schedules

Adjudications schedules have been approved by State and sent under separate cover.

Member News

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.

Bravo

2010 NW

Chopin Festival Competition



Congratulations to the winning students of the Eastside Chapter and their teachers!

Division A:

Shannon Cassady (teacher: Michi North)

Division B:

Max Ma (teacher: Nino Merabishvili)

Jessica Meyerzon (teacher: Irina Akhrin)

Division C:

Edward Cordell (teacher: Donna Sams)

The Competition was held on February 6 and the Honors recital featuring the winners was held at Frye Art Museum the following evening.

Extra Notes

Ten Grands Concert

On May 21, 2010 bring your students to "The Ten Grands" Concert at Benaroya Hall--Ten Grands-Ten Pianos-Ten Amazing Pianists- One Stage. Tickets prices start at \$42.00. Teachers who sell 10 tickets receive a free ticket. Contact: Kathy DeWalt via email: fahlmandewaltk@gmail.com or phone: 425-646-2709.

KING FM Young Artists Awards -- Go to www.king.org to find the information, rules, and the entry form. Contest is open for students between ages of 6 and 18. The winner will perform on stage during the "Ten Grands" Concert and receive a \$1000 scholarship.

~Sondra Hopper, Ten Grands Committee Member





Seattle International Piano Festival

New local festivals for children, youth and amateurs, for piano solo, piano duo and chamber music with piano! Cash prizes for the oldest youth winners and a **debut in Benaroya Hall**. Participant-friendly events with many prizes!

Festival of the Romantics, April 17

Sherman Clay Seattle

Judges: Dr. Ilia Radoslavov, and Dr. Susan Chan.

Masterclasses with Judges: April 18

Festival of Contemporary Music, April 24

Sherman Clay Seattle

Judges: Dr. Regina Yeh, Helena Azevedo.

Masterclasses with Judges: April 25

Joint Winners Concert, May 2, 2010, Nordstrom Recital Hall.

Rules and application forms available in PDF at www.seattlepianocompetition.org, under NW Festivals.



Passages

Rhoda Hinckley (1923-2010)

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Rhoda Hinckley. Rhoda first joined the chapter in 1972 and was a violin and piano teacher beloved by her students. The following excerpt is from the obituary published in *The Seattle Times* from January 7 to January 9:

Rhoda Soren Hinckley was born Jan. 4, 1923 in Salt Lake City, UT, and died in Bellevue, WA on Jan. 4, 2010 after a very brief illness. She was raised in Salt Lake City, UT where she excelled in school and developed a life long love of music. An excellent violin and piano player, she graduated from the University of Utah in 1944 with a BA in music education. She played violin in the Utah Symphony until 1947 when she married (Parnell) King Hinckley and moved to Pennsylvania where Margie and Mark were born. The family moved to California in 1951 where two more children (Holly and Neil) were born. Their last move was to Bellevue, WA in 1965 where Rhoda lived until her passing. Rhoda served in many callings in the LDS Church and taught piano and violin lessons from her home to hundreds of students for more than 50 years. She played violin in the Diablo Valley Light Opera Company (Concord, CA), was a charter member of the Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra and a member of the Washington State Music Teachers Association. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband and a grandson, and is survived by her four children, eighteen grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. A memorial service was held Sat. Jan. 9th. In lieu of flowers, Rhoda wished you to give the gift of music to someone you love.

Editor's Note:

The Opus received a makeover this month!

This new version of the Opus has been created on a Word document, therefore all submissions can now be accepted in doc format. Hopefully you will find this new format easier to read (both online and in hard copy), with more possibilities for color, graphics, and layout.

Feel free to contact me with any comments or suggestions you may have as I seek new and improved ways to share the news of the Eastside Chapter!

*Sincerely,
Jennifer Li, Opus Editor*