

GCMTA News

Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association

Notes From the President

Welcome to all our new, prospective and longtime GCMTA members! August is an exciting month as we prepare to head back into our busier schedules and pick up the many hats that we wear. We have much to look forward to, both for ourselves and our students in terms of musical enjoyment and growth in 2010-11. It's a blessing to know that we have such a great team of teachers to work with and to draw upon for expertise as we guide and encourage our students. The programs and events offered by our local association are so far beyond what we could provide on our own as totally independent teachers! Let's take greater advantage of what's available. Our officers and committee chairs have been working hard even over the summer to plan for our upcoming year's activities. I'm hoping that greater assimilation of new members will be a reality this year and that all members will seek to participate more than ever before. Let's reach out and encourage one another to be more involved. Our strength lies in numbers, commitment

and a willingness to embrace new possibilities and ideas. Both at regular meetings and events, let's demonstrate the true meaning of hospitality and mentoring – it will make us all winners!

I'm anxious to meet and greet each of you at our first meeting of the new year – Wednesday, September 22, at Lawrenceville Church of God. Come at 9:30 for coffee and fellowship. New 2010-11 GCMTA Directory Supplements (with all you ever wanted to know and more about GCMTA events) will be available for pick up at that time, we will have our regular business meeting and enjoy an inspiring and practical program.



Executive Board Meeting

We will meet on **Wednesday, August 25th, from 9:30 – 12** at Janet Will's home (408 William Ivey Rd., Lilburn, 30047) Please see the directions on Page 4. We plan to share progress and finalize plans for 2010-11. Executive Board members (all officers and committee chairs) please plan to attend. We need everyone's input and participation. Some of you cannot attend our regular meetings but may be able to come to this initial planning session. I highly encourage you to make every effort to be with us. Hope to see each of you!

Janet

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Come to our meetings!

- Meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of each month
- They are at Lawrenceville Church of God unless otherwise noted
- They begin at 9:30am and end at 11:30am
- See Page 2 for the Program Schedule

Important Dates

Here are some of the dates of GCMTA activities for 2010-2011. Registration deadlines and further information will be available in the yearbook.

Wednesday September 22 – 1st GCMTA meeting of the year – Lawrenceville Church of God, 9:30

November 4-6 – Ga Music Teachers Assoc. Conference - Augusta State University (registration now on website*)

Saturday November 13 - GCMTA Fall Festival – Duluth 1st Baptist (GMTA Theory Test offered)



2011 Federated Festivals:

West – **February 19**

Central – **February 12**

North - **February 12**

March 5 - GMTA Local Auditions

March 26-30 - 2011 MTNA Conference – Milwaukee

2010-2011 Program Schedule

September 22, 2010

- Dr. Patricia Dinkins-Matthews - Performance Anxiety: Coping Strategies for the Performer & Teacher

October 27, 2010

- Ensemble Concert music preview - at Piano Works

November 17, 2010 - Teacher Panel Discussion: Jean Mann, Yumi Patterson & Lois Sivert: Teaching Tips & Techniques

No December meeting

January 26, 2011 - Brunch meeting- Bright Water Clubhouse 1420 Water Shine Way, Snellville

February 23, 2011

- Dr. Soohyun Yun: Pedaling in Piano Music of the Classical Period

March 23, 2011

- Master Class with B. J. Sutherland

April Meeting

- Executive Board meeting with Janet Will

May 18, 2011

- May luncheon meeting: Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, 1400 Killian Hill Road, Lilburn

Newsletter

If you have information that needs to go in the newsletter, please email it to me at gcmtamail@gmail.com or call me at 678-985-9302. Please send me your information as you want it to appear in the newsletter and have it to me by the first of the month. Please label your emails "Newsletter" in the subject line.

Thank you!

-Natalie Hardy



Our First Meeting

Please join us at the September 22 meeting to hear Dr. Patricia Dinkins-Matthews' presentation on Performance Anxiety: Coping Strategies for the Performer and Teacher. Dr. Matthews is a music professor at Emory University and one of our very own members. Due to her teaching schedule, she is generally unable to attend the monthly meetings, but she has long been a favorite adjudicator for our different Federated Festivals. (She gives insightful, detailed, and encouraging comments!) Performance anxiety is a subject near and dear to her heart, and something that will be practical for all of us and our students. We will convene at the Lawrenceville Church of God at 9:30 with refreshments, hold the business meeting soon thereafter, and enjoy Dr. Matthews' program. Please come join us! Cathy Thacker, Programs

GCMTA Officers 2010-2011

Officers

President - Janet Will

President-Elect/Programs - Cathy Thacker

Secretary - Tina Darden

Treasurer - Nora Martin

Committees

Advisor - Lois Simon

Certification - Robin Engleman

Ensemble Piano Concert - Pam Asberry,
Nora Martin, Linda Walker

Federated Festivals:

North - Judy Harper (chair)

Central - Mary Ann McTier,
Harriet Woodward

West - Debra Hughes

GCMTA Festival - Marion Compton,
Kathy Dawal

GMTA Auditions - Jean Mann,
JaniceWong

GMTA Theory - Robin Whitworth,
Lois Sivert, Linda Walker

Hospitality - Yoonah Oh, Eunju Park,
Mary Marshall Dekkers (name tags)

Publicity/Website - Kathy Dawal

Jr. Sr. Scholarship Audition -
Yumi Patterson

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GMTA Theory Test

Teachers, be advised: there will be two opportunities for your students to take the theory test during 2010-11 – at the GCMTA Fall Festival, as well as at the GMTA Local Auditions site in the spring. Begin preparing your students now! Many helps are available on the GMTA website.

“Teachers open the door. You enter by yourself”

- Chinese Proverb

Ensemble Committee Needs Help

Please contact Janet Will (jbwill2@bellsouth.net, 770-381-5956) if you would be interested in lending a hand with our spring Ensemble Concert. Our committee needs help with various tasks as we put together this exciting event. It's a great way to be involved with other members and a fantastic opportunity for our students. This event may look a little different in 2011. This is your chance to be a part of the planning!



