

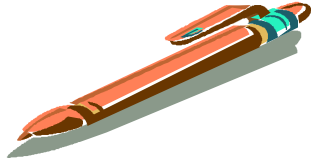
# GCMTA NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of Lois Simon

## SIMON SAYS



For many of you, who have already started your fall teaching, the school year is already in full swing. I trust you had a summer of renewal and are ready to begin our GCMTA season of meetings and activities. Please be willing to help the officers and chairmen who have already been preparing for our GCMTA events.

Some information to share:

- As you plan your teaching calendar for the year, be sure include the dates of the MTNA National Conference here in Atlanta. The date of that event is March 28 – April 1, 2009.
- The names of winners at the Spring Auditions were listed in the Summer 2008 edition of the state GMTA newsletter. To read that newsletter, you will need to go to [www.georgiamta.org](http://www.georgiamta.org). The newsletter is very long, but you can click on only the pages you want to read.
- Please encourage your adult piano students to get involved in the Gwinnett Music Club. My adult student has been very inspired by this association. (They served chateaubriand at their first meeting!) We need a few more adults who are early intermediate and intermediate level, however.
- A reminder that your NFMC (Federated Festival) dues deadline is Sept. 24, the date of the September meeting. At that meeting, also, Yumi Patterson will be doing a harpsichord program for us and will BRING her harpsichord to Lawrenceville Church of God.
- Many thanks to Rebecca McKeown, who has agreed to serve as our Hospitality Chair for this year.

I hope to see many of you at the Executive Board Meeting on August 27, and the rest of you in September.

## UPDATED YEARBOOK INFO

**Attention ALL chairpersons:** Lisa Gaal needs all updated information for the 2008-2009 yearbook by Sept. 1.  
musicbylisa@bellsouth.net

**Attention ALL members** with updated membership information since their June 30 dues were sent into National Headquarters: send the NEW UPDATED information to Lisa Gaal, or she will print the old information that was sent to her by national on July 10th.  
musicbylisa@bellsouth.net

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## GCMTA 2008 – 2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Here are the dates of GCMTA activities. Registration deadlines and further information will be available in the yearbook.

<b>November 6 – 8</b>	GMTA Conference in Athens
<b>November 15</b>	GCMTA Fall Festival
<b>Feb. 14</b>	North Gwinnett Federated Festival
<b>Feb. 14</b>	West Gwinnett Federated Festival
<b>Feb. 21</b>	Central Gwinnett Federated Festival
<b>March 7</b>	GCMTA Auditions
<b>March 28</b>	Jr/Sr Scholarship Auditions
<b>March 21, April 11, 18</b>	Ensemble Rehearsals
<b>March 28 – Apr. 1</b>	MTNA National Conference in ATLANTA!
<b>April 25</b>	Ensemble Concert

# PHILIP KAWIN MASTER CLASS

October 17  
9am-12pm



The Philip Kawin Master Class hosted at England Piano is FREE to our members. Phillip Kawin will be presenting the workshop for Gifted and Advanced Students. The Master Class is sponsored by North DeKalb MTA, Atlanta MTA, North Fulton MTA and GCMTA. Phillip Kawin has developed a highly individual pedagogical approach that has established him as a much sought-after artist and teacher. He is frequently in demand as a guest master class artist/teacher throughout Asia, Europe, Russia, and Australia.

The application form for student participation in the Philip Kawin Master class is enclosed. If you would like your student to participate in the October 17th Master Class please complete this form and mail it by September 12. An equal number of students from each of the sponsoring chapters will be chosen.

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## THANK YOU

Dear Friends,  
My family and I wish to thank each of you for the kind notes and calls during the loss of my son, Doug. The contribution made by the GCMTA was generous. The Embracing Hospice did give excellent care and comfort in the last four days of Doug's life. Friends and God continue to sustain me.  
Sincerely,  
Mary Lee

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## CONGRATS

Congratulations to Debbie Hughes' student, Meagan Price, who competed in the Atlanta Music Club's Scholarship Competition. She was the recipient of an award for \$250 as the runner-up to use for camp this summer. Meagan has been studying voice with Deb for almost 2 years. The Club enjoyed her audition so much that they invited Meagan to return in the fall of next year to sing for some of their monthly Musicales.

# GCMTA FALL FESTIVAL

The fall festival encourages study and provides an opportunity for students to perform and receive evaluation and cash awards. Proceeds from the festival are used to provide funds for scholarships and to support the GCMTA budget. If you have never participated, we encourage you to consider this excellent opportunity for your students this year!

Date: November 15, 2008

Place: Harmony Grove United Methodist Church  
50 Harmony Grove Rd., Lilburn 30047

Deadline: October 10, 2008

Entry fee: \$20

Rules and Guidelines: See 2008-2009 GCMTA

Directory Contact Susan Andrews for more

information. 770-267-8032 [pianosusan@comcast.net](mailto:pianosusan@comcast.net)

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board and all committee chairs will meet on Wednesday, August 27, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the home of Lois Simon. Be prepared to report your progress and plans for upcoming events.

### Directions from Lawrenceville

From S Clayton St SW (north) (0.3 mi)  
Turn LEFT onto W Pike St (2.2 mi)  
Turn RIGHT onto Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd (3 mi)  
Turn LEFT onto Dean Rd (1 mi)  
Turn LEFT onto White Birch Way (0.2 mi)  
Turn RIGHT onto Birch Hollow Trail (0.3 mi)  
Arrive at 2117 Birch Hollow Trail

### Directions from I-85 (north or south)

Take exit 109  
Turn (east) onto Old Peachtree Rd - the Q-Trip side of the interstate (.9 mi)  
Turn RIGHT onto Dean Rd (0.4 mi)  
Turn RIGHT onto White Birch Way (0.2 mi)  
Turn RIGHT onto Birch Hollow Trail (0.3 mi)  
Arrive at 2117 Birch Hollow Trail

### Directions from Snellville

From US-78  
Turn RIGHT onto SR-124 / Scenic Hwy (4.3 mi)  
Turn LEFT onto Sugarloaf Pkwy (7.1 mi)  
Turn RIGHT onto N Brown Rd (1.4 mi)  
Turn RIGHT onto Old Peachtree Rd (0.3 mi)  
Turn RIGHT onto Dean Rd (0.4 mi)  
Turn RIGHT onto White Birch Way (0.2 mi)  
Turn RIGHT onto Birch Hollow Trail (0.3 mi)  
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## GCMTA Newsletter

Diana Opolka  
3313 Westbrook Trace  
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

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### PIANO TEACHER WANTED

Pulse Performing Arts in Suwanee is looking for someone to teach beginning piano lessons for a couple of evenings a week from 4:00 – 8:00 at their studio (acoustic piano). Contact Tricia Gomrick 678-516-9841.  
[www.allaboutpulse.com](http://www.allaboutpulse.com)

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### 2007-2008 GCMTA Officers and Committee members

PRESIDENT	<i>Lois Simon</i>	GMTA AUDITIONS	<i>Jean Mann</i>
PRESIDENT – Elect	<i>Janet Will</i>		<i>Stephanie Freeman</i>
SECRETARY	<i>Tina Darden</i>	GMTA THEORY	<i>Robin Whitworth</i>
TREASURER	<i>Cathy Thacker</i>	HOSPITALITY	<i>Rebecca McKeown</i>
ADVISOR	<i>Yumi Patterson</i>	WEB-SITE	<i>Kathy Dawal</i>
		COMMITTEE	
		JR/SR SCHOLARSHIP	<i>Tim Wheeler</i>
CERTIFICATION	<i>Robin Engleman</i>	MEMBERSHIP	<i>Bonnie Bowen</i>
ENSEMBLE	<i>Pam Asberry</i>	MTNA FOUNDATION	<i>Susan Andrews</i>
CONCERT		GMTA AWARDS	<i>Susan Andrews</i>
	<i>Nora Martin</i>	NEWSLETTER	<i>Melissa Burgess</i>
FEDERATED		DESIGN/EDIT	
FESTIVALS		NEWSLETTER	<i>Diana Opolka</i>
Central	<i>Mary Ann McTier</i>	PRINT/MAIL	
	<i>Harriet Woodward</i>	PLACEMENT	<i>Mary Lee</i>
North	<i>Judy Harper</i>		<i>Pennington</i>
	<i>Ping Xu</i>	PROGRAMS	<i>Janet Will</i>
West	<i>Debra Hughes</i>	YEARBOOK	<i>Lisa Gaal</i>
GCMTA FESTIVAL	<i>Susan Andrews</i>		
	<i>(Coordinator)</i>		
	<i>Marion Compton</i>		
	<i>Michelle Peck</i>		

**Deadline for payment of Dues: Sept. 24, 2008**  
**No late fees will be accepted**

Federation District (circle one)      North      Central      West  
 Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Teacher's Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Jr. Dues \$1.50 per student - Adult & Teacher dues are \$4.00 each**

	Piano	Strings	Voice	Flute	Theory	Total
Number of Jr. students x \$1.50 ea.						\$
Number of Adult students x \$4.00 ea.						\$
Teacher Fee						\$ 4.00
<i>Junior Keynotes Magazine</i> subscription (req'd)						\$ 5.00
<b>Check made to GCMTA for total fees:</b>						<b>\$</b>

**If you are entering Adult students, please include the following information:**

Adult Student's Name	Address	Phone #
1		
2		
3		
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**Please pay your Jr dues to your area chairman. The following is a list of last year's NFMC membership by district:**

**Judy Harper, Chairman North District, 770-476-3950, 3014 Seagull Drive, Duluth, GA 30096**

Those who should send dues to Judy are: Alicia Chandler, Marge Engle, Robin Engleman, Stephanie Freeman, Lisa Gaal, Rwei Hao, Elva Johnson, Pam Moody, Nancy Morris, Mary Parsons, Graham Purkerson, Baunita Rose, Terri Schroader, Amy Weaver, Beth Ann Wise, Dianne Wolfgang, Janice Wong, Ping Xu, and Jinghong Ye

**North District Festival: Saturday, February 14 at Duluth First Baptist Church**

**Mary Ann McTier, Co-Chairman Central District, 770-736-4643, 1955 Shrader Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30044**

**Harriet Woodward, Co-Chairman, 770-982-0808, 728 Barongate Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30044**

Those who should send dues to Mary Ann or Harriet are: Pamela Asberry, In-Sun Baik, Bonnie Bowen, Deborah Brady, Melissa Burgess, Marion Compton, Kathryn Dawal, Jean Mann, Nora Martin, Rebecca McKeown, Jacquelyn Miller, Eunju Park, Michelle Peck, Mary Lee Pennington, David Reesman, Lois Simon, Linda Walker, and Tim Wheeler

**Central District Festival: Saturday, February 21 at Lawrenceville First Baptist**

**Debra Hughes, Chairman West District, 770-978-9680, 2937 Moorings Pkwy, Snellville, GA 30039**

Those who should send dues to Debra are: Susan Andrews, Kathy Beers, Rebecca Bonam, Tina Darden, Mary M. Dekkers, Jill Kook, Jenny McCormick, Darlene Mehring, Carole Mitchell, Diana Opolka, Yumi Patterson, Marcia Rygh, Lois Sivert, Louise Storey, Betty Jo Sutherland, Catherine Thacker, Robin Whitworth, and Janet Will.

**West Gwinnett Festival: Saturday, February 14 at Smoke Rise Baptist Church**

NDMTA, AMTA, NFMTA, GCMTA present

**MASTER CLASS**  
***for the gifted and advanced student***

by

**PHILLIP KAWIN**

Friday, October 17, 2008  
Atlanta, GA

• APPLICATION FORM •

Teachers are asked to recommend students who have demonstrated that they are capable of performing at a high enough level to receive the top ratings in competitions. These could be Conference Recitalist or Outstanding Performer for GMTA, GMEA, Bach Competitions or similar competitions.

To apply, one memorized piece is required. Postmark deadline is **September 12, 2008**. Send *completed application form* and *teacher recommendation* to the Phillip Kawin Master Class Coordinator:

Raisa Parmentier Isaacs  
3988 D'Youville Ct  
Atlanta GA 30341

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

School Grade (*as of October 2008*) \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Piano Study \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Local Association \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Piece \_\_\_\_\_

*(complete with opus number, key signature, K number, etc.)*

Composer \_\_\_\_\_

Length \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Achievements**

*(Please list all piano performance awards received by the student)*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Additional questions may be directed to Raisa Parmentier Isaacs by phone or email:  
(770) 458-2626 or (770) 650-9139  
rsparm@hotmail.com