

GCMTA NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of Lois Simon

SIMON SAYS



The January Brunch, as always, was a resounding success. We had 32 teachers in attendance – the largest group we have had, I believe. Bonnie's hospitality was flawless and her home, beautiful (we're waiting for Bonnie to open a bed and breakfast)! Thank you, Bonnie, for continuing to go to so much effort for GCMTA. BRAVA!

It is time to begin thinking about certificates for your graduating seniors. If you have seniors in need of certificates, please let me know so that we can get an adequate number.

Good luck to you all as you enter the season of festivals, auditions, and competitions, as well as preparing students for college auditions. As they say in the theater, break a leg!



VIOLINIST OLIVER STEINER TO PRESENT CONCERT

Violin virtuoso Oliver Steiner will present a concert on February 21, 2008, in the sanctuary of Harmony Grove United Methodist Church, Lilburn, Georgia. The concert, titled "On Wings of Song," will begin at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Steiner's concert will include works by Beethoven, Lalo, Sarasate, and other composers. There is no admission charge for this concert. Donations will be accepted to assist with concert-related costs. Harmony Grove United Methodist Church is located at 50 Harmony Grove Road in Lilburn.

FEBRUARY 27TH MASTER CLASS

We are very pleased to have Lois Finlay as our clinician this month for our 2008 Master Class. Lois is a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music who comes to us from Clarksville, Ga. We will begin with refreshments in the choir room at 9:30 and will adjourn to the sanctuary choir loft of Lawrenceville Church of God to hear the students perform. A brief business meeting will follow.

You may wish to bring copies of the following repertoire :

Sonatina, Opus 151-1, 3rd Movement, Rondo by Diabelli

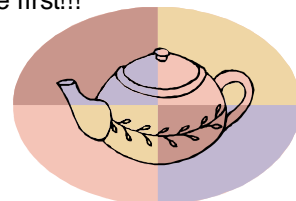
Sonatina, Opus 88, No. 3, Allegro Burlesco by Friedrich Kuhlau

Turkish March from Sonata No. 11 in A Major by Mozart

Elite Syncopations by Scott Joplin

JANUARY BRUNCH A REAL TREAT

Our ANNUAL JANUARY BRUNCH AT BONNIE'S "TEA ROOM" was a "sell out" for sure. It is clear that the word has gotten out – Bonnie Bowen is the hostess with the mostest. The attendance was great, the fellowship was outstanding, the food, superb and the Recital Sharing time most helpful. Thanks to all who brought articles and ideas to share and to Bonnie for her gracious hospitality in opening her lovely home to us. Reservations are now being taken for the first seating for January 2009 – just kidding – guess we'd better ask Bonnie first!!!



LOCAL AUDITIONS ON MARCH 8TH

The local Auditions will be MARCH 8 at Piano Works. Please be prepared to leave a check with the Desk to cover the one-time teacher fee of \$20.00 plus \$26.00 for each OP Winner. If you plan to have lunch at the Audition, please call Bonnie Bowen at 770-963-9319. (Lunch will come from the Atlanta Bread Co. and the cost is \$12.00.)

The Winners Recital will be MARCH 16 at Grace Community Church, 2149 Five Forks-Trickum Rd., Lawrenceville. Recital times are: 1:00 PM for grades 4, 7 & 10, 2:30 PM for grades 5, 8 & 11, and 4:00 PM for grades 6, 9 & 12.

Application deadline for the Theory test is FEBRUARY 29. Send applications to Robin Whitworth. The test will be given at Piano Works on MARCH 8. Copies of past tests can be found at www.georgiamta.org or www.ga-mta.org. Application deadline for students taking the Theory test at the GMTA Auditions in Athens is APRIL 7. Applications and check must be sent to Jason Bennett (not Robin). The test in Athens will be given on MAY 10.

If you have any questions, call Jean (770-932-5185), Stephanie (404-935-3012) or Robin (678-482-6357).



THE BUDDY SYSTEM

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to mentor our new members. Following is a list of "buddies". If you would like to volunteer to be a mentor, please contact Bonnie Bowen (membership) at 770-963-9319. The more we grow the nicer it is to have a buddy.

New Member	Mentor
Boram Esther Chung	Mary Ann McTier
Kathy Dawal	Stephanie Freeman
Theresa Pellicer	Bonnie Bowen
Beth Ann Wise	Judy Harper
Teal Justice	Pam Asberry
Rebecca Ann Bonam	Marcia Rygh
Jinghong Ye	Lois Simon



PIANO RESTORATION PROJECTS FOR NURSING HOMES FROM ROBIN ENGLEMAN

At the January meeting I shared an update about the progress of repairing/tuning pianos in assisted living and nursing homes. For those of you who were not able to attend the luncheon at Bonnie's home, I would like to give a summary of what has transpired to date. If you would like an e-mail with the complete details, please e-mail me at englemanr@bellsouth.net. If you would like to donate toward this project:

Please make checks out to:

Perimeter Church

Donations may be given or mailed to me:

Robin Engleman

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February

- 9 North Gwinnett Federated Festival at Duluth First Baptist Church
- 9 Central Gwinnett Federated Festival at Snellville First Baptist
- 9 West Gwinnett Federated Festival at Smokerise Baptist Church
- 15 JR/SR Auditions Application Deadline
- 27 GCMTA Meeting

March

- 8 GMTA Local Auditions at Piano Works
- 15 Jr/Sr Scholarship Auditions at Piano Works
- 26 Executive Board Meeting



Please note there is no GCMTA meeting in March.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new GCMTA members!
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