

GCMTA NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of Lois Simon

SIMON SAYS



Our Federated Festivals are growing! This year we had 900 students – a record number - participating in our festivals.

- **Our sincerest thanks** go to chairpersons Judy Harper and Ping Xu (North Gwinnett), Mary Ann McTier and Harriet Woodward (Central Gwinnett) and Tiffany White and Debra Hughes (West Gwinnett) for doing an outstanding job.
- **Congratulations** to the winners of scholarships and honors!

Thank you to all the students and teachers who participated in the February Master Class with Lois Finlay. The program was very helpful and we appreciate time and effort that went into these performances. Thanks also to Music and Arts for donating gift certificates to the students.

I will be out of town March 29 – April 2 attending the MTNA conference in Denver. If you need to reach me during that time, please contact Janet Will.

There will be NO GCMTA meeting in March. Our last meeting of the year will be April 23. We will conclude our year with the luncheon on May 21st. Be sure and mark your calendars with these dates.

GCMTA AUDITIONS

A huge thanks to all the teachers for working at the auditions. Please come to the Winners' Recitals on March 16 at Grace Community Church, 2149 Five Forks-Trickum Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30044. The recitals for grades 4, 7 and 10 will be a 1:00PM; the recital for grades 5, 8 and 11 is at 2:30PM; and the recital for grades 6, 9 and 12 is at 4:00PM.

SENIOR CERTIFICATES

If you haven't ordered your Senior Certificates you can sign up at the April meeting, or you can contact Lois Simon. These certificates are for students who have continued music study throughout high school. The certificates will be available at the April meeting and the May luncheon.
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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board (all officers and committee chairs) will meet on Wednesday, March 26, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the home of Lois Simon. This is a 'pre-planning' meeting where we will discuss plans for next year's events. This is also an opportunity to discuss any improvements that you would like to incorporate into your plans.

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)
Arrive at 2117 Birch Hollow Trail



PIANIST NEEDED

Pianist needed at a small church in Loganville, Trinity Presbyterian. Please call Natalie Hardy at 678-985-1440.

CENTRAL DISTRICT FESTIVAL

Central District Festival was held Saturday, February 9 at First Baptist Church Snellville. We had approximately 265 piano solo participants, 3 piano duets, 2 strings and 2 guitar. There were 255 Superior ratings given and 6 Excellent ratings. Our scholarship winners are as follows:

Full Scholarship Winner	Steven Melin (Bonnie Bowen)
Half Scholarship Winner	Yejin Yi (Bonnie Bowen)
1st Alternate	Emma Lin (Jean Mann)
2nd Alternate	Sarah Cooke (Mary Ann McTier)
3rd Alternate	Christopher Kuo (Jean Mann)
Honorable Mention	1. Shushmita Hogue (Jean Mann) 2. Melody McTier (Mary Ann McTier) 3. Derek McCravy (Bonnie Bowen) 4. Kody Dahl (Pam Asberry) 5. Ally Bogle (Lois Simon)

NORTH DISTRICT FESTIVAL

The North Gwinnett Festival was huge in number and success! We had a total of 323 students participating at First Baptist Church, Duluth. Three events; Piano Solo, Concerto, and Hymn Playing, were represented. There were 281 Superiors, 43 Excellent, and 2 Comment Only. I would like to thank the North teachers for all of your hard work. It takes a lot of teamwork to bring such an event together and you were up for the task. THANK YOU! Congratulations to the following Scholarship Winners and teachers:

Full Scholarship Winner	Eric James (Lisa Gaal)
Half Scholarship Winner	Yubo Su (Ping Xu)
1st Alternate	Daniel Forkner (Mary Parsons)
2nd Alternate	Alice Guo (Ping Xu)
Honorable Mention	1. John Gaal (Lisa Gaal) 2. Kevin Do (Stephanie Freeman) 3. Angela Chiang (Rwei Hao) 4. Joseph Weathers (Pam Moody)



Congratulations

WEST DISTRICT FESTIVAL

The West Gwinnett Federated Festival was held at Smoke Rise Academy of Arts in Stone Mountain on February 9, 2008. A total of 319 students participated with 266 earning a Superior rating.

PIANO COMPETITION

Full Scholarship Winner	Shannon Wood (Rygh)
Half Scholarship Winner	My Ngoc To (Sivert)
1st Alternate	Monica Dewey (Sivert)
2nd Alternate	Christopher Meek (Bonam)
Honorable Mention	1. Emma Crist (Andrews) 2. Angela Holleman (Andrews) 3. Lauren Landers (Andrews) 4. Brian Petit-Schreiber (Sivert) 5. Chris Rollins (Andrews) 6. Evelyn Chang (Darden) 7. Abigail Mauck (Rygh)

VOCAL COMPETITION

Winner	Meagan Price (Hughes)
Runner up	Elizabeth King (Hughes)
Honorable Mention	1. Daniela Joel (Hughes) 2. Jessica Woodward (Hughes)

Congratulations to the Scholarship Winners, Alternates, Honorable Mentions and their teachers.

Thanks to Smoke Rise Academy and staff for allowing us to use their wonderful facilities and for working so hard behind the scenes to make festival day enjoyable for all who participate.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Powell, student of Yumi Patterson and Kyle Glasser, student of Jenny McCormick, who received their 60 point cups at festival.



GAINESVILLE PROMUSICA COMPETITION PERFORMANCE

This fall the Gainesville ProMusica Concert Series sponsored a scholarship competition for student musicians from the North Georgia region. A special invitation is extended to all GMTA members and their students to attend the Showcase Concert performance scheduled for 8:00 PM on March 18, 2008 at Pearce Auditorium on the Brenau University Campus. Biographical sketches for all the performers, and complete program information are posted on their web site:

<http://gainesvillepromusica.com/Concert3.htm>

MAY LUNCHEON



Shake your feathers and flap your wings, for we're struttin' off to that quaint little cafe called "The Blue Rooster" for our May luncheon. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 21 at 10:30. Please note the change of the date from our regular meeting. Come hungry, bringing smiles, and ready for good pithy or plain conversin'. Cafe is located off Lawrenceville Highway in Lilburn (107 Main St. NW).



AUDITION WINNERS



Thanks to a wonderful group of teachers for all the hard work at the auditions on Saturday. The OP Winners were:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
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FOURTH GRADE

Benjamin Chen	Parsons
Anna Clack	Andrews
David Zhao	Wong
Patrick Ziegler	Patterson

FIFTH GRADE

Rohitha Baskar	McKeown
Samantha Chen	Wong
Joon Choi	Baik
Laboni Hoque	Mann
Andrew Jeng	Freeman
Liam Butler-Lawrence	Asberry
Anderson Leggett	Wong
Bethany Sides	Mann

SIXTH GRADE

Michael Cao	Wong
Rebecca Kwon	Park
Na Hae Lee	Baik
Nathan Li	Wong
Harold Liu	Wong
Nicholas Na	Bowen
Angela Park	Mann
Lana Wang	Wong

SEVENTH GRADE

Frank Chen	Wong
Philip Lan	Freeman
Jonathan Li	Freeman
Teja Smith	Andrews
Michael Wang	Wong

EIGHTH GRADE

Oren Adam	Wong
Brian Bilbo	Darden
Sitan Chan	Wong
Sophia Chen	Wong
Andy Dang	Wong
Kevin Do	Freeman
Alan Dong	Freeman
Emma Lin	Mann

NINTH GRADE

Evelyn Chang	Darden
Audrey Heard	Wong
Jennifer Hua	Freeman
Anna Kakizaki	Patterson
Hannah Kwon	Park

TENTH GRADE

Alice Chen	Wong
Catherine Cheng	Wong
Cynthia Gannon	Wong
Chanie Howard	Wong
Daniel Li	Wong
Yejin Yi	Bowen
Shannon Zhang	Wong

ELEVENTH GRADE

Hannah Adams	Mann
Alex Clavijo	Freeman
Mark Hadden	Wheeler
Christopher Kuo	Mann
Hanna Lin	Mann

TWELFTH GRADE

Abigail Clack	Andrews
Katy Hsu	Mann
Calah Smith	Andrews
Sakurako Stephens	Patterson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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CALENDAR

March 15	Jr/Sr Scholarship Auditions at Piano Works
March 26	Executive Board Meeting
April 23	GCMTA Meeting
April 26	GCMTA Ensemble Concert – Lawrenceville Church of God
May 9-10	GMTA In-State Spring Auditions at UGA, Athens
May 21	GCMTA Luncheon



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