

GCMTA NEWSLETTER

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September 2008

From the desk of Lois Simon

SIMON SAYS

The Executive Board Meeting on August 27th was very productive. Thanks to all those officers and chairmen who attended the meeting.

The executive committee discussed the following items:

- GMTA has revised the Theory Achievement Test to become more “user friendly” and accessible to more students. GCMTA will be working toward getting more of our students involved.
- Many teachers in Gwinnett County now live in “transitional areas” where it is difficult to attract students by referral only. We discussed ways to help all GCMTA teachers with placement issues.

Thanks to Jenny McCormick who has agreed to take over the task of newsletter mailing.

First Meeting September 24

You don't want to miss our first GCMTA meeting on September 24th. Our harpsichord program will be presented by our own Yumi Patterson. Yumi will be bringing her harpsichord to Lawrenceville Church of God for this occasion.

In addition:

- You can pick-up your yearbook!
- Pay your NFMC dues for Federation – the meeting is the deadline.
- Music and Arts will provide refreshments.

Because the September meeting is such a busy one, we will start the meeting a little early, at 9:45. We want to be sure to make time for our special program.

Welcome back everyone, with a SPECIAL welcome to our new members!



GCMTA FALL FESTIVAL

Last year, nearly 250 students participated in the Fall Festival, and \$30.00 cash awards were presented to 52 students. Each teacher is encouraged to enter students in this exciting and motivating event.

Date: November 15, 2008

Place: Harmony Grove Methodist Church
50 Harmony Grove Road
Lilburn, GA 30047

Deadline: October 10, 2008, delivered

Send to: Marion Compton
1401 Laurel Haven Court
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Applications may also be delivered by 6:00 p.m. Oct. 10 to the New School of Music,
4100 Five Forks-Trickum Road, Lilburn, Ga.

Entry fee: \$20

Rules and Guidelines: See the 2008-2009 GCMTA Directory.

Contact Susan Andrews for more information at 770-267-8032 or pianosusan@comcast.net

BEREAN BAPTIST MUSIC ACADEMY SACRED CONCERT

Berean Baptist Music Academy will be hosting a sacred concert on Friday Oct. 3, 2008. Also, an instructional workshop on aspects of service playing will be conducted on Saturday, October 4, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Students, church pianists, and others interested in hymn playing are encouraged to attend. Rebecca Bonam and Duane Ream, each proficient in this field, will discuss and demonstrate methods of congregational playing and hymn arranging. Music and recordings by these clinicians will be available for purchase. The workshop is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Door prizes will be given out as well as handouts for those attending. Please contact Janeen Finch at the Music Academy, 770-985-5318, ext. 14, to RSVP.

EVERYTHING WE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE HARPSICHORD



Our September program will be brought to us by Dr. Yumi Patterson, an independent piano teacher from Lilburn and a past GCMTA President. She will bring her own harpsichord and present an actual teaching demonstration as she shares about the history, repertoire and performance on this popular 16th through 18th century instrument – one of the forerunners of the piano. Unlike the harpsichords we see in museums, this one will not say “Do Not Touch!” And, if we stay ‘til the end of her presentation, she might even let us try it out for ourselves!! This is one program you might want to invite a friend to hear.

STATE AUDITION WINNERS

Gwinnett had 89 students, representing 17 teachers, on the local level and 54 OPs, representing 13 teachers, who went to State.

35 students, representing 9 teachers, received recognition on the State level. These students and their teachers are:

2008 GMTA STATE WINNERS

| Grade | Student | Teacher | Rating |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|--------|
| 4th Grade | David Zhao | Janice Wong | CR |
| | Patrick Ziegler | Yumi Patterson | AE |
| 5th Grade | Bethany Sides | Jean Mann | AE |
| | Andrew Leggett | Janice Wong | AE |
| | Laboni Hoque | Jean Mann | HM |
| | Andrew Jeng | Stephanie Freeman | HM |
| 6th Grade | Michael Cao | Janice Wong | AE |
| | Angela Park | Jean Mann | AE |
| | Nathan Li | Janice Wong | HM |
| | Harold Liu | Janice Wong | HM |
| | Lana Wang | Janice Wong | HM |
| | Nicholas Na | Bonnie Bowen | HM |

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| 7th Grade | Frank Chen | Janice Wong | AE |
| | Teja Smith | Susan Andrews | HM |
| | Michael Wang | Janice Wong | HM |
| 8th Grade | Sitan Chen | Janice Wong | 1st alt. CR |
| | Emma Lin | Jean Mann | OP |
| | Oren Adam | Janice Wong | AE |
| | Andy Dang | Janice Wong | AE |
| | Kevin Do | Stephanie Freeman | AE |
| | Alan Dong | Stephanie Freeman | HM |
| 9th Grade | Jennifer Hua | Stephanie Freeman | HM |
| | Anna Kakizaki | Yumi Patterson | HM |
| | Hannah Kwon | Eunju Park | HM |
| | Evelyn Chang | Tina Darden | HM |
| 10th Grade | Alice Chen | Janice Wong | CMC |
| | Catherine Cheng | Janice Wong | 1st alt. CMC |
| | Cynthia Gannon | Janice Wong | 2nd alt. CMC |
| | Shannon Zhang | Janice Wong | AE |
| | Daniel Li | Janice Wong | AE |
| | Chanie Howard | Janice Wong | HM |
| 11th Grade | Yejin Yi | Bonnie Bowen | HM |
| | Mark Hadden | Timothy Wheeler | HM |
| 12th Grade | Hanna Lin | Jean Mann | HM |
| | Abigail Clack | Susan Andrews | HM |



FEDERATED NOTES

The Federated Junior/Senior Club dues deadline is September 24th.

Please use the enclosed form and make your check out to GCMTA.

NOTE THAT THE JUNIOR KEYNOTES SUBSCRIPTION IS NOW \$6.00.

There are some changes this year concerning the scholarships and application forms. Read the information in the Federated section of the Directory, and in this column each month, and you won't miss anything!



NORTH FULTON MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION 10TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

NFMTA is proud to announce its 10th anniversary and we are celebrating this event with a concert September 20th at Johns Creek Baptist Church 6910 McGinnis Ferry. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$5/student and we will celebrate afterwards with a reception. You can buy tickets at the door, or order them from Renee Holliman at 770 663-0535 or hollidolli@comcast.net.

The concert will showcase the talents of Fred Hsiang, Lena Zuiff, Paula and Bryan Wamsley, Lori Thornton-Hamrick, Marianna Carroll, Ilya Fishov, Zhanna Faber, Ashley Craig-Diaz, Jackie Hollingsworth, Julie Ye, Brad Krobek, Matthew Kaminski, Frances Yao, Yoshiko Yoshimura, Debra Terning, and Maria Lindberg-Kransmo.

The program will feature piano, both classical and jazz, clarinet, violin, cello, organ and vocals and we are very excited to have such a stellar group of performers come together for this one-time event.

Please bring this to your students' attention as well and come out and support your fellow teachers/artists. We hope to see many friendly faces in the audience.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria L Kransmo, President NFMTA

PHILLIP KAWIN PIANO WORKSHOP FOR GIFTED AND ADVANCED STUDENTS

England Piano,
3740 Dekalb Technology Pkwy
770-451-1725

October 17, 2008 9:00-12:00

If you would like your student to participate in the master class please fill out the attached form and submit it by **September 12th**.

Participation and attendance is free to our members and their students as our chapter (and 3 other Atlanta area GMTA chapters) are hosting this event.

PROGRAMS FOR GCMTA MEETINGS 2008 – 2009

Janet Will, Program Chair 770-381-5956

Meetings are usually held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at Lawrenceville Church of God, 329 Clayton Street (Grayson Hwy), Lawrenceville, GA 30045. Meetings begin with refreshments at 9:30 a.m., a brief business meeting at 9:45 a.m., followed by the program. We conclude around 11:30 a.m.

Please note: This year, our October, January and May meetings will be held off site. The October meeting will be held at PianoWorks, 2805 Buford Hwy, Duluth 30096. The January brunch meeting will be held at the home of Bonnie Bowen, 273 Summit Ridge Dr., Lawrenceville 30045 and the May meeting will be at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, 1400 Killian Hill Rd., Lilburn 30047. Our November meeting will be held on the 3rd Wednesday because of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no meetings in December and April

September 24

Harpichord – the Instrument, Its Music and Performance Practice

Dr. Yumi Patterson (NCTM)*

October 22

Presentation of Literature for Ensemble Concert 2009

Piano Ensemble Committee

November 19

Teaching Music of the Romantic Period – Chopin and Liszt

George Mann (NCTM) GMTA Teacher of the Year

January 28

Annual Brunch – Sharing - Building Your Studio

At the home of Bonnie Bowen

February 25

Piano Master Class

Jean Mann Former GMTA Teacher of the Year

March 25

Preparing Students for Festivals and Competitions

Lois Finlay (NCTM)

May 20

Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers/ Materials & Games Display

Courtesy of Patti Bennett and Music by Patti

*Nationally Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM)



GCMTA Newsletter

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3313 Westbrook Trace
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please add the following new members to your directory information:

Gloria Park

320 Gaines Oak Way
Suwanee, GA 30024
(678) 267-3048
gloriapark@comcast.net
Piano

Sandra Smith Franklin

582 Rebecca St.
Lawrenceville, GA 30045
(770) 963-8456
Piano
Voice

Dana Rice

2048 Mapmaker Dr.
Dacula, GA 30019
(404) 434-8645
Piano
Voice

Barbara Vinson Hall

2800 Pine Log Way
Buford, GA 30519
(678)377-5171
hall190934@bellsouth.net
Piano
Guitar
Voice

Mirela Catalina Dragan

707 James Rd
Lawrenceville, GA 30044
(678) 380-1162
piano707@gmail.com
Piano
Accompanying

Carol Joan McCurdy

368 Shadowbrooke Circle
Loganville, GA 30052
(404)723-3784
spiritchild1252@yahoo.com

Joy Sullivan

450 Grove Spring Ct.
Lilburn, GA 30047
(770)717-0847
jsullivan@greateratlantachristian.org



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) | | | | | | \$ 6.00 |
| Check made to GCMTA for total fees: | | | | | | \$ |

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

| Adult Student's Name | Address | Phone # |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | | |
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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

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)

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