



# GCMTA NEWSNOTES

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From the desk of Yumi Patterson

## The Patterson Report

Thanks to Terri Schroader and her committee for preparing the presentation of music for the Ensemble Concert 2006. Sign your students up today for the Ensemble Concert as they can have a new learning experience and lots of fun. **BRAVO** to the talented teachers who performed all the music: Bonnie Bowen, Terri Schroader, Tim Wheeler, Lois Simon, Dave Reeseaman, Natalie Hardy, Susan Andrews, Debbie Largent, Lisa Gaal, Maisy Pritchard, Tina Darden, Janet Will, Jenny McCormick, Nancy Morris, Judy Harper, Marge Engle, and Ray Silvers. Players and audience all had a great time. Thank you.

## Program Topic for November Composition: A Studio Stimulus

Ever wished you could write pieces for your students or, better yet, help your students to write? The November meeting will help us to learn the craft of composition.

Dr. Graham Purkerson, a new GCMTA member, will present his program *Composition: A Studio Stimulus*. Dr Purkerson will include in his presentation: how to get started, motivational stories, resources and even games to help us tap into our creativity.

Dr. Purkerson has recently moved to the area from Mississippi where he was a college piano and organ instructor and was State President of the Mississippi Music Teachers' Association.

## Festival Cash Awards

At the October meeting, the members approved the following guidelines for distribution of the cash awards at the November Festival. These guidelines supersede the guidelines that are found in the 2005-2006 GCMTA Directory.

Cash awards of \$25.00 each are to be distributed among eligible 5th-12th grade students annually. The number of cash awards shall be determined using the following scale:

| Number of Entrants | Number of Cash Awards |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2-5                | 1                     |
| 6-10               | 3                     |
| 11-15              | 4                     |
| 16-20              | 5                     |
| 21-25              | 6                     |
| 26-30              | 7                     |

If there is only one entrant in a grade, it will be left to the judge's discretion whether or not to present an award.

Following is the breakdown of students and cash awards for this year's November Festival:

| Grade         | Number of Non-competitive Students | Number of Competitive Students | Number of Cash Awards |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>K-4</b>    | 74                                 | 0                              | 0                     |
| <b>5</b>      | 1                                  | 23                             | 6                     |
| <b>6</b>      | 2                                  | 20                             | 5                     |
| <b>7</b>      | 1                                  | 27                             | 7                     |
| <b>8</b>      | 0                                  | 13                             | 4                     |
| <b>9</b>      | 1                                  | 14                             | 4                     |
| <b>10</b>     | 0                                  | 15                             | 4                     |
| <b>11</b>     | 0                                  | 13                             | 4                     |
| <b>12</b>     | 2                                  | 3                              | 1                     |
| <b>Adult</b>  | 1                                  | 0                              | 0                     |
| <b>Voice</b>  | 1                                  | 1                              | 0                     |
| <b>Violin</b> | 1                                  | 0                              | 0                     |
|               | <b>84</b>                          | <b>129</b>                     | <b>35</b>             |

**Total Students: 213**

## Corrections and Changes

### 2005-2006 GCMTA DIRECTORY

Pam Asberry is NOT the ensemble concert chairperson. That is Terri Schroader.

### OCTOBER 2005 GCMTA NEWSLETTER

The Ensemble info is incorrect. Please note the correct information as follows:

- The Ensemble Concert will be April 29, 2006 at Lawrenceville Church of God.
- Registration deadline is November 16, 2005.
- Rehearsal dates at Piano Works are March 18, 25 and April 15, 22.
- Last rehearsal is at Lawrenceville Church of God for dress rehearsal and sound checks the day of the concert.





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## Federated Festival Info

The application deadline for the Federated Festival is **January 7, 2006**. By that date you must deliver the following to your district's festival chairman:

1. Entry fee (\$18.50 per student) in one SINGLE CHECK payable to GCMTA.
2. One NFMC rating sheet (JR 3-9) per student with the repertoire and class filled out.
3. One copy of the 2006 NFMC Applicant List. All required information must be filled in.
4. A signed statement of copyright compliance. The rating sheet, statement of copyright compliance, and the applicant list are included in the current GCMTA DIRECTORY.
5. A self-addressed, stamped envelope.

**All teachers who enter students must work the day of the Festival. Refer to the GCMTA directory for work requirements. Teachers are responsible for following the rules in the 2004-2006 NFMC Festival Bulletin.**

The following is a list of the teachers who have paid festival fees, the district to which they belong, and the chairman to whom applications must be sent:

### NORTH

**Ping Xu**, 520 Avian Court, Alpharetta, GA 30022  
Chandler, Engle, Engleman, Freeman, Gaal, Hao, Harper, Johnson, Largent, Lee J., Moody, Morris, Parsons, Rose, Schroader, Wolfgang, Wong.

### CENTRAL

**Maisy Pritchard**, 450 Fosters Mill Lane, Suwanee, GA 30024  
Asberry, Bowen, Brady, Hardy, Irwin, Kim, Hee Kyung Lee, Mann, McTier, Miller, O'Dell, Pennington, Reesman, Simon, Woodward, Wheeler T.

### WEST

**Tina Darden**, 2235 Cape Courage Way, Suwanee, GA 30024  
Andrews, Beers, Dekkers, James, Mehring, McCormick, Mitchell, Opolka, Patterson, Rygh, Sivert, Sutherland, Thacker, Wheeler B., White, Whitworth, Will.

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## Calendar

### 2005

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|--------------|---|
| November 3-5 | GMTA State Conference                               |
| 12           | GCMTA Festival - First Baptist Church of Snellville |
| 16           | Ensemble Concert Registration Deadline              |
| 16           | GCMTA Meeting at Lawrenceville Church of God        |
| December     | No meeting or newsletter in December                |

### 2006

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| January 7 | Federated Festival Application Deadline    |
| 25        | GCMTA Local Auditions Application Deadline |
| 25        | GCMTA Meeting and Brunch                   |

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## Newsletter Deadlines

### Want a special item in the newsletter?

The deadline for submitting information for publication is the **1st of each month**.

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