

GCMTA NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of Lois Simon

SIMON SAYS

Congratulations to the Ensemble Committee for another fine, entertaining concert. Thanks to Nora Martin, Pam Asberry and Linda Walker and their committee for a job well done.

The Executive Board Pre-Planning Meeting in April was again very productive.

We discussed ideas to improve our various events and voted to make a few changes. Among them:

- **Festivals** - The board appointed Kathy Dawal to head a task force to research the possibility of using on-line registration for our events.
- **Harpichord Workshop** - The board approved the creation of a new event for students. Lois Simon and Yumi Patterson will be the organizers of this new event. Be watching for more information on this exciting new opportunity for students.
- The board also discussed creation of a Lending Library for teachers. This idea will need further discussion and a person to be the Librarian. Contact Lois Simon if you have an interest in this position.

At the end of this month, at our May Luncheon, President Elect Janet Will and the new Executive Board will be installed. Please join us for that event as we bring in new leadership in many positions.

I would like to express my thanks all of you for a wonderful two years that I served as your President. Your support and cooperation made the job seem easy. I feel I learned a lot from the experience and made many new friends in the process. Thank you.



MAY 20 GCMTA MEETING

**Wednesday,
May 20 Meeting
Promises Fun, Food
and Fellowship –**

I sincerely hope you'll be able to join us at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Lilburn, Ga. for a wonderful luncheon – installation of officers – and helpful display of teacher resources, games, give-aways and a short business meeting. Please come and thank Lois Simon for 4 years of hard work on our behalf and welcome the new officers and committee members! This is your music teachers organization – we need your participation and input and welcome your presence with us at this special meeting. Get your reservation to me by Monday, May 11 so we can save you a place at the table. If you can't stay for lunch, plan to be there from 9:30 until...

Hope to see each of you then.
Sincerely Janet Will

Luncheon Menu:

Fruity Chicken Pasta Salad
Chicken breast chunks, apple, pineapple, grapes, celery, green pepper, cashews and pasta, in a sweet creamy dressing
Plus
Spinach Salad with bacon onion vinaigrette
Dessert, tea, water

\$12

**Kindly RSVP, with payment, to Janet Will,
408 William Ivey Rd, Lilburn, 30047
by Monday, May 11, 2009**



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR NEW STUDENTS?

Please contact Teal Justice (tealj@charter.net) if you are looking for new students. Send your name, phone number, email address, and zip code, so new students can be sent your way.

SUMMER PROGRAM

You are invited to the
Summer Program for Teachers, June 19, 2009
By Yumi Patterson, DMA, NCTM

Topic:

Introduction to the Romantic Music for Early Intermediate Students.
Study of Burgmuller Op. 100: Excellent 25 pieces of introducing to phrasing, articulation, dynamics, rubato, voicing and expressions of the Romantic Style.

Text:

Burgmuller, 25 Progressive Pieces Op.100 by Alfred (\$6.95)

9:30-11:30 AM at Yumi's house.
RSVP at 770-979-4227

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Tae Hwan Lee
11225 Quailbrook Chase
Johns Creek, GA 30097
(678)860-6061
roma.academy@yahoo.com

Cello, violin & voice

COMPOSITION WORKSHOP

Composer and pianist Joseph Akins will present a composition workshop at 10:00 on Saturday, June 6th at Piano Works. This is an introductory workshop suitable for students playing at the Late Elementary level and beyond. The cost is \$10 per student. Joseph teaches at Middle Tennessee State University; you can find out more about him and his work at [/www.josephakins.com/](http://www.josephakins.com/).

In addition, Joseph Akins and Stanton Lanier will present a Whisperings Solo Piano Concert at Piano Works that evening at 7PM. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Both of these events are sure to be motivational and inspirational for you and for your students!

For more information or to order tickets, contact Pam Asberry at 678-714-7251.

CERTIFICATION

Our GMTA Executive Board approved a recommendation that all individuals who obtain MTNA certification for the first time during the period between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009 will receive a complimentary 2009 GMTA Conference Registration.

We would like to recognize Deborah Brady, NCTM, GCMTA's most recent NCTM. Congratulations!

For more information about National Certification visit www.mtnacertification.org or contact Robin Engleman at englemanr@bellsouth.net.

SALO SOLISTI ORCHESTRA CONCERT



Sunday 3:00 PM on June
16th

at the Lilburn Christian Church on Arcado Road. This concert is always free and is directed by Norman Vernal of the Gwinnett Schools.