

## From the President

Many thanks to the Ensemble Committee (Pam Asberry, Nora Martin, Linda Walker, Deb Hughes, Lois Simon) for presenting our October program - Repertoire Preview for the April 24, 2010 Concert. It was very exciting to hear the selections and plans for the spring event! We especially thank these teachers who presented duets: Pam Asberry, Tim Wheeler, Patti Bennett, Natalie Hardy, Bonnie Bowen, Lois Sivert, Debra Hughes, Cathy Thacker, Tina Darden, Rebecca McKeown, Robin Engleman, Mary Marshall Dekkers, Diana Opolka and Janet Will. We appreciate Piano Works hosting our meeting and Music and Arts providing refreshments. Also, Tim Wheeler is "great" to record the pieces for us so that our students

will have copies to practice with. He has also agreed to have CDs available for us early - around Wed., Nov. 4th - for those teachers who would like to involve their students in the selection process. Just contact Tim at his Double # Studio. The cost is \$7.95 and you can pick up directly from him. Several teachers who have never involved their students before are making plans to do so this year - that's a good thing! For those of you who are sitting on the fence, take a look at an article in the Autumn 2009 JUNIOR KEYNOTES magazine (pg.25) which comes to us from the National Federation of Music Clubs. All who have pre-registered for the 2010 Federated Festival Events receive this publication. This piece is a

tremendous affirmation of the benefits of ensemble work for today's student. It will convince you! And our great Ensemble Committee makes it so easy for us as teachers to provide this opportunity for our students - and at all levels. Give it a try, if you're not already a believer! The Ensemble Concert registration deadline is Wednesday, November 18 - forms may be turned in at our meeting that day - see pg. 34 of the GCMTA Directory.

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## November Meeting

Please join us for the November meeting to hear our very own Deborah Brady and Linda Walker make a presentation about composing and getting published. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, at 9:30am, at Lawrenceville Church of God, 320 Grayson Highway SW, Lawrenceville (the location of our September meeting). *Please note that our meeting is one week earlier than usual due to the Thanksgiving holiday.*

Deborah Brady began her teaching career while still an undergraduate, teaching keyboard theory courses at Shorter College and giving private lessons in piano and guitar. Nationally certified by the American

College of Musicians, she currently operates a thriving piano studio in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Deborah has performed extensively throughout the southeast and has appeared on numerous regional TV and radio programs. Her compositions have been selected for the NFMC Junior Festivals list. Her latest collection is *Favorite Hymns, Books One, Two, and Three*, published by the Neil A. Kjos Music Company.

Linda Walker has taught general music, theory and choir for grades K4-6<sup>th</sup> grade and is presently in her 28<sup>th</sup> year of piano teaching. In addition to her college education (music education at Oral Roberts University and Piano Performance at

the University of South Alabama), she has completed teacher training courses in the Suzuki Piano Method of teaching. She is also an accomplished composer who has been published by 11 different publishing companies. Her main publisher is LifeWay Christian Resources, where she is a staff composer, writing choral works for children through 12 years. She has 226 songs to date in their catalog. Her piano and keyboard works are published by Willis Music.

Many of us have enjoyed using Deborah's and Linda's piano works in our studios, and we look forward to their presentation!



# Federated Festival Notes



The deadline for entering students in the Federated Festivals is January 9, 2010.

I would like to remind you of a few things before submitting your

applications to your chairman.

Be sure to follow the guidelines in the NFMCA Bulletin and that your repertoire choices are correct. All other rules and information are listed on p. 21-27 of your Directory.

**PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS AS REQUESTED ON THE 2010 APPLICANT LIST.** This will help the chairman and schedulers as they prepare.

If you have transfer students, please fill out the form JR 3-1 so that your student's previous information can

be recorded correctly.

Students in grades 9-12 are eligible for scholarships at the discretion of the chairman.

The fee for each student is \$18.50. **FEEES FOR ANY EXTRA EVENTS ARE \$11.00.**

Contact your chairman or myself for any questions.

Judy Harper

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"I think I did see all heaven before me, and the great God himself."

-Handel on his feelings while writing the Hallelujah Chorus

## Handel Seminar

Anticipating the holiday season and looking forward to the community sing-along of Handel's Messiah (December 12th at Berean Baptist Church, 7:00 pm.) Berean Baptist Music Academy will be offering a seminar - Can You "Handel" It? on Saturday, November 21st from 9:00 am until 10:15 am. There will be an interview with the composer himself (!)

along with student performances of works by Handel other than Messiah. Cost for the seminar is \$5 for students and \$10 for adults, parents, and teachers. For more information, contact Rebecca Bonam, 770-375-8460 or Berean Baptist Church, 770-985-5318.

## Calendar Reminders

November 14 - GCMTA Festival - Duluth First Baptist church

November 18 - GCMTA Meeting (*note the change in date to 3rd Wed. because of Thanksgiving*)

Ensemble Concert Registration deadline - *back at L'ville Church of God location*

December - No GCMTA meeting or newsletter

January 9 - Federated Festival Application deadline

January 27 - GCMTA Meeting and Annual Brunch at the home of Bonnie Bowen

February 20 - Free Piano Pedagogy Symposium - UGA Sat. 10:30-4

(Presenters: Robert Duke, Martha Hilley)



## GCMTA Fall Festival Update



We are once again having excellent student and teacher participation in our Fall Festival. While our number of participants is roughly the same, we have an outstanding number of high school students participating this year. All materials have been sent out to participants. If you are participating and have not received your materials,

please contact Kathy Dawal (phone: 404-583-9769/678-546-0028; email: [music@writingondawal.com](mailto:music@writingondawal.com))

Deb Hughes will be organizing hospitality for the Festival. She will contact you to arrange your hospitality item.

Lunch will be a catered buffet including two types of bread with beef, turkey, ham, or chicken salad, with a choice of two cheeses, toppings, and condiments; pasta salad, potato chips and brownies. The cost is \$10. Please phone Deb Hughes to order lunch, and mail your check, made out to GCMTA to Deb Hughes, 2937 Moorings Parkway, Snellville, 30039.

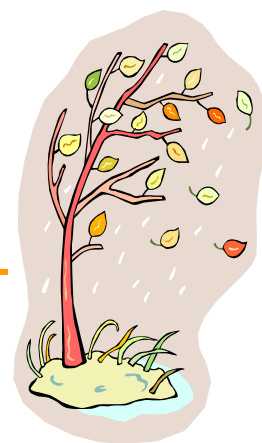
Work assignments have also been sent out. They will have to be fine tuned as some questions cannot be resolved until the church representative is back

at work, later this week.

All morning workers, please be at the church before 8 a.m. We will have a general meeting of all workers at 8 a.m. Judges will be arriving between 8 and 8:30 a.m. We will have a brief meeting with the judges at 8:30 a.m., after which a member of each door team will escort your judge to her room.

All judges instructions/information will be communicated in a letter ahead of time, and repeated at the meeting. Door teams will have a copy of this information to refer to should the judge have a question.

We will email a copy of the building map to participating teachers ahead of time. The layout is simple and we are all on one floor.



## Conference Catch-up

Those of you who were unable to attend last spring's MTNA Conference in Atlanta, or Pedagogy Saturday may find the October-November issue of AMERICAN MUSIC TEACHER especially helpful. This is the official journal of MTNA, published six times a year. Those of us in attendance will also benefit from the reviews of those sessions which took place on Pedagogy Saturday, with the topic being "Music For A Lifetime: Learning

And Teaching Strategies For Adults." From the keynote speech (Aun Aprendo) I'm Still Learning, to "The Joys of Making Music Recreationally" for adults - this was cutting edge stuff and "way practical." Check it out in the 2009 Pedagogy Saturday Report (pg. 14-37).

-Janet

## Newsletter Information

If you have information that needs to go in the newsletter, please email it to [gcmtamail@gmail.com](mailto:gcmtamail@gmail.com). Label your email with "newsletter" in the subject line. You can also call me at 678-985-9302. Please send me your information as you want it worded in the newsletter, and have it to me by the 1st of the month. Please try not to do too much formatting on your information (spacing, tabs, etc.) Leave that up to me. Thank you!

*Natalie Hardy*

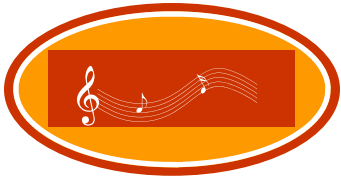


## GCMTA News

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Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association



Please visit our website

[www.gcmta.org](http://www.gcmta.org)

A few things you will find on the website are: various forms for events, photos, committee members' email addresses, past newsletters, the "Find a Teacher" tool, and many other things. Kathy Dawal and Eric Asberry are working hard to make it both useful and attractive for us and the community.

If you haven't visited yet, take a look!

## Odds & Ends

Members who did not pick up their 2009-2010 GCMTA Directory at our September meeting may obtain one by sending \$6.00 to Lisa Gaal, 1535 Shagbark Way, Cumming, Ga 30041.

Please correct Junghee's phone number in your directory!

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