

Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association

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From the desk of Yumi Patterson

The Patterson Report

The month of March was filled with many events, and all went very smoothly. Thanks to the chairpersons, Jean Mann and Stephanie Freeman, for organizing the GCMTA Local Auditions. And thanks to Tim Wheeler, for the JR/SR Scholarship Auditions. Congratulations to all of the winners of awards and honors. Ensemble rehearsals started in March, too, and students were excited to play duet/trio/quartet music.

The collaborative Conference of MTNA, CFMTA, and CRM in Toronto, Canada, was very successful. All of the sessions I attended were excellent, and the concerts and recitals were outstanding. I met quite a few Canadian teachers with whom I shared and exchanged ideas and made new friends. I was inspired and refreshed. The MTNA Conference 2008 will be in Denver, Colorado. The great news is that Atlanta will be the site for 2009. I hope that many GCMTA members will be able to attend.

Our March meeting was the last official meeting I presided over. Please come and join us at the May luncheon to support the new GCMTA officers and committee chairs as they are installed by Dr. Martha Thomas, GMTA President.

Senior Certificates

The senior certificates will be available from Yumi Patterson at the May luncheon for those who requested them.



JR/SR SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

The Jr/Sr Audition was a great success, and I would like to thank all of the students and teachers for participating. We had 13 students who performed wonderful literature and played very well. We had co-winners for first place, which were awarded to Rebecca Winters (Elva Johnson) and Catherine Parsons (Tania Maxwell-Clements). They each will be awarded \$700. Second place was not awarded. Third place went to Seda Hocaoglu (Jean Mann) for \$400. And fourth place went to Sakurako Stephens (Yumi Patterson) for \$200. There were several honorable mentions. Thanks again, and congratulations to all who participated!

Tim Wheeler, Chair

GCMTA AUDITIONS 2007 OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS

STUDENT

TEACHER

4TH GRADE

Justin Lee	Stephanie Freeman
Laboni Hoque	Jean Mann
Wilson Pu	Janice Wong
Bethany Sides	Jean Mann
Lindsay Wong	Janice Wong and Hsiang-Ling Wong

5TH GRADE

Michael Cao	Janice Wong
Patric Chang	Tina Darden
Mallory Duffield	Susan Andrews
Harold Liu	Janice Wong
Niki Na	Bonnie Bowen
Angela Park	Jean Mann
Lana Wang	Janice Wong

6TH GRADE

Frank Chen	Janice Wong
Anna-Katherine Ezell	Janice Wong
Philip Lan	Stephanie Freeman
Jonathan Li	Stephanie Freeman
Teja Smith	Susan Andrews

7TH GRADE

Oren Adam	Janice Wong
Andy Dang	Janice Wong
Kevin Do	Stephanie Freeman
Alan Dong	Stephanie Freeman
Emma Lin	Jean Mann
Kyle Mancuso	Stephanie Freeman
Kyle Yu	Janice Wong

STUDENT

TEACHER

8TH GRADE

Evelyn Chang	Tina Darden
Eric James	Lisa Gaal
Jennifer Hua	Stephanie Freeman
Chris Rollins	Susan Andrews
Bing Wang	Yumi Patterson

9TH GRADE

Andrew Chambers	Yumi Patterson
Alice Chen	Janice Wong
Cynthia Gannon	Janice Wong
Kelvin Wey	Stephanie Freeman
Shannon Zhang	Janice Wong

10TH GRADE

Hannah Adams	Jean Mann
Alex Clavijo	Stephanie Freeman
Christopher Kuo	Jean Mann
Hanna Lin	Jean Mann
Calah Smith	Susan Andrews

11TH GRADE

Abigail Clack	Susan Andrews
Daniel Forkner	Mary Parsons
Seda Hocaoglu	Jean Mann
Steven Melin	Bonnie Bowen
Rebecca Winters	Elva Johnston

12TH GRADE

Bradley Harris	Lois Sivert
Andrew Sears	Stephanie Freeman
Jared Smith	Yumi Patterson
Rosaline Tio	Yumi Patterson
Jordan Ou	Janice Wong

2007-2008 Slate of GCMTA Officers and Chairmen

PRESIDENT	<i>Lois Simon</i>
PRESIDENT – Elect	<i>Janet Will</i>
SECRETARY	<i>Tina Darden</i>
TREASURER	<i>Cathy Thacker</i>
ADVISOR	<i>Yumi Patterson</i>
CERTIFICATION	<i>Robin Engleman</i>
ENSEMBLE PIANO CONCERT	<i>Pam Asberry</i> <i>Nora Martin</i>
FEDERATED FESTIVALS	
Central	<i>Mary Ann McTier</i> <i>Harriet Woodward</i>
North	<i>Judy Harper</i> <i>Ping Xu</i>
West	<i>Tiffany White</i> <i>Debra Hughes</i>
GCMTA FESTIVAL	<i>Susan Andrews, Coordinator</i> <i>Marion Compton</i> <i>Lisa Bassett</i> <i>Michelle Peck</i>
GMTA AUDITIONS	<i>Jean Mann</i> <i>Stephanie Freeman</i> <i>Robin Whitworth</i>
GMTA THEORY	<i>Mary Marshall Dekkers</i>
HOSPITALITY	<i>Nancy Morris</i>
WEB-SITE COMMITTEE	<i>Tim Wheeler</i>
JR/SR SCHOLARSHIP AUDITION	<i>Bonnie Bowen</i>
MEMBERSHIP	<i>Susan Andrews</i>
MTNA FOUNDATION	<i>Susan Andrews</i>
GMTA AWARDS	<i>Melissa Gann</i>
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YEARBOOK	

INTERACTIVE SEMINAR ON TAUBMAN TECHNIQUES

Berean Baptist Music Academy will be hosting a workshop/seminar with Mrs. Alice Gingery of Greenville, SC, on Friday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Gingery was a member of the piano faculty at Bob Jones University for over 50 years and continues to maintain a home studio. She was a student of Leo Litwin, former pianist with the Boston Pops Orchestra. For ten summers, she attended seminars at the Dorothy Taubman Institute of Piano in Amherst, MA, to learn how to teach piano to injured students. Mrs. Gingery will be presenting an interactive seminar on Taubman techniques. The seminar is free, and all area piano teachers and their students are invited. There will be a reception following. The seminar will be held at Berean Baptist Church at 1405 Hewatt Road, Lilburn, GA 30047. For further information and to register, please contact Marcia Rygh at 770-843-1669 or by email at mrygh@biblicalministries.org.



May Luncheon – May 16th
Killian Hall from 10:30 – 1:00

Please join us for our final gathering this spring as we celebrate our achievements for this year, recognize and thank the outgoing officers, and support the new officers as they are inducted in a special ceremony. **Reservations are required, and payment must be received no later than April 15th.** Make checks to GCMTA for \$20.00 per person and designate “May Luncheon.” Please mail your check to Bonnie Bowen by the deadline. We will have a casual buffet of salad, sandwiches, chicken fingers, fruit medley and cake with tea & coffee. Hope to see you there!

The Killian Hall website for directions is: http://killianhall.com/index_files/directions.htm.

From I-85: I-85 North to Indian Trail exit, go right. Follow 3 miles, cross over Hwy. 29 (Lawrenceville Hwy.). Indian Trail changes name to Killian Hill. Follow another 3.3 miles. Killian Hall is located on the left directly across from Children’s World Daycare.

From Snellville: Hwy. 78 toward Stone Mountain. Turn right on Killian Hill. Follow approximately 3 miles. Cross over Five Forks Trickum Road, and Killian Hall is two-tenths of a mile on the right. Directly across from Children’s World Daycare.

Announcements

ENSEMBLE CONCERT CD’S

Tim Wheeler will be recording the Ensemble Concert again this year. There will be a sign-up sheet at Piano Works at the two rehearsals on April 14 and 21. There will also be a sign-up desk in front of the concert, or you may call Tim at 770-906-3296. CD’s will again be \$16 (plus \$4 shipping). The CD’s will have a more professional look this year. All orders must be pre-paid.

ON-SITE RECORDINGS

Tim Wheeler is able to go on-site and record your event. If you would like your spring recital recorded (or anything else) with CD’s to offer your students and families, there are a couple of very affordable pricing packages available. These packages involve either low or no cost to the teacher. Some events are already booked, so call early to schedule your time with Tim at DoubleSharp Music for details. Please call at 770-906-3296 or email at doublsharpmusic@bellsouth.net.

TEACHING MATERIALS FOR SALE!

Debbie Murphy (former GCMTA president) has piano method materials (Faber, Alfred, Hal Leonard), as well as primer and elementary teaching pieces for sale for nominal prices. Also for sale at greatly reduced prices are several software programs (Music Ace 1 and 2, Print Music, Midisaurus, and more). If you are interested in purchasing materials or would like more information, contact Debbie at murf2227@bellsouth.net or 770-614-1258.

Newsletter Deadlines

The deadline for submitting information for publication is the **1st of each month**. Please contact **Cathy Thacker** with the necessary information.

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Mark your calendar!

April

NO MEETING IN APRIL

- 14 Ensemble Rehearsal
- 21 Ensemble Rehearsal
- 28 Ensemble Dress Rehearsal (AM)
GCMTA Ensemble Concert 4 PM

May

- 12 GMTA State Auditions at UGA
- 16 GCMTA Luncheon