

Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association

GCMTA NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of Yumi Patterson

The Patterson Report

BRAVO! To the teachers who performed at the meeting in October. Janet Will and the Ensemble Committee presented the literature for the 2007 Ensemble Concert. The performers were: Tim Wheeler, Pam Asberry, Susan Andrews, Tina Darden, Jenny McCormick, Yoshiko Yoshimura, Harriet Woodward, Mary Ann McTier, Lois Simon, Patti Bennett, Diana Opolka, and Cathy Thacker. Special thanks to Kai Bassett for narrating. It was a very nice presentation. The literature choices this year are sensational! The music is displayed at Music & Arts stores, and recording CD's are available from Tim Wheeler. The Ensemble Concert once again will be a spectacular finale for GCMTA's events for the 2006-2007 year.



THANKS to those who turned the surveys in. If you still have your surveys, bring them to Lois Simon at the next meeting. The deadline is December 1st.

NEXT MEETING will be held at the Lawrenceville Church of God on November 15. Please plan to attend!

November Program -- Preparing Students for Festivals and Auditions

Join us on November 15th as Jean Mann shares with us the secrets to her success in preparing excellent students. She will be joined by Jana Ritchie for this very topic which is so pertinent to us all.



SURVEY REMINDER from Lois

So far I have received only 15 surveys from teachers. In order to have a meaningful survey, we should have information from at least half of our teachers, which should be about 50 of you! You can mail the form to me OR bring it to the November meeting. The deadline is December 1st. (I'm waiting for your responses to see if my tuition rates are comparable to the rest of yours – we need this information, so be sure to return it to me!) We plan to publish the combined results in the January newsletter.

Please e-mail me at loissimon@aol.com or call me if you need to receive a form.

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Announcements

Ensemble Music CD's Available

All of the duet music for the 2007 GCMTA Ensemble was recorded at the October meeting. CD's will be available for teachers for \$5 from Tim Wheeler. Tim will bring the CD's to the November 15 meeting, but needs to know in advance **HOW MANY** copies to make. Or they can be mailed directly for \$8 (\$5 for the CD + \$3 shipping) by contacting Tim. If the CD is picked up at the meeting, payment can be made at that time. Contact Tim Wheeler with any questions at (770)925-7929 or timwheeler@bellsouth.net.

Chopin Society Competition (written and performance) November 18, 2006 Information:
Ping Xu 770-619-5290 or feliciapingxu@yahoo.com

Piano Olympics

Information: Bonnie Davis (Greater Marietta MTA) 770-505-0339

NDMTA Workshop

"Teaching Adult Beginner & Intermediate, Holiday Duet Music, Pattern Studies Technique, Jazz" Presented by Dr. Jim Lyke and Dr. Geoffrey Haydon, on Thursday, November 16, 10:00 – 12:30, at Steinway Piano Galleries, 6650 Roswell Road, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30328

Lost & Found

Someone (probably a child) left a small case with some rechargeable batteries at the Ensemble Concert at the end of April. To claim it, please have them contact Robin Engleman at englemanr@bellsouth.net with the following information: 1) the brand name on the case, and 2) the type of batteries.

2006/2007 GCMTA DIRECTORY

Any GCMTA member who paid their 2006-07 GCMTA dues and still needs a 2006-2007 directory, please send \$5.00 to Lisa Gaal, 1535 Shagbark Way, Cumming, GA 30041.

Ensemble Concert – April 28, 2007

BIG NEWS—Mary Hinely, from Georgia Perimeter College, has agreed to be our conductor for the ensemble concert. She will conduct all the pieces for students at the intermediate level and above.

TEACHER WANTED:

Dacula Academy of Preschool & Childcare, Inc., is looking for a teacher who can teach music theory class for the after school children 4 days a week from 4:00-5:00. Contact Shelly Coe, Resource Coordinator, 2303 Alcovy Road, Dacula, GA 30019. The telephone number is (770)962-4128.

Newsletter Deadlines

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

Telephone 770-978-3708 **Email** cbt88@bellsouth.net

Federated Festival

The application deadline for the Federated Festival is **January 6, 2007**. By that date you must deliver the following to your district's festival chairman:

1. Entry fee (\$18.50 per student; \$10 each additional event) 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 2007 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.

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: JUDY HARPER, 3014 Seagull Dr., Duluth, GA 30096

Chandler, Engle, Engleman, Freeman, Gaal, Hao, Johnson, Lee J., Moody, Morris, Parsons, Rose, Schroader, Weaver, Wolfgang, Wong, Xu.

CENTRAL: MAISY PRITCHARD, 450 Fosters Mill Lane, Suwanee, GA 30024
Asberry, Baik, Bowen, Brady, Compton, Gann, Hardy, Kim, Mann, Martin, McTier, Miller, Peck, Pennington, Purkerson, Reesman, Simon, Wheeler T., Woodward

WEST: TINA DARDEN, 2235 Cape Courage Way, Suwanee, GA 30024
Andrews, Beers, Dekkers, Hughes, Kook, Mehring, McCormick, Mitchell, Patterson, Rygh, Sivert, Storey, Sutherland, Thacker, White, Whitworth, Will.

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.

Congratulations!

to Pam Asberry whose student, Justin Graniero, won the GMTA/MTNA Senior Composition Competition and performed his composition at the GMTA Conference on Thursday afternoon.



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Mark your calendar!

November 11	GCMTA Festival
November 15	Ensemble Concert Application Deadline
November 15	GCMTA Meeting (last meeting of 2006)
December 1	GCMTA Survey Deadline
January 6 (2007)	Federated Festival Application Deadline
January 24	GCMTA Meeting and Brunch
January 24	GMTA Local Auditions Application Deadline
February 10	North and West Gwinnett Federated Festivals
February 17	Central Gwinnett Federated Festival

