

Gwinnett County Music Teachers Association

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From the desk of Yumi Patterson

The Patterson Report

It was a great success! Our three districts just finished the biggest event, Federated Festival. A total of 800 students participated in Federated Festival this year. Congratulations to the chairpersons Tina Darden (West Gwinnett), Judy Harper (North Gwinnett), Maisy Pritchard (Central Gwinnett), and their committees. Also, thanks to all of the teachers who worked to prepare the events and to the students who participated. Congratulations to the winners of the full scholarships, half scholarships and honors!

Thanks to the teachers and students who performed in the February Master Class by Mr. George Mann. The pieces were well prepared, and the program was great. We appreciate the time and effort by all. Thanks to Music & Arts for donating gift certificates for the performers.

Mark your calendar on March 28 for the last GCMTA program this school year. March 22-27, I will be in Toronto, Canada, for the MTNA Conference. I won't be able to check my emails until the night before the meeting, so please contact Lois Simon concerning the March meeting. There is no meeting in April, and we will conclude our year with a luncheon in May. At the May meeting, the new president and officers will be installed.

Senior Certificates

If you haven't ordered your certificates for senior who continued music study throughout high school, sign up at the March meeting or contact me. The senior certificates will be ready to hand out at the May luncheon.

Yumi Patterson



March 28 PROGRAM--Don't Miss It!

Although our March meeting is usually the LEAST well attended of our meetings, you don't want to miss this one! Mary Walker from Columbus is back, by popular demand, to teach and entertain us. This time her topic will be "Decoding: Key to Success at the Piano." (Mary will show us how to help our students navigate all those little dots and squiggles.)

Lois Simon

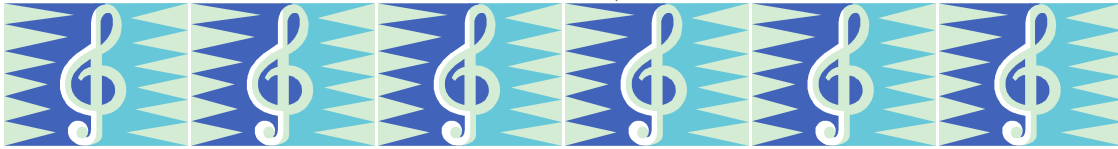
FEDERATED FESTIVAL REPORTS

The **West Gwinnett** Federated Festival was held at Smoke Rise Academy of Arts in Stone Mountain on February 10, 2007. A total of 272 students participated with 239 earning a Superior rating. **Emily Dedo** (student of Susan Andrews), **Kyle Glasser** (student of Jenny McCormick), and **Elizabeth Powell** (student of Yumi Patterson), each earned their 11th consecutive Superior this year. Congratulations to them as well as the following Scholarship Winners, Alternates, Honorable Mentions, and their teachers:

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Full Scholarship	Bradley Harris	Lois Sivert
Half Scholarship	Rosaline Tio	Yumi Patterson
1st Alternate	Abigail Clack	Susan Andrews
2nd Alternate	Angela Holleman	Susan Andrews
3rd Alternate	Fernando Satterwhite	Susan Andrews
Honorable Mention	Calah Smith	Susan Andrews
Honorable Mention	Vanessa Utley	Tina Darden
Honorable Mention	Adam Smith	Carole Mitchell
Honorable Mention	Brian Pettitt-Schieber	Lois Sivert

Thanks to Smoke Rise Academy and staff for allowing us to use their wonderful facilities and for working so hard behind the scenes to make festival day enjoyable for all who participate.

Tina Darden, Chair



The **North Gwinnett** Federated Festival was held at First Baptist Church in Duluth on February 10, 2007. A total of 279 students participated. Congratulations to the following students and their teachers:

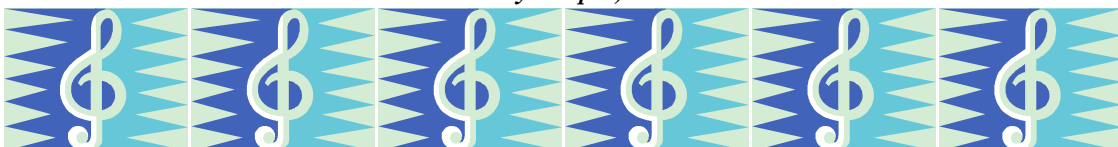
	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Full Scholarship	Jenny Mao	Ping Xu
Half Scholarship	Grace Wirabudi	Rwei Hao
1st Alternate	Eric James	Lisa Gaal
2nd Alternate	Catherine Zhang	Ping Xu
3rd Alternate	Kevin Pan	Ping Xu
Honorable Mention	Kelvin Wey	Stephanie Freeman
Honorable Mention	Alex Clavijo	Stephanie Freeman

Voice Winners

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Winner	Kirsten Browning	Debra Hughes
Honorable Mention	Daniela Joel	Debra Hughes
Honorable Mention	Elizabeth King	Debra Hughes

Many thanks to the 18 participating teachers who helped to make it a success.

Judy Harper, Chair



The **Central Gwinnett** Federated Festival was held at Buford Presbyterian Church on February 17, 2007. It was an exciting day, and it was great to see so many students participate in this event! Altogether 249 students performed that day in the Piano Solo, Piano Duet, Hymn Playing, Classical Guitar and String categories. There were no Concerto or Vocal participants this year.

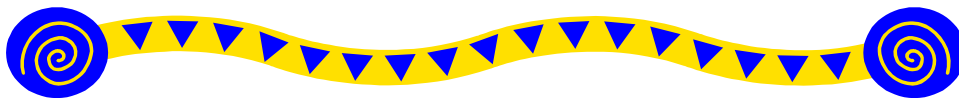
Congratulations to the following students and their teachers:

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Full Scholarship	Katy Hsu	Jean Mann
Half Scholarship	Seda Hocaoglu	Jean Mann
1st Alternate	Christopher Kuo	Jean Mann
2nd Alternate	Steven Melin	Bonnie Bowen
3rd Alternate	Hannah Adams	Jean Mann
Honorable Mention	Mark Hadden	Tim Wheeler
Honorable Mention	Joanna Reesman	David Reesman
Honorable Mention	Grace Bui	Maisy Pritchard
Honorable Mention	Brittany Clark	Lois Simon

We also have a **String Scholarship** recipient:
Sophia Kirchoff, student of Mary Lee Pennington

Thank you all for helping to make our Festival day a success! We would also like to thank the Pastor and staff of Buford Presbyterian Church for the kind and generous use of their church as well as Piano Works, Inc., for the use of their pianos on Festival day. If you would like to send feedback about our Festival, please feel free to e-mail me at maisy@bellsouth.net. Have a great and musically-productive rest of the year!

Maisy Pritchard, Chair



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 at this meeting. Reservations are required, and payment must be received no later than April 15th. Make checks payable to GCMTA for \$20.00 per person and designate “May Luncheon.” Deliver to Bonnie Bowen at the March meeting or mail by the deadline. We will have a casual buffet of salad, sandwiches, chicken fingers, fruit medley and cake with tea and 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

JR/SR SCHOLARSHIP AUDITION

The Jr/Sr Scholarship Audition will be held on March 17 at England Piano on DeKalb Technology Parkway. It will run from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and the judge this year again is Dr. George Lucktenberg. There are 13 entrants: all piano, save one viola. Teachers will be notified by telephone later that afternoon as to the winners.

Tim Wheeler, Chair

CONGRATULATIONS to **Kathy Beers**, whose student, **Emily Tweedy**, has been accepted into Florida State and Shorter College music programs. Emily has studied with Kathy for ten years.

PIANO FOR SALE

Yamaha C7 F2 (special edition) grand piano. High gloss black finish, 10 years old. Asking price of \$18,500. Please contact Sally Frank at dieter1111frank@yahoo.com, or call (706)896-0895.

CHURCH PIANIST NEEDED for Calvary Baptist Church, 5255 Lawrenceville Highway, Lilburn, Georgia 30047. Responsibilities are Sundays (morning and evening service), and choir practice sessions (Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.). Flexible start date. Send resume or questions to calvaryjobs@bellsouth.net, or call (404)374-1435.



I would like to express my gratitude to this chapter for the expressions of condolence over the passing of my father. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

*Sincerely,
Carole Mitchell*

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!

March

- 10 Local Auditions
- 17 JR/SR Scholarship Auditions
- 23-27 MTNA Conference
- 24 GCMTA Ensemble Rehearsals start
- 28 GCMTA Meeting

April

- 14 GCMTA Ensemble Rehearsal
- 21 GCMTA Ensemble Rehearsal
- 28 GCMTA Ensemble Concert

May

- 12 GMTA In-State Spring Auditions at UGA
- 16 GCMTA Luncheon