

Austin District Music Teachers Association

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April 2009

April Dates

- Apr. 6** 9:45 a.m. ADMTA Business Meeting and Student Affiliate Business Meeting
Apr. 6 **Deadline: Solo Contest Entries**
Apr. 18 **Romantic/Contemporary Festival:** UT 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Apr. 20 **Deadline:** Outstanding Student Awards/Senior of the Year Awards
Apr. 20 **Deadline:** Spring Luncheon—Contact Patches King
Apr. 20 **Deadline:** May newsletter items must be postmarked or e-mailed by this date.
Send to editor pwong1@austin.tx.net
Apr. 20 **Deadline:** TMTA/SA Semi-finals Applications
Apr. 22 **Deadline:** Honors Recital 4 (Wednesday)
Apr. 25 **Solo Contest:** UT 12:30 to 6:00 pm
Apr. 29 **Deadline:** Honors Recital 5 (Wednesday)

From the President's Desk...

Dear ADMTA Members,

Our meeting this month is dedicated to ADMTA and Student Affiliate business. On the ADMTA agenda is picking convention delegates! If you are planning on attending the TMTA State Convention please consider being a convention delegate and representing our local association. The convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Houston Texas, June 11-14. Go to "tmta.org" and click on "convention" to see information on guest speakers and session topics.

The delegate assembly is held on Sunday evening. Attendees will vote on a few issues and then be treated to a fine program featuring the premier performance of this year's commissioned composer winner. A treat! Delegates will be chosen at the April meeting. Send an email to carol@musicroom.net if you wish to be a delegate, but cannot attend the April meeting.

Student Affiliate would like to discuss and explore the possibility of reducing the number of monitoring exemptions festival chairs and officers currently receive. This should be a lively discussion! Come and let your voice be heard.

The May Luncheon will be held at Live Oak Unitarian Church, 3315 El Salido Dr., Austin, TX. 78613. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m., and will include performances by the 2009 scholarship winners, presentation of teacher recognition awards and the installation of the 2009-2010 officers.

The lunch menu includes a build-your-own pasta station, salad station with two salad choices and drink station featuring lemonade and tea. Yummy!! Send your check made out to ADMTA, in the amount of \$13.00, to Patches King at 1818 Ashby Ave., Austin, TX. 78704. Please postmark your check by April 20, 2009.

Carol Feist
President, ADMTA

MONTHLY REMINDERS

YEARBOOK CORRECTIONS

If your contact information is not correct in the yearbook please send a correction notice to newsletter editor, Paula Wong pwong1@austin.tx.net. She will announce the change in the newsletter. Also, copy Catherine Davis at

<catherine@capmusic.com>, Flossie Young <flossiesin2n@austin.rr.com> and Karen White <kwhite@mail.utexas.edu>. It takes all these people to keep our information correct.

TEACHER REFERRAL COMMITTEE

Do you need to fill an opening in your studio? The Teacher referral Committee can help! Email these ladies if you would like your name and contact information to be placed on the referral list. If you live in Westlake or north Austin contact Kay Rivers kay@kayandfriends.com If you live in south Austin contact Lindy Peterson lindy@peterson5.com

WEB LISTING

Are you looking for some free advertising? The ADMTA website can help. All members are invited to have their name, email address or website address listed by zip code. Check it out, go to austintxmusicteachers.org and click on "Looking for a Teacher". Contact Janet Russell, jrr@suddenlink.net to have you name added.

CONTACTING YOUR OFFICERS

Please contact these busy people by email. If telephoning, do not call between teaching hours, usually 3:30 -7:30 pm.

MEETING AGENDA

Meeting agenda items may be submitted to Carol Feist: carol@musicroom.net, no later than 5 pm on the Saturday before each monthly meeting. Only items on the agenda will be considered at the monthly meetings.

ADMTA TREASURER’S REPORT – 3/21/09

Chase Checking Account	\$9,516.00
Wachovia Securities Scholarship Account	\$27,291.30

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AND SCHEDLER CONTEST AWARDS

After reviewing the amount of funds available in the Wachovia Securities Scholarship Account, the ADMTA Executive Board has voted to increase the scholarship awards for 2009 and 2010. There are sufficient funds to increase the amounts to:

High School Scholarship	Schedler Contest Award - \$350
First Place - \$800	
Second Place - \$500	
Third Place - \$350	

Janet Russell,
ADMTA Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Please welcome the following new member, and make a note of her contact information for your records.

Gabriela Garza
3410 B West Ave.
Austin, Texas 78705
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gabyxpiano@hotmail.com

Jeannie DeArmond-Henselman
Membership Chair

STUDENT AFFILIATE NEWS

Dear Fellow Teachers:

1. In reviewing festival entries from last year and this, it seems we have some teachers who are unaware of the problems being caused by excessive changes to schedules once times are given. I need to inform and remind all of you that changes to students' times with their judges once sent to you should only be changed on a RARE occasion. It is too much extra work to accommodate changes. Our form has a column for marking a preference of differing times of the day. It is up to the teacher to be aware of the students' schedules BEFORE the entry forms are submitted. We have in place the policy that changes if needed are to take place within the studio as a way to handle the random, occasional issues. Not as a standard procedure. I would ask you to please know ahead of time your students preferences and then choose the appropriate box before you submit the form. Your courtesy will be greatly appreciated in this area as it takes 35-45 man hours ahead of time to prepare for festivals and your consideration in this area will save much in the way of repeated, unnecessary work for our Festival Chairs.

2. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers this year. In spite of a few wrinkles, this was a much smoother year than last year thanks to all of you. I hope that when the call goes out for volunteers for next year, there will be a willingness to continue to support this organization which supports developing excellence in music. So, please be prepared to give of yourself, your time and talents. By volunteering, you not only help and benefit those you serve but your capacities are enlarged and you are a better person for your efforts.

Tricia Romriell
Student Affiliate Chairman

Baroque/Classical Festival Report

The results of the B/C festival are as follows: # of entries was 327, with 47 teachers and 301 students participating. The scoring breakdown resulted:

- S+ = 59
- S = 144
- S- = 64
- E+ = 25
- E = 5
- E- = 1
- No rating = 3

There were 6 judges, and the time went from 8:30 - 5:00.

Thank you - Mary Tongay, chair

Student Affiliate Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance as of 2/27/09: \$22,630.57
Savings Account Balance as of 1/30/09: \$5,581.02

Ana Ortega
SA Treasurer

Solo Contest IMPORTANT Information

Please be advised of the changes made to the Solo Contest for 2009. As you register online on the website, you will now have 3 forms per student to print. A Master list form, Contest form, and Critique form will be required for each student entering the Solo Contest. The Master list form continues to contain the teacher's info and list of students participating. The Contest form and Critique form are similar to each other with the exception of the Critique form having only a contestant number for the judge to refer to the student. The Critique form will still be the form used for the judge's comments. The Contestant form will only be used by the Solo Contest chairman to organize the event.

Once you have registered your students on the website, all 3 forms will be automatically generated and ready for you to print. These forms and the check are due to the Solo Contest chairman, SukYee Woo, by April 6, 2009. For any questions regarding your enrollment on the website, please contact Buffy Currens or me.

Thanks!
Ana Ortega
Web Administrator
