

Austin District Music Teachers Association

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November 2007

November Dates

- Nov. 3** Austin Youth Symphony Auditions - Preliminaries
Nov. 4 Austin Youth Symphony Auditions – Finals (Sunday)
Nov. 3-4 TMTA/MTNA Performance Competitions – Sam Houston State University
Nov. 5 General Meeting: Strait Music, 9:45 am, Program: Michelle Schumann, Artistic Director, Austin Chamber Music Center, “Balancing an Extraordinary Schedule and How to Be Effective as a Teacher and Performing Artist.”
Nov. 12 **Deadline:** Hymn Festival entries
Nov. 12 **Deadline:** Publication Competition – local entries
Nov. 17 **Duet Festival:** UT 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Nov. 19 **Deadline:** December Newsletter items: please postmark or email by this date. Send to editor, Paula Wong pwong1@austin.rr.com
Nov. 26 **Deadline:** Honors Recital 2

From the President’s Desk...

Have you ever tried to teach piano lessons with out the necessary books and materials? There is an organization in Austin that is having a difficult time providing materials for their piano students. The Keys of Life Piano Program needs our help! In association with the George Washington Carver Museum the Keys of Life Piano Program provides low cost piano lessons to deserving children. How can you help? Clean out those piano benches and bring your unwanted music to the November and December meetings. Any and all kinds of new or gently used piano books will be appreciated.

I have a note from Patches on my desktop. She and I have been cooking up a REAL COOL SURPRISE for ADMTA teacher and student members. Patches says its time to release details of this BIG EVENT! Keep reading!

COMMISSIONED COMPOSER NOMINEE NAMED

Congratulations to Rosemary Byers for being selected ADMTA Commissioned Composer Nominee at the October meeting. Rosemary is a member of the National Association of Composers USA.; her compositions have been published by *Hal Leonard, Alfred Music, Carl Fischer and Lee Roberts Publications*. The Austin District is proud to have Rosemary represent us at the state level.

DO YOU STILL NEED A YEARBOOK?

Yearbooks are available by mail only. To receive one, send a check for \$3.50 to Brenda Hohman, 8005 Buckshot Trail, Austin, TX. 78729. It may take up to two weeks to get your copy by mail.

TIME TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

The ADMTA Executive Board is recommending that Article 4, Section 4, of the bylaws be amended. The ADMTA membership will vote on this amendment at the November meeting.

The sentence to be amended is in bold type.

Article 4, Section 4, currently says: Associate members are persons interested in the art of music who are ineligible for Active membership. Associate members may not hold office or vote. Associate teachers can participate with the exception of voting and holding office. They may monitor, attend meetings, programs, workshops, and conventions. ***Their students will not be able to participate in events until the teacher is an active member.***

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office. They may monitor, attend meetings, programs, workshops, and conventions. *“Their students may participate in the Hymn Festival, which is an ADMTA event, but no Students Affiliate events, until the teacher is an active member.”*

EVERY MONTH REMINDERS

CORRECTIONS

If your email, phone number or address is incorrect in the yearbook, please send a correction notice to newsletter editor, Paula Wong pwong1@austin.rr.com. She will put the correction in the newsletter. Copy the email to Flossie Young FlossiesIn2n@austin.rr.com and Karen White kwhite@mail.utexas.edu. It takes 3 people to keep everyone connected! Your email address must be correct in order to receive monthly newsletters and announcements.

TEACHER REFERRAL

All teachers wishing to be included in the 2007-2008 Teacher Referral List are asked to submit a new request for the current year. Names will not be transferred from last year’s list. Please use these guidelines for submitting your information to the Teacher Referral Committee.

name
address
specialization, if any
telephone number
email address
website, if any
general area in which you live
any qualifications you would like to list

If you live in Westlake or North Austin, send your information to Kay Sparks ks@zeecon.com. If you live in South Austin, send your information to Lindy Peterson lindy@peterson5.com.

When referring inquiries to the committee, please do not give out the Kay’s and Lindy’s phone number unless the person does not have access to email. Email is by far the easiest way to communicate the information to inquirers.

CONTACTING YOUR OFFICERS

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

AGENDA

Meeting agenda items may be submitted to Carol Feist carol@musicroom.net no later than 5:00 pm on the Saturday before each monthly meeting. Only items on the agenda will be considered at the monthly meetings.

Regards,
Carol Feist,
President

THE BIG EVENT!!!

I am thrilled to share with you this awesome opportunity for all teacher and student members. ADMTA is bringing Randall Faber (you know who he is) to perform a concert benefiting the Keys of Life Piano Program. Student and teachers members of ADMTA are also invited to attend this free concert.

Program will include:

W. A. Mozart – Sonata in B-flat Major, K. 570

F. Chopin – Etude in C Minor, Op. 10, No. 12, Etude in F Minor, Op. 10, No. 9, Berceuse, Op. 57, Ballade in G Minor, Op. 23.

G. Gershwin – I Got Rhythm

C. Debussy – Claire de Lune, Suite pour le piano

There will be an autograph party after the program. Have your students bring their favorite Faber book for an autograph. Save the date and make plans to attend!

Location: First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4700 Grover Avenue
Date: Sunday, December 2, 2007
Time: 7:00 pm
Admission is free

Remember to clean out your piano bench! Donations of printed piano music will be accepted for the Keys of Life Piano Program at the monthly November and December meetings and at the concert on December 2nd, 2007.

Patches King
Program Chair

STUDENT AFFILIATE NEWS:

Dear Student Affiliate Teachers:

I'd like to touch base with everyone about participating in and helping out with festivals. Remember, if you enter any amount of students into a festival, you are required to help out with that festival or the ensuing honors recital. If you know in advance that you will not be able to help out the day of the event (out of town, conflicting event, etc), please contact the chair in advance of the event to find out others ways in which you can help prepare for the festival. If you do not contact the chair before the event, and when the chair contacts you to ask you about monitoring, and you simply say that you cannot be there the day of the event, your entries will be returned. Monitoring hours will be divided up based on the hours needed to run the festival. Teachers will be given monitoring hours based on the amount of students entered into festivals.

Remember: you can always ask another ADMTA teacher to sub for your monitoring hours for any festival. It is up to you to find that sub and let the chair of the festival know whom that sub will be. It is also up to you to "thank" your sub (by switching hours with him/her at another festival, taking them out to lunch, etc.)

The bottom line is: if you cannot help monitor the day of the event, contact your festival chair before an event to make other arrangements. Please do this in writing (e-mail) or by phone. Do not wait for the festival chair to contact you. If you or your sub do not show up for monitoring you will be required to monitor an additional 8 hours at the next festival that you enter. This is found in your yearbook on page 20.

Here are some thoughts about monitoring:

So you've entered only 2 students into the upcoming festival and are wondering why you are being asked to monitor for 2 hours when your students are only playing for a total of 5 minutes. Well.....Your students are playing for a judge. It took the judging coordinator 15 minutes to locate the judge and hire him or her. This judge is being paid: it took the SA treasurer 5 minutes to write out a check and update the books to pay him/her. Your student is playing in a UT room, which took the SA chair 15 minutes to schedule. Perhaps your student is playing in a faculty studio--this took an additional 5 minutes of time, scheduling the faculty rooms with UT professors.

Your student is receiving a ribbon and a certificate, each which took 10 minutes to print out, fill out, and buy. You student is scheduled to play at a certain time, in a certain room, with a certain judge. You can thank the festival chair for taking 10 minutes out of his or her busy day to do that. You may want your student's ratings mailed to you. Again, thank the festival chair and co-chair for taking 10 minutes to fill out the envelope, stamp it, and place it in the mailbox. Did you send in a check to cover the fees of the event? It took the SA treasurer 5 minutes to endorse and drive to the bank and deposit each check.

The judges are working hard all day and need a lunch break--did you know that some of the office staff took 15 minutes to pick up their lunches and bring them back to the UT music building? You may have had questions about the festival and e-mailed the festival chair or SA chair. They took 10 minutes out of their busy schedule to e-mail you back. Perhaps the chair of this festival is someone who bravely volunteered to run it for the first time. You can thank our festival coordinator for spending 30 minutes out of her busy week to mentor the chair of the festival. Remember the forms that you filled out and mailed in? It took hours to prepare each form for the web, and for print in the yearbook.

Wow--your student earned a superior plus and will be playing in the honors recital! Thank the honors recital chair for spending 10 minutes typing out the program, 5 minutes printing it out, and another 30 minutes driving to make 100 copies. And yes, someone was there at the honors recital early, making sure the recital venue was set up, the pianos were in place and

tuned, and the lights were dimmed so that you, your students, and their proud parents can relax and listen to them play. Now multiply these minutes times the hundreds of students entered into each festival and you can see how many hours are put into each event. Whew---aren't you glad you were only asked to monitor 2 hours?

Hours it takes to run an ADMTA festival: 2,875
Hours you are asked to help: 2
The proud faces of your students and their parents: priceless

Kathy Rabago
SA Chair

Jazz, Pop & Rock Report

ADMTA/SA hosted the Jazz, Pop & Rock Festival on Saturday, Oct. 6th, 2007. Statistics from the festival include:

Students Registered: 242
Students Participating: 228
Participating Teachers: 32
Adjudicators: Marilyn Rucker, Buffy Currens, Anthony Tobin, Sandra Burnaman, Jodi Blount, Brooks Whitmore

Tim Girardot, Festival Chair

Fall Theory Report

The Fall Theory Test was held at UT on Saturday October 20, 2007. Here are some statistics from the festival:

Students registered: 324
Tests administered: 280
Number of Teachers monitoring: 30

Thanks to Ellen Spencer for her many hours donated before the day of the test.

Marti Dudgeon, Fall Theory Chair

NEW ADMTA MEMBERS

Please welcome two new ADMTA members and be sure to add the contact information to your yearbook.

Christina (Tina) Sowers
12320 Alameda Trace Circle #908
Austin 78727
589-5244
tinapianochic@hotmail.com

Eik Mar
20208 Bellerive Dr.
Pflugerville, TX 78660
252-2092
eik@littleyellowkite.com

Lori Hahn, Membership Chair

New E-mail address for ADMTA member:

Julia Kruger's current e-mail address is: jkruger06@sbcglobal.net Please make this change for your yearbook.

New phone contact for HYMN FESTIVAL CHAIR and new member:

Julianne Brown, new member, is correctly listed in the Yearbook as to e-mail and physical address. However, both phone numbers are different. Correct numbers are listed below and are in the 512 area code.

CELL: 921-6040 (please use for business if possible) HOME: 832-6755

ADMTA Treasurer's Report for October 2007

ADMTA Treasurer's Report – 9/28/07

Checking Account

\$11,103.48

A.G. Edwards Account

\$26,179.48

Remember that the ADMTA is a tax exempt organization. Contact me for the tax ID number if you are making purchases.

Janet Russell

ADMTA Treasurer

IMTF Request

Traditionally, the January ADMTA meeting is reserved for an Independent Music Teachers Forum presentation. We explore some topic of interest regarding private studio teaching. If you have ideas for a topic you would like explored at this meeting, please contact Karen White kwhite@mail.utexas.edu. Also, if you are interested in doing a book report on one of the remaining books on the Suggested Pedagogy Reading list (distributed at the September meeting), or if you would like to report on another resource that you think might be of interest to the membership, please contact Karen White.

Wilcox – Maurer Contest for High School Musicians

The Wilcox-Maurer Contest for high school musicians sponsored by the Wednesday Morning Music Club is scheduled for March 15, 2008. The deadline for applying is February 15. Prizes range from \$425 to \$850. Please consult www.austintxmusicteachers.org for repertoire and other requirements.

Student Affiliate Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance as of 9/28/07: \$24,173.16

Savings Account Balance as of 9/28/07: \$5,515.90

Ana Ortega

SA Treasurer

Austin Young Concert Artists Auditions

The Austin Young Concert Artists will be having auditions on Saturday, November 17th and Sunday, November 18th, at the UT Music Building. Approximately 30-35 performers will be chosen to present a Gala concert in Jessen Auditorium on January 20th. All performers will receive a monetary award and plaque. For further information see www.austinyoungartists.com. Deadline for applications is November 1st.

Martha MacDonald, President
Austin Young Concert Artists
