

Austin District Music Teachers Association

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October 2007

October Dates

- OCT. 1** **Deadline:** Request for meeting attendance exemption
OCT. 1 **Deadline:** Austin Youth Symphony Auditions
OCT. 1 **9:45 am** General Meeting and SA Business Meeting; “Positive Teaching”: Getting the Best Out of Every Student
OCT. 6 **Jazz, Pop & Rock Festival** – UT 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
OCT. 10 **Deadline:** Honors Recital I entries (Wednesday)
OCT. 20 **Fall THEORY Test** - UT 12:30 to 6:00 pm
OCT. 21 Honors Recital I @ Jessen Auditorium, 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm (Sunday)
OCT. 22 **Deadline:** November Newsletter items: please postmark or email by this date. Send to editor, Paula Wong pwong1@austin.r.com
OCT. 29 **Deadline:** Duet Festival Entries
OCT. 29 **Deadline:** Original Composition Contest – local entries

From the President’s Desk...

As we draw closer to the first Student Affiliate event I would like us all to take a few minutes and thank all the special people who made the many arrangements for our activities. Kathy Rabago and the SA Committee – Ana Ortega, Buffy Currens, Mary Tongay, Anne Adams, Angelica Lopez, Flossie Young and Tricia Romriell have worked diligently over the summer months to organize and prepare for the coming year. You are all greatly appreciated for your hard work and dedication.

Now it is time for volunteers to step forward and take charge of running our events. It takes all of us working together to create the opportunities that will enhance the musical development of our students. Volunteers are an essential element of ADMTA/SA and without them our events would not be possible.

I hope you will view your hours of service to the organization in a very positive way. Volunteering is an opportunity to make new friends, visit with old friends, network, and learn about our events and most importantly, volunteers are our link to the public. I believe we all want our students and their parents to have a wonderful experience at events, so smile, chat, be helpful and kind.

If you are a new member of ADMTA, I urge you to volunteer. It is the best way to get to know our events and meet other members. Also call on the mentor that was assigned to you. Mentors can be very helpful as you learn about the many different ADMTA/SA activities. If you are a mentor, make contact with the new member assigned to you. Introduce yourself, maybe arrange to meet a few minutes before or after the next meeting and visit a few minutes.

We all share many of the same goals and dreams for our students, together we can make them come true. Best wishes to you all for the coming year!

Here are the other items on my desktop.....

COMMISSIONED COMPOSER

October is the month ADMTA members get to choose a Commissioned Composer nominee. The Commissioned Composer program, sponsored by MTNA and TMTA, is dedicated to encouraging the creation of new works by American Composers.

If you have a nominee in mind please seek their permission before they are nominated to make sure they have the time to submit the necessary information before the October 25, 2007 deadline. The nominee does not have to be a member of ADMTA. Forms and information are available at tmta.org.

MEETING ATTENDANCE EXEMPTIONS

ADMTA members who cannot attend meetings due to employment other than private teaching on Monday mornings will be granted an exemption from meeting attendance. You must request it. Send your request by October 1 to the ADMTA Secretary:

Nancy Driver
ndriver@austin.rr.com

Teachers receiving an exemption must do an additional 4 hours of service in lieu of attendance in order to enter their students in ADMTA and Student Affiliate events. Service can be monitoring or helping with other tasks needed to run our organization. Contact the Student Affiliate Chairman, Kathy Rabago kathyrabago@sbcglobal.net to see how you can help.

EVERYONE NEEDS A YEARBOOK

Do you have your yearbook? Yearbooks will be available at the October meeting. After the October meeting yearbooks will be available by mail only. To receive a yearbook by mail 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.

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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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 Kay's or Lindy's phone numbers 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.

Carol Feist,
President

AYSA Auditions

Early Deadline for Austin Symphony Auditions

Another reminder that the Austin Symphony Youth Auditions will be earlier than usual this year. The application deadline is October 1st, auditions will take place November 3rd and 4th and winners' performances with the ASO will be January 15th – 18th. Applications can be obtained online at the ADMTA website: austintxmusicteachers.org.

Dr. Eric Hicks,
Chair

OCTOBER PROGRAM! DON'T MISS IT!

Dr. Lesley Sisterhen, D.M.A. is assistant Professor of Piano and the Director of Piano Pedagogy at Baylor University. The subject of Ms. Sisterhen's doctoral dissertation was imagery, mental practice, and relaxation techniques. She will be presenting on 'Positive Teaching: Getting the Best Out of Every Student.' This presentation will focus especially on students at the beginning stages of music lessons that have been classified as "hyperactive" or have trouble following instructions or staying motivated. Practical teaching strategies will be suggested, including how to communicate rules and consequences from the very first lesson, how to promote a calm and relaxing atmosphere in the studio, and how to include physical movement in the lesson. "Positive teaching" can help students flourish and help teachers maintain their enthusiasm, thus replacing the negative cycle of dread and resistance with one of success, practice, and progress. **DO NOT MISS THIS EXCITING AND INFORMATIVE PROGRAM!!!!**

Patches King, Program Chair

Fall Theory News

Everything you always wanted to know about the Theory Test but were afraid to ask. We can use more monitors - volunteer now! A total of 324 students registered, 34 teachers participating.

Student Information for Fall 2007 Theory Test

The Fall Theory Test will be held in the UT Music Building during the afternoon on **Saturday, October 20, 2007**. Grades 1, 2, 7 through 12 will be at 1pm. Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 will be at 3pm.

Do not check in at the information desk. Students who show up to take the theory test and have not been registered will be sent home. **Students should know what test level you signed them up to take, and the same spelling of their name that was used for their Student Affiliate registration.**

Signs will be posted for each grade level with room numbers. Please look for these signs before asking for help.

Students are to go directly to their test room. Parents are not permitted to enter the testing room.

Students should plan on arriving 10 - 15 minutes before the test is scheduled to begin.

Bring TWO sharpened pencils and a good eraser. Students are not allowed to take anything else into the testing room. Scratch paper will be provided.

Marti Dudgeon, Fall Theory Chair

NEW ADMTA MEMBERS

Please welcome two new ADMTA members, and be sure to add their contact information to your yearbook should you need to contact them during the year.

Rebecca Lew
beccacolew@gmail.com

Judy Burns
jwburnspiano@aol.com
Wburns3@aol.com

Lori Hahn, Membership Chair

New E-mail address for ADMTA member:

Warren Wilson's current e-mail address is: wswilson9@att.net Please make this change for your yearbook.

ADMTA Treasurer's Report for September 2007

ADMTA Checking Account balance 8-31-07.....\$12,012.07

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

Janet Russell
ADMTA Treasurer

IMTF Request

Traditionally, our January meeting is reserved for an Independent Music Teachers Forum presentation. We explore some topic of interest regarding private studio teaching. We typically call on the expertise of our members in making small presentations on the topic and then open up the floor for comments/suggestions/questions from the whole membership. 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.

Thanks for your participation.
Karen White, IMTF Chair

Student Affiliate Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance 8/31/07: \$11,154.86
Savings Account Balance 8/31/07: \$5,513.78

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
