

Austin District Music Teachers Association

www.austintxmusicteachers.org

October 2008

October Dates

- Oct. 1** **Deadline:** Requests for meeting attendance exemption
- Oct. 6** **Deadline:** Austin Symphony Youth Auditions
- Oct. 6** 9:45 a.m. General Meeting and SA Business Meeting; Program: Mark Uridel: "Anatomy of the Shoulders, Arms, Neck and Spine: How to have great posture and play freely."
- Oct. 11** **Jazz, Pop & Rock Festival** – UT 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Oct. 14** **Deadline:** Honors Recital I (Tuesday)
- Oct. 19** **Honors Recital I** Jessen Auditorium 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm (Sunday)
- Oct. 20** **Deadline:** November Newsletter items e-mailed by this date. Send to editor: pwong1@austin.rr.com
- Oct. 27** **Deadline:** Duet Festival Entries
- Oct. 27** **Deadline:** Original Composition Contest –Local Entries

From the Presidents Desk...

Dear ADMTA Teachers,

I hope you all will make plans to attend the October 6th meeting. Mark Uridel will be our guest speaker and will present "Anatomy of the Shoulders, Arms, Neck and Spine: How to have great posture and play freely." Following the program there will be a short ADMTA and SA business meeting.

By now most of you will have enrolled your students in Student Affiliate using the new Student Affiliate section of the ADMTA website. Were you as delighted as I was? Wasn't it easy? We all owe a big "Thank You" to Kathy Rabago for getting this project up and running. Exciting "new features" will be added in coming months that will greatly reduce the workload of many SA volunteers.

If you cleaned out your music closet over the summer and have some music you are not going to use again, please consider bringing it to the October or November meeting. All music collected will be donated to the Keys of Life Piano Program under the direction of Daphne McDole, who in association with the George Washington Carver Museum provides low cost piano lessons to deserving children. You can you help! Clean out those piano benches, any and all kinds of new or gently used piano books will be appreciated.

At the October meeting we will choose our Commissioned Composer Nominee. This program sponsored by MTNA and TMTA, is dedicated to encouraging the creation of new works by American composers.

The nominee has to submit quite a lot of information and materials to TMTA postmarked by October 25, 2008. The forms and information are available at www.tmta.org. If you have a nominee in mind, please seek their permission before they are nominated. Be sure that they can submit the information by the deadline. The nominee does not need to be a member of ADMTA.

Regards,
Carol Feist
President, ADMTA

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please welcome the following new members who have recently joined MTNA and ADMTA, and add their information to your yearbook:

Leah Billingsley
1010 Arcadia Ave.
Austin, Texas 78757
(512) 517-5054
leahpiano@gmail.com
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Christy Miller Jackel
8308 Coriander Cove
Austin, Texas 78729
(512) 331-5596
cjackel@austin.rr.com

Mieun Lee
7550 Country Club Drive #4104
Laredo, Texas 78041
(956) 326-3079
mieun.lee@tamiu.edu

Sincerely,
Jeannie Henselman
Membership Chair

ADMTA Treasurer's Report – 9/19/08

Checking Account \$11,488.20
A.G. Edwards Account \$27,251.58

Janet Russell
ADMTA Treasurer

STUDENT AFFILIATE NEWS

Once again heartfelt thanks for all of you who have graciously given and will give of your time. We are defined by our actions and I am proud of the actions of this association. .Albert Einstein said, "If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music...I do know that I get (the) most joy out of my violin."

It is humbling to think that a person who has done so much for the development of mankind viewed his life and got the most joy through music; the work that we are engaged in. Hopefully, this thought will help us remember our purpose, and deepen our resolve to be excellent. In our efforts to be excellent, please be sure and read and REREAD page 21 of the yearbook. It will explain clearly our monitoring policies. Also be sure to CHANGE YOUR PASSWORD.

Happy teaching.
Until next month, respectfully yours,
Tricia Romriell

Student Affiliate Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance as of 8/29/08: \$11,535.58
Savings Account Balance as of 8/29/08: \$5,577.27

Ana Ortega
SA Treasurer

Teacher Referral Committee

We will not be transferring names from last year’s referral list to the new one, so if you would like to be on THIS year’s list, please send a new request. If you live in Westlake or North Austin, send your information to Kay Rivers (ks@zeecon.com). If you live in South Austin, send your information to Lindy (lindy@peterson5.com).

If you would like to be listed with the Teacher Referral Committee, please use these guidelines for submitting your information:

- 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

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.

Below (in bold type) is the letter that goes with the list when someone contacts us.

AUSTIN DISTRICT MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Teachers in North Austin and Westlake (or areas in and around South Austin) with openings

Here is the list of teachers you requested from the Austin District Music Teachers Association referral list who may be in an area near you. This is not a recommendation by the association or any of its members, but merely a list of teachers who have indicated they have openings. You may also want to check out our website at www.austintxmusicteachers.org for other teachers who belong to our association.

Thank you for your interest in your child's musical education and the services of Austin District Music Teachers. Please let me know if you need further help.

Kay Rivers, Teacher Referral Service ADMTA
kay@kayandfriends.com

Monthly Reminders

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks will be distributed at the September and October meetings. You need a yearbook! It is brimming with information about our organization and its activities. If you cannot pick one up at the September meeting this nice person will mail you one.

Brenda Hohman
8005 Buckshot Trail
Austin 78729
<brendahohman@sbcglobal.net>

Send Brenda a check for \$3.50 to cover the cost of mailing. Be sure to include you name and mailing address. Yearbooks are available for mailing after the September meeting. They will be mailed only once every two weeks on Fridays, so it may take as long as 2 weeks to get your copy by mail. Meanwhile, the event dates are available online at austintxmusicteachers.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 send your request by October 1 to the ADMTA Secretary:

Nancy Driver
ndriver@austin.rr.com
8102 Elkhorn Mountain Tr.
Austin, TX. 78729

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, Tricia Romriell tromriell@yahoo.com to see how you can help.

CONTACTING YOUR OFFICERS

Please contact these busy people by email. 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 pm on the Saturday before each monthly meeting. Only items on the agenda will be considered at the monthly meetings.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

Please make a note of the new e-mail address for Kay Rivers. The new address is: kay@kayandfriends.com
