
The Score

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The Newsletter of the NSMTA

May 2007

From our President....

Dear NSMTA members,

There is quite a bit of news to report in this issue of The Score. We have three new officers: Donna Fortney will be our new recording secretary replacing Peggy Pascal. Ron Surace will be our new second vice-president/membership chair replacing Joan Kurtenbach. And Karen Tobias will be our new treasurer replacing Rachel Snyder.

Peggy, Joan and Rachel were outstanding officers during their tenure, and did a terrific job for our group. There are areas where NSMTA needs help. Jennifer Cohen could use help with the Sonata-Sonatina Festival and our group also could use an ad/publicity chair-person. This last job has been done by yours truly.

Matt Hagle has been selecting the piano competition repertoire and would like to turn that over to another teacher. Please contact Matt if you can help in this regard.

I have been looking for a simple answer to allow our membership to make their own changes to personal and professional information posted on the web-site. I liked the simplicity that the www.privatemusicteaching.org format provided for its teachers. During the last meeting a vote was taken that would allow our webmaster to make the necessary changes to our membership Database.

We have a 2007 MOY award winner (member of the year). Congratulations to Joan C. Kurtenbach! The vote was unanimous.

Also, I attended the Oakton Six Piano Ensemble and enjoyed a fine performance. NSMTA's Beatriz Levi was honored for her 20 years of service as a member of the ensemble. She also played the Adagio Cantabile and Rondo: Allegro from Beethoven's Pathetique Piano Sonata.

Thank you to Dr. Sylvia Wang for filling in for the chamber music master class. Also, a reminder that the board meeting is May 21st at 9:30 am. It will be held at The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 2328

Central Road in Glenview, IL. This is for all officers and committee chairs. Please bring your calendars.

I am grateful for Beth Klingenstein's column in the NMTA magazine. In the April/May issue she discusses the rates of independent music teachers. She has found (not surprisingly) that our incomes fall somewhere between a manicurist and a maid. If you haven't read this article I urge you to do so. I am often shocked and saddened by how little many teachers charge for their time, experience, and education. We have to pay rising costs on insurance, gas, and our rates need to cover a number of other expenses, as well as our time. Check out the rates of other tutors, trainers, sport coaches, etc, for comparison.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy summer!

Eric Sutz
NSMTA President

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 20, 2007

Contest and AIM Winners Recital
Glenview United Methodist Church
727 Harlem Avenue, Glenview

May 21, 2007

Board Meeting (Officers and Committee Chairs) Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Glenview, 2328 Central Road, Glenview

No May Meeting

June 11, 2007 (Monday)

Teachers' Recital 11 a.m. **PLEASE NOTE**
LOCATION CHANGE: 4300 West Lake Avenue, #C304, Glenview, IL 60026.
Luncheon 12:15, The Café, Glenview.
Luncheon deadline is Friday, June 1

Piano Competition Winners

PRIMARY DIVISION:

1st prize - Alexandra Woo, student of Sueanne Metz

2nd prize (tie) - Victoria Tu, student of Sueanne Metz; Luke Cherchenko, student of Svetlana Belsky

3rd prize (tie) - Amanda Fan, student of Brenda Huang; Lauren Kim, student of Soo Lee

Honorable Mentions - Kimmy Siu, student of Brenda Huang; Zihan Xiong, student of Kristen Elgersma

ELEMENTARY DIVISION

1st prize - Nicholas Rejebian, student of Soo Lee

2nd prize - Brian Lin, student of Kate Hamada

3rd prize - Emily Meng, student of Sueanne Metz

Honorable Mentions - Eric Zhang, student of Brenda Huang; Joe Russell, student of Donna Fortney

JUNIOR DIVISION

1st prize - Frank Wu, student of Brenda Huang

2nd prize - Kathy Qiu, student of Brenda Huang

Honorable Mentions - Albert Xiao, student of Elaine Felder; Matthew Scherer, student of Soo Lee

**Congratulations to all of you, and a big
THANK YOU to our contest
organizers – ESPECIALLY MATT
HEGEL, who is stepping down from
his post.**

Clavier Magazine Editorial Position

Clavier magazine has an opening for the position of assistant editor. This is a full-time position of 40+ hours per week.

Interested candidates must have a minimum of a bachelor degree in music and excellent writing skills.

The responsibilities include editing and rewriting articles for publication, overseeing the New Music Review portion of the magazine as well as setting music examples and reprinted music in *Finale*. Additional responsibilities include evaluating manuscripts for publication and training in *Photoshop* to scan images and prepare magazine pages for press.

Clavier is a publication for pianists, studio piano teachers, and serious piano students. It is published 10 times per year. Our editorial offices are in Northfield, Illinois.

Please call Judy Nelson, Editor (847-446-5000) for additional information.

MEMBER NEWS!

Check your April issue of *Clavier* Magazine for an article by our own KAREN TOBIAS about Ruth Slenczynska.

After 3,000 concerts over 70 years, Ruth Slenczynska advocates that students listen to every note as they practice, and to do this they should never use pedal.

Web Resources of the Month

Piano Pedagogy Site

This site contains a wealth of information from Martha Beth Lewis, internationally acknowledged expert in the teaching of beginners and the business aspects of the private music studio. An award-winning writer, her articles on music have appeared in major professional journals, as well as consumer magazines.

<http://www.serve.com/marbeth/pedagogy.html>

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May Concerts at PianoForte

Fine Arts Building, Suite 825
410 S Michigan Avenue, Chicago

- May 11:** Daniel Schlosberg, piano, and Russell Rolen, cello_
- May 12:** Orion Ensemble_
- May 18:** Bojan Gorisek & Milko Lazar, pianos_
- May 25:** Carmel Raz, violin, and Winnie Cheung, piano_
- May 26:** Inna Faliks_
- June 1:** Karin Redekopp & Mark Edwards, pianos_
- June 8:** Pintele Trio_
- June 9:** Bob Seeley & Bob Baldori, pianos_
- June 15:** EDU quartet with Saori Chiba, piano_
- June 22:** Ran Jia_ **June 29:** TBA

There is an additional FREE concert scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2007 at 7:30 pm, with Ashima Scripp, cello, and Natasha Mah, piano. They will be performing works by Cassado, De Falla, Debussy, Gabriela Frank and Piazzolla. No need for reservations.

For more information please visit their website at www.pianofortechicago.com/currentevents.

NSMTA Member Recital & Luncheon

Monday, June 11, 2007
4300 West Lake Avenue #C304
Glenview

Recital at 11:00 a.m.
Salad Buffet at 12:15 p.m. at
"The Café"
Of the Glenview Park Golf Club
800 Shermer Road
Glenview
Luncheon Deadline is June 1

Contest Winners' recital

Sunday May 20
2:00 – 5:00 pm
Glenview United Methodist Church
727 Harlem Avenue, Glenview
(South of Glenview Road, just north of Central)

Featuring Piano Competition and AIM Winners

Board Meeting

All Executive Board members, Committee Chairs and Committee members (present and new)
Monday, May 21, 2006
9:30 am

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2328 Central Road (Sherman and Central)
Glenview, IL 60025

Please bring dates for the 2007-08 calendar
New program ideas
Estimated Budgets for the coming year

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