
The Score

Nancy DeHaven, Editor

The Newsletter of the NSMTA

October 2006

Important Information....

A Letter from our President

Our September 25th meeting featured a program presented by Dr. Sylvia Wang. Dr. Wang provided our group with valuable insights into the life of a freshman piano major.

During our business meeting several important items were discussed. First, ISMTA's website was vandalized and it appears that the site needs to be rebuilt page by page. This means that membership lists, forms and all other information that you would ordinarily find on ISMTA's web site may very well not be available for some time. I feel that this is also a serious reminder that our own chapter needs to consider how secure our own website is.

Second, our web site needs to accurately reflect what our group is about. The website, e-mail addresses, links to a member's webpage, advertisers, and group information should be readily available to members as well as to parents seeking teachers for their children.

Our web committee has done a fine job, but they need help. Members that have an interest in this area of technology should contact Pat Borchardt.

Third, we need an advertising chairperson. There should be one or two teachers that are responsible for contacting music stores,

tuners, piano showrooms, etc to advertise not only in our directory but on our website. Finally, there are two more important items. For personal reasons Clara Berman has had to resign as our recital chairperson. We need a teacher to step in for Clara ASAP.

Last, if membership has not been paid they will not be included in the directory. The notices went out in the spring so there has been six months to address paying the dues and continuing your membership.

Thank you!

Eric Sutz
NSMTA President

October Program

On October 23, Mr. Seljuk Kardan will be presenting a program entitled Teaching Music in an Over-Programmed Society. If you have never been to a meeting, or if it's been some time since you've joined us, I encourage you to attend.

Sel Kardan attended the Peabody Conservatory where he studied violin with Daniel Heifetz and Sylvia Rosenberg and viola with Paul Coletti and Victoria Chiang. He actively performs throughout North America and Europe as a recitalist and chamber musician. Mr. Kardan was a faculty member at the Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia, the Peabody Preparatory, and the International School for Musical Arts in Ontario, Canada. He has appeared at music festivals in Niagara Falls, Perry Sound, Victoria, Aspen, Banff, and Schleswig-Holstein, among others. Mr. Kardan was instrumental in the development of the Heifetz Institute and served as its Executive Director. Recently he served as the Executive Director of Shirver Hall Concert Series at Johns Hopkins University. He became the president of the Music Institute of Chicago in 2006.

ISMTA Annual Conference

The Illinois State Music Teachers Association Annual Conference will take place on Friday and Saturday, November 3-4 at Millikin University in Decatur, IL. This year's conference will feature artist Jerome Lowenthal and clinician Gayle Kowalchyk. Mr. Lowenthal will present a concert on Friday evening, and a master class on Saturday morning.

Ms. Kowalchyk will offer presentations entitled "Piano Students: Are They Really Different Today?" and "The Ears Have It: Teaching Piano Students To Listen."

In addition, there will be many other sessions, including sessions on Soviet and Armenian piano repertoire, women jazz composers, making music theory fun, duet playing, teaching harmony, and a presentation given by **NSMTA member Susan Osborn** and Marie Alatalo of two-piano works by John Adams and Astor Piazzolla.

Sonata-Sonatina Festival

This year's Sonata-Sonatina Festival will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2007 at the Music Institute of Chicago in Winnetka. NSMTA members may enter up to 6 students. Dues must be paid by the application deadline. Each entrant will play either 2 contrasting movements of a Sonatina OR 1 movement (the first or last) of a Sonata. Please check the yearbook for complete details. Two experienced judges will hear each entrant and provide written evaluations along with a numerical score. Students receiving a score of 96 or higher will be invited to perform at the Gold Medal Winner's recital on Sunday, February 25, 2007.

If you have any questions or would like to help on the festival committee, please contact Jennifer Cohen at 847-438-7971 or Jicohen1@aol.com.

Jennifer Cohen, festival chair

Add your name to the Teacher Locator Page on our Web Site

If you're looking for students, please complete this form and we will include your contact information on the "Teacher Locator" page of our web site: www.nsmta.org. Names will be added once a month.

Please include my name on the Teacher Locator web site page:

Name _____

City _____

Phone _____

E-Mail (optional) _____

Teaching Areas (Instrument) _____

Return form to: Pat Borchardt
36652 N Oakwood Drive
Lake Villa, IL 60046

The 2006 Piano Competition was held last May at Northwestern University. Congratulations to the winners and their teachers! Here is a complete listing of the winners by division:

Senior Division:

1st prize: Andrew Ly, student of Brenda Huang
2nd prize: Max Mamon, student of Claire Neiweem
3rd prize: Dana Kaufman, student of Matt Hagle
Hon. Mention: Stephanie Fernandes, student of Milana Pavchinskaya

Junior Division:

1st prize: Abigail Turner, student of Elaine Felder
2nd prize: Emilie Hayek, student of Susanne Baker
3rd prize: Lauren Tu, student of Sueanne Metz
3rd prize: Sophia Hubeny, student of Ann Birman
Hon. Mention: Jennifer Ding, student of Ann Birman

Elementary division:

1st prize: Jean Lin, student of Sueanne Metz
2nd prize: Anna Ziv, student of Elaine Felder
2nd prize: Kevin Signo, student of Sueanne Metz
Hon. Mention: Isabel Hubeny, student of Ann Birman

Primary division:

1st prize: Natalie Nedvetsky, student of Elaine Felder
1st prize: Ryan Jannack Huang, student of Brenda Huang
2nd prize: Pamela Lin, student of Sueanne Metz
3rd prize: Alice Rong, student of Brenda Huang

Next year's contest will be held on May 6 at Northwestern. The application will be available in the newsletter and online. For other questions please contact me at (847)763-9151 or MHagle@earthlink.net. Thank you for your interest and participation. – Matt Hagle

Repertoire for 2007 contest:

PRIMARY:

Schumann - "First Loss" from Album For the Young (can also be found in Music for Millions, vol. 27)

Haydn - German Dance #6 in E (from "Seven German Dances", MM vol. 17)

ELEMENTARY:

Rameau - "La Joyeuse" (M.M. vol. 37)

Mendelssohn – Andante sostenuto in E-flat, Op. 72 #2 (from "Six pieces for Children", Op.72; can be found in Alfred's Mendelssohn: an Introduction to his Works)

Prokofiev – Tarantella from Music for Children (can also be found in M.M. vol. 17)

JUNIOR:

Bach - Sinfonia #15 in b minor

Schumann - Warum? fr. Fantasiestucke Op. 12

Debussy - "Minstrels" from Préludes Book I

SENIOR:

Messiaen - "La colombe" (from Préludes, published by Durand)

Rachmaninoff - Prelude in a minor, Op. 32 #8

The Third Annual
Sejong Music Competition
November 19, 2006 (Sunday)

Co-sponsored by
The Korea Times Chicago &
The University of Illinois at Chicago

Eligibility: **This competition is open to ALL pre-college students**

Divisions: Senior division: Grade 9-12
Junior division: 8th Grade or younger

Instruments: Piano, Violin & Cello

Competition Rules & Repertoire Requirements: (Please visit our website for details)

One solo piece of the competitors' choice from memory **AND**
One of the required music

**Required Repertoire Book may be purchased by mail order (\$10). Please download mail order form from our website www.SejongSociety.org

Competition Location:

Performing Arts Center Recital Hall
University of Illinois at Chicago
1040 W. Harrison St. Chicago, IL 60607

Application deadline: **October 25, 2006**

Application Fee: **\$30** per application

Prize: Seniors: First (\$400), Second (\$300), Third (\$200)
Juniors: First (\$200), Second (\$150), Third (\$100)

*Senior division winners may have future public performances and scholarship opportunities

Winners Recital: Jan 14 (Sunday), 2007 (Location: TBA)

Contact information: Send e-mail to sejong@sejongociety.org or visit our website for detailed information regarding competition regulations.

September 25, 2006

Dr. Sylvia Wang: The Shoemaker and His shoes: In the shoes of the freshman piano major.

October 23, 2006

Sel Kardan: Teaching music in an over-programmed society.

November 3-4, 2006

ISMTA State Conference, Milliken University, Decatur, IL

November 13, 2006

AIM Theory Deadline
AIM Judges Meeting

November 27, 2006

Soo Lee and Matt Hagel: The Piano Competition Repertoire

December 10, 2006

AIM Theory Exams

December 2007

NO MEETING

January 8, 2007

Board Meeting (Officers and Committee Chairs) Holy Trinity Church, Glenview

January 10, 2007

Application Deadline, Sonata-Sonatina Festival

January 21, 2007

AIM Theory Exams

January 22, 2007

Home Meeting. Topic TBA

February 18, 2007

Sonata-Sonatina Festival, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Music Institute of Chicago, 300 Green Bay Road, Winnetka

February 25, 2007

Gold Medal Winners Recitals, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., First Methodist Church, Glenview

February 26, 2007

Dr. Marcia Bosits: An American Discovery: Character pieces for piano by lesser known composers.

March 9, 2007

AIM Performance Deadline
AIM Judges Meeting

March 26, 2007

Dr. William Jason Raynovich: Beyond Schoenberg and Alicia Keys: Contemporary piano music for students.

April 1, 2007

AIM Performance Examination
North: Lake Forest Symphony School;
South: Northwestern Music Academy

April 2, 2007

Application deadline for Competition

April 14, 2007

Application for Scholarship
Application deadline for Summer Camp Scholarship

April 15, 2007

AIM Performance Examination

April 22, 2007

AIM Performance Examination

April 23, 2007

Kuang-Hao Huang
Chamber Music Masterclass

May 6, 2007

Piano Competition

May 20, 2007

Contest and AIM Winners Recital

May 21, 2007

Board Meeting (Officers and Committee Chairs) Holy Lutheran Church, Glenview

May 2007

NO MEETING

June 11, 2006

Teachers' Recital 11 a.m. Holy Lutheran Church, Glenview. Luncheon 12:15, The Café, Glenview.

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