



**Save the Date! \***

**December 14, 2012, 11am**

**Holiday Luncheon**

**Location: Elaine Evans 'Home**

**December 21, 2012**

**Postmarked deadline for  
Marina Lomazov's Master Class  
Applications**

**Saturday, January 12, 2013**

**Musicfest Application Deadline**

**Friday, January 25, 2013,**

**9:30 am-1pm**

**Dr. Marina Lomazov**

**Presentation and Master Class**

**Location: England Piano**

**Saturday, January 26, 2013,**

**6:30 pm**

**Dr. Marina Lomazov**

**Solo Recital**

**Location: Steinway Piano**

**Galleries in Alpharetta**

**February 2, 2013**

**AMTA Spring Local Audition  
postmarked deadline**

**Saturday, February 9, 2013**

**Atlanta MusicFest**

**Location: Southern Pianos.**

**\*Visit [www.atlmta.org](http://www.atlmta.org) for a  
complete list of dates**

# AMTA Newsletter

## November 2012

### AMTA RIFC 2012 Review

Submitted by the Chair of AMTA Romantic & Impressionistic Festival-Competition, Raisa Isaacs

Dear Colleagues!

Congratulations on your outstanding results at the Romantic & Impressionistic Festival-Competition 2012!

As you know, we have increased our monetary prizes to three winners at each level. In addition, we opened a new, Impressionistic Subdivision in the frame of the Romantic Festival-Competition. Students participated in two Winners' Recitals for Elementary-Intermediate and Advanced, Amateur Adult, and Impressionistic categories.

Adjudicators from the Schools of Music of Atlanta Metro Area (GSU, UWG, KSU, and Agnes Scott College) were very impressed with the difficulty of the programs and quality of the students' performances.

The Board members and applied teachers were working dedicatedly in order to give the students the opportunity to participate in this challenging, celebrating the most popular repertoire in piano music, event.

In total, 23 teachers from the different Atlanta Metro areas and MTA chapters (AMTA, NDMTA, NFMTA, DMTA, GCMTA, and CCMTA), including faculty of the local universities and even SCMTA chapter, have applied this year.

Several teachers from AMTA chapter enrolled the students and received great results!

Among them: Nancy Elton, Anne Sun, Frederic Hsiang, Mary Williams, Elena Cholakova, Raisa Isaacs, Alex Wasserman, and Laura Gordy.

AMTA **Winners & OPR** students' results:

## Romantic

### Elementary Lower category:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Chen Shirley H. (NG Hwee Boon)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Emma Hu (NG Hwee Boon)

OPR: Yi Hannah (Anne Sun)

### Elementary Upper Category:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Chen Kevin (Anne Sun)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Lao Sarah (Anne Sun)

OPR: Shue Annabel (NG Hwee Boon)

### Intermediate Lower Category

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Catanzarite Ashley (Nancy Elton)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Hsiang Yuy (Fred Hsiang)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Xiongrou Anging (Nancy Elton)

OPR: Ku Emily (Raisa Isaacs),  
Pu Izabella (Nancy Elton)

### Intermediate Upper Category

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Hou Brianna (Anne Sun)

OPR: Zhang Antony (Anne Sun)

Chin Benjamin (Anne Sun)

### Advanced Lower Category:

OPR: Cheng Vivian (Elena Cholokova)

### Advanced Upper Category:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Street Laura (Nancy Elton)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Shue Joshua (NG Hwee Boon)

## Impressionistic Division

### Advanced Category:

OPR: Jocelyn Yang (Raisa Isaacs)

Adult: Josh Tyree (Raisa Isaacs)





**You are cordially invited to  
The Atlanta Music Teachers Annual  
Holiday  
Luncheon**

**DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2012 (Friday)**

**TIME: 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**PLACE: ELAINE EVANS' HOME**

**3057 ROBERTA DRIVE, N.W.**

**ATLANTA GA 30327**

**(Closest intersection: Howell Mill/Moores Mill Rd near I-75)**

**Please RSVP by e-mail or telephone 404-355-2672**

**Set-ups and drinks will be provided.**

**Please bring your favorite dish to share**

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## **January Outstate Presenter Master Class –**

### **“Piano Diva” Marina Lomazov**

Submitted by the AMTA VP Program, Raisa Isaacs

AMTA in collaboration with NDMTA will host Dr. Marina Lomazov from the School of Music of the USC on Friday, **January 25, 2013** at the England Piano with the presentation “Weighted Hand” and Master Class for Intermediate to Advanced level students. She will perform her Solo Recital, sponsored by Steinway Piano Galleries, on Saturday, January 26, 6:30 pm, at the Steinway Piano Galleries in Alpharetta.

**Please prepare your students for the master class in advance!**

**The deadline is Friday, December 21, 2012**

**Application Form can be downloaded at [www.atlmta.org](http://www.atlmta.org)**

Ms. Lomazov is praised by critics as “a diva of the piano” (Salt Lake City Tribune), “a mesmerizing risk taker” (Cleveland Plain Dealer) and “simply spectacular” (International Music Foundation, Chicago), Ukrainian-American pianist Marina Lomazov has established herself as one of the most passionate and charismatic performers on the concert scene today. Following prizes in the Cleveland International Piano Competition, William Kapell International Piano Competition, Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition and Hilton Head International Piano Competition, Ms. Lomazov has given performances

throughout North America, South America, China, England, France, Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Russia, Japan and in most of the fifty states in the U.S.

We will have Chopin's Master class with the young but renowned American "chopinnist" Ning An (Lee University) on April 12, 2013. Please prepare Chopin's pieces for this event as well.

## News from Atlanta MusicFest

Submitted by the Chair of Atlanta MusicFest, Mandy Lane

Musicfest Application Deadline: **Saturday, January 12, 2013**

This year, we're adding some flexibility. You may include popular pieces, so long as they are pedagogical. This would include books in the Faber series such as Pre-Time, Chord Time etc. Many teachers use their Popular, Rock n Roll and Favorites books, and the arrangements are as sound as their lesson book pieces. Popular and Christmas books from Alfred, Hal Leonard and other methods are welcome as well. There is also a Glee songbook arranged by a good pedagogical composer. If you have questions about what would and would not be appropriate repertoire for MusicFest, please email [mandy@mandypiano.com](mailto:mandy@mandypiano.com). Just let me know the title, composer and publisher (piece or book it's from), and that should be enough for me to make a determination. This may help you expand your duet options, too, as Alfred and several other publishers have great duet books of movie themes and Christmas tunes. For the category A students (mostly beginners), I would recommend Duets for Christmas Lovers by Margaret Goldston. Both sides are primer (early elementary) level, with very simply early staff arrangements. Ideally, I would still like to see one Pop and one Classical piece, or one Pop and one Christmas, or one Pop and one Educational composer, as the idea is to have two contrasting pieces. I think that one Pop and one Christmas would do if necessary, however, since MusicFest is so very early this year. There were conflicts with Audition dates, and the option of early-mid March was not possible, as my baby's expected due date is March 5! Therefore, MusicFest is Saturday, February 9, 2013, at Southern Pianos.

## A Note from the President!



Submitted by AMTA President, Frederic Hsiang

**Atlanta MTA Spring Local Audition deadline is February 2, 2013. The Audition date is March 3, 2013. The Local Audition will take a place in the Georgia State University Standard Building. If you plan to enroll your students to the Spring Local Auditions, you are required to attend at least one meeting before February 2013. Teachers without a record of attendance will pay \$50 teacher's fee.**

## Carnegie Hall Winner

Submitted by AMTA member, Raisa Isaacs



Nina Yang (studio of Raisa Isaacs) is a Second Place Winner of the American Protégé International Music Talent Competition 2012 and will perform in the **Winners' Recital** at the **Carnegie Hall** in March, 2013  
Emily Ku received Honorable Mention in the American Protégé Romantic in Music International Competition 2012.

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## Upcoming Studio Recitals



AMTA teachers traditionally plan Winter Holidays Studio Recitals at the different locations around Atlanta. Christmas tunes, Classical, and Pop music are ready for listeners to greet the season!

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## AMTA STILL NEEDS YOU TO FILL THESE ROLES:

President Elect

Corresponding Secretary/Publicity (Newsletter/Web)

MusicFest Assistant

Hospitality

Temporarily submit your AMTA newsletter articles/news to:

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