



AMTA Newsletter

December 2009

Save the Date

December 11, 2009, 11am

Holiday Luncheon

at the home of Mary TL Williams

December 14, 2010

Master Class Postmark Deadline

January 12, 2010

MusicFest Postmark Deadline

January 16, 2010, 11am-2:30pm

Gila Goldstein Master Class

Southern Keyboards

February 15, 2010

Local Auditions Postmark Deadline

February 28, 2010

MusicFest

Southern Keyboards

March 14, 2010

AMTA Local Auditions

GA State University

March 20-24, 2010

MTNA National Conference

Albuquerque, NM

April 9, 2010, 10am

Linda Li Bleuel

Southern Keyboards

April 16-17, 2010

GMTA State Auditions

Kennesaw State University

May 14, 2010, 10am

Kevin Chance

Recital

'Tis the Season...of Deadlines

Dear Fellow Members,

The holidays are here! And while you are out of breath from organizing your student recitals, playing Christmas gigs, and hanging tinsel around your house, I am here to remind you that there are two very important deadlines lurking in the shadows of your busy calendar...

The deadline for our Master Class with Gila Golstein is Monday, December 14th. Let your advanced student work with the talented Gila Goldstein, who will be visiting us from Columbus State University's Schwob School of Music.

And MusicFest is rapidly approaching, so it's time to consider which two pieces your students will be playing for this event. Remember, MusicFest is for all your students, beginners to advanced, solos and duets. Visit our website for the details.

It is my pleasure to once again host AMTA's annual Holiday Luncheon. Please bring a dish to pass, and come celebrate the holidays and mingle with your fellow colleagues.

Happy Holidays!

Mary TL Williams
President, AMTA

December Luncheon

Friday, December 11, 2009 at 11am
2030 Palifox Dr Atlanta GA 30307
(404) 668-9452

The Holiday Luncheon is always a treasured event where members can take the time to get to know one another better, and learn from each other. This is a potluck luncheon, so please bring a dish to pass.

This year the holiday luncheon will be held at the home of AMTA President, Mary Williams. Mary Williams lives in the Atlanta neighborhood of Lake Claire. Listed below are directions to her home:

via I-285

- Exit US-78 toward Atlanta/Decatur
- Merge onto US-78
- Left onto Lakeshore
- Left onto Claire Dr.
- Left onto Palifox Dr.
- 2030 Palifox Drive will be on your left.

via I-75/85

- Exit Freedom Pkwy NE/GA-10
- Merge onto Freedom Pkwy
- Right onto Ponce de Leon
- Right onto Lakeshore
- Left onto Claire Dr.
- Left onto Palifox Dr.
- 2030 Palifox Drive will be on your left.

Two Recitals

The month of December is usually full of recitals and other musical performances. Here are two in the AMTA community:

Christmas Student Piano Recital of Nancy Edison

Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.
Marietta Adventist Church
1330 N. Cobb PKWY
Marietta GA

Mary Williams Piano Studio Winter Recital

Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.
Cooper Music
1610 NE Exp NE
Atlanta GA 30329





Big Band Christmas

Submitted by AMTA member, Brent Runnels

Brent Runnels will be playing with Joe Gransden at Spivey Hall on December 12th at 8:15 p.m. Come on out for a Big Band Christmas with the Jazz Orchestra Atlanta!

Submit your AMTA newsletter article to:
mary@marywilliamspianostudio.com

Yearbook Correction

It was brought to our attention that some information in the program section of the yearbook was incorrect.

Gila Goldstein is an Assistant Professor at the Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University. The yearbook had stated Kennesaw State University, which is incorrect. We apologize for this error.

Ms. Goldstein gave a lecture to our association in September, and will return in January for a Master Class for Advanced Students at Southern Keyboards.

MusicFest 2009

Registration Deadline

Postmarked January 12, 2010 to:
 Mandy Munoz
 821 Ralph McGill Blvd #2314
 Atlanta GA 30306

Article submitted by MusicFest Chair, Mandy Munoz

Please have your application and fees mailed to the above address by January 12. Students' fees should be included in one check made payable to the Atlanta Music Teachers Association. Personal checks from parents cannot be accepted. If your student requires an a.m. or p.m. time in the schedule, please state this on the application. No changes can be made once the schedule is set. Please include a judges' comment sheet for each student. The entry forms for duet and solo categories are both at www.atlmta.org, or you can email or call me: www.mandypiano.com, or (678) 887-0528

If you're looking for good duet repertoire, I recommend Two at One Piano (Frances Clark Library, in 4 levels). Piano For Two, Published by FJH, is another good series.

There are various levels of judging criteria, so this is a good opportunity for even your youngest student to perform and receive positive feedback.

For a small teacher fee, even those who are not members of AMTA can enroll their students in this event, so please, spread the word!

AMTA Needs YOU!

As independent music teachers, we are all our own bosses. We are all organized. We are all business savvy. And we all know how to put on a show.

AMTA is looking for leadership, a quality you all have. Please let us know if you would be interested in helping out AMTA during it's 2010-2011 academic year. We need board members, chairpersons, and helping hands for our events.

AMTA is a member run organization, and we need **YOU** to make a difference in our music community.

A View from the Romantic Competition and Festival

Submitted by AMTA member and Romantic Coordinator, Raisa Parmentier.

Here are a few pictures from our recent Romantic Competition and Festival. Thanks again to all those involved. There were several helpers on that day who put in a lot of work to make the day run smoothly. Your work is very much appreciated!

The Romantic Competition and Festival will be an annual event, so if you were not able to participate this year, keep it in mind for Fall of 2010.



CCMTA, NFMTA, and AMTA present

MASTER CLASS
for the advanced high school student

by

GILA GOLDSTEIN

Saturday, January 16, 2010

11am to 2:30pm

Southern Keyboards

Atlanta, GA

• APPLICATION FORM •

Teachers are asked to recommend students who have demonstrated that they are capable of performing at a high enough level to receive the top ratings in competitions. These could be Conference Recitalist or Outstanding Performer for GMTA, GMEA, Bach Competitions or similar competitions.

To apply, one memorized piece is required. Postmark deadline is **December 14, 2009**. Four students will be chosen to participate. Each student will receive 45 minutes of instruction. Fee for participating students is \$30. Send completed application form and teacher recommendation to the Gila Goldstein Master Class Coordinator:

Charles Hutton
1079 Colquitt Ave. NE REAR
Atlanta, GA 30307

Name of Student _____

School Grade (*as of January, 2010*) _____

Years of Piano Study _____

Name of Teacher _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Local Association _____

Title of Piece _____

(*complete with opus number, key signature, catalogue number, etc.*)

Composer _____

Length _____

Student Achievements

(*Please list all piano performance awards received by the student*)

Additional questions may be directed to Charles Hutton by phone or email:

404.577.1916; chpianostudio@bellsouth.net