



# AMTA Newsletter

December 2011

## Save the Date! \*

**December 16, 2011**

Holiday Luncheon  
Home of Laura Gordy

**December 19, 2011**

Postmark Deadline  
Peter Takacs Master Class

**January 19, 2012, 10am**

Postmark Deadline  
MusicFest

**January 20, 2012, 10am**

Peter Takacs Master Class  
Steinway Piano Gallery

**January 21, 2012, 4:30pm**

Peter Takacs Solo Recital  
Steinway Piano Gallery

**February 19, 2012**

MusicFest  
Agnes Scott College

**February 25, 2012**

Postmark Deadline  
Local Auditions

**March 18, 2012**

Local Auditions  
GA State University

**March 24-28, 2012**

MTNA National Conference  
GA State University

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

## Message from the President

Dear All,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break! I wish you and your families much joy and happiness for the upcoming holiday season!

As we prepare for the Christmas and Chanukah, please keep in mind that there are a couple of important events taking place in the month of December. Our holiday lunch-on will take place on Dec. 16 starting at 11:30am. Her home is situated closely to Emory University's campus. We hope you all can attend! I will follow up with an evite invitation so please make sure you reply to it so we know how many people we can expect! An executive board meeting will take place shortly before the luncheon, starting at 11am.

Applications for Peter Takacs's Master Class are due December 19. The master class will take place on January 13. The coordinator for the event is Raisa Parmantier-Isaacs, so please email her with any questions you might have.

The holidays are always a wonderful time to stay at home and share the time with family however I have decided to use the time and spend a week in New York, attending performances by the Met and NY Philharmonic. I will share my impressions with you next month. I will say that I look forward to hearing German tenor Jonas Kaufmann in Met's production of Faust.

Looking forward to seeing you all on December 16, please bring a meal to share; the best recipe will be featured in next month's newsletter!

Sincerely,

Elena Cholakova, AMTA President

## Holiday Luncheon

Friday, December 16, 2011 at 11:30am

AMTA Treasurer Laura Gordy is opening her home for AMTA's annual Holiday Luncheon. The music world starts getting really busy this time of year, but we hope you will take a couple of hours out of your day to join us for this cherished event.

Each person is asked to bring something delicious to share.

Home of Laura Gordy  
1737 Vickers Circle  
Decatur GA 30030  
404 373 6129

### Directions

1 mile from Emory University between Ponce de Leon and North Decatur Rd.

**From N. Decatur Rd.** turn south on Ridgewood (between Clairmont and Clifton).

- Pass a new subdivision on your left (Durand Mill).
- Take the next left onto Vickers Drive.
- Go through the stop sign - you will pass Hummingbird. The next street near the top of the hill is Vickers Circle.
- Turn right on Vickers. 1737 is the 4th house on the left. Park on the street.

**From Ponce De Leon heading east,** pass Clifton and take a left on Artwood at the light before you pass under the railroad bridge.

- Take the first street on the right - you will pass Fernbank Elementary School and continue until you cross Coventry at the light.
- Bear slightly left to stay on Vickers Drive. Take the first left onto Vickers Circle. 1737 is 4th house on the left.



## Peter Takacs is Coming to Town!

### MASTER CLASS

Friday, January 20, 2012 at 10am-12:00pm  
Steinway Piano Galleries  
Application Postmark Deadline: December 19, 2011

Dr. Takacs will be demonstrating his teaching talents with area students at the advanced level.

Coordinator Raisa Isaacs will be accepting applications until December 19. Please visit our website for more detailed information:

[www.atlmta.org](http://www.atlmta.org)

### RECITAL

Saturday, January 21, 4:30pm  
Steinway Piano Gallery

Dr. Peter Takacs will be giving a Solo Recital as part of his visit to our fair city. The program will include music by Ludwig van Beethoven, Maurice Ravel, Frederic Chopin, and George Gershwin.

This is a great opportunity to see this master teacher display his talents. The event is free and open to the public. Please come, bring a friend, and tell your students about this recital.

### 3rd Annual Romantic Festival and Competition

Report from Raisa Isaacs, Competition Chair

The 3rd annual AMTA Romantic Festival & Competition took place at Southern Pianos on October 30 of this year.

In the growing competition, 118 students competed for the best grades, OPRs (Outstanding Performer Recitalists) and Winner's monetary prizes. Eight categories, based on years of piano studies, covered all ages and levels, including an Amateur Adult category.

Highly experienced adjudicators from Schools of Music of four universities (GSU, UGA, Shorter University, and Alabama University) had to reveal only one winner who performed best per category.

On the same day, two recitals of the Winners and OPRs concluded the celebration of expression, sensitivity and uniqueness of individualities of the young and adult contestants .

In total 21 teachers from 4 chapters: AMTA, NDMTA, Decatur, NFMTA, and few private applicants participated in the event.

Eight teachers presented from AMTA chapter. Below are the results of participants and teachers' names from AMTA:

EL-Winner Avinash Rao (R.Isaacs)

EU: Co-Winners Matthew Davidorf (M.Williams) and Xia Maggie (A. Sun)

OPR-Kadadi Yash (N.Elton)

OPR-Ahola Aedan(D.Palmer)

IL -OPR Tan Yannie (A. Sun)

IU-winner Luka Marinkovich (J.Broadhurst)

OPR- Kevin Kwon (N.Elton)

AL-OPR Jocelyn Yang (R. Isaacs)

Adult Adv.-OPR (R.Isaacs)

My great thanks to the Board of the Romantic Festival & Competition Fred Hsiang and his right hand Anne Sun, Laura Gordy, Mary Williams, Nancy Edison, Nancy Elton, David Palmer, and teachers from other chapters, who helped to run the event as smoothly as possible.

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