



AMTA Newsletter

November 2009

Save the Date

December 11, 2009, 11am

Holiday Luncheon

at the home of Mary TL Williams

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

Something Old, Something New

Dear Fellow Members,

You all may have heard that the human ear is generally fifty years behind the new, modern music being composed by the innovative people of our times. So it was no surprise then, when there were many grumbles at this year's GMTA conference when conference headliner David Northington was to be playing an entire program of Aaron Copland.

Personally, as a composer of not-too-traditional music, I was thrilled to see a change in the usual Brahms/Schubert/Chopin program that is typical at these conferences. Then when I looked at the program, I saw that all of the program's music was composed between the years of 1920-1949. That's ten years past the "50 year" leeway that our ears are allowed!

The concert was invigorating and inspiring. David Northington brought Copland's piano music alive in a way that I have not seen since my years at Berklee. And as I sat and listened to his performance, I remembered back to my days of teaching general music at The Lovett School. There wasn't the great love for our familiar classical and romantic composers that we as teachers are so fond of. But when I played Bartok and Stravinsky, the students were completely enamored by the 'new' sounds they were hearing. It actually got their little bodies to stop and listen, and the critical thinking that followed was always impressive.

So what is "new music" and how can we train our ears to accept sounds commonly defined as dissonant and non-tonal? Are we hearing sounds the same way our students are hearing sounds? And what kind of sounds do our students want to hear?

Oh, so many questions for us teachers who are trying to keep the music alive in our budding musicians! Certainly too many for me to answer on my own. So I invite you to join us for our holiday luncheon in December. We will gather to converse on many subjects at this informal potluck, a tradition in our association that has always been a favorite.

See you at my place!

Mary TL Williams
President

December Luncheon

Friday, December 11, 2009 at 11am
2030 Palifox Dr Atlanta GA 30307

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

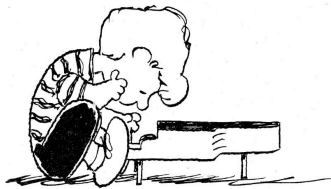
- Exit US-78 toward Atlanta/Decatur
- Merge onto US-78
- Left onto Lakeshore
- Left onto Claire Dr.
- Left onto Palifox Dr.
- 2030 Palifox Drive will be on your left.

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.

Got Recitals?

Here comes the busy season for musicians across the world! Whether it be a studio recital, personal recital, or a good holiday show you are involved in, please share it with us!



You may submit information and dates to your upcoming performances to be printed in the December AMTA Newsletter to the email address listed below. Not so email savvy? Give us a call and we will be happy to include you! (404) 668-9452. Thanks!

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

Romantic Competition - A Success!

This year's first annual Romantic Competition and Festival was a great success for AMTA as well as all the students and teachers who participated.

Thank you to AMTA member [Raisa Parmentier](#), the brains behind this event! Not only were students given the opportunity to perform music that is so cherished in the piano community, but AMTA raised money which will help to further educate its members.

Congratulations to all the students who performed, and their teachers for giving them the opportunity to do so!

Here are the results -

Elementary

1. Jashinski, Alex	AE
2. Lee, Angela	AE
3. Koonen, Leonardo	no show
4. Lin, Georgianna	HM
5. Anderson, Asena	HM
6. Mary Lou	AE
7. Andrews, Noah	<i>OP Recitalist (Gayle Vann)</i>
8. Moreira, Bernardo	OP
9. Huntington, Anna	AE
10. Kadadi, Yash	HM
11. Kim, Alex	OP
12. Pan, Jessica	AE
13. Pan, Eric	AE
14. Chiou, Vincy	AE
15. Ecat, Jeremy	AE
16. Hu, Anna	HM
17. Schwartz, Marisa	AE
18. Hu, Michael	<i>OP Recitalist (Raisa Parmentier)</i>
19. Sherman, Jay	AE
20. Zhang, Michelle	<i>OP Winner (Nancy Elton)</i>

Intermediate

1. Suraj, Sehgal	Certificate
2. Jobe, Baylen	Certificate
3. Li, Yangyang	HM
4. Xiang, Galen	<i>Co-Winner OP (Lois Finlay)</i>
5. Mancao, Jonathan	HM
6. Debnath, Suprotik	HM
7. Zhong, Michelle	AE
8. Shen, Angela	AE
9. Ecat, Katrina	HM
10. Wang, Doyle	AE
11. Pavlova, Kristina	Certificate
12. Di Meglio, Mark	Certificate
13. Cohran, Devin	Certificate
14. Salazar, Kevyn	HM
15. Thorpe, Chelsea	AE
16. Eskridge, Kristen	Certificate
17. Wu, Caroline	AE
18. Joe, Justin	Certificate

Intermediate cont.

19. Li, Kelsey	HM
20. Hattori, Austin	Certificate
21. Street, Laura	<i>Co-Winner OP (Nancy Elton)</i>
22. Dubuc, Michael	<i>OP Recitalist (Davide Palmer)</i>
23. Edang, Camille	HM
24. Claussen, Alex	AE
25. Collins, Carson	Certificate
26. Sridhar, Harsha	HM
27. Wan, Eric	HM
28. Ewe, Jasmine	Certificate
29. Ewe, Bowen	HM
30. Kwon, Kevin	AE
31. Yang, Nina	Certificate

Advanced

1. Hildreth, Molly	OP
2. Guo, Donna	No Show
3. Malcolm, Hailey	HM
4. Yang, Oudy	AE
5. Li, Jonathan	AE
6. Vann, Derek	<i>OP Winner (Lois Finlay)</i>
7. Miller, James	HM
8. Mathews, Megha	HM
9. Yang, Victoria	AE
10. Hadden, Mark	<i>OP Recitalist (Edith Schiff)</i>
11. Hou, Brandon	<i>OP Recitalist (Fredric Hsiang)</i>
12. Vashi, Sonam	Certificate
13. Wan, Richard	AE
14. Williford, Thomas	Certificate
15. Dezen, Sophie	Certificate
16. Liaw, Tammy	Certificate

Adult Intermediate

1. Tyree, Josh	<i>OP Recitalist (Raisa Parmentier)</i>
2. Barve, Meera	<i>OP Recitalist (Raisa Parmentier)</i>

Adult Advanced

1. Brown, Deborah	<i>OP Recitalist (Raisa Parmentier)</i>
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