



AMTA Newsletter



December 2014

Happy holidays!

Come join us for music and fellowship and see Nancy's new Steinway at our annual Holiday Luncheon!

Friday Dec. 12, 2014 at Nancy Elton's Home
3220 Rockingham Dr. NW
Atlanta 30327

11:00 General Meeting. Luncheon and Program to follow. Nancy will entertain us with a movement from Grieg's Piano Concerto. Please bring a covered dish to share. Please RSVP to Nancy so she can plan accordingly.

President's Corner

I hope everyone is ready for the Holidays! It has been a very busy Fall. Although we have not had a chapter meeting since September, the AMTA Board and chapter members have been busy working behind the scenes:

➤ RIFIC:

We had many talented students participate in the Romantic Impressionistic Festival Competition this year. Congratulations to all the winners! We were able to carry on, despite Raisa's untimely illness. Here is a breakdown of those participating:

Participated: 124

Teachers from: AMTA, NDMTA, NFMTA, AMTA(Augusta), CCMTA, SCMTA (South Carolina MTA

Colleges: UGA, Columbus State University, USC

AMTA teachers: E Cholokova, Anne Sun, Nancy Elton, Nancy Edison, Elena Dorozhkina, Mary Willias, Fred Hsiang, Hwee Boon.

AMTA Teacher Benjamin Bertin participated as CSU student too.

Nancy Elton has agreed to chair the 2015 RIFIC. Yay! Everyone agrees AMTA should continue this worthwhile opportunity for students to compete at a high level. The RIFIC Committee did meet Nov. 21 and worked very hard to improve the organization and implementation of this event. Please attend the meeting Dec. 12 to hear the RIFIC Committee Report.

➤ Website:

Elena Dorozhkina has agreed to assume Raisa's position as our chapter's Website liaison with our WebMaster Maria Kozlova. We have an updated Yearbook with new members added, RIFIC winners, and an updated Events page ready to be uploaded soon. We will work harder to keep the Website up to date.

Auditions. This year is a trial test and is free. Next year the test will count and will have a \$15.00 fee.



*A favorite family phrase
or slogan can go here.*



President's Corner continued

➤ **Master Class:**

The William DeVan Master Class will be Jan. 9, 2015 at Piano Distributors from 10:00-1:00. Students of AMTA members will perform for Mr. DeVan. Originally from Atlanta, Mr. DeVan has an impressive resume and will inspire us with his musical insights.

➤ **GATE Test:**

Reminder to prepare your students for the GATE theory test for our 2015 Local Auditions. This year is a trial test and is free. Next year the test will count and will have a \$15.00 fee.

See you at the luncheon!

Kathy Ackermann

Calendar of Events 2014-15

Dec. 12, 2014. AMT Holiday Luncheon at Nancy Elton's home.

Jan. 9, 2015. Master Class with William DeVan

Feb. 8, 2015. Music Fest at England Piano 1:00 – 5:00p.m. Elena Dorozhkina, Chair

Feb. 13. Meeting at Piano Distributors. 10:00a.m.
Program: Dr. Martha Thomas: "Discover the Music of Max Reger"

Mar. 1. Local GMTA Auditions at GSU. Anne Sun, Chair

Apr. 10. Meeting at Piano Distributors at 10:00a.m.
Program: Dr. Joanna Kim Doyle and Dr. Soohyun Yun
" Intermediate and Advanced Duet Reperetoire"

May 8. Meeting, Luncheon Location TBA.
Program: Dr. Elena Dorozhkina. " Intermediate Russian Piano Music "

