



PAMTA

PEORIA AREA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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ISMTA WEST DISTRICT AUDITIONS DEADLINE CORRECTION

To be held October 15th at Illinois Central College
Applications are on the ISMTA website.

**The deadline for application was incorrectly reported. The actual
deadline (confirmed with the state competition chair) is
September 14, 2016.**

If you've any questions, contact Grace Trang.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION DATE CHANGED

New competition date: Saturday, March 18th from 9:00am- 12:00pm.

The new registration date: March 4th.

Please plan accordingly. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

THANK YOU CARDS FROM SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

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- Sincerely,
Tobias Michlik

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CORRECTIONS / ADDITIONS FOR THE YEARBOOK:

1. **Dr. Choi's email:** cchoi@fsmail.bradley.edu

2. **Annalise Duffer is moving in October.** Her new address:
1215 N. Briar Ridge Ct. East Peoria, IL 61611.
It is technically an East Peoria address, but is in Germantown Hills area.

3. **Welcome to our new member:**

Michelle Brower

Phone: 520-591-5732

221 E. Hallock Hollow Rd.,

Edelstein, IL 61526

browsers88keys@gmail.com

and

325 Constance Hall, Bradley

mbrower@fsmail.bradley.edu

SONATA / SONATINA FESTIVAL February 11, 2017 at ICC Deadline for Entry December 17, 2016

Contestants perform the **first movement** of a Sonatina or Sonata, selected from a designated repertoire list which is on the website.

First, second, and third place winners are selected from the field of entrants in each level and receive trophies, medallions and ribbons.

First place winners play in an honors recital which concludes the day's events.

MTNA Student Competition applications are now on the MTNA website

2016–2017 MTNA active membership dues must be paid prior to completing the application to avoid being assessed the nonmember fee.

Entry deadline: 3:00 P.M. Eastern Time, Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

PAMTA MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 22, 2016

"Getting to Know You"

President Rosa Chang opened the meeting at 10:39. 17 members were in attendance.

No secretary minutes were read because the last minutes were from April 2016.

Treasurer's report was read. Checking: \$2416.40 Savings: \$7505.88.

The meeting started with the introduction of new member Michelle Brower. She is teaching piano at Bradley and at home.

Becky Gebbink gave us a report of the year book that was passed out. If you have any corrections or additions, please contact her. All dates for Recitals are in the booklet and she gave an explanation of all the recitals. She handed out the general guidelines and then the specifics for each recital. Great job on the booklet!!!!

Program chairman was Sue Twitty and since she was not able to attend, Rosa talked about all the programs. The last program in the booklet for April 2017 has been changed and you will be notified.

Our ISMTA conference this year is at Illinois Wesleyan and we as a group have been asked to bring snacks and goodies for that week-end of November 4th, 5th, and 6th. **Please try to attend this wonderful conference and bring some snacks!**

Anna Duffer talked about the camp scholarship and will advise members of all the possibilities for the students. The camp date has been set for March 4th at the First Christian Church (this will have to be changed as it is the solo/ensemble week-end for students in high school.)

AIM dates are all on the website and in your booklet. If you've any questions, contact Pam Eyerly.

Meeting minutes, continued:

Grace Trang announced the deadline date for West District Auditions. The deadline is September 14th and entries need to be mailed to her. The competition is for Elementary, Junior, and Senior, and will be held at ICC.

The Sonatina Festival will be February 11th at ICC. Check the website for all details. Deadline for entry is December 17th. It was mentioned that the sonatinas that are not specified which movement, it will be the FIRST movement. Wayne at Kidder has a list and the music.

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Our certification Chair Becky Gebbink mentioned that the State is working to give credit to students who complete 4 years of piano with an MTNA Certified Teacher. More updates will be coming.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Experience teaching students with disabilities?

Pam Eyerly is inquiring if anyone has experience teaching children with dyslexia. If so, please contact her at:
rhapsody32@eyerly.us

Pam Dunlap is inquiring if anyone has experience teaching children with Downs Syndrome. If so, please contact her at:
pam.dunlap.piano@gmail.com

AIM REMINDER:

Please turn in all AIM theory registration sheets
no later than the October PAMTA meeting, October 24

PRAIRIE WINDS NEWS:

The Prairie Wind Ensemble will present their first concert of the season on Friday evening, October 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the ICC Performing Arts Center in East Peoria. Because we are AGAIN in need of a permanent conductor, two candidates for this position will be conducting our performance. Jim Tallman, director of bands at Washington High School, will conduct the first half of the concert, and Jeff Neavor, director of bands at Morton High School, will conduct the second half.

Program selections are as follows:

Williams' Superman March
Schumann's Chester Overture for Band
Markowski's JoyRIDE (phrases from Ode to Joy are quoted throughout)
Gillingham's No Shadow of Turning (incorporates the hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness)
Shostakovich's Festive Overture
Fitzpatrick's Nothing Gold Can Stay
Ticheli's Blue Shades (you'll be amazed at the FABULOUS jazz clarinet solo, in a style reminiscent of Benny Goodman!)
King's Barnum and Bailey's Favorite

Ticket prices have increased slightly, but are still a fantastic bargain!

General Public: \$10.00

Seniors and Students: \$8.00

Look for PAMTA member Pam Eyerly in the clarinet section and at the piano. See you there!

PAMTA ELECTRONICS SURVEY RESULTS:

iPhone & iPad:

- Adobe Acrobat: Sight reading pieces
AIM (portions of syllabus scanned in for easy reference)
Notes in the Fast Lane from Susan Paradis
Scheduling
- Calendar: Audible alert to warn that the lesson will end in 5 minutes
Reminders for things to do for students
Scheduling
- Camera: Photos & videos of students
- Game apps: Treble Cat, Bass Cat, & Rhythm Cat
Piano Maestro, Decide Now,
The Most Addicting Sheep Game
Staff Wars, Note Rush
Flashnote Derby
- Notes feature: Information for recital programs
Sheet music/books shopping lists
- Numbers: Spreadsheets:
(Spreadsheets) Keeping track of AIM levels & pieces, recital pieces
Notes in the Fast Lane student times/scores
Student roster, waiting list
- Other apps: Billing
Metronome
Rhythm Lab
YouTube
- Pages feature: Creating student goal sheets
Updating documents (studio policy, composing,
correspondence, etc.)
- Websites: Public domain sheet music:
imslp.org,
classicalsheetmusicgratis.org,
classicalcat.net
reddit.com: Piano Jam (sheet music & recordings)
- YouTube: Victor Borge, Misc. videos

Electronics survey continued:

Windows:

Alfred's Essentials of Music Theory
Classics for Kids
Interactive Classics: Alice in Vivaldi's Four Seasons
Nutcracker Music Game
Magic Flute
MuseScore
Piano is Fun
Play lesson CDS
YouTube

Digital Keyboard:

For playing ensembles / using drum kit as metronome

Thank you to all who responded to the survey!!

Would you like to see another member survey? If so, on what topic?

Please direct your responses to pam.dunlap.piano@gmail.com

Thanks!