



PAMTA

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OCTOBER MEETING

“Just in Time”

October 24, 2016 @ 10 AM

Piano Network
4640 North Brandywine Drive, Peoria

Teachers share "student savers," which are pieces most students will enjoy learning when enthusiasm wanes, or interest in lessons drops. Some of these pieces can often sound more difficult than they are, and can be found from early to more difficult levels. Many teachers have personal favorites.

Come share yours!

AIM REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

ISMTA CONFERENCE

Illinois Wesleyan University November 4-6, 2016

PAMTA members have been asked to bring snacks for the Friday and Saturday sessions. Some examples of snacks might be cookies, trail mix, chips and salsa, popcorn, veggies, fruits, etc. Brenda Conroy has offered to take them all over to the conference on Friday morning if they are dropped off at her home by Thursday, November 3rd. Thank you!
Hope to see you all there!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Lauren Hunt of Normal, email: lahunt7@ilstu.edu

Andrea Molina of Peoria, email: andrea.h.molina@gmail.com

Mercy Perhay, student of Chee-Hyeon Choi,
email: mercyperhay@gmail.com.

Bass Pro Christmas Play Date Sign-up

The sign-up sheet for the Bass Pro Christmas Play Date will be available at the PAMTA meeting on October 24. We have from 10 AM to 8 PM, divided into 30 minute time slots. We will start with that and adjust as needed.

Congratulations to the ISMTA West District Audition Winners!

ISMTA West District Auditions were held at Illinois Central College on October 15th.

Elementary Piano Duet Category:

Allison and Nathaniel Ninnam (students of Rebecca Gebbink) were awarded honorable mention

Elementary Division:

Felicia Cai (student of Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi) was awarded 1st place

Ivy Dong (student of Rosa Chang) was awarded 2nd place

Allison Ninnam (student of Rebecca Gebbink) was awarded 3rd place

Nathaniel Ninnam was awarded honorable mention

Junior Division:

Benjamin Yang (student of Angela Mitchell-Simonson and Julia Tsien) was the winner and will compete at the state level at Illinois Wesleyan University

Kevin Xu (student of Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi) was awarded honorable mention

Thanks to all the students and teachers who participated.
Congratulations to all!

Bradley faculty & students to present first ever Bradley Spooktacular

Bradley Music Department faculty and students will share their talents in a Halloween-themed concert Monday, October 31, 7:30 PM at Bradley's Dingeldine Music Center, 1417 W. Barker Ave., Peoria, IL. Admission is free. This event is the first ever Bradley Spooktacular! Concertgoers are encouraged to come in costume.

The program will feature the Hilltop String Quartet performing an arrangement of Modest Mussorgsky's iconic "Night on Bald Mountain." Marcia Henry Liebenow and Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi will join for William Bolcom's "Graceful Ghost Rag," and Dr. John Jost will lead the Bradley Chamber Singers in selections by Libby Larsen and Thomas Ravenscroft. Dr. John Orfe, who is organizing the concert, will perform "The Headless Horseman" by American composer Edgar Kelley along with the Horowitz-Liszt transcription of Camille Saint-Saens' "Dance Macabre." Saxophonist and Presser Scholar Matthew Zahner will perform the finale of Bolcom's "Lilith" with Orfe. Last but certainly not least, Dr. Todd Kelly will lead a New Orleans-style jazz combo and be joined by Broadway veteran Susan Somerville Brown of Bradley's theater department for the song "Defying Gravity" from the musical *Wicked*.

The Bradley Spooktacular is inspired by the success of 2015's "Bradley Showcase," which opened the 2015-16 Music Scholarship Concert Series. "There are so many interesting things that all of us (Music Department Faculty) are doing at any given time, but we don't always get the chance to share them on the same program. This concert will be something new and fun for everybody. There's also more than enough Halloween-appropriate music for several concerts... if people have a good time this year we'll start putting together another Spooktacular for next year." Orfe reiterated that attendees should feel more than encouraged to come in costume.

For further information, please contact Dr. Orfe at orfe@fsmail.bradley.edu

PAMTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

The PAMTA general meeting was called to order at 10:12 by president, Rosa Chang. Eleven members were present. Guests were Micky Chan and Bethany Pittenger.

Pam Eyerly announced that registrations for AIM will be due at the Oct. meeting.

The Masquerade and Movie Recital is scheduled for Oct. 15, 2016 at the Apollo Theatre at 1:00 and 3:00. Teachers can still enter their students in this recital.

The deadline for entering students in the Sonata/Sonatina Festival is December 17.

The Scholarship Competition is scheduled for March 18, 2017. Deadline for registration is March 4, 2017.

Grace Trang announced there is a high enrollment for the Jr. and Sr. High Competition. Winners of this competition will go on to the state competition held in conjunction with the ISMTA Conference in Nov.

The ISMTA Conference will be held Nov. 4 – 6 at Wesleyan University in Bloomington.

A music swap was mentioned and Rosa will send our information on that event, if the group wants to have it.

A chairman for the Monster Concert is still being sought. Is anyone interested in being chairman for this event?

The meeting adjourned at 10:30. A round table discussion on teaching beginners in our studios followed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Huebner, Pro tem

Central Illinois Youth Symphony Concerts

November 6, 2:00 p.m. Small Ensemble Concert, Life Together Center

November 20: Fall Orchestral Concerts Metamora High School

2:00 p.m. Prep Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, & Percussion Ensemble

4:00 p.m. Youth Symphony & Reading Orchestra

December 1, 6:00 p.m. Senior Concerto Competition & Recital,
Life Together Center