



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association

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February Meeting
“I Love A Piano”

February 27, 2017, 10 AM

Piano Network

4640 North Brandywine Drive, Peoria

Master Class with Dr. Silvan Negrutiu, Millikin University

Assistant Professor Piano, Keyboard Chair

D.M.A. – Shenandoah Conservatory / Shenandoah University

M.Mus. – Royal Irish Academy of Music / Dublin City University

B.Mus. – Romanian National University of Music

About Dr. Negruțiu:

Internationally acclaimed pianist Silvan Negruțiu has performed concerts around the world, from the Kennedy Center in Washington DC to Ireland's National Concert Hall, the Romanian Athenaeum in Bucharest, and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. He has appeared as soloist with prestigious orchestras including the Romanian Radio Chamber Orchestra, Alicante Philharmonic, George Enescu Philharmonic and Dublin Symphony Orchestra. He is a laureate of numerous international competitions, including the "Roma 2000" and Salerno "Beethoven e i classici" in Italy; the "Seiler" in Sofia, Bulgaria; the "Feis Ceoil" in Dublin, Ireland; and the "Konzerteum" in Pireas, Greece.

Mr. Negruțiu obtained his Master Degree Diploma with First Class Honours at the Royal Irish Academy of Music and Dublin City University in Ireland and the graduate diploma at the National University of Music in Bucharest, Romania. In Dublin he held the position of piano instructor at the Royal Irish Academy of Music for three years.

Silvan Negruțiu has been a frequent attendee and performer at international music festivals such as the International Keyboard Institute and Festival, Mannes College of Music in New York, the International Holland Music Sessions in Bergen NH, Holland, and the Aspen Music Festival in Colorado, USA. In September 2008 Silvan Negruțiu was one of the seven international pianists invited to the prestigious Beethoven Course in Positano, Italy, organized by the "Wilhelm Kempff" Cultural Foundation. He is the recipient of the 2009 Gaiety Bursary in Dublin, the Romanian Government Bursary in 2007, the Romanian Ministry of Education and Research Award of Excellence in 2002, and the 2001 Eugen Barbu Award for excellence in performing activity. He is also an active member of the Performing Creation Union of the Romanian Musicians; College Music Society; Music Teachers National Association; and currently serves as Vice President of the Decatur Area Music Teachers Association and East District Chair of the Illinois State Music Teachers Association.

Mr. Negruțiu completed his Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance degree at Shenandoah University in Virginia, and was a piano instructor at Shenandoah between 2010-13. He currently resides in Decatur, Illinois, where he holds the position of Assistant Professor of Piano and Coordinator of Keyboard Studies at Millikin University School of Music.

**Registrations for AIM Performance Exams
are Due at the February meeting**

Now is the time for teachers to also order medals and pins

**Summer Music Camp Scholarship Competition
Saturday, March 18th at First Christian Church.
Registration deadline is March 4th.**

One senior high scholarship and one junior high scholarship are awarded and are to be used to attend summer music camp. For registration and more details, please see PAMTA website

**Bradley Summer Piano Camp
Registration Due May 1st Online**

The 4th Bradley University Summer Piano Camp will run from Monday, June 5th through Friday June 9th, 2017 (8:30AM to 5PM daily). This camp is an intensive and enjoyable piano program for middle school and high school students, ages 11-18, who are interested in enhancing their ongoing piano experience. Bradley keyboard faculty are leading the camp.

For more information:

<http://bradley.edu/academic/departments/music/summer/piano/>

For questions, please contact Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi at

cchoi@fsmail.bradley.edu or (309) 677-2599.

Illinois Chamber Music Festival Applications are due by May 12, 2017

The Illinois Chamber Music Festival and Camp for strings, piano, winds, and harp is currently accepting applications for its 15th summer season, which will be held at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington Illinois, July 9-29, 2017.

This program is designed for young musicians who wish to participate in intensive chamber music training. The schedule consists of daily coaching, rehearsals, master classes, and performances by students and faculty.

Other studies and activities include acting and mime, international dance, handbell choir, tennis, and swimming. The summer concert series offers 15 performances by faculty, guest artists, and students. All concerts and master classes are free and open to the public.

To download the application form, please go to:

<http://www.ilchambermusicfestival.com/>

Applications are due by May 12, 2017. First time students must audition or send in a five minute recording with a solo of your choice.

Application forms may be submitted by email to:

ilchambermusicfestival@gmail.com

Or by mail to:

Illinois Chamber Music Festival at IWU
PO Box 2900
Bloomington, IL 61702-2900
309-556-3547

See flyer below

An Evening of Bach
Friday, April 7, 2017, 7:30 p.m.
Westminster Church

Bradley University faculty Dr. John Orfe and Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi come together in the Westminster sanctuary to perform Bach Klavier Concerti for one and two keyboards. Although conceived for the harpsichord, the concertos of Bach play so well on the modern piano, one might surmise they were meant to be that way all along. Of course, this attests to the power of the music itself ... playing well on almost any instrument conceivable. Each of the performers will offer a single keyboard concerto and then come together with a pair of concerti for two klaviers. It is a sonic delight! Then the Chamber Choir of Westminster will close the program with Handel's magnificent Coronation Anthem Nr. 1 ... "Zadok the Priest". All the works are accompanied by a festival orchestra assembled for the occasion under the direction of Thomas Clark-Jones, organist-choirmaster of Westminster.

<http://westminsterpeoria.org/music-arts/iben-concert-series/>

WELCOME to Our New Members!

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Sonata/Sonatina Festival Results

The Sonatina Festival on Feb. 11th was a success!
We had 72 contestants total, and the winner's recital was well-received.
The committee would like to thank all the wonderful judges, teachers and
volunteers that helped make the festival possible!

... and the winners are:

Level 1A	1st Place	Grant Kroodsma,	Gloria Busman
	2nd Place	Adrian Buena,	Connie Tatum
Level 1B	1st Place	Natalie Navetta,	Rebecca Gebbink
	2nd Place	Sarah Haas,	Connie Tatum
	3rd Place	Olivia Pan,	Rosa Chang
Level 2A	1st Place	Margaret Church,	Rebecca Gebbink
	2nd Place	Emory Milot,	Rebecca Gebbink
	3rd Place	Aleaha Everhart,	Connie Tatum
Level 2B	1st Place	Mandy Dong,	Rosa Chang
	2nd Place	Basil Oram,	Philippa Williams
	3rd Place	Evan Oberie,	Grace Trang
Level 3A	1st Place	Maggie Brummel,	Philippa Williams
	2nd Place	Natalie Otto,	Rebecca Gebbink
	3rd Place	Jared Derails,	Connie Tatum
Level 3B	2nd Place	Morgan Cowan,	Rebecca Gebbink
	2nd Place	Tiffany Zhang,	Liz Reed
Level 4A	1st Place	Calvin Leman,	Philippa Williams
	2nd Place	Rena Zhang,	Rosa Chang
	3rd Place	Evan Alois,	Joyce Schupp
	3rd Place	Mary Sanderson,	Kathleen Murray
Level 4B	1st Place	Michael Robinson,	Grace Trang
	2nd Place	Ellen Guan,	Liz Reed
	3rd Place	Gloria Kroodsma,	Gloria Busman

Sonata/Sonatina Festival Results, continued:

Level 5	1st Place	Alexander Li,	Chee Hyeon Choi
	2nd Place	Jeffrey Wen,	Rosa Chang
	3rd Place	Stella Chen,	Liz Reed
Level 6	1st Place	Theressa Bartelme,	Joshua Russell
	2nd Place	Kayla Rassi,	Marie Taufer
	3rd Place	Allison Ninnam,	Rebecca Gebbink
Level 7	1st Place	Tobias Michlik,	Annalise Duffer
	2nd Place	Jenna Zhang,	Chee Hyeon Choi
	3rd Place	Michael Wang,	Brenda Conroy
Level 8	1st Place	Kevin Qu,	Brenda Conroy
	2nd Place	Sophie Liu,	Rosa Chang
	3rd Place	Alison Baldwin,	Star Commanday
Level 9	1st Place	Philip Yi,	Brenda Conroy
	2nd Place	Ivy Dong,	Rosa Chang
	3rd Place	Felicia Cai,	Chee Hyeon Choi
Level 10	1st Place	Timothy Liu,	Chee Hyeon Choi
	2nd Place	Monica Baldwin,	Chee Hyeon Choi
Level 11	1st Place	Sophia Johnston,	Chee Hyeon Choi
	2nd Place	Kevin Xu,	Chee Hyeon Choi

Congratulations to All!

Thanks to Rebecca Gebbink for the beautiful photos below!



A note from Susan Twitty:

Dear PAMTA Friends and New Members,

Congratulations on another successful Sonata Sonatina Festival. Some years ago when we planned our first festival we spoke with other local MTA associations at fall convention (not conference at that time) and researched where we could learning about this new idea. We were trying something new and didn't really have a guideline to follow, so we did the best we could. It was a success and we learned a lot. With each succeeding festival we kept refining the process until we are where we are now. What a learning experience its been! Teachers and students loved the process. Members many do not remember now were among those first participants: Sister Bernarda, Joyce Mooberry, Janice Durcholz, Crystal Baldwin, and Jane Harms were among the first teachers entering students. One year we even got a spot on a local radio station WMBD to advertise our event. Occasionally there would be a story in the Peoria Journal Star, too. Now look how its evolved! Well done PAMTA !

For a couple of years now I have not been a visible member of PAMTA. My husband's illness has taken first priority in my life, as it should. I've spent many hours reading, researching, and learning about the many faces of dementia and all that that means. Alzheimers is but one dementia and there are many. My husband suffers from multiple dementias and its been difficult for doctors to treat successfully. He is currently at a wonderful memory care facility in Peoria, Bickford Cottage and Memory Care. We are still learning to take one day, sometimes one hour, at a time.

I do hope to become a more active member of PAMTA, ISMTA, and MTNA in the coming year and you will still see me at meetings and recitals. Now, time to get ready for AIM and Spring Recitals!

Susan Twitty
First Vice President PAMTA
Past President PAMTA
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PAMTA General Meeting Minutes January 23rd, 2017

Our meeting was opened by President Rosa Chang at 10:10 with 14 present.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. The secretary's report was read and approved.

AIM: Pam Eyerly gave an overall view and dates for the Performance exam were mentioned again. The deadline for registration is February 28th, at our next meeting.

Rebecca Gebbink gave a report on the next recitals for February. Our duet recital will be February 18th at the Piano Network. Deadline is two weeks prior to that..

Our February meeting at Piano Network will be a master class with Dr. Silvan Snegrutia from Millikin. We will have 3 students perform for him after our meeting.

Barb Huebner will be taking over the programs.

Our March meeting will include a bass player. There will be more to come on our presenter.

The April meeting will be at ICC with Mickey Chen and his ensemble.

Our May meeting will present the Monster Concert music at 10:00 and then we will be going to lunch at Biaggi's. This is a change. Please correct your book.

One of our new members Patrick Johnson wanted to know about the Monster Concert and Barb Huebner went into detail about the planning and work that was involved. We are still looking for help for the 2018 Monster Concert.

Meeting minutes, continued:

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m. Our program was teachers presenting ideas on technique.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Conroy

**New Piano Tuner Available:
Tuning by Tony**

Tony Jones (Kirsten Ryan Jones's husband) trained with Tom and Greg Sanders. He has completed the course work and is now certified to tune and repair pianos.

Scheduling number: 309-361-5200

Flyer for Illinois Chamber Music Festival below:



THE 15TH ANNUAL
ILLINOIS
Chamber Music
FESTIVAL

FOR STRINGS, HARP, PIANO, AND WINDS

JULY 9 - 29, 2017

This program is open to high school and college students who wish to participate in intensive chamber music training on the historic campus of Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois. The schedule includes daily coaching, rehearsals, master classes, elective studies, and performances by students and faculty. Need-based scholarships are available.

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