



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association August 2012

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MEET, GREET, AND EAT!

Our first meeting of the year will be this coming Monday, August 27th at 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Church, 6400 N. University (next to the Post Office). Please bring a brunch dish to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. If you know of a music teacher who might be considering joining PAMTA, please encourage them to attend as a guest. We will hear an overview of what will be occurring during the year and will also have the opportunity to visit and catch up with each other. Please join us for this upbeat beginning of a great year!

SONATA/SONATINA FESTIVAL – The committee has completed all the guidelines and governing rules as well as the enrollment form. These are all available on the PAMTA website: www.pamta.org. For those who do not have internet access, there will be a few paper copies available at the meeting.

Brenda Conroy reminds you that if you have not yet paid your **membership dues** for this year, the very latest they may be paid in order for you to participate in PAMTA activities (such as AIM) for the upcoming school year is August 31st.

State Conference will be held at the University of Illinois, Urbana, November 2-4. More detailed information about motels and parking is on the website: www.ismta.org. You may also find information there about **competitions**.

MEMBER NEWS

Melanie Bietz was recently elected president of the Davis, CA, branch of CAMTA. She is the daughter of Jerry and **Myrna Bietz** and is currently a full-time piano teacher in Davis.

Congratulations to **Rebecca Gebbink** who recently became a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM) through MTNA.

A special note from **Jany Izaguirre**: “I would like to thank all PAMTA members for always making me welcome from the beginning. I moved with my family to New Jersey two months ago, and I am already missing all of you very much. I’m sorry that I couldn’t make it to the lunch in May, but everything was too crazy. Thank you very much for all your support, and I hope that here I will feel as blessed as I felt during my time in Peoria. You will always be in my heart.”

The *Peoria Symphony Orchestra* has a deal to offer to our members. (Brochures will be available at the meeting on the 27th so that you can see what all the concerts are.)

Peoria Area Music Teachers Association Special Ticket Package for the Peoria Symphony Orchestra 12-13 Season

You love music and clearly you care about sharing this passion for music with the young people you teach.

The Peoria Symphony Orchestra is extending a special ticket offer for you to attend PSO concerts this season and to bring your students with you.

The Peoria Symphony Orchestra 12-13 Season is full of great repertoire and great guest artists. Extend your students musical experience and education by bringing them to attend Peoria Symphony Orchestra concerts with you. Many concerts also feature pre-concert lectures that add insight to the concerts.

The special ***Music Teacher Subscription Package*** includes a ticket for you and a ticket for a student to each of the 8 concerts of the PSO 12-13 season including the World Artist pianist **Andre Watts** concert!

For less than \$28 per concert both you and your student can attend PSO concerts.

The package is \$218.50 for the 8 concerts. That is only \$27.31 per concert for the two of you. If you bought these as single tickets the cost would be \$296.

And you get to choose where you’d like to sit from these 2 options:

Zone 1 Front – rows A-C if you like to be up-close to the musicians OR

Zone 1 Back – rows W- EE.

You can order by visiting the PSO box office at 101 State Street, Peoria, IL 61602 or by calling us at 309-671-1096 and identifying yourself as a music teacher.

Susan Hoffman

Executive Director