



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association August 2013

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### **MEET, GREET, AND EAT!**

Our first meeting of the year will be this coming Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 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 and share studio ideas. Yearbooks will be distributed with all the information for the upcoming year. Please join us for this upbeat beginning of a great year!

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**State Conference** will be held at Northeastern University in Chicago, November 1-3. More detailed information about motels and parking is on the website: [www.ismta.org](http://www.ismta.org). You may also find information there about **competitions**.

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### **PAMTA RECITAL DATES**

For those who like to plan far ahead, here are the dates and themes of the recitals for the upcoming year: October 20, Masquerade Musicale at the Apollo Theater (2:00 and 4:00); December 7, Christmas Jamboree at Bass pro Shop (10:00-8:00); February 8, Duet Festival at the Piano Gallery (3:00) and April 26, Honors Recital (3:00).

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### **MEMBER NEWS**

**Philippa Williams** shares this with us about what she did with her students this summer: "They took a break or spent less time on their regular books and spent time instead on hymns, duets, and popular music. They had such fun doing this that I decided to have a no parent recital/ice cream sundae party so that they could share with each other what they had learned. I didn't bother with programs but just had each student announce to each other what they were playing, and after the performances we all had ice cream. The absence of parents made it less stressful. All seemed to have such a good time that I may try this again at the end of next summer."

**Below is information from ICC about their Community Partners program that we will be participating in this year:**

We are thrilled that your organization will be one of our highlighted community partners during our 2013-14 Guest Artists Series at Illinois Central College. What follows is background information about the Community Partners program:

To promote our facility as a "good citizen" of our community, we find a charity/group/organization (which is either entirely local or has a local chapter) that we highlight at each of our Guest Artists Series performances, an annual series of events featuring nationally- and internationally-touring acts. This gives the featured organization some exposure to our audience members while promoting our facility as a socially-conscious member of the community.

There is no cost to your group/organization for participating in our Community Partners program.

The benefits to your organization are that we would:

- \* list your group as our featured community partner in advertising for the show, including our web site and social media outlets
- \* offer four complimentary tickets to the show that you could use for your own purposes (such as a fundraising raffle prize, a gift to a worthwhile family, or a reward to volunteers/employees of your organization, for example)
- \* include information about your organization in the program distributed to audience members at the performance
- \* provide a table in our lobby the evening of the performance which you can use to display information about your group; you can also bring up to two members of your group to speak with the public about your organization before and after the show, as well as during any scheduled intermissions (we will provide those representatives with seating for the show as well)
- \* allow you a few minutes prior to the show for a brief curtain speech to address the audience and inform them about your organization.

In return, we would simply ask your group to help publicize the event to your patrons (through your web site, newsletter, social media, display of posters at your facility, etc.).

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Look for the August meeting minutes to be in your next newsletter. Hope to see you at the upcoming meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions before the meeting, feel free to call me for more information.

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