



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association August 2014

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**FIRST PAMTA MEETING OF THE YEAR
AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH AT 10:00 A.M.**

Please bring a brunch food item (suggestions: casserole, bread or muffins, etc.) for the meeting. Let Brenda Conroy (635-5118 or bconroy88@comcast.net) or Polly Sharp (713-3049 or piria@comcast.net) know what you are bringing. Coffee and tea will be provided along with table service. **Debbie Gillette** from Winnetka will be speaking about the *new AIM syllabus and revisions*. Also come with ideas for our January meeting.

AIM

AIM chairman, Pam Eyerly, reports that the new syllabus is not ready yet, but should go to the printers with the next month. Cost for an individual syllabus will be \$30.50. The medals for new participants will now cost \$5.50. Please order medals with your PERFORMANCE enrollment.

The dates for the upcoming year are:

October 27: Theory Enrollment Deadline

November 20: Judges' Meeting

November 22: Theory Exams at Bradley University in Constance Hall, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

November 23: Theory Exams at ICC East Peoria in the Academic Building, Ground Level, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

December 15: Last Day for Theory Make-Ups

February 23: Performance Enrollment Deadline

March 26: Judges' Meeting

March 28: Performance Exams at Bradley in Constance Hall, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

March 29: Performance Exams at ICC East Peoria in the Academic Building, Ground Level, 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.

May 15: Last Day for Performance Make-Ups

If anyone has questions about AIM, please contact Pam Eyerly at rhapsody32@eyerly.us.

THE FIRST BRADLEY UNIVERSITY SUMMER PIANO CAMP

The Bradley Summer Piano Camp successfully completed the first musical experience for middle and high school students. The piano camp was July 21-25, 2014. Campers from the Peoria area took this opportunity to learn not only piano repertoires, but also expanded their understanding of music history, keyboard functional skills, jazz piano, and composition. Additionally students enjoyed a variety of activities including a faculty recital, a visit to the Department of Electrical Engineering, swimming, and other activities which brightened their enjoyment of bonding together. The camp culminated in a final recital whose performances included duets, solos, and performances of their own compositions. Each participant received a certificate of completion. Parents raved about the excellent program that boosted their children's motivation in learning the piano.

Pictures can be found on Bradley Summer Piano Camp's Facebook page linked here.

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bradley-Summer-Piano-Camp/309012195930256?ref_type=bookmark.

ISMTA WEST DISTRICT AUDITIONS

These auditions will be held this year at Illinois Central College on Saturday, October 18th in the morning. Elementary students should have two memorized pieces. Junior students (Grades 6 through 9) should play two or three pieces from different musical periods and with contrasting styles. Senior students (Grades 10 through 12) must perform three memorized pieces from different musical periods and with contrasting styles. The Junior and Senior level winners will advance to State Auditions at Millikin University on November 8th or 9th. All participants will receive certificates.

2014 ISMTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This will be held at Millikan University in Decatur on November 7-9. Sessions and concerts will be on the 7th and 8th, and competitions will be on the 8th and 9th. More information is available on the ISMTA website at www.ismta.org.

PEORIA SYMPHONY GUILD YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION (YAC)

This competition will be held at ICC the morning of Saturday, October 25th at ICC. Registration deadline is September 1st. All rules and information are available on the Guild's website at www.psoguild.org.

Western Illinois will hold a master class on September 13th. Any high school students wanting to participate may contact Dr. Tammie Walker at WIU.

JAZZ, RAGS, AND BLUES RECITAL

This recital will be held Sunday, October 26th at the Apollo Theater at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please indicate on your registration which time you would prefer. You may register at www.pamta.org under the Recital section, or send your registration form to Rebecca Gebbink.

THE WOMEN OF CONSTANCE

As part of the Bradley Music Department Scholarship Concert Series, Bradley female music faculty will perform French music on Sunday, September 21 at 3pm in Dingleline Music Center. The program contains French music in the late 19th to the early 20th century including; Bonis' *Sonata for Flute and Piano*, Loeffler' s *Two Rhapsodies for Oboe, Viola, and Piano*, French Arts songs by Bachelet, Fauré and Banderall. Two of Debussy piano Preludes from book II will also be featured. Performers include Kerry Walters (Soprano), Andrea Molina (Piano), Kyle Dzapo (Flute), Alison Robuck (Oboe), Diane Wuthrich (Viola), and **Chee Hyeon Choi** (Piano). Admission is \$10. Free admission for students. Dr. Choi is a member of PAMTA.

The publication of our PAMTA meeting minutes in the newsletter will resume with the September newsletter.