



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association February 2015

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**NEXT PAMTA MEETING
PIANO GALLERY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd AT 10:00 A.M.**

This meeting will be a recap of how the Sonatina/Sonata Festival went and discussion of thoughts and ideas from members for the future. Following this, members will perform pieces that they have found are good teaching pieces. If teachers have a piece to share and perform, it would be greatly appreciated. Also, AIM Performance registrations are due at this meeting. (If you can't be at the meeting, please mail your forms to Pam Eyerly before February 28th.) Please review the AIM reminders below.

AIM

Here are some reminders from AIM Chairman, Pam Eyerly:

AIM dates are March 28 and 29.

AIM registrations are due at the PAMTA meeting on February 23.

The cost of medals is now **\$5.50** each. Exam fees remain \$8.00 per student.

AIM Performance Exams will use the NEW Syllabus. This means students must be prepared to play the NEW TECHNIQUE requirements.

Please use the NEW forms on the PAMTA website:

The new enrollment form has the \$5.50 price for the medals.

The new rating sheets are set up slightly differently for the judge. Note that Levels 4-9 have a two-page rating sheet.

Please make out one check to PAMTA for your AIM enrollment fees.

DUET RECITAL

The Duet recital is this coming Saturday on February 21 at 2:00pm at First Christian Church. Even if you do not have students in the recital, please feel free to come and enjoy the recital.

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY SUMMER PIANO CAMP

This will be held for middle school and high school students, ages 11-18, who are interested in enhancing their ongoing piano experience. It will run from Monday, July 20th through Friday, July 24th, 2015. Daily drop off will be between 7:45 and 8:00 a.m. and pick up will be at 5:30 p.m.

A variety of courses in keyboard musicianship, music history, jazz improvisation and music composition will be offered. There will be social activities as well. A final concert will be held at Dingeldine Music Center at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 24th and will feature solo and ensemble performances by all the students.

This is a commuter camp only with the cost being \$295 which includes meals and a camp t-shirt. Registration is due June 1st online at: <http://bradley.edu/academic/departments/music/piano/>. For questions, please contact **Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi** at cchoi@fsmail.bradley.edu or 309-677-2599. Dr. Choi is a member of PAMTA.

President Philippa Williams is asking that all members who hold a position in PAMTA be thinking about **next year's budget**. They should submit what they expect to spend for the year as this helps us plan future events. Following are some of the categories: Monster Concert, AIM, recitals/programs, church rental, scholarships, membership, yearbook, website, general meeting programs, library, sunshine/memorials, hospitality, newsletter. Thank you in advance for getting this information to the Board.

MEMBER NEWS

Take a musical trip to warm, sunny locations with the Prairie Wind Ensemble and tour guide/conductor Dr Joseph Manfredo! (PAMTA member, **Pam Eyerly** plays clarinet with the ensemble). The PWE will present its third concert of the season at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday March 15, at the ICC Performing Arts Center. Exotic selections will include Manuel de Falla's *Ritual Fire Dance*, Frank Ticheli's *Cajun Folk Songs*, A. Alvarez's *Suspiros de Espana*, Arturo Marquez's *Danzon No. 2*, and H. Owen Reed's *La Fiesta Mexicana*. The concert will feature Justin Bainter performing virtuosic trumpet solo *La Virgen de la Macarena* by Rafael Mendez. Former PWE conductor Robert Sheldon will be a special guest, conducting his *Southwest Saga*. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors. Hope you can join us!

Mallika Patel, flutist, is the 2015 Central Illinois Youth Symphony's Senior Solo Competition Winner. A senior at Metamora Township High School, Mallika will perform *Fantasie* for flute by George Hue with the Youth Symphony on Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m. at MTHS. Mallika currently studies flute with Dr Kyle Dzapo of Bradley University, and piano with PAMTA member **Pam Eyerly**. For more

information, please visit this link: <http://www.ciys.org/senior-solo-competition-winner.html>

PIANO FOR SALE

Baldwin spinet – new in the 1970's. For more information, contact Rick Bogner at 274-5204. (Information provided by Janet Dickerson).

11/24/ 15 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Philippa opened meeting at 10:10 with Minutes read, treasurer report read and approved with 2148.89 in Treasury.

Meeting was held at Piano Gallery with 12 in attendance, more showed up later in meeting.

Becky Gebbink gave report on Christmas music at Luthy=Botanical Gardens and time slots available

Monster Concert was briefly talked about for the year 2016 and locations were discussed.

Brenda gave report on upcoming meetings- Luncheon in December will be at Basta O'neils in Washington.

January was at Piano Gallery with open discussion with questions regarding teaching and problems we teachers face.

February 7th will be the Sonatina/Sonata Festival at ICC and deadline was December 12th- no exceptions!

February 21 is the Duet Festival at First Christian Church=- applications 2 week prior to that date.

February 28th Camp Scholarship at First Christian Church = applications 2 weeks prior to date to Polly Sharp.

Meeting adjourned and Ian Moschenross from Monmouth College gave a great program on new pieces and unknown repertoire for all ages of piano students.

Minutes taken by Brenda Conroy

(January minutes are on the next page.)

PAMTA GENERAL MEETING
PIANO GALLERY
JANUARY 26, 2015

The PAMTA general meeting was called to order at 10:05 by past president, Janet Dickerson. The November 2014 minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read. Ending Balance, Dec. 2014, \$2756.66 and Savings, \$8447.54.

Janet Dickerson and Barb Huebner reported they audited the treasurer's books for the years of 2010 – 2014 and they were in perfect order. A Big Thank you to Karen Thompson for doing a great job in keeping the treasury records.

Pam Eyerly reported that AIM registrations for performance exams will be due at the next meeting, Feb. 23, 2015. The Sonata/Sonatina pieces can be used as one of the students pieces at the AIM performance. Teachers are to check on the time period of the piece to make sure it is either Classical, Romantic or 20th century.

The Duet recital registrations are due two weeks before the recital which is Feb. 21, 2015. The recital is being held at the 1st Christian Church.

The Scholarship Competition will be held Feb. 28, 2015. Send the entrants to Polly Sharp. There was discussion to change the time of the Scholarship Competition to a later date next year.

The Monster Concert is scheduled for Feb. 13, 2016 at Five Points Washington. A \$500.00 deposit has been made. Janet Dickerson and Barb Huebner are co-chairmen for this event. The pianos are being supplied by the Music Center, Randy Schertz, owner. A music committee is being formed. Liz Dusenbery and Kathleen Murray have volunteered to be part of that committee.

Final details are being made for the Sonata/Sonatina Festival to be held Feb. 7, 2015.

The winners recital will be held around 11:30 on Saturday. Students need to be present to receive their award. The program should last about an hour.

The meeting was adjourned and a round table discussion followed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Huebner, Secretary