



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association February 2016

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FEBRUARY PAMTA MEETING
DINGELDINE MUSIC CENTER AT BRADLEY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi (PAMTA member) will talk about her presentation that she did in Korea last summer, and **Dr. John Orfe** will discuss the complex rhythm in the Ligeti piano concerto that he recently performed. Dr. Choi and Dr. Orfe will also perform duet music for us.

AIM

Attention AIM teachers! Our AIM Performance Exams are the weekend of April 9-10, which is a few weeks later in the year than usual. However, your registration forms are still due at the FEBRUARY PAMTA meeting on the 22nd. If you can't make that meeting, I will continue to accept mailed registrations through February 29. The exams are \$8.00 per student, and medals for first time AIM students are \$5.50 each. Thank you! Pam Eyerly, AIM Chair

SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The annual PAMTA camp scholarship competition is rescheduled for April 2nd at First Christian Church. Please get your registrations in to Myrna Bietz by March 19th. Registration forms are available on-line at the PAMTA web-site, www.pamta.org, and may be completed on-line or printed out and sent.

MONSTER CONCERT 2016

The Monster Concert 2016 was held on February 13, 2016 at I.C.C. at the Lecture Recital Hall. 85 students and 21 teachers helped to make this event a huge success. **Barb Huebner** and **Janet Dickerson** were co-chairs for this event and they were pleased with all the help that was received by the teachers. THANK YOU to all who helped in making this a fun and successful event. The conductor was Chris Vandre, and she did a fabulous job in helping the students make beautiful music together. The music committee did a great job in choosing the music that was played.

AT THE THEATER RECITAL

This recital is coming up soon on Saturday, February 27th at 2:00 at First Christian Church on University Street in Peoria. Even if you do not have students participating in it, it will be fun to see all the students perform these fun pieces. If you have any questions about the recital, contact Rebecca Gebbink, Recital Chair. Registration is due no later than February 20th.

MEMBER NEWS

The Prairie Wind Ensemble will perform on Sunday afternoon, March 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the ICC Performing Arts Center. Hope to see you there! **Pam Eyerly**, member of the ensemble

Bradley Summer [Piano Camp](#)

The 2016 Bradley University Summer Piano 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. Each student will continue to develop their pianistic abilities and enrich their musical experiences by attending a variety of courses in keyboard musicianship, music history, jazz improvisation and music composition.

Bradley keyboard faculty are leading the camp. In addition, the camp faculty recital, a visit to the Engineering building, sports and other outdoor activities will brighten their enjoyment of bonding together..

It will run from Monday, June 6th through Friday, June 10th, 2016. Daily drop off will be between 8:15-8:30a.m. and pick up will be at 5-5:15p.m. A final concert will be held at Dingeldine Music Center at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 10th, and will feature solo and ensemble performances by all the students. This is a commuter camp only with the cost being \$325 which includes meals and a camp t-shirt.

Registration is due May 1st [online](#). For questions, please contact Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi at cchoi@fsmail.bradley.edu or (217)721-9882.

MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL PIANO CAMP

Millikin University will host its fourth High School Piano Camp from July 10-16 this summer. Our theme this year will be "Great Living Pianists": in addition to learning about Daniel Barenboim, Martha Argerich and Richard Goode, students will work on mini research-projects on a pianist of their choice and present them toward the end of the camp. The camp will once again feature technique-sessions and an opportunity to learn and perform a duet piece. New this year are the session on pipe organ playing and the opportunity to win a \$1,000 Millikin University Music Scholarship! Please find more information on our website: www.millikin.edu/pianocamp.

CONCERT INFORMATION

COMPLETE SONATAS FOR PIANO AND VIOLIN IN THREE CONCERTS

Tuesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.

Concert One: *Sonatas 1,2,3,5*

Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.

Concert Two: *Sonatas 10, 6, 7*

Sunday, March, 3:00 p.m.

Concert Three: *Sonatas 8, 4, 9*

All concerts are in Westbrook Auditorium,
Presser Hall at Illinois Wesleyan University

Free and open to the public

ZANTA HOFMEYR, *violin*

ILIA RADOSLAVOV, *piano*

PAMTA GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 25, 2016

THE PIANO NETWORK

The PAMTA general meeting was held at The Piano Network. The meeting was opened at 10:00 AM. Barb Huebner conducted the meeting in the absence of President Philippa Williams. The November 2015 minutes and December 2015 Treasurer's report were read and approved.

Janet Dickerson gave a Monster Concert report on the upcoming concert day. Schedules for the day of the concert were given out with the distribution of the t shirts at the last rehearsal which was Jan. 23, 2016. Dress code for the day of the concert is t shirts and nice dark pants. Barb reported that the rehearsals were going very well. 86 students are participating.

AIM – Registrations are due for the AIM exams at the February meeting.

Myrna Bietz announced that the Scholarship Competition is scheduled for Feb. 20, 2016. So far there is only one entrée. Deadline for this competition is Feb. 6, 2016.

Becky Gebbink announced, Feb. 27, 2016 is the "At The Theater" recital to be held at 1st Christian Church. Registrations are due by Feb. 20, 2016.

Kathleen Murray spoke about membership in the Peoria Symphony Guild and on the opportunities to serve on the Guild Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 and the program followed.

The program was on Chamber Music and how to use it in the music studio. The presenters were Lisa Nelson and Nina Gordon and other faculty members from IWU. There were 2 violins, 1 cello and 1 piano with a viola on some pieces. It was a very enjoyable and informative program.

Liz Reed, Secretary Pro Tem

