



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association January 2013

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MUSIC BY UNFAMILIAR COMPOSERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

10:00 A.M.

PAMTA members will perform student level pieces by composers that you may have never heard of but who have written some fun and interesting pieces that you may like to have your students learn. This is an opportunity to share with each other some new information and enjoy listening to these pieces. If you would like to play, please let Polly Steward-Sharp know the name of your piece and the composer by e-mailing or calling her at pjria@comcast.net or 713-3049. If you can share a little bit about the composer or some of the things you like about the piece, that would be great too.

SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The deadline for the scholarship competition is February 9th. Please e-mail Polly at pjria@comcast.net. The competition will take place on February 23rd at First Christian Church at 10:00 a.m.

AIM PERFORMANCE EXAMS are on March 16th and 17th. Registrations are due at the February 25th PAMTA meeting or they can be mailed to AIM chairman, Pam Eyerly, any time before the 25th. Besides the *Enrollment Forms*, teachers need to submit a *Performance Rating Sheet* for each of their students, *Repertoire Source Sheets* for each student's music choices, and the *Teacher Sign-Up Form* for helping on AIM days. Exams are \$8.00 per student. There is a \$5.00 charge per medal for each student who is new to AIM. Please print students' names clearly as that is how the student's name will appear on their certificate. Please note that students who are participating in the Sonata/Sonatina Festival may use their piece as one of their AIM pieces. Use the piece for the appropriate music period that it is in. If you have any questions, please contact Pam.

Becky Gebbink reports that the **Masquerade Musicale** had 60 participants. The **Christmas Jamboree** at Bass Pro Shops had 150, and the **Meet the Piano Gallery** had 12 students. The next recital is the Honors Recital on April 28, 2013.

MEMBER NEWS

Pam Eyerly performed with a Clarinet Choir at the recent St. Martin's Chamber Players concert held at First English Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 20th.

Myrna Bietz shares the following anecdote: When I returned from vacation last October, one of my students had completely forgotten how to identify intervals. So, I told him thinking about what intervals sounded like once in a while might help him with this problem. Last week, when he came in for a lesson, I asked, "So, have you been thinking about intervals?" He replied, with a straight face, "That's all I think about."

Liz Reed (director) and **Justin Kothenbeutel** (music director) invite you to come see Peoria Players production of the classic musical, *Mame*. The show runs February 1-3, and 6-10. For tickets, call the Peoria Players Box Office at 688-4473. Tickets are \$18, with a special ticket price on Wednesday, February 6th of \$12.00. Ticket prices for those under the age of 18 are \$12.00. The show has lots of great music in it! Liz and Justin hope to see you there!

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2012 PAMTA MEETING FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. with President Janet Dickerson presiding. There were 20 members present.

The minutes of the October 22, 2012 were approved as read.

Janet spoke about the Sonata/Sonatina Festival and sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the Festival.

Pam Eyerly spoke about AIM.

Two new members were announced: Karen Kitterman and Kathleen Murray.

Janet mentioned that everyone should be thinking about selecting a member of the year. Several suggestions were mentioned.

Barb Huebner showed a book she got at Melody Bober's workshop and spoke about the good information it has in it.

The Christmas brunch time for December has been changed to 11:00 a.m. For the January meeting, Polly Sharp reminded the members about playing student level pieces by obscure composers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. and was followed by a program by Dr. Chung-Ha Kim from Millikin University on "How to Make a Career in Music."

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Taufer
Secretary Pro-Tem