



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association March 2015

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**NEXT PAMTA MEETING
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MONDAY, MARCH 30th AT 10:00 A.M.**

Please note that this meeting is on the 5th Monday of the month due to the MTNA National Conference being held during our regular meeting day. Our guest artist will be **Dr. Silvan Negrutin** from Millikin University. He will play some selections and talk about teaching pieces. After that, he will answer questions about sending students to Millikin and will also present information about the piano camp that Millikin has with Dr. Chung-Ha Kim and himself. We will go to lunch afterwards.

APRIL MEETING

In addition to the program that will be presented by Andrea Molina from Bradley at the Piano Gallery, the winners of the camp scholarship will be present to play 1 piece and receive a letter from the Scholarship Committee.

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 choi@fsmail.bradley.edu or 309-677-2599. Dr. Choi is a member of PAMTA.

PAMTA LIBRARY

PAMTA has an extensive library, the contents of which are listed on pages 10 and 11 of the yearbook. If anyone would like to borrow an item or items, please contact **Polly Sharp**, and she will bring them to the next meeting.

ADVERTISING IN THE PAMTA DIRECTORY

From member **Susan Twitty NCTM**: For the past several years I have been securing ads for our annual yearbook/ directory. It has been a rewarding position and one that does result in funds coming in to pay for our annual yearbook/directory expenses. The position does require some effort each late spring and keeping an ear open for any new advertisers we would like to secure. I have written up a job description and would love to forward it to interested persons. The job does require some computer experience and a willingness to follow through on prospective advertisers. I will share all files relating to the position and would be happy to train a new advertising chairman. I'm sure one of our members would have new ideas and love to take over this position! Please contact me asap if you think you could be that person. I can be reached at 698-7210 or stwitty@comcast.net.

HONORS RECITAL

The Honors Recital will be held Saturday, April 25th at 2:00 p.m. at First Christian Church. Registration is due two weeks before on April 11th and may be done online at www.pamta.org. You may also mail your registration form to Rebecca Gebbink.

SPECIAL RECITAL

Also on April 25th, a special recital will be presented by former PAMTA member and former student of Myrna Bietz, **Jared Rixstine**. Jared and his roommate at Millikin University, Brock Gwaltney (who is also a Piano Performance major) will be playing this recital (and also one in Brock's hometown) as a precursor to their on-campus recital. The recital will be at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary at First Christian Church. Jared would love to have anyone and everyone from PAMTA and their respective studios attend. It will be a stellar program with both the Liszt Rigoletto Paraphrase and the Waldstein Sonata making appearances.

MEMBER NEWS

Myrna Bietz and **Brenda Conroy** will be attending the MTNA National Conference in Las Vegas. We look forward to hearing more about the conference from the two of them. Although I won't be going to Vegas, I (**Liz Reed**) will be going to New Orleans at this same time and am looking forward to hearing lots of jazz and blues.

New Music Ensemble concert series *Peoria Lunaire Concert*, will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in Dingledine Music Center. The program consists of Bradley faculty members' performances, student compositions and Brian Spicklemire's Piano Duo, *Sabertooth* that will be performed by Drs. John Orfe and **Chee Hyeon Choi** (PAMTA member). The composer, Brian Spicklemire is an employee of Kidder Music.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND YOUTH AND FAMILY ORIENTED CONCERTS

World renowned pianist, Jade Simmons, will be the guest artist at the next Musical Discoveries Concert, *Playful Piano!* The concert is on Sunday, March 29th at the WTVP Studios and is sponsored by the Peoria Symphony Orchestra and Peoria Symphony Guild. It is for children from the ages of 5 and 10 and their families. The program includes narration and demonstration of the instrument and time later for hands on experience for the children attending. They will also be part of a live audience since the concert will be shown at a later date on WTVP. For more information go to peoriasymphony.org or call 671-1096. The cost of tickets is \$5.00 for children and \$10.00 for adults. Space is limited.

Also the next symphony presented by the Peoria Symphony Orchestra is very family oriented and is called *Matinee at the Movies*. It will be held, Sunday, April 19th at 3:00 at the Peoria Civic Center theatre.

If you teach home schooled students, and they are not aware of the Symphony's Student Concerts being held on Friday, April 17 in the morning, and if they would like information sent to them about the concerts, please contact Liz Reed. Tickets are only \$5.00 per person at these concerts. A program called *Gershwin's Magic Key* will be presented. Also the Young Artist Competition winner will be playing piano.

The minutes of the February 23, 1025 PAMTA meeting are on the next page.

PAMTA GENERAL MEETING

FEBRARY 23, 2015

The PAMTA general meeting was called to order by president Philippa Williams. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and placed on file. The ending balance in the checking account at the end of December 2014 is \$3146.66. The savings account is \$8448.92. The Sonata/Sonatina Festival brought in \$870.00

The Scholarship Competition is to be held Feb. 28, 2015 at 1st Christian Church. There are 5 entrants. The reason for the Scholarship Competition being held in Feb. is because camp applications are usually due early in March. Jr. High is 6-7-8 grades and Sr. High is 9-12 grades. There was a discussion about the camp scholarship awards. A motion was made by Polly Sharp and 2nd by Brenda Conroy that the winners of each division, Jr. High and Sr. High, would receive up to \$500.00 or the cost of the camp whichever is less. The motion carried. Scholarship is not limited to piano, but there would be a different judge for other instruments.

There was discussion if we need or have a syllabus for other instruments. No resolution was made at that time.

The Duet Recital was a success with 44 performers playing 22 duet pieces. Eight teachers were represented.

AIM Registrations are due by Feb. 28. If pieces are not memorized the test is incomplete.

Monster Concert plans are being developed. It was announced that there will be 2 conductors. Dan Dietrich has agreed to direct and the other prospective conductor has not been contacted as yet.

The offices of PAMTA that are needed to be filled are 1st Vice President, Treasurer, and publicity chairperson. Sue Twitty allowed her name for 1st Vice President and Kirsten Jones allowed her name to be Treasurer.

The Board needs proposals for the Budget for 2016 and the person in charge of her committee need to give the numbers to Philippa.

Sue Twitty reported that the Sonata/Sonatina Festival was a great event with 95% going very well. More minutes are needed to be scheduled for each student. It was suggested that only parents would be allowed in the room when their child is playing. Another suggestion was to have the registration table closer to the entrance from Parking Lot E. A big thank you to all those who participated in this great event.

The March general meeting will be on March 30, 2015 at 1st Christian Church with guest, Dr. Silvan Negrutiu from Millikin University. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Janet Dickerson and seconded by Polly Sharp at 11:15

Respectfully Submitted, Barb Huebner, Secretary