



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association November 2014

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**NEXT PAMTA MEETING
PIANO GALLERY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH AT 10:00 A.M.**

Dr. Ian Mochenross from Monmouth College will play and lecture on teaching pieces.

AIM

The schedules have been sent out to teachers who have students participating in the exams this coming weekend. The judges' workshop will be held this Thursday, November 20th at the home of AIM Coordinator, Pam Eyerly at 9:30 a.m. Please contact Pam at 309-367-6086 if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our Christmas luncheon this year will be held at Basta O'Neills on Cummings Lane in Washington on December 15th at 11:30. Please make your reservation to Brenda Conroy before the 10th of December. We will be ordering off the menu.

SONATA/SONATINA COMPETITION

Registrations are due December 6th for this competition. Check the website for more information. Registrations should be mailed to Susan Twitty.

What: Music in the Garden - Luthy Botanical Garden

When: December 13, 6-9pm

Where: Luthy Botanical Garden

Our Christmas play-out this year is Candlelight Walks at the Garden, at [Luthy Botanical Garden](#), 2520 North Prospect Road, Peoria, IL 61603

"Continue a holiday tradition or start a new one. Visit our Poinsettia Show at night, under the warm glow of hundreds of candles, while enjoying live performances of holiday music. As our gift to you, Conservatory admission will be waived during the holiday, although we will accept donations"

Registration will run from November 24 - 29, you can sign up online using the recital tab, or bring your registration forms to the PAMTA meeting. You can sign up for the 6:00, 7:00, or 8:00 recital. If you do the paper registration, please indicate which recital you desire.

After all registrations are received I will stagger the arrival times so there is a flow of students arriving and leaving. This is not a formal "sit down" recital. The size of the area where we are performing does not allow for this. There will be some seating, but the idea is the "audience" will be strolling through the candlelight garden.

Please be as accurate as possible when filling in the amount of time it takes to play each piece.

You can sign up 8 students per teacher. If I do not receive enough registrations to fill our allotted time (3 hours), then you can sign up more students.

Rebecca Gebbink
Recital Chair

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting will be an open forum and will discuss student, parent, music ideas, and questions and answers. Please send your questions to Brenda Conroy by the 10th of January. We will be meeting at the Piano Gallery. If you have any suggestions on further topics for this meeting, please contact the Board.

Gareth Cordery, student of **Ian Moschenross**, was awarded third place in the Senior Division competition at the ISMTA State Conference at Millikan University. Congratulations!

The ISMTA State Conference held at Millikan University was awesome this year with many good workshops and concerts. Amy Jo Sawyer from the Gateway East area was the recipient of Composer of the State. She had three students perform her pieces and will be on the ISMTA website and also on You Tube. One of the students was *Felix Yang* from Peoria, student of **Brenda Conroy**.

The Peoria Symphony Guild Young Artist Competition was held at ICC the morning of Saturday, October 25th at ICC. *Gareth Cordery*, student of **Ian Moschenross** and *Elizabeth Lindqwister*, student of **Brenda Conroy**, competed. Elizabeth made the finals and won second place. Congratulations to both students for their excellent performances!

Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi's piano student, *Star Commanday*, won First Place (\$700) from the Midwest Collaborative Piano Competition at Eastern Illinois University on November 15th. The competition was hosted by EIU Professor Jonathan Bowman, and judged and coached by Professor Scott Holden of Brigham Young University. Star performed works by Vivaldi and Faure with an EIU cello student and received rave evaluation at their master class format.

Bradley University piano students will present a recital Tuesday, December 9th at 7:30 p.m. at Dingeldine Music Center, 1417 W. Barker Avenue. The program features solo pieces by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy and more as well as "Hungarian Dances" for piano four-hands by Brahms. **Dr. Choi** and Dr. John Orfe will join the students on the Brahms four-hands pieces. Admission is free and open to the public.

PAMTA MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2014 MEETING

The PAMTA general meeting, October 27, 2014, was called to order at 10:05 by President Philippa Williams at the Piano Gallery. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was read by the president. Beginning Balance - \$2148.89, Revenue - \$100.00, Expenditures - \$100.00 leaving a balance of \$2148.89. Becky Gebbink, recital chairman, announced that the Christmas Potpourri will be held at the Luthy Botanical Gardens on Sat. Dec. 13 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Registrations should in by December 6.

AIM – Registrations for the Theory exam are due by October 27.

Next month the PAMTA general meeting will be held at the Piano Gallery and the program will be given by Ian Moschenross. He will be presenting good teaching pieces by different composers.

Grace Trang reported that there were 5 students who entered the ISTMA West District auditions. 1 elementary, 2 Jr. High and 2 Sr. High. The auditions were held at I.C.C.

The Sonta/Sontina Festival registrations are due by Dec. 6. Registrations are to be sent to Susan Twitty along with a check. The registration is \$15.00 per student.

A motion was made to adopt a policy for \$50.00 for flowers or memorials for members and spouses who have passed away. For all other family members a card would be sent. An extra collection could be taken and that money would be put in the scholarship fund and a card sent to the family. The motion passed.

Monster Concert 2016. It was announced that Barb Huebner and Janet Dickerson will co-chair the event.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Brenda Conroy introduced Karen Ball from Olivet University. Karen presented a very interesting program on working with transfer students and other helpful teaching tips.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Huebner, Secretary