



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association November 2015

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NOVEMBER PAMTA MEETING



MUSIC EDUCATOR'S MARKETPLACE

"Piano off the bench" – new items and ideas!

Presented by Karen Koch

Monday, November 23, 2015 at 10:00 am.

The Piano Network

Come see new products as well as the tried and true that Karen has to offer for music educators. Treat yourself and your students to some of these creative ideas and products to enhance your teaching. See you there!

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Monday, December 21, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Biaggi's, 2601 W. Lake, Peoria

RSVP to Philippa Williams at 263-7806 or philwill55@yahoo.com, or you can let her know if you are attending when you see her at the November meeting.

AIM

AIM Chair, Pam Eyerly, reminds us that the AIM Theory Exams are being held November 21 and 22. There are over 120 students registered this Fall! Completed tests will be available for pick up at the November PAMTA meeting. If you will not be at the meeting, please arrange to pick them up at Pam's home at a later date.

NEW MEMBER

Please copy the following information on our latest member into your directory.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS INVOLVING PAMTA MEMBERS

PAMTA member, Myrna Bietz, will again join the Philharmonic Chorale when they present their Christmas concert on December 6 at 3:00 p.m. in ICC's Performing Arts Center. In addition to singing in the choir, Myrna will join the accompanist in a duet accompaniment to "Angels from the Realms of Glory". The chorale will be joined by brass and percussion on several selections. For information and tickets, contact Myrna at jmbietz@mtco.com or 699-8910.

The Prairie Wind Ensemble will present their December concert at the ICC Performing Arts Center on Friday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. The PWE is "shopping" for a new permanent conductor. The December program will feature two of four candidates for this position: David Maccabee and Laurel Filzen Etzel. Concert selections include Sousa's *Bullets and Bayonets*, Leeman's *March of the Belgian Paratroopers*, Mackerras' arrangement of Arthur Sullivan's delightful music in *Pineapple Poll*, the concert band transcription of Verdi's *La Forza Del Destino*, Giroux's *Riften Wed*, Reed's *Russian Christian Music*, a medley from Silvestri and Ballard's *The Polar Express*, plus a rousing surprise encore you won't want to miss! Look for Pam Eyerly in the clarinet section and at the piano. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors. Hope to see you there!

All Saints' Episcopal Church, Morton, will present "A Festival of Lessons and Carols", followed by an English tea on December 13 at 3:00 p.m. This festival is a series of 9 scripture readings, interspersed with congregational singing and special music, concerning the prophecy and the birth of Christ. Developed in England early in the 1900's, this service is broadcast annually on public radio from King's college, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve day. Of special interest to PAMTA, Jessica Gebbink Wilson will be the soprano soloist for the service. The church is located at the corner of Chicago and Plum in Morton. Jessica is the daughter of PAMTA member, Rebecca Gebbink.

The following members attended the ISMTA Conference: Brenda Conroy, Phillippa Williams, Liz Reed, Kathleen Murray, Grace Trang, Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi, and Anna Duffer. Phillippa and Grace attended the Board meeting. Dr. Choi filled in for Dr. Reid Alexander in doing a presentation on *Youthful and Useful Repertoire: Essential Four-hand Music for Musical and Artistic Development* in conjunction with Dr. Heu Jeong Jang, AA. Brenda assisted with checking in students for the competitions. Everyone attended the banquet Friday evening, November 6, where Liz received her certificate for the PAMTA Member of the Year. The conference focused on collaborative music making, and everyone enjoyed it very much. Next year's conference will be held at Illinois Wesleyan – so it will be close for us.

UPCOMING RECITAL BY DR. CHUNG-HA KIM

On Sunday, November 22, the School of Music at Millikin University continues its second season of the Faculty Recital Series. Pianist and Steinway Artist Dr. Chung-Ha Kim will an exciting program of virtuosic masterpieces by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, César Franck, Robert Schumann, and Béla Bartók. This concert is free to the public and will take place on Sunday, November 22 at 4 pm in Kaeuper Hall in the Perkinson Music Center on Millikin's campus.

Chung-Ha Kim grew up in Germany and moved to the US in 1995 to pursue a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance at the Manhattan School of Music in New York. She subsequently earned a Master of Music and a Doctor of Musical Arts at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music. At Millikin University, Dr. Kim teaches applied piano, class piano, piano pedagogy and preparatory piano. Dr. Kim remains active as a solo as well as collaborative pianist: her most recent recitals took place at the Robert-Schumann Hochschule in Düsseldorf (Germany), Blackburn College in Carlinville (Illinois), University of Louisiana and University of Chicago. She was invited to give masterclasses at Illinois State University, University of Chicago, Southern Illinois University, Harper College and Mount Union College (Ohio). An active member of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA), Dr. Kim currently serves as the president of the Decatur Area Music Teachers Association (DAMTA). She is also a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs and Pi Kappa Lambda. Dr. Kim has released three CDs: Maurice Ravel: *Miroirs* (2013), *A Palace of Strangers* (2013) and *Carnival of Animals* (2014) are available on itunes and Amazon. Dr. Kim became a US citizen in 2013 and was named Steinway Artist in September 2014. More information can be found at www.chunghakim.com.

CHRISTMAS RECITAL AT LUTHY BOTANICAL GARDEN

Registration is now open to sign up for 15 minute time slots for your students to perform at the garden on Saturday evening, December 5. Go to pamta.org to sign up.

The minutes from our last meeting are on the next page.

PAMTA GENERAL MEETING
OCTIBER 26, 2015

The PAMTA general meeting was held on October 26, 2015 at Kidder Music Store.

The Secretary's report was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read, approved and put on file.

The AIM registrations are due by Oct. 31. Pam will be scheduling the AIM exams to be held on Nov. 21 – 22 at Bradley and ICC respectively.

Barb Huebner reported that the Monster Concert venue has changed due to lack of participation. The contract with 5 Points, Washington had to be cancelled. The group will be contacted as soon as a new venue is chosen.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Wayne Heinemann introduced the program. It was a mini workshop of new music published by Alfred Publishing Co. The teachers played pieces that they had chosen from the new music that had been recently published. Lots of good music was heard including Christmas music.

The program ended at 11:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Huebner, Secretary