



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association October 2014

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**NEXT PAMTA MEETING
PIANO GALLERY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH AT 10:00 A.M.**

Dr. Karen Ball from Olivet University will speak on the “Keyboard Trinity” (technique, touch, tone) and the missing link in our students’ understanding of touch in artistic playing.

AIM

Please bring your AIM registration forms to turn into Pam Eyerly at the meeting on October 27th.

ISMTA has announced that they will not be able to complete the new AIM theory exams by November. Therefore, the following points will apply to PAMTA's AIM theory exams in 2014:

- PAMTA's AIM theory exams will be held on the scheduled dates of November 22 and 23.
- The theory exams will be based on the OLD syllabus, the 2003 revision.
- **PAMTA will NOT have Level 2 theory exams in the Fall this year.** We will only have theory exams for Levels 3-12. This change is for 2014 only.
- Judges will award one extra credit point to students who use accompaniments other than blocked chords on their harmonization tunes.
- Performance exams will be held in March, as scheduled.
- Performance exams will be based on the NEW syllabus, the 2014 revision. This means that every teacher will need to purchase the NEW syllabus in order to prepare students for the technique and performance portions of the exams.
- Levels A,B,C, and 2 will take their entire exams in March, based on the NEW syllabus.

Please contact AIM Coordinator, Pam Eyerly, 309-367-6086, if you have any questions!

ISMTA WEST DISTRICT AUDITIONS

The ISMTA West District Auditions were held at Illinois Central College on Oct. 18. There was one Elementary entrant, *Conner Leman*, student of **Philippa Williams**. In the Junior Division, *Lucinda Hikara Smith*, student of **Pam Dunlap**, received honorable mention. *Benjamin Yang*, student of **Angela Mitchell-Simonson**, is the winner. In the Senior Division, *Star Commanday*, student of **Chee Hyeon Choi**, received honorable mention. *Gareth Cordery*, student of **Ian Moschenross**, is the winner. Winners of the Junior and Senior divisions will compete on November 8 at Millikin University. Congratulations to all!

Grace Trang
West District Chair

2014 ISMTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This will be held at Millikan University in Decatur on November 7-9. Sessions and concerts will be on the 7th and 8th, and competitions will be on the 8th and 9th. **We have been asked to provide food/treats for the conference.** For more information about the food, contact Brenda Conroy. More information about the conference is available on the ISMTA website at www.ismta.org.

PEORIA SYMPHONY GUILD YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION (YAC)

This competition will be held at ICC the morning of Saturday, October 25th at ICC. The final round of competition will be held in the Lecture Recital Hall at 1:15 p.m. and is open to the public free of charge. It's a great opportunity to hear some excellent young artists perform.

JAZZ, RAGS, AND BLUES RECITAL

This recital will have two performances on Sunday, October 26th at the Apollo Theater at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Come hear students of PAMTA teachers perform pieces in this fun musical style!

BRADLEY PIANO COMPETITION

The 26th Annual Bradley University Piano Competition will be held on the Bradley University campus at Dingeldine Music Center on Saturday, November 29, 2014. The seven winners will receive cash prizes totaling \$1,150.00. A total of three compositions, up to 12 minutes from three of the following historical style periods must be performed from memory: Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Impressionistic,

and/or Twentieth Century. **All participants** will be offered a \$75 scholarship to the Bradley Piano Camp July 20-24, 2015.

Applications are due by 12:00 a.m. on November 8, 2014. More information from <http://www.bradley.edu/academic/departments/music/competition/> For questions, email cchoi@fsmail.bradley.edu

MEMBER NEWS

Bradley Piano faculty member **Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi** will present a Piano Solo Recital on November 1st at 7:30 p.m in Dingeldine Music Center, 1417 W. Bradley Avenue. The program includes J. S. Bach Partita No. 3 in A minor, Beethoven Sonata in E major, op. 109, Rachmaninoff Preludes in G minor, op. 23, no. 5 and G# minor op. 32, no. 12. Earl Wild's Etude No. 4, based on the Gershwin's song, *Embraceable You* will also be featured. Admission is free.

Janet Dickerson will perform with the Heart of Illinois Chorus on Sunday, October 26th at 2:30 p.m. at the ICC Performing Arts Center. The show has the delightful title of "Treble in Paradise."

Also, Janet has a new e-mail address: janetld4545@gmail.com and new member, Kirsten Ryan's e-mail address is: Kirsten.ryan.studio@gmail.com. Welcome to PAMTA, Kirsten!

PAMTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

The PAMTA general meeting was called to order by President Philippa Williams at 10:00. There were 15 members present and 2 guests; Ellen Brush and Kirsten Ryan. The secretary's report was read and approved. There was no treasurer's report. AIM – The old syllabus will be used for the November exams and the new syllabus will be used for the March exams.

SONATA/SONTINA FESTIVAL – Enrollment forms are due by Dec. 6, 2014. The festival will be held February 7, 2015.

ILLINOIS STATE MUSIC TEACHERS CONFERENCE – The state conference will be held at Millikin University, Decatur, IL on November 7-9. Our group needs to help with "goodies" for the conference. All donations should be taken to Brenda Conroy's home by noon on Nov. 6.

OCTOBER PROGRAM – Karen Balls from Olivet University will be giving the program. We will be meeting at the Piano Gallery.

NEW ADDRESS – Janet Dickerson has a new e-mail address: janetld4545@gmail.com

A motion was made to adjourned at 10:25.

The group adjourned to the sanctuary for the program. (continued)

Dr. Ilia Radoslavov from Illinois Wesleyan University was introduced and he gave his brief biography leading up to he being hired at IWU a year ago. He then played Moonlight Sonata by Beethoven and Pictures at an Exhibition by Mosorsky. Dr. Radoslavov's performance was spectacular.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Huebner, Secretary