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NEXT PAMTA MEETING
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 10:00 A.M.

Come hear **Ilia Radoslavov** from Illinois Wesleyan University perform some recital pieces and talk about these pieces. Please note that we are having our meeting on the 5th Monday of the month this time instead of the 4th Monday.

AIM

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

A very special thank you goes to Pam for her promptness and effectiveness in dealing with all these changes.

ISMTA WEST DISTRICT AUDITIONS

Our West District Auditions for the State had a small enrollment and the 2 Seniors and 2 Juniors will proceed directly to State without Audition at District Level. They will be competing on Saturday November 8th. This is a great opportunity to hear all the winners from the 5 districts from our State. There were not enough entries from the elementary level to hold the competition.

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. More information 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 1:00 p.m. and is open to the public free of charge. It's a great opportunity to hear some excellent young artists perform.

WESTERN ILLINOIS MASTER CLASS

Western Illinois held a master class on September 13th. Congratulations to three high school students who participated in the Master Class at Western Illinois University under Dr. Nicholas Roth from Drake University. They are: Elizabeth Lindqwister, 10th grade - student of **Brenda Conroy**; Star Commanday, 11th grade - student of **Dr. Chee Heong Choi**; and Gareth Cordrey, 11th grade - student of **Dr. Ian Moschenross**. There were 4 other students from Central Illinois and WIU.

JAZZ, RAGS, AND BLUES RECITAL

This recital will be held Sunday, October 26th at the Apollo Theater at 2:00 p.m. If there are enough registrations to fill a second recital, it will be held at 4:00 p.m. It is not required for music to be memorized for this recital. You may register at www.pamta.org under the Recital section, or send your registration form to **Rebecca Gebbink**. Deadline for registration is October 12th.

THE WOMEN OF CONSTANCE

As part of the Bradley Music Department Scholarship Concert Series, Bradley female music faculty will perform French music on Sunday, September 21 at 3pm in Dingledine Music Center. The program contains French music in the late 19th to the early 20th century including; Bonis' *Sonata for Flute and Piano*, Loeffler' s *Two Rhapsodies for Oboe, Viola, and Piano*, French Arts songs by Bachelet, Fauré and Banderall. Two of Debussy piano Preludes from book II will also be featured. Performers include Kerry Walters (Soprano), Andrea Molina (Piano), Kyle Dzapó (Flute), Alison Robuck (Oboe), Diane Wuthrich (Viola), and **Chee Hyeon Choi** (Piano). Admission is \$10. Free admission for students. Dr. Choi is a member of PAMTA.

MEMBER NEWS

Susan Twitty shares the following about one of her students: "My East Peoria High School student, Alex Roby, attended the Blue Lake Music Camp this summer for two weeks. He loved it! Alex came home with a renewed invigoration concerning daily practice. He described his practice setting at Blue Lake to me: *I had a grand piano in a practice cabin that overlooked the lake. It was beautiful!* He practiced several hours a day, had daily piano lessons and other music classes, learned two Chopin preludes, and is well on his way to having learned a movement of a Beethoven sonata. In addition to the solo pieces, he learned a two piano duet and was able to perform that as well."

Thank you, Sue, for sharing this, and hopefully this will encourage some of the rest of us to encourage our students to attend summer music camp, and perhaps enter our scholarship competition to help pay for camp.

PRAIRIE WIND ENSEMBLE 2014-2015 SEASON

Concert dates will be Sunday, October 12; Friday, December 12 at Grace Presbyterian Church; Sunday, March 15; and Friday, May 8. All concerts other than the December concert will be at the Performing Arts Center at ICC, East Peoria campus. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors.

October's concert will feature a rousing Sousa march, highlights from Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady*, Cimarosa's oboe concerto performed by our own Kathy Janssen, and Grainger's *Lincolnshire Posy*.

For more information, please check out the PWE website: www.prairiewindensemble.com; or contact PWE member **Pam Eyerly**, 309-367-6086.

Minutes of the August 25th, 2014 PAMTA General Meeting

The “Kick-off” general meeting of PAMTA was held at the 1st Christian Church on Aug. 25, 2014. The members enjoyed a potluck brunch and good fellowship.

The general meeting was called to order at 10:25 AM by our new president, Phillipa Williams.

There was no secretary’s report and the treasurer’s report was read and approved.

Brenda Conroy, membership chairman, reported that the year books were ready to pick up. A big thank you to Becky Gebbink for compiling the year books. Everything is also on PAMTA’S website.

The Sonata/Sonatina Festival will be held Feb. 7, 2015 at ICC. The list of pieces is on the PAMTA website.

Grace Trang is in charge of the ISMTA Student Competition. Sept. 11 is the deadline to register students who want to participate.

Liz Reed, president of Peoria Symphony Guild, encouraged people to attend the symphony concerts and join the symphony guild.

Nov. 7-9 is the ISMTA State Conference which is being held at Millikin University in Decatur, IL.

There was no more business and Brenda made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

The group then went into the Sanctuary where Debbie Gillette presented the new AIM Syllabus. The Syllabus is complete and ready for purchase but the new exams are not ready. We will be using the old syllabus for the Theory exam on Nov. 22 – 23.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Huebner, Secretary