



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association September 2015

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**NEXT PAMTA MEETING
PIANO NETWORK – 4640 BRANDYWINE DRIVE - PEORIA
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28 AT 10:00 A.M.**

The featured speaker will **Dr. Sharon Graf** from the University of Illinois at Springfield. Her topic will be “Ethnomusicology: Techniques for Studying Sound and Culture” and will include an audio visual presentation. I’m sure we will all learn a lot. Please come and support our guest and meet someone new. Bring a guest if you can – not necessarily a music teacher. I hope to see many of you there! - Susan Twitty, First Vice President/Programs Chair

MASQUERADE MUSICALE
Saturday, October 24, 2015
Apollo Theatre

Students dress up in costume presenting a visual effect of their performance piece OR display a visual prop.

We will fill the 2:00 recital first, if we have enough participating students we will have a 4:00 recital.

You can register online at www.pamta.org

You can mail paper registration to **Rebecca Gebbink**, 560 Robert St., Creve Coeur, 61610

Paper registrations can be printed from the website or picked up at the next PAMTA meeting.

Registration is due by Oct. 10.

Refer to the *General AND Specific Recital Guidelines* on the website.

ISMTA CONFERENCE

State Conference will be held this year at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago on November 6 – 7. For more information, go to ISMTA.org.

WEST DISTRICT ISMTA AUDITIONS

These auditions are being held at ICC on October 17th in the morning.

MONSTER CONCERT REPORT

The Monster Concert committee is hoping that every teacher has selected some of their students to play in the Monster Concert. Please get your students registered as, the committee needs to know if we will have enough students for a successful concert. We would like to take a head count at the upcoming PAMTA meeting. You can register on line or register with a hard copy. You can send the registrations to Barb Huebner. There is a \$20.00 registration fee for each student, even if the student will be playing in more than one group. Send a check made out to PAMTA with your registration. Teachers are allowed to play with their student.

Rehearsals are scheduled for Jan. 9, 2016 and Jan. 23, 2016. The rehearsals will be at Don's Musicland, (Behind the Steak and Shake on North University).

The Monster Concert is scheduled for Feb. 13, 2016 at Five Points in Washington, IL. The program will be at 4:00 PM. Rehearsal the day of the concert will be held at Five Points and will begin at 8:00AM or 9:00AM (to be determined closer to the concert date).

Please be prepared to help wherever you are needed. We anticipate another successful concert and it can only happen with the help of everyone.

Barb Huebner and Janet Dickerson, Co-chairs of the Monster Concert.

MASTER CLASS

PAMTA is collaborating with Bradley to have the Avery Fisher Grant recipient, Michael Brown, who is performing with the Heartland Festival Orchestra, to give a master class for our PAMTA teachers and any available students. It will be Friday morning October 23 at Bradley from 9:00 to 10:45. If teachers have an advanced student that would like to perform for this class, there are still places available. We are hoping many teachers will be able to take advantage of this opportunity. – Philippa Williams

Discover: New and Top-Selling Music from the Alfred Piano Catalog

Date: Monday October 26, 2015 (PAMTA monthly meeting)

Location: Kidder Music of Peoria

Time: 10 AM – 11:30 AM (after PAMTA business meeting) w/Registration at 9:30 AM

Discount: 20% Discount Offered the day of the clinic!

This presentation is for any Alfred piano title from their educational, popular, Christmas, or sacred catalog - preferably from the 2015 or 2014 new issue sample flyers and pamphlets that Alfred sends to piano teachers. As we did in April 2013, we are looking for 10-12 PAMTA teachers to perform a particular favorite title of interest to the entire group with a brief explanation as to why this is a good piece - educational value, specific usage, etc.

Each teacher who presents will receive a complimentary copy of that title from Alfred Music.

Sue, what I will need from you is a list of those teachers and what music title each would like to present. We should have the new issues in stock here at the store if any interested teacher wants to look through them. After the list is compiled, I will contact Alfred and they will send the complimentary books to us before the clinic date. I will need the list by October 1st.

If any of the teachers have any questions, please feel free to have them contact me directly – thanks!

At the clinic, we will have those titles presented available for purchase, plus additional Alfred new issues, all at a 20% discount.

FYI, I have attached a list from the 2013 event.

Any questions, please let me know – thanks, Sue!

Wayne Heinemann

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wayne@kiddermusic.com

Janet Dickerson's new e-mail address is: janetld4545@gmail.com

PAMTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST, 24, 2015

The PAMTA general meeting was held at the 1st Christian church with 22 members present. This meeting is a potluck and an informational meeting for the coming year. The minutes from the May meeting were read and approved and the Treasurers report was given.

The programs for the year were presented. The yearbooks were distributed. If there are any corrections, see Becky Gebbink. A big thank you to Becky for compiling all the information for the year book.

Dates for the AIM exams were given. Nov. 21 & 22 for Theory exams and April 9 & 10 for Performance Exams.

The student opportunities were presented by Becky Gebbink.

Grace Trang announced that the ISMTA competition will be held at ICC on October 17, 2015 for Elementary, Junior High and Senior High Students. Elementary student winners will not go on to the state competition.

The Board President, Philippa Williams, presented a change in the by-laws that a member cannot hold a position on the board until they have been a member for 2 years and has served on at least one committee. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

Liz Reed handed out brochures from the Peoria Symphony Orchestra and urged members to attend the concerts.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Huebner, Secretary

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Peoria Area Civic Chorale
2015-2016 Season
Dr. Joseph D. Henry, Artistic Director

An American Family Christmas

December 18-20, 2015

Five Points, Washington

Swing Into Spring

Featuring the Illinois Jazz Orchestra

May 6-8, 2016

Five Points, Washington

Carl Orff's Carmina Burana

In collaboration with the

Heartland Festival Orchestra

June 4, 2016

Five Points, Washington

*Please visit our website at www.peoriacivicchorale.org for ticket details,
as well as audition information for joining our chorale.*

We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming performances!