



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association September 2011

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Monday, September 26, 2011
First Christian Church
6400 N. University, Peoria
10:00 a.m. Meeting

GETTING TO KNOW THE MONSTER

Come hear the Monster Concert music be presented. Even if you are not entering students in the Monster Concert, come have a listen anyway. It will be delightful as will the company of all your fellow music teachers!

Speaking of **Monster Concert**, registration is due by September 30th. All forms and fees must be in the hands of Karen Thompson by that date. Make out one check to PAMTA for your studio. Fee is \$20.00 per student. The *first rehearsals* are coming up the weekend of October 15th and 16th. Please inform your students that the rehearsals will begin with tapping the rhythms. Also please let your students' parents know that for the concert, ticket prices will be \$5 for individuals age 13 and over, and \$3 for students 12 and under. Please remember that this first rehearsal in October is MANDATORY. Also for those students rehearsing at ICC on Sundays, only the students participating should be in the building. Any parents or siblings need to stay outside in their cars because there will be classes going on at that time, and we need to have the hallways quiet. I hope everyone has been having fun teaching the pieces, and the students also have been having fun learning them. See you at the first rehearsal!

AIM Chairman, Pam Eyerly, reminds you that registration for the Theory exams for Levels III-XII are due at the October meeting. Also if you are splitting up Level II into two parts, then registration for the theory part of it would also be due at this time. The fee is \$8.00 this year.

One other registration to think about is for the upcoming **Pop, Rock & Jazz Recital** to be held at First Christian Church on Sunday, October 23rd. Registration is due October 9th. You may register online or mail the form to Becky Gebbink. The \$5.00 fee per student must be mailed to Karen Thompson. For more information, please read your recital guidelines.

Janet Dickerson will be performing with *The Heart of Illinois Chorus* on October 29th at either 2:00 or 2:30 at the ICC Performing Arts Center. As well as singing with the full chorus, she will be performing with the "Perpetual Sound" quartet. Come see the show!

Pam Eyerly, who performs with the *Prairie Wind Ensemble*, invites you to their first concert of the 2011-12 season on Sunday, October 9th at 2:30 p.m at the ICC Performing Arts Center. Dr. Joseph Manfredo of Illinois State University will be conducting. The program includes *Symphonic Dance #3: Fiesta*, by Clifton Williams; *Fantasy Variations on a Theme by Niccolò Paganini* by James Barnes; *March and Procession of Bacchus* by Leo Delibes/arr. by Eric Osterling, and *Musical Highlights from the MGM Film "That's Entertainment"*, arr. By Elliot Gilman. Guest Bassoon soloist, Elizabeth Smiley, will perform the first movement of Mozart's bassoon concerto. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students, and may be purchased through the ICC box office (694-5136). There is limited availability at the door on the day of the performance. Hope to see you there!

Come go "Over the River and Through the Woods" with **Liz Reed** and her cast and crew at Peoria Players Theatre. Although it is not a musical, there are some tidbits of music in it. You will be able to hear Mike Dentino sing "Yes Sir That's My Baby" and you will also hear a little mandolin strumming upon occasion. The play is a touching family comedy (rated PG-13) and opens Friday, October 7th at 7:30 p.m. It runs at the same time on the 8th, 13th, 14th, and 15th, and there are also two Sunday matinees – October 9th and 16th at 2:00 p.m. The Peoria Players Box Office number is 688-4473. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$9 for patrons who are 18 or under. Would love to have you attend!

A couple of other items of interest that local musical groups are doing are: **The Peoria Symphony Orchestra** presents "It Played First in Peoria—then on Broadway!" on Friday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Peoria Civic Center Theater. Once Broadway's biggest hits played here first. Now, your Broadway favorites return home from the Great White Way. With guest celebrities from the Peoria and Chicago stage, the PSO bring you the music of Stephen Sondheim, Cole Porter, Richard Rogers and more—with a little vaudeville thrown in for good measure. And the **Heartland Festival Orchestra** and **Five Points Washington** present the musical presentation, "Beethoven Lives Upstairs" on Sunday, October 9th at 2:00 p.m.. All tickets are \$10 with open seating at the theatre at Five Points. This concert is geared for families, kids, grandparents – everyone! It's a dramatic and musical portrait of the mysterious and difficult Mr B. It will include the actors of Classical Kids Live!.

Have you given some thought to serving PAMTA as president? We need you! Call Kay Landerdahl and let her know you can do it!

See you at the September meeting!

Liz Reed
PAMTA Secretary and Newsletter Editor