



Newsletter of the Peoria Area Music Teachers Association April 2015

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

Andrea Molina from Bradley University will talk on topics pertaining to pedaling, accompanying and working with other musicians. Before she does her presentation, our two scholarship winners will each perform one piece. **Henry Yi**, the junior high winner, will play at 10:15 and **Star Commanday**, the high school winner, will play at 10:25 so that they can get back to school. They will each announce what camp they will be attending.

MAY LUNCHEON

Prior to the luncheon at Sazani's on May 18th at 11:30, we will have a gathering at First Christian Church at 10:00 a.m. to listen to the duets for next year's Monster Concert as well as voting on the slate of officers for next year. Sazani's is located on Route 29.

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY SUMMER PIANO CAMP

This will be held for middle school and high school students, ages 11-18, who are interested in enhancing their ongoing piano experience. It will run from Monday, July 20th through Friday, July 24th, 2015. Daily drop off will be between 7:45 and 8:00 a.m. and pick up will be at 5:30 p.m. A variety of courses in keyboard musicianship, music history, jazz improvisation and music composition will be offered. There will be social activities as well. A final concert will be held at Dingeldine Music Center at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 24th and will feature solo and ensemble performances by all the students. This is a commuter camp only with the cost being \$295 which includes meals and a camp t-shirt. Registration is due June 1st online at: <http://bradley.edu/academic/departments/music/piano/>. For questions, please contact **Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi** at cchoi@fsmail.bradley.edu or 309-677-2599. Dr. Choi is a member of PAMTA.

PAMTA LIBRARY

PAMTA has an extensive library, the contents of which are listed on pages 10 and 11 of the yearbook. If anyone would like to borrow an item or items, please contact **Polly Sharp**, and she will bring them to the next meeting.

HONORS RECITAL

The Honors Recital will be held Saturday, April 25th at 2:00 p.m. at First Christian Church. Even if you don't have any students in the recital, you may come and listen. It is always inspiring to listen to these specially chosen students.

SPECIAL RECITAL

Also on April 25th, a special recital will be presented by former PAMTA member and former student of Myrna Bietz, **Jared Rixstine**. Jared and his roommate at Millikin University, Brock Gwaltney (who is also a Piano Performance major) will be playing this recital (and also one in Brock's hometown) as a precursor to their on-campus recital. The recital will be at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary at First Christian Church. Jared would love to have anyone and everyone from PAMTA and their respective studios attend. It will be a stellar program with both the Liszt Rigoletto Paraphrase and the Waldstein Sonata making appearances.

MEMBER NEWS

New Music Ensemble concert series *Peoria Lunaire Concert*, will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in Dingleline Music Center. The program consists of Bradley faculty members' performances, student compositions and Brian Spicklemire's Piano Duo, *Sabertooth* that will be performed by Drs. John Orfe and **Chee Hyeon Choi** (PAMTA member). The composer, Brian Spicklemire is an employee of Kidder Music.

Kirsten Ryan Jones has asked that if anyone is looking for new students, she would be happy to give out your name. Her e-mail is: Kirsten.ryan.studio@gmail.com. Just let her know, and she will give the students your contact information.

Here is a special note from **Justin Kothenbeutel** and **Rosa Chang**: *Dear PAMTA friends, Thank you so much for the generous gifts and kind words for our wedding! (The bride-and-groom cookies were too cute!) We appreciate the thoughtfulness and coordinating that went into everything, and we are so thankful to be a part of this wonderful group.*



March 15, 2015

Invitation for ISMTA members for the Iowa State MTA Conference!

This year, our state conference is being held at St. Ambrose University in the Quad Cities on the Iowa-Illinois border from June 7-9, and I wanted to extend an invitation to Illinois State MTA members to attend our conference at our Iowa member rate.

Our conference features two guest artists this year, Eduardus Halim and Diane Hidy. More information is available on our website at http://iamta.org/?page_id=58

We believe we've organized an informative and inspirational conference this year and would love to see some of you there.

Thanks so much, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
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PAMTA GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 30, 2015
1ST Christian Church

The PAMTA general meeting was called to order by President, Philippa Williams at 10:10AM. The minutes were read and approved. There was no Treasurers Report.

Pam Eyerly reported that the AIM Performance exams went well at Bradley University and ICC.

The presentation of the Monster Concert music was discussed and it was decided to present the music at the May meeting at the Piano Gallery before we go out to lunch.

The next PAMTA general meeting will be held April 27, 2015 at the Piano Gallery. The scholarship winners will perform. Two new officers will be voted on: Susan Twitty for 1st Vice President, and Kirsten Jones for Treasurer.

Sue Twitty reported that she would like to find someone to take over the advertising for the Year Book.

The Honors Recital is scheduled for April 25, 2015. Registration should be in 2 weeks prior to the recital.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25.

Brenda Conroy introduced Silvan Negrutiu from Millikin University. He presented a very inspiring program on the technic of accompanying.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Huebner, Secretary