

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

February 2011 Newsletter

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CALENDAR

- February 8: **SSMTA February Meeting** at Arapahoe Road Baptist Church, 780 E. Arapahoe Road; 9:30 a.m.
- February 12: **Deadline to register for SSMTA Student Recital**
- February 12: **SSMTA Student Achievement Day**, LDS church, Foothills Canyon Parkway, Highlands Ranch **(Please note new location)**
- February 20: **Love Songs Through the Ages**, a program of Lieder, opera, and Broadway selections, performed by Neal Wegener, Rosemary Downs, Elizabeth Laskarzewski, and Dr. Stephen Fiess. Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 8545 E. Dry Creek Road, Centennial CO 80112, 2:00 p.m. Freewill offering.
- February 26: **SSMTA Student Recital**; 3:00 p.m. Baker's Piano Center. For information call Pam Simpson.
- March 5: **SSMTA Masterworks Festival** (location TBA)
- March 6: **SSMTA Masterworks Festival Honors Recitals**
- March 8: **SSMTA Performance Medals** order forms due to Yoko Ashcroft
- March 8: **Excellence in Music Awards** order forms due to Yoko Ashcroft

TEACHER REFERRAL

If you have any openings for new students, our SSMTA Referral Chair Dorothy Lomme has requested that you call her as soon as possible. Her phone number is (303) 798-5579. *Thanks, Dorothy!*

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

from Linda Vogan, President

As we prepare for our busy Winter and Spring seasons in SSMTA, I hope you are all finding time for rest and rejuvenation. Both Achievement Day and Masterworks Festival, along with two more recitals, are approaching fast, and I know there is so much to do to get our students ready for these events. Our purpose is always to give our students a chance to share their music, to stretch themselves a bit out of their comfort zones, to learn from other teachers and judges, and hopefully to attain to a measure of excellence that gives them personal satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment. **I love the fact that studying music can do all of these things for a person in a way that few other attainments can!**

Don't forget that we will be having our SSMTA elections soon and a nominating committee will be formed at the meeting next week. Be thinking of volunteering for one of the offices that we need to fill: Secretary, President-elect, VP for programs, VP for student activities, and VP for membership. SSMTA wouldn't work without willing volunteers that have helped, and continue to help sustain all our programs, so step up to the challenge!

There is good news about the formation of an SSMTA website. We have hired Kathleen Rector to be our web designer and our committee will be having several meetings with her to get things started. If you have any input for this committee, please let me know.

See you on Tuesday!



ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

Linda Cody, 796-0369; Stephen Fiess, 791-6473; Barb Galuzzi, 936-1772; Alicia Johansson, 797-9630; Nancy Kettering, 204-6430;

Carol Rankin, 477-2686; Cheryl Saborsky, 771-2532. Please contact newsletter editors if you wish to have your name added to this list!

MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2011 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Vogan at 9:39 A.M.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the December 2010 Minutes as published.

Linda Cody read the Treasurer's report, and it was accepted as read. There is \$11,623.29 in our CD, and \$5,586.93 in checking.

PROGRAMS

Marilyn Madsen announced that Dr. Fernanda Nieto will present today's program on Argentinean music.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Achievement Day - Kathy Michaud updated the group on Achievement Day proceedings. There are 23 teachers and 252 students participating. Kathy passed out schedules and explained that students entered at **Level 4 and below** have 10-minute time slots; and those entered at **Level 5 and above** have 15-minute slots. Since only seven people signed up to set up on Friday evening, she had to randomly reassign people who requested take-down. If anyone now assigned to take-down would like to trade to set-up, please let Kathy know. Also, please call Kathy ASAP with any cancellations, so she can make time slots available for changes and additions. Saturday morning cancellations are important to relieve the heavy schedules of the adjudicators. Provide room numbers and times, not just names. She asked that teachers read the directions on the forms carefully. For Performance Classes, the literature needs to be decided in advance, so the teachers in charge can time the sessions. Projects for display need to be delivered to the church by 6:00 PM Friday, labeled with both the teacher's and student's names.

Sheila Hamaker said that students need to take tests **at the level at which** they're entered in Achievement Day. She also reminded teachers **not to write in the testing options on the certificates during evaluations. Those need to be written in by the Testing staff after the tests have been completed.** She

welcomes teachers to visit the Testing Room on Friday evening during set-up to see how the Testing Room will be organized.

Bonnie Kreutz passed out layouts of the church but mentioned that room names will probably be changed before Achievement Day.

Stephen Fiess passed out forms and instructions.

Pam Simpson announced that she would have the certificates ready for teachers to sign at the February SSMTA meeting, as well as at set-up on Friday evening.

SSMTA Masterworks Festival - Robin Stewart gave an update on the March 5 Masterworks Festival. She said forms must be IN HER HANDS by January 21. The location is not known at this point, because Wells may be closed by then.

SSMTA Student Recitals - Pam Simpson announced the upcoming recital, February 26th, 3:00 p.m. at Baker's Piano Center.

REFERRALS

Dorothy Lomme mentioned that she has received a good number of calls from teachers with availability in their schedules, but very few calls from students seeking teachers.

HISTORY COMMITTEE

Our SSMTA History Committee (Dorothy Lomme, Roberta Morris, and Ruth Wyeno) cordially requests all anecdotes, pictures, stories, information, and other historical goodies that you can share with them!!! Please help them to compile more history "treasures!"

SPARKS

SPARKS is "low on funds" at this time!! Please help out with any ideas you may have regarding both outreach and fund-raising for this worthy cause!!!!!!

CSMTA WEBSITE

A committee is forming to develop an SSMTA website. Sheila Hamaker, Ardith Sloan, and Bonnie Kreutz are involved so far; and

today's guest, Kathleen, is a web designer who will be called in on the project!

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 by Linda Vogan.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Ross

PIANOS FOR SALE

Must sell: Yamaha C-3 Grand Piano, 1972 (NOT "gray market"), Ebony Satin Finish. WONDERFUL piano, in excellent condition throughout!! Has always been in Colorado, owned and maintained by professional pianists (tuned and served every year). This is a fantastic find!!!!

Valued at \$15,000, I am willing to part with it for **\$13,800**. Will only be available at this price until the end of December!! Piano is located in Aurora, CO. Please contact me for an appointment!! Nancy Avalon (720) 271-0836 or navalon@att.net

Two **Cable console pianos**. Blond wood finishes. Asking \$500.00/obo for each piano. (Seller has offered to donate a large portion of the proceeds from the sale of each piano to SPARKS.) For more information, please call Stephen Fiess or Neal Wegener, (303) 791-6473

Bradbury console piano made by Aeolian. Dark oak finish. Asking \$700.00/obo. For more information, please call Lynette at (303) 683-8843.



SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE Tuesday, February 8, 2011

9:00 -- 9:15 a.m.	Board Meeting
9:15 -- 9:30 a.m.	Arrival and Refreshments
9:30 -- 10:30 a.m.	SSMTA General Meeting
10:30 -- 11:30 a.m.	February Program

PLEASE HELP THE MEETING RUN SMOOTHLY

Help is needed from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. to set up the tables with boxes of SPARKS music. This should also be the time that materials are put on the sign-in table.

Please arrive on time for refreshments if you plan to partake, and be seated at the tables by 9:30 so we can begin the meeting on time.

Please plan to stay for the program.

AT OUR FEBRUARY SSMTA MEETING

Our February meeting program, which will be presented by SSMTA member Cheryl Saborsky, is entitled "Accompanying: First One Thing and Then Another, A Little of This and That, and That's About the Whole Kit and Caboodle". Please plan to attend this interesting and informative program, with the extra-long title!

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR FEBRUARY MEETING

Refreshments for our February meeting will be provided by Ardith Sloan, Sheila Hamaker, and Patty Kershaw. Thanks to all who have provided refreshments during this past year!