

## SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

October 2010 Newsletter

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### CALENDAR

- October 6: **SSMTA/DAMTA Teacher Performance Group**, at the home of Blanche Greenberg, 8101 S. Dartmouth Ave., Unit # 39, Denver, CO 80231. For more information or to RSVP, please call Blanche at (303) 755-7898
- October 12: **SSMTA October Meeting** at Arapahoe Road Baptist Church, 780 E. Arapahoe Road; 9:30 a.m.
- October 16 **Deadline to enter students in Ensemble Event**
- October 23: **Deadline to enter students in the October 30th SSMTA Student Recital**
- October 30: **SSMTA Hallowe'en Recital** at Whole Foods. 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.
- November 12-13 **SSMTA Ensemble Event**, Baker's Piano Center

### 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.

### ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

Linda Cody, 796-0369; Stephen Fiess, 791-6473; Barb Galuzzi, 936-1772; Alicia Johansson, 797-9630; Carol Rankin, 477-2686; Cheryl Saborsky, 771-2532. Please contact newsletter editors if you wish to have your name added to this list!

### MEASURE FOR MEASURE

*from Linda Vogan, President*

I was able to attend the delightful "A Day for CSMTA" on September 18<sup>th</sup> in Broomfield. It was a very enjoyable and informative day for me personally to catch up on all the things happening at the State level to enhance our Local Associations. Quite a few Local Association Presidents and other representatives from around the state were able to attend. Here are just a few of the things that we can take advantage of as teachers:

- 1) CSMTA Website is available with tons of information!
- 2) Community Outreach program headed up by Karen Greenhalgh – more on this at our October SSMTA meeting!
- 3) Be thinking about the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CSMTA and how we can compile our history as SSMTA to present at the State Conference next June!
- 4) All student activities are on the website (forms, dates, requirements, etc.)
- 5) Let's be looking for new members – CSMTA has money to loan new prospective members who want to join but don't have the funds.

Grace Asquith, CSMTA President, did a fantastic job leading the day, which included lunch, a short jazz concert by Brian Fitzgerald, and an inspirational "stroll down memory lane" by Gail Clark, a former CSMTA President. We are fortunate to have a great State Association that is there to come alongside us and encourage our work!



### MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Vogan at 9:30 A.M.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the May 2010 Minutes.

The Treasurer's report was given by Linda Cody, and was accepted as read. We have \$11,568.69 in the Savings Account, and \$5,254.69 in the Checking Account. Auditing of this year's accounts, as well as our accounts from 2009, will take place in 2010.

## **PROGRAMS**

Marilyn Madsen announced this year's upcoming programs.

Linda Vogan mentioned that she would like the SSMTA Meeting to begin promptly at 9:30 a.m., and to end by 10:30, in order to start the program on time. The SSMTA Board meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. (instead of 8:45 a.m. as had been done previously).

## **MEMBERSHIP**

53 members signed up this year. We were encouraged to try to recruit new members, as well as to call those who are members but who don't attend meetings. Bonnie reminded everyone to please pay our dues as soon as possible if we have not already done so. She announced that several new members have joined.

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

Patty Kershaw, Vice President of Student Activities, mentioned that SSMTA Masterworks Festival was the only activity that did not show a profit.

Linda Vogan mentioned that there were no applications for educational grants (either for students or teachers) this past Summer, and reminded members to take advantage of this opportunity for next Summer!!

The SSMTA Ensemble Event will be chaired by Marilyn Madsen, and Yoko Ashcroft (who is the President-Elect for next year). This will be held at Baker's Piano Center on November 12 and 13, 2010. Please refer to Page 11 in the SSMTA Yearbook for detailed information.

Bonnie Kreutz was able to secure the LDS church in Highlands Ranch for the February 12, 2011 SSMTA Achievement Day. SSMTA will make a donation to the church to cover food and custodial services. THANKS, Bonnie!!!!

**2010-2011 SSMTA Student Recital** dates are:

**October 30** – Halloween Recital (Whole Foods) – 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. (Don't forget to wear costumes!!!)

**December 4** – Baker's Piano Center – 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 p.m.

**February 26, 2011** – Baker's Piano Center – 3:00 p.m.

**April 2, 2011** – Baker's Piano Center – 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)**

The SSMTA Masterworks Festival will be held March 5, 2011 at Wells Music, and will be chaired by Robin Stewart and Ardith Sloan. The level of playing should be at least early intermediate (i.e., early classics similar to the Clementi Sonatinas, etc.).

Patty Kershaw asked that anyone having questions about a particular student event is encouraged to call the chairperson(s) for that particular event.

## **SSMTA WEB SITE**

Ardith Sloan and Sheila Hamaker have been working on developing a web site for SSMTA. Ardith asked all chairpersons for Student Activities to please prepare an information summary of their event for possible inclusion in the SSMTA Web site.

## **DISCUSSION CIRCLES**

Linda mentioned the possibility of "re-introducing" Discussion Circles. This will be addressed at the next meeting. Linda would welcome any ideas from members!!

## **NEWSLETTER**

Please send any newsletter announcements to Stephen Fiess and Neal Wegener by the first of the month.

## **SPARKS**

Patty encouraged members to please continue to buy SPARKS music available at the meetings to help keep this fund built up!!

## **SSMTA TEACHER PERFORMANCE GROUP**

Bonnie Kreutz mentioned that she and Sheila Conolly-McKin are interested in "re-introducing" a Teacher Performance Group for SSMTA. This will be discussed further, and members are encouraged to bring their ideas! (Editors note: Anyone wishing to attend a Teacher Performance Group to get a "flavor" of this event is

invited to attend the October 6<sup>th</sup> gathering at the home of Blanche Greenberg – see Calendar on Pg. 1 of this Newsletter for details.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a free Workshop and Master Class at CU/Boulder by Dr. Martha Baker-Jordan on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

It is still not too late to register to attend the 2010 DAMTA Fall Course entitled “*Effortless Artistry: The Taubman Approach.*”

A delightful program was presented at our September SSMTA meeting by Mary Lois Miskin on *Alexander Technique*.

Thank you to Marilyn Madsen, Yoko Ashcroft, and Sheila Conolly-McKin for refreshments in September.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Conolly-McKin

## PIANOS FOR SALE

Two **Cable console pianos**. Blond wood finishes. Asking \$500.00/obo for each piano. (Seller has offered to donate a 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 \$800.00/obo. For more information, please call Lynette at (303) 683-8843.

**Wurlitzer Console** in excellent condition. Recently tuned. Asking \$900/obo. For more information or pictures, please call Gary or Kathy Weimer, (303) 791-6901.

## SSMTA HALLOWEEN RECITAL

An SSMTA Student Recital will be held on October 30, 2010 at the Whole Foods located in the Southglenn Mall (corner of University and Arapahoe). Students can arrive anytime between 12 and 2 PM (we have the piano reserved until 3:00 PM) and can leave at any time. Students check in with Pam Simpson (dressed as Marge Simpson), who will call students up to play in the order they arrive. If time allows, students will be allowed to replay their piece and/or play a second piece.

Teachers do not need to come unless they wish to. This is an informal recital, and no programs or refreshments will be served.

Students are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes, and can play Halloween/Autumn themed music if they wish to, but it is not required. There is no fee for this recital, as it costs SSMTA nothing.

**To enroll students, teachers need to submit a list of participating students to Pam Simpson by October 23.**

Please contact Pam Simpson, (720) 344-5956, or e-mail Pam at [pspianostudio@gmail.com](mailto:pspianostudio@gmail.com) with any questions. This event was a big hit last year with both students and parents. Don't miss out!

## NEW BOOK BY SSMTA MEMBER

Dr. Quetta Augustus-Keenan, author of “*God Uses Seven White Keys and Five Black Keys.*” The book causes one to appreciate the impact music has on the world since the beginning of time. It discusses: How music was meant for harmony, the simile of musical terms, and the social upheaval impacted by music. Music has a heart, soul, mind and skeleton. The birth and foundation of music, the importance of planting a musical seed in your children and much more. The books will be available at our next meeting or sign in at: [www.quettabooks.com](http://www.quettabooks.com)

Congratulations, Quetta!!

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to SSMTA member Elaine Turner-Van Dellen, who received National certification through MNTA in both french horn and piano.

Congratulations on this fine accomplishment!!

Thanks to all who have provided refreshments during this past year!



**SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE**  
**Tuesday, October 12, 2010**

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
10:45 -- 11:45 a.m.	October 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 OCTOBER SSMTA MEETING**

Our October meeting program will feature a presentation by SSMTA member Dr. Stephen Fiess, entitled "Happy 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Robert Schumann!"

Please plan to stay for this very special program!

**REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR OCTOBER MEETING**

Refreshments for our October meeting will be provided by Barb Galuzzi, Ruth Wyeno, and Liane Rockley.