

## SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

December 2014 Newsletter

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### CALENDAR

- December 6: **December Student Recital, Skyview Presbyterian Church**
- December 9: **December SSMTA Meeting, Teacher Musicale, and Potluck Luncheon  
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church  
780 E. Arapahoe Road (Please see meeting schedule herein)**
- December 15: **Deadline to enter students in Achievement Day**  
Please submit forms to Dr. Stephen Fiess,  
16893 Boreas Court, Parker, CO 80134
- February 21, 2015: **SSMTA Student Achievement Day**
- March 21-25, 2015: **MTNA National Convention, Las Vegas, NV**

### ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

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## MEASURE FOR MEASURE

*from Linda Vogan, President*

Dear SSMTA Friends,

Merry Christmas to all of you in SSMTA! May you enjoy thoroughly the sights, smells, treats, and MUSIC of the season! Besides the usual holiday bustle, we have to be getting those registrations in for Achievement Day; and assigning music for those who will be entering Masterworks Festival. Take time to breathe a little amidst all the planning! Also, don't forget to register for MTNA conference coming up in March. This year it is in warm Las Vegas (Chicago sure was cold this past March!) and it is close enough that hopefully more of you can attend. Register before December 5th for the "early bird discount." National Conference is a wonderful place to get energized in your teaching, hear new ideas, meet people from all over the country - if you've never been, you are missing out!

On Tuesday, we will enjoy hearing each other during our traditional Musicale, and sharing our potluck lunch together afterwards. Come and enjoy!

### 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!*

### PIANO FOR SALE

Henry F. Miller upright piano; 30 years old, originally purchased in Denver. Light brown finish. Reasonable price. For more information, please contact Jan Behler, (303) 748-6308.



## MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2014 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Vogan at 9:35 A.M. A warm welcome was extended to visitors.

Joan Sawyer, President of CSMTA was introduced. She announced that the 2015 CSMTA State Conference will be held from Wednesday, June 3 – Friday, June 5, in Pueblo.

New teacher Michelle Conte was introduced. She is teaching piano near Heritage High School.

The minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting were approved as they appeared in the Newsletter.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Gloria Ross. Our current checking account balance is \$4,451.94. Our CD balance is \$10,060.54.

The treasurer's report was approved.

### MEMBERSHIP

Jean Lee-Baker, our new SSMTA Membership Chair, could not attend today. SSMTA members were encouraged to make sure their dues were current for this year.

### PROGRAMS

Today's November meeting program is entitled *Memorization: Playing Without Music vs. Playing by Rote*. Our presenter is Lynn Maloy.

The December meeting program will be our annual Holiday SSMTA Teacher Musicale.

### VOLUNTEERS

Betty Berry has volunteered to be the SSMTA librarian. Thank you, Betty!

### TEACHING MOMENT

Evelyn Billberg shared information about Leila Viss and IPAD applications. Leila will be presenting at our SSMTA meeting on January 13, 2015!

## MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2014 SSMTA MEETING (Cont'd)

### SSMTA STUDENT RECITALS

Thank you to Nicole Bullock who is chairing these recitals:

**October 25:** (Hallowe'en recital: Thanks to Nicole Bullock, Gloria Ross, Sheila Hamaker, and others who helped make this recital a success. 48 students participated and dressed in costumes.

**December 6:** (Skyview Presbyterian Church) Please send a list of students, and \$6/per student entry fee to Nicole Bullock by Nov. 22. Her address is: 9561 Castle Ridge Circle, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129.

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

#### Achievement Day – Kat Wagner, Chair;

- February 21, 2015 (Fee \$20.00)
- please see the SSMTA website for information
- packets will be available in two weeks
- forms are due to Stephen Fiess by Dec. 15**
- set-up will take place on Friday, February 20
- teachers who register students are required to help with the event or assign someone to help.
- A Super-Achiever category has been added.

#### Masterworks Festival – Ardith Sloan, Chair;

- March 7 – 8, 2015 (Fee \$25.00)
- please see the SSMTA website for information
- students are required to play two memorized pieces, one from Baroque or Classical and one from Romantic or Contemporary

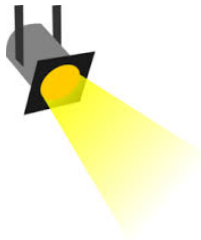
### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evelyn Billberg shared information about the **Festival for Creative Pianists**, a student competition. It will be held May 22-23, 2015, at the Washington Park Center for Music and Arts. A brochure is available.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Moeller, Secretary



## SSMTA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Thanks to former SSMTA Public Relations Chair Vera Alder for this excellent idea; our SSMTA newsletter now features a monthly "SSMTA Member Spotlight." This month's SSMTA Member Spotlight features one of our new SSMTA members, Bryan Rice.*

### Bryan Rice

Mr. Bryan Rice has a B.M. in Piano Performance from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado, where he studied primarily under Dr. Lei Weng (worldwide concert pianist and next year's judge at the Cleveland International Piano Competition), as well as Dr. Errol Haun, Vergie Amendola and Caleb Harris. He has accompanied a wide range of ensembles, from solo vocalists and instrumentalists to small choral ensembles, composition majors, opera scenes, and ultimately the full University Wind Ensemble. He has participated in several master classes, including working with Daniela Minerva. In 2011, he helped premier the modern French work "Passages" by Jean-Claude Risset at UNC. He was the recipient of the SSMTA Excellence in Music Award in 2007, the same year he graduated from Englewood High School as Valedictorian. He has also spent time volunteering playing piano at Littleton Adventist Hospital, and helping introductory music students at The International School at Thornton Middle School.



## SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE Tuesday, December 9, 2014

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 9:00 -- 9:20 a.m.   | Board Meeting            |
| 9:00 -- 9:30 a.m.   | Social Time              |
| 9:30 -- 10:30 a.m.  | SSMTA General Meeting    |
| 10:30 -- 10:45 a.m. | Break                    |
| 10:45 -- 11:30 a.m. | Holiday Teacher Musicale |
| 11:30 a.m. -- noon  | Potluck Luncheon         |

### 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 a.m. so we can begin the meeting on time.

Please plan to stay for the program.

### AT OUR DECEMBER SSMTA MEETING

Our December SSMTA meeting program will be our annual SSMTA Teacher Holiday Musicale, featuring dazzling performances by our fabulous colleagues!

Please join us for this fun and festive program!!

### REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR DECEMBER MEETING

Following our Teacher Musicale, there will be a potluck luncheon. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy this opportunity for camaraderie and collegiality!

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



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THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!!