

## SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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### CALENDAR

- February 11: **SSMTA February Meeting**,  
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church,  
780 E. Arapahoe Road,  
Centennial, CO 80122 (please see *SSMTA Meeting Day Schedule* herein)
- March 1: **SSMTA Masterworks Festival**, Living Way Fellowship Church
- March 2: **SSMTA Masterworks Festival Honors Recital**, Skyview Presbyterian Church
- March 22-26: **MTNA National Conference in Chicago**
- June 4-6: **CSMTA State Conference, Fort Collins**

### ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

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### SSMTA DIRECTORY UPDATE

Barb Galuzzi has cancelled her land line. To contact Barb, please call her cell phone at (303) 906-0430.

## MEASURE FOR MEASURE

*from Linda Vogan, President*

Dear SSMTA Friends,

We may feel confident as music teachers and feel that what we are doing is truly important and life-changing for many students. But in the light of the culture in which we live, we realize we are facing an uphill battle against other forces which work against the value of music education. From time to time we need to focus on educating the PARENTS of our students, who often have no clue about the true benefits of what they are investing in. An article by Elizabeth Maisonpierre delineated some of these. Perhaps you may want to pass these on to your studio parents.

Through music study:

- students learn the art of dividing big projects into small jobs;
- students learn perseverance and understanding of their limitations;
- students develop discipline;
- students develop the skill of listening (hearing and listening are two different things!);
- students learn to go on after a mistake - continue to matter what;
- students build confidence as they learn to perform well;
- students learn to communicate at a level more meaningful than spoken words;
- students discover the "magic" of conveying thoughts and emotions of composers across the ages.

Obviously, there are many other quantifiable and intangible benefits to music study - but we need to preach it and remind our own "customers" that they are making a great investment in their children!

### 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!*

## MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2014 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Gloria Ross at 9:30 A.M. Betty Berry of My Music Skool was introduced. If SSMTA teachers order music from the Denver My Skool store, they can have it delivered to the Southglenn store.

The minutes of the December 10, 2013 meeting were approved as printed with one correction: The Music Marvel program, to be presented at our January SSMTA meeting, was created by Aaron Garner, who is not a relative of David and Jackie Garner.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Treasurer's Report was given by Gloria Ross. Our current checking account balance is \$5,681.48; and our CD balance is \$10,038.14. The treasurer's report was approved.

### FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Our SSMTA Program next month is entitled *Teaching & Playing Bach on the Piano: Lessons from the Partitas*, and will be presented by Dr. David Korevaar.

### TEACHING MOMENT

Vera Alder shared a Facebook link which she uses with her piano students. It is called "*The Art of Piano Pedagogy*."

### SSMTA KEYBOARD

It was proposed that two teachers be present at activities where the SSMTA keyboard is being used. However, it was decided that the keyboard could be used for SSMTA events or SSMTA students. Patty Kershaw and Vera Alder will write a policy regarding the rental of the SSMTA keyboard.

### 2014 MTNA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Each year, SSMTA sends one person to the MTNA National Conference. The first opportunity is given to the SSMTA President. This year, Linda Vogan will attend. At our next SSMTA meeting, we will vote on increasing the amount of money that is allotted for our SSMTA representative.

## MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2014 SSMTA MEETING (Cont'd)

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

**2014 Achievement Day** – Achievement Day will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The chairperson for this event is Kat Wagner. Achievement Day will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of LDS, 9800 S Foothills Canyon Blvd., Highlands Ranch, CO 80129.

A warm-up room will be provided for students this year.

Creative Projects Committee is headed by Bonnie Kreutz.

A Master Class will be led by Sara McDaniel, and will take place from 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Performance class will be chaired by Patty Kershaw. Comments will be shared with students.

The Theory portion will be under Kat's leadership. Theory practice tests are available to students.

Yoko Ashcroft is in charge of scheduling, and needs volunteers who are available to work throughout the day.

**2014 Masterworks Festival** – Masterworks Festival is Saturday March 1, 2014, at Living Way Fellowship Church; the Honors Recital is Sunday, March 2, 2014 at Skyview Presbyterian Church. Achievement Day helps prepare students for this performance event. Ardith Sloan and Pam Simpson are chairing this event.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

In April, the **Excellence in Music Awards** will be given to outstanding students.

CSMTA is sponsoring the **Rising Star** event.

SPARKS music is available at each SSMTA meeting. The cost is \$.20 on the dollar. Please pay Gloria Ross for music purchased.

Long-time SSMTA member Roberta Morris is now residing in an assisted-living care center in Arizona.

The SSMTA two-piano charity event will take place in May.



## MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2014 SSMTA MEETING (Cont'd)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Following our meeting, a program presenting *The Piano Marvel* internet program was demonstrated by Mr. Sean Slade, utilizing our new SSMTA electronic keyboard! Participants were given a code to try this internet service free of charge for 30 days.

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Moeller



## SSMTA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Thanks to 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, Jean Lee-Baker.*

### Jean Lee-Baker

Jean Lee-Baker and her husband recently moved to the Denver area from Houston, TX. Jean holds a B.A. in Music with a concentration in piano pedagogy from the University of Texas at Austin; and a M.A. in Music Education from Teachers College, Columbia University in New York City. Jean was a certified K-12 Music Specialist and taught elementary music at the Houston Independent School District. She had a private piano studio with over 30 students. Jean was an active member of the Houston Music Teachers Association, serving as Vice-President of Membership and Chair of HMTA Music Festival. As a music educator, Jean believes cultivating lifelong-interest in music is the ultimate goal.

Jean enjoys reading a good mystery book and volunteering at the Arapahoe Library District. She and her husband Chris have a 3 year-old female black lab. Jean also enjoys interior design, and is an active licensed Real Estate Broker.

## SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE Tuesday, February 11, 2014

9:15 -- 9:30 a.m.	Arrival & looking at SPARKS music
9:30 -- 10:30 a.m.	SSMTA General Meeting
10:30 -- 10:45 a.m.	Refreshments
10:45	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 a.m. so we can begin the meeting on time.

Please plan to stay for the program.

## AT OUR FEBRUARY SSMTA MEETING

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Please join us for this excellent and most informative presentation!!

## REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR FEBRUARY MEETING

Thanks to Liane Rockley, Dorothy Lomme, and Yoko Ashcroft who are providing refreshments for our February SSMTA meeting!

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

