

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

January 2014 Newsletter

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CALENDAR

- January 14: **SSMTA January Meeting**,
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church,
780 E. Arapahoe Road,
Centennial, CO 80122 (please see *SSMTA Meeting Day Schedule* herein)
- January 15: **SSMTA/DAMTA Performance Group**. Home of
Blanche Greenberg, 8101 E. Dartmouth Ave.,
#39.; 9:00-11:30 a.m. RSVP (303) 755-7898.
- January 17: **Deadline to turn in SSMTA Masterworks Festival Registration forms** and \$25.00 fee per student to Robin Stewart.
- February 8: **SSMTA Student Achievement Day**
- 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**

ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

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MEASURE FOR MEASURE

from Linda Vogan, President

Dear SSMTA Friends,

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season and are now back in full swing! There is a lot to be getting students ready for - with more recitals, Achievement Day and Festival all coming up. Remember, if you need a mentor to shepherd you through the details of any of these events, please don't hesitate to ask!

I am looking forward to attending the MTNA national conference in Chicago in March. Anyone else going? It's not too late to sign up.

At our meeting next week, I will be absent because I am having partial knee replacement surgery that day. I'm hoping to be good to go by Achievement Day, but would appreciate your prayers for my quick healing! Thanks to Gloria, President-elect, for chairing the meeting next week.

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 DECEMBER 10, 2013 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Vogan at 9:30 A.M. A warm welcome was extended to our visitors.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Treasurer's Report was given by Gloria Ross. Our current checking account balance is \$6,118.51; and our CD balance is \$10,022.89. A check was for \$1,000.00 was disbursed to Rockley Music for the purchase of a keyboard for SSMTA.

MEMBERSHIP

Vera Alder reported that there are no changes in Membership.

PROGRAMS

Patty Kershaw announced that we would be having our Teacher Musicale at the December meeting. The January meeting will feature a digital keyboard program called *Piano Marvel*.

TEACHING MOMENT

Robin Stewart gave our teaching moment for December. She shared these three suggestions:

- 1) To assist with difficult rhythms, chart out the rhythm on a graph.
- 2) It's alright to let a student tackle a difficult piece if they want to "take that on."
- 3) When assigning new music, give students a selection of 4-5 pieces to choose from.



MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2013 SSMTA MEETING (Cont'd)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Our December 14 SSMTA Student Recital will include a canned food drive for a Denver food bank.

2014 Achievement Day – Achievement Day will be held on February 8th, 2014. Kat Wagner reminded members that there is a December 16th deadline to turn in Achievement Day forms. Linda Vogan needs assistants to help in the Bingo Room (this would be a great opportunity for any High School students who need to get their community service hours!!)

2014 Masterworks Festival – The dates are March 1st and 2nd. There is information and forms available online. Please refer to the SSMTA website at www.ssmtamusicteachers.org for more details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Vogan is currently storing the keyboard that SSMTA purchased, but would like to find a permanent home for it as she doesn't really have the space.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Madsen



2014 SSMTA 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. **Registration forms and \$25.00 fee per student are due on or before Friday, January 17, to Robin Stewart.**

Forms and details of Masterworks Festival are on the SSMTA website: www.ssmtamusicteachers.org Questions can be directed to Ardith Sloan, Robin Stewart, or Pam Simpson.

SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 14, 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 JANUARY SSMTA MEETING

Our January SSMTA meeting program will be presented by Mr. Sean Slade of *Piano Marvel*, an internet company who has designed a system to improve piano performance and accuracy by using their internet program on a digital piano. They are also developing a new program on improving Sight Reading.

Please come join us for this delightful gathering as our teachers share a wonderful program of musical favorites!!

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR JANUARY MEETING

Thanks to Jackie Garner and Sheila Hamaker who are providing refreshments for our January SSMTA meeting! Thanks, as well, to all who have provided refreshments during this past year!