

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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CALENDAR

- January 12: January SSMTA Meeting
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church,
780 E. Arapahoe Road
- January 23: Deadline to Register for SSMTA Student Recital #3
- February 6: SSMTA Student Recital #3, Skyview Presbyterian Church
- February 9: February SSMTA Meeting
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church,
780 E. Arapahoe Road
- January 23: Registrations due for SSMTA Masterworks Festival
- February 27: SSMTA Student Achievement Day
- March 12 - 13: SSMTA Masterworks Festival
- April 2 - 6: MTNA National Conference, San Antonio, TX

ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

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MEASURE FOR MEASURE

from Gloria Ross, President

Happy New Year! Another opportunity for a fresh start! I know some people think it's silly to make New Year's resolutions, but it's nice to have some kind of reminder to reflect on our lives and set new goals. I'm a fan of the practice myself.

In my recent reflections, I was thinking how grateful I am that I joined SSMTA 23 years ago (yikes!) At that time, I needed professional guidance and enrichment, and SSMTA has provided that for me. I didn't realize it at the time, but the camaraderie has also become important. In our line of work, we're missing the social aspect of the traditional workplace. The contact we have with students and their parents doesn't take the place of friendships that we build when working side-by-side with others. Granted, we can't be with our peers on a daily basis, but we have monthly meetings to share ideas and socialize. Also, when we take an active part on the Board and committees and at student events, we build important bonds with fellow teachers. Those of us who have participated in the Piano Duo Ensemble have been enriched in many ways.

SSMTA also inspired me to take another run at college 10 years ago, so now I actually have a music degree. I know I'm not the only person who came by this career in an indirect way; although some people in these circumstances might feel intimidated about joining a professional group. If you know anyone who is teaching without a strong academic music background, encourage them to come to a meeting and consider joining. Their knowledge and expertise will benefit greatly. If you know ANY music teachers who have not taken that extra step to cement their professionalism, please tell them about the opportunities we offer to help them with their business as well as to help their students set goals and be rewarded for their efforts.

Cathy Motter has set up an excellent program for us this month. You can read about it in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing everyone next Tuesday. We won't have any wine or cocktails at the meeting, but we can raise our cups of water, coffee, or tea and toast to a fabulous 2016. *Vigorous good health and prosperity to all of us!!!*

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 8, 2015 SSMTA MEETING

The December SSMTA general meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by SSMTA President Gloria Ross.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sheila Hamaker filed the Treasurer's Report. As of November 30th, 2015, there was a balance of \$4,577.00 in checking, and \$10,086.00 in our CD.

NEWSLETTER

This is a kind reminder to submit your announcements for our newsletter to Gloria Ross 10 days before the upcoming meeting. Jean Baker asked members to use our new Google group Gmail account to send messages to the general membership. This will enable us to respond directly to the person writing the email and will be less work for Jean. Our new Gmail address is: ssmtamusicteachers@googlegroups.com

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

2015 SSMTA Ensemble Festival

- We had 7 recitals, with a few new teachers participating this year. Yoko announced that we had 87 students, entered by 16 teachers, participating in Ensemble Festival this year.
- The committee has considered having the festival on the second week of November next year and making it a one-day event.

2016 SSMTA Achievement Day

- Kaye Craig is our Achievement Day Chairperson. We are still looking for an assistant chairperson.
- It will be held February 27, 2016, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Highlands Ranch, as in previous years.
- Please encourage your high school students to volunteer for community service points!
- **There will be no Super Achiever level this year.**
- The registration deadline is December 21st. Bring your registration to our next meeting or send it to Yoko Ashcroft.
- **Drop-off for projects is on Friday, February 26th**
- Michelle Lauritzen will be in charge of projects this year.

SSMTA Student Recitals

- Future SSMTA Student Recital dates will be February 6, 2016, and April 9, 2016.
- Please check the SSMTA website for forms and deadlines.

2016 SSMTA Masterworks Festival

- Masterworks Festival will be held on March 12th at Classic Pianos (formerly Onofrio Piano). Please note that the Honors Recitals on March 13th will be held at Skyview Presbyterian Church.
- Cathy Motter is chairing this event. Michelle Lauritzen has volunteered to assist.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Nazila Nekoerad, SSMTA secretary

ABOUT OUR JANUARY PROGRAM

from Cathy Motter, Program Chair

We are so fortunate to have a musician like Karen Terbeek presenting our program next week. You won't want to miss meeting her next Tuesday for our SSMTA program.

Karen Terbeek, founder and Artistic Director of the *Music at Saddle Rock chamber music series*, received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona and her Master's from SMU (Dallas, Texas), both in Cello Performance. Her extensive career began when she was 19, and includes principal positions with the Omaha Symphony, Opera Omaha, New Mexico Symphony, Chamber Orchestra of Albuquerque, Memphis Symphony, Des Moines Metro Opera, and Colorado Opera Troupe. She has also held positions with the Dallas Opera, Fort Worth Symphony, Santa Fe Opera, Colorado Music Festival, and Emerald City Opera. Locally, she has performed with the Colorado Symphony, Colorado Ballet, Colorado Opera, the Boulder Philharmonic, the Boulder Bach Festival and the Colorado Springs Philharmonic. She has held faculty positions at the Metropolitan State College of Denver and the University of Colorado Denver. She can be heard as solo cellist on many commercial recordings produced at Coupe Studios in Boulder, Colorado. She was just accepted into the docent program at the Denver Art Museum, where she will conduct tours for children.

Karen has chosen to do a presentation for us, sharing some teaching techniques for successful practicing. "It would be great to have some individuals willing to participate with teaching them the techniques. They could use any piece at any point in its development. It could be brand new or something ready to perform or anything in between."

Karen would like to have 3 or 4 participants. If you are willing to be a participant, or if you have students who might like to play, please contact me, preferably before Friday, and let me know the title of your piece. (I'll be out of town Friday-Sunday.)

(Cathy's email is: mamamotter@gmail.com)

SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE Tuesday, January 12, 2016

9:10 -- 9:30 a.m.	Arrival/Social Time/ Browse SPARKS music
9:30 -- 10:20 a.m.	SSMTA General Meeting
10:20 -- 10:40 a.m.	Break/Browse/Move Upstairs
10:40 -- 11:40 a.m.	Educational 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 feature guest speaker Karen Terbeek, demonstrating practice techniques. Please plan to attend this interesting and informative program!

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR JANUARY MEETING

Refreshments for our January meeting are being provided Linda Vogan, Linda Cody and Kristin Campbell. Thanks to all who have provided refreshments during this past year!