

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

October 2013 Newsletter

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CALENDAR

- November 12: **SSMTA October Meeting**,
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church,
780 E. Arapahoe Road,
Centennial, CO 80122 (please see *SSMTA Meeting Day Schedule* herein)
- December 2: **Deadline to submit registrations for SSMTA Student Recital**
- December 10: **Deadline to submit registrations for SSMTA Student Achievement Day** (all registration forms are on our SSMTA website). All registrations must be turned in to Stephen Fiess no later than Monday, December 16. Registrations cannot be accepted after December 16.)
- December 14: **SSMTA Student Recital**, SkyView Presbyterian Church
- February 8: **SSMTA Student Achievement Day**
- March 22-26: **MTNA National Conference in Chicago**



ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

Linda Cody, 796-0369; Stephen Fiess, 791-6473; Barb Galuzzi, 936-1772; Alicia Johansson, 797-9630; Betsy Johnson, 719-649-2521, Nancy Kettering, 204-6430; Carol Rankin, 477-2686; Cheryl Saborsky, 771-2532; Elaine Van Dellen, 955-5790. Please contact newsletter editors if you wish to have your name added to this list!

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

from Linda Vogan, President

Dear SSMTA Friends,

We are entering our busiest time of the year! With a great Halloween Recital (thanks Pam and Nicole!) and Ensemble Event (great job, Marilyn and Yoko!) behind us, most of us are already thinking about Christmas music, Achievement Day preparations, and getting students started on their pieces for Masterworks Festival. That is a lot to be thinking about and it's easy to get stressed over all the balls we juggle as music teachers. I hope you can make time to relax during the upcoming holiday season, find time to think about all we have to be grateful for, and enjoy time with your students as you invest in their musical growth. May this season of Thanksgiving permeate everything we do!



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 OCTOBER 8, 2013 SSMTA MEETING

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

Warmest congratulations to Robin Stewart, who was recognized for 50 years with CSMTA.

The minutes of the September 2013 meeting were approved.

Our Treasurer Report was given by Linda Vogan. Our current checking account balance is \$6,052.67; and our CD balance is \$10,022.89. The Treasurer Report was approved.

MEMBERSHIP

Vera Alder gave the Membership report.

SSMTA KEYBOARD PURCHASE

Patty Kershaw got bids on a keyboard for SSMTA. We are looking at a minimum of \$700 and a maximum of \$1,000 for such a purchase.

SSMTA WEBSITE

Sheila Hamaker was not able to attend the meeting to report on the SSMTA website.

PROGRAMS

The program for November will be "Studio Toys...uhh...Tools 1.0" and will be presented by SSMTA members Patty Kershaw and Gloria Ross.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES (see SSMTA website for forms/guidelines)

SSMTA Student Recitals – Our October SSMTA Student Recital will be Saturday, October 26, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Whole Foods in Southglenn. There is a baby grand piano there. Students who memorize their solo or duet will received two extra points. Students are encouraged to wear costumes. Teachers with three or more students are asked to please volunteer.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2013 SSMTA MEETING (Cont'd)

SSMTA Ensemble Event – Will be held November 1st and 2nd at Schmitt Music. The fee is \$20 per entry. Chairs are Yoko Ashcroft and Marilyn Madsen.

SSMTA Achievement Day – The 2014 SSMTA Achievement Day will be held Saturday, February 8, 2014. The fee is \$20 per student. Chair is Kat Wagner. We are planning a Master Class to be included at Achievement Day.

SSMTA Masterworks Festival – Achievement Day helps prepare students for the 2014 SSMTA Masterworks Festival, which will be held March 1st and 2nd, 2014. The fee has been changed to \$25 per student. Ardith Sloan and Pam Simpson are chairs. No arrangements are allowed, e.g., simplified arrangements of Für Elise.

Judge's Pay – A motion was made and seconded to adopt the CSMTA policy on mileage reimbursement for Judges.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPARKS – A reminder that SPARKS music is available for purchase for \$.20 on the dollar.

A discussion regarding increase in local assoc. dues was tabled. An email on this topic will be sent out to SSMTA members.

CSMTA – MTNA competitions are October 19th in Boulder. Help is needed for this event!

Call for State Conference Presentations is due by November 3rd to Bonnie Hoffman. The 2014 CSMTA State Conference will be held June 4-6 in Fort Collins.

National Certification (NCTM) information is available. If anyone is interested in Certification, please contact Karen Greenhalgh, CSMTA Certification Chair, at (303) 979-1342.

Congratulations to SSMTA's Quetta Augustus-Keenan on the publication of her new book!! Her book is now available for purchase!

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

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Moeller

2014 SSMTA Masterworks Festival

Yes, it is time to be thinking about assigning repertoire pieces for the SSMTA Masterworks Festival on March 1, 2014!!

IMPORTANT: Guidelines for the event are found online at: www.ssmtamusicteachers.org under **Student Events/Masterworks Festival**, or on Page 14 and 15 of the SSMTA Membership Directory.

Repertoire should be chosen from either of the following composer lists:

Hinson: *Guide to the Pianist's Repertoire*;
McGrath: *The Pianist's Guide to Standard Teaching and Performance Literature*;
or the MTNA Composer List (see CSMTA Student Activities section).

Teachers desiring to enter students on instruments not covered in the Masterworks Guidelines, or to enter a student with a repertoire piece not listed in the above literature guides, need to contact the Masterworks Committee Chair by **Friday, November 15, 2013**.

Listed below are additional repertoire pieces that the Masterworks committee has approved. Pieces are listed as Composer: *Title* (year approved):

W Gillock: *Mirage* (2005)
W Gillock: *Fountain of Diana* (2006)
MT von Paradis: *Sicilienne* (2006)
W Gillock: all movements of *Sonatine* (2008)
J George: all pieces in Section 3 of *Patterns for Piano* (2008)
J George: all pieces in *Students' Choice, Set 4* (2008)
Haslinger: *Sonatina in C major* (2008)

If you have any questions regarding repertoire selection, or you need help with the registration forms, please do not hesitate to contact me:

Ardith Sloan,
Masterworks Festival Chair
sloanpiano@comcast.net

SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE Tuesday, November 12, 2013

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 -- 11:45 a.m.	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 NOVEMBER SSMTA MEETING

Our November SSMTA meeting program is entitled "*Studio Toys...uhh...Tools 1.0*" and will be presented by SSMTA members Patty Kershaw and Gloria Ross. Please plan to join us for this wonderful program!!

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

Special thanks to Barb Galuzzi, Penny Moeller, and Robin Stewart for providing refreshments for our November SSMTA meeting!!

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

