

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

November 2014 Newsletter

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CALENDAR

- November 7-8: **Ensemble Event, Schmitt Music (Marilyn Madsen and Yoko Ashcroft, co-chairs)**
- November 11: **November SSMTA Meeting
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church
780 E. Arapahoe Road (Please see meeting schedule herein)** (deadline to submit repertoire for approval by Masterworks Festival chairs)
- November 22: **Deadline to enter students in December recital**
Please submit entries to Nicole Bullock,
9561 Castle Ridge Circle, Highlands Ranch,
80129
- December 6: **December Student Recital, Skyview
Presbyterian Church**
- December 9: **December SSMTA Meeting/Potluck/Holiday
Teacher Musicale**
- December 15: **Deadline to enter students in Achievement Day**
Please submit forms to Dr. Stephen Fiess,
16893 Boreas Court, Parker, CO 80134

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,

With the holiday season also comes the intensifying of our studio schedules, and the all-important planning ahead for upcoming SSMTA events. Do you find it hard to motivate your students for recitals, Achievement Day, Festival, and other things when they have so much going on in their lives? Do you find it difficult to keep YOURSELF motivated when you have a life outside of your studio, too? Let me encourage you (and myself) to start making those checklists of things to accomplish, and then deliberately work on keeping everything in perspective, and checking things off that list. I hope you will find creative ways to keep your students motivated and excited about learning new music and preparing for events. Our own joy and enthusiasm will hopefully be contagious for our students!

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 OCTOBER 14, 2014 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President-elect Gloria Ross at 9:30 A.M. A warm welcome was extended to visitors.

The minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting were approved, with the following correction: the monthly duet practice begins at 9:15 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. When Patty's house is not available, Gloria has offered her house.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Gloria Ross. Our current checking account balance is \$5,272.45. Our CD balance is \$10,060.20.

The treasurer's report was approved.

MEMBERSHIP

Jean Lee-Baker, our new SSMTA Membership Chair, gave the Membership report. She will be reaching out to new and current members.

PROGRAMS

Today's October meeting program is about *MTNA National Teacher Certification*. Our presenter is Karen Greenhalgh.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need a committee to help with recitals, as well as a volunteer for the library.

SSMTA STUDENT RECITALS

Thank you to Nicole Bullock who will chair these recitals. The dates for the next two recitals are:

October 25: (Hallowe'en recital at Whole Foods, Southglenn)

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.

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

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Ensemble Event – Yoko Ashcroft and Marilyn Madsen, Chairs;
November 7 – 8, 2014 (Fee \$20.00)
-entry deadline is Oct.18
-two typists are needed for this event
- Please see SSMTA website for rules

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

Masterworks Festival – Ardith Sloan, Chair;
-March 7 – 8, 2015 (Fee \$25.00)
-students are required to play two memorized pieces

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a performance by SSMTA members of 2-piano, 8-hand music; and 2-piano 4-hand music in May, at the Highlands Baptist Church in Centennial.

MTNA has a new Code of Ethics, which may be copied from the MTNA.org website.

Grace Christus will present music she has composed for beginning to advanced piano students, at My Music Skool, Thursday, November 20, 2014, at 10:30 a.m.

Jean Lee-Baker shared her flyers for *Recreational Music Making* classes at My Music Skool.

Warmest congratulations to Patty Kershaw and family on the announcement of **Patty's daughter's** wedding Saturday.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Moeller, Secretary

SSMTA MASTERWORKS FESTIVAL

Yes, it is time to be thinking about assigning repertoire pieces for the SSMTA Masterworks Festival being held March 7, 2015. Guidelines for the event are found online at www.ssmtamusicteachers.org under *Student Events/Masterworks Festival* (or on Pages 14-15 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, should contact the Masterworks Committee chair **by Friday, November 14, 2014**.

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)
- M.T. 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 11, 2014

9:00 -- 9:20 a.m.	Board Meeting
9:00 -- 9:30 a.m.	Social Time/Refreshments
9:30 -- 10:30 a.m.	SSMTA General Meeting
10:30 -- 10:45 a.m.	Break
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, entitled "*Memorization: Playing Without Music vs. Playing by Rote*," will be presented by Lynn Maloy, NCTM.

Please join us for this fun and informative program!!

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

Refreshments for our October meeting will be provided by Bryan Rice, Liane Rockley, and Kat Wagner.

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

