

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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CALENDAR

- October 10: **Deadline to enter students in Hallowe'en recital**
- October 13: **October SSMTA Meeting,
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church,
780 E. Arapahoe Road**
(Please see Meeting Schedule herein)
- October 24: **Hallowe'en recital at Whole Foods**
- October 31: **Deadline to enter students in Ensemble Event**
- November 10: **November SSMTA Meeting**
- November 20-21: **Ensemble Event, Schmitt Music**

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!*

ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

Linda Cody, 796-0369; Stephen Fiess, 791-6473; Barb Galuzzi, 936-1772; Betsy Johnson, 719-649-2521; 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 Gloria Ross, President

Dear SSMTA friends,

I hope your studios are all thriving! I've seen a surge in interest over the past year. I don't know to what to attribute this, but I'm thrilled to have more families seeking out music education for their children. Please let me know of any aspects of your business or music education for which you'd like SSMTA to provide assistance. We're here to help our members become the best teachers they can be, as well as provide events to further students' goals.

This month's meeting will be fun and informative. Jean Lee-Baker will be leading us in a social game; Patty Kershaw will enlighten us on the experts' latest advice on practicing; and we'll all go shopping! Something for everyone!

IMPORTANT: We need everyone's help in finding a new location for Achievement Day. If you belong to a church or other organization that might serve our purpose, please let me know.

REQUESTS

from Gloria Ross, President

1. Does anyone have an amplifier we can connect to our keyboard for the Hallowe'en recital? The grand piano has been removed from Whole Foods, so we need to use our keyboard for the event. Please contact Nicole Bullock at 303-495-9107 or nicolebullock@gmail.com
2. Does anyone know of a suitable location for us to investigate as an Achievement Day venue? Church? School? Please contact Pam Simpson at 720-344-5956 or pspianostudio@gmail.com
3. Is anyone interested in a subscription to Clavier magazine? Please contact Patty Kershaw at 303-683-8517 or fhpatyk@gmail.com
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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 A.M. by President Gloria Ross. The Minutes of the May 12 SSMTA meeting were approved as they appeared in the newsletter.

Sign-up sheets were circulated for refreshments, Teaching Moment presentations, mentorship, and the Holiday Musicales.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Sheila Hamaker. Our current checking account balance is \$5,382. The balance for the CD is \$10,079. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

MEMBERSHIP

Jean Lee-Baker introduced Angelie Muljadi, a new member who teaches private lessons in Parker. Another new member, Kristen Campbell, is currently out of town. A few members have not paid their membership dues and were asked to do so as soon as possible.

Jean keeps our name tags in a box for our use at meetings. If you've accidentally taken yours home, please bring it back. If you need a new one, please let Jean know.

MEMBER PARTICIPATION

SSMTA exists to help out members be better educated and more efficient teachers. We host student events, so students can set goals and progress. The Performance Medal program encourages active involvement. The monthly programs are opportunities to expand our knowledge and skills. We also make time to support each other and share ideas. If there are any particular elements of your teaching studio that you need help with, please e-mail Gloria Ross at gloriaross@comcast.net

Every member is encouraged to help SSMTA in an area that's of particular interest. This may change from year to year. Even if you're offering to help only in a small capacity, you'll learn more about the way that event or project works; you'll get to know other members better; you'll be helping SSMTA to function more smoothly; and you'll get that sense of satisfaction that comes from being part of the team. We need everyone's help; even small commitments of time are much appreciated. It doesn't matter if you've been a member for 30 days or 30 years, we all need to pitch in in some way.

PROGRAMS

Cathy Motter announced that today's presentation on Bach ornamentation will be given by Dr. Alfred Born. Next month Patty Kershaw will announce the professional reading program (please read her articles in **Notes and News**, July and October) and time for SPARKS shopping. Upcoming programs: November – Dr. Morlitt on *Color Sounds in Debussy*; December – *Holiday Musicale* and potluck; January – Dr. Karen Turbik; February – Leila Viss on *Use of iPad in the Studio*; March – Patricia Chen on *Schuman's Album for the Young*; April – *Excellence in Music Awards*; May – Luncheon.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

It has been brought to our attention that some members are hesitant to accept leading roles in organizing events, because they're afraid of criticism from the membership. Please be aware that these volunteers are working in our best interest and need to be allowed to do their jobs. If any member has SUGGESTIONS regarding student events, please address them to the Vice-President of Student Activities, Pam Simpson, or to the President, not to committee chairs.

SSMTA ENSEMBLE EVENT

Yoko Ashcroft updated us on Ensemble Event. Marilyn Madsen and Smita Rodrigues are her assistants. Please let Yoko know if you can help type recital programs. Please check the website for forms and instructions. It has been decided not to limit the number of students who can be accompanied by their teachers. Please be accurate in estimating the times of pieces. If teachers have many entries, they need to select different time slots, so as not to monopolize a particular recital. **The entry deadline is November 1.** Be sure to bring two copies of the music, so the judges have one for reference.

STUDENT RECITALS

Pam Simpson announced that the Hallowe'en Recital will take place on October 24 at Whole Foods Southglenn. Entries are due to Nicole Bullock by October 10. Forms are available on the website. There will be additional recitals at Skyview Presbyterian in December, February, and April.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Achievement Day is tentatively scheduled for February 27, 2016. Kaye Craig and Mandy Ricks will be co-chairing the event. We need a new location chairperson and a new venue.

MASTERWORKS FESTIVAL

Masterworks Festival will be held on March 12 at Classic Pianos (formerly Onofrio Piano). The Honors Recital on March 13 will be held at Skyview Presbyterian. We still need a chairperson. Michelle Lauritzen has volunteered to assist. Other chairs: Judges -- Beverley Guth; Facilities -- Kathy Michaud; Awards -- Bonnie Kreuz; Recitals -- Robin Stewart and Smita Rodriguez; Registration/ Scheduling -- Yoko Ashcroft; Food -- Barb Galuzzi.

TEACHER GRANT/STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

One of Barb Galuzzi's students was given an SSMTA Education Grant to attend the Lamont Summer Music Academy; Gloria Ross read her nice thank-you letter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cost of SPARKS music – 20% of the marked price. Please give payment to Treasurer Sheila Hamaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Simpson and Gloria Ross, acting in the absence of Penny Moeller, Secretary



ABOUT OUR OCTOBER PROGRAM

Cathy Motter, program chair

The October program will have two parts:

1. We'll be going shopping. It was suggested to me last year that I use one of our programs to give you MORE TIME to see what is available in all the music that is for sale. So this is your opportunity to do that. Last month, after the meeting and program, I found some real treasures in the boxes of music (which I've already distributed to students) and I felt so good contributing my payment to the worthwhile SSMTA SPARKS fund.

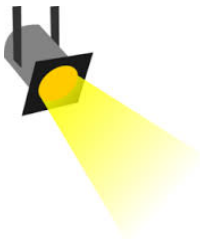
If you have some good music and/or books to donate, please try to have them at the church by 8:30 a.m. this Tuesday, so I can help you place everything on appropriate tables. It would be really helpful if you would sort out your donations into categories (lesson books, collections, duets, theory, popular, jazz, chamber music, etc.) before you arrive at the church. And let's all go shopping!

ALSO...

2. Patty Kershaw will be sharing about CSMTA's 2015-2016 Professional Reading Enrichment Program (PREP) – ***Teaching the Art of Practicing***.

In preparation, please be sure to read her article in ***Notes and News***. This link will also guide you to information from Patty. It's <http://comusicteachers.net/node/106>.

See you bright and early on October 13th. It's going to be a terrific morning to be at the SSMTA meeting.



SSMTA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month's SSMTA Member Spotlight features SSMTA member Kristin Campbell.

Kristin Campbell grew up in Greenville, South Carolina, where she studied piano with her mother, Ruth Coleman, and then later with Anne Morton. She also studied Suzuki violin with Betsy Fee. She went on to receive her degree in violin performance and her Master's Degree in church music. Until 2014, Kristin and her husband Matt lived in Chesapeake Virginia, where she taught private violin and piano lessons, and was involved in the Tidewater Music Association. She also played as a substitute violinist with the Virginia Symphony and played as a freelance violinist and accompanist in the Tidewater area. In 2014, Matt and Kristin moved to Highlands Ranch, where she is teaching private violin and piano lessons and playing with the Strauss Chamber Orchestra.



SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE
Tuesday, October 13, 2015

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.	Game Time
10:40 -- 11:10 a.m.	Refreshments/SPARKS Shopping
11:10 -- 11:45 a.m.	Practice Tips by Patty Kershaw

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 OCTOBER SSMTA MEETING

Our October SSMTA meeting program has two parts: Part One will be ***Teaching the Art of Practicing***; presented by SSMTA member and CSMTA Professional Reading Enrichment Program (PREP) chair Patty Kershaw. Part Two will be ***Let's Go Shopping: SPARKS Music Sale***. Please join us for this worthwhile two-part program! (Please see article herein for more information).

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR OCTOBER MEETING

Refreshments for our October meeting are being provided by Barb Galuzzi, Gloria Ross and Jean Lee-Baker.

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

