

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

September 2015 Newsletter

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CALENDAR

- September 8: **September SSMTA Meeting/Potluck Luncheon, Arapahoe Road Baptist Church, 780 E. Arapahoe Road**
(Please see Meeting Schedule herein)
- October 10: **Deadline to enter students in Hallowe'en recital** (pending)
- October 13: **October SSMTA Meeting**
- October 24: **Hallowe'en recital at Whole Foods**
- October 31: **Deadline to enter students in Ensemble Event**
- 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; 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 Gloria Ross, President

Dear SSMTA friends,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer, whether you took a break from teaching or not. Hopefully you found some ways to enjoy the warm weather and renew your spirit. Now it's time for us to plan our students' trajectory for the coming year, helping them set goals and work toward them. It's also time for us to set new goals for ourselves. SSMTA is here to help us do those.

Cathy Motter has been busy setting up interesting programs to further our music education and help us in our studios. Other members are working on setting up events to help our students measure their progress and become more at ease in their performance.

Every one of us needs to find some way to pitch in and help the group, so that we can meet the needs of all our teacher/members. The Board of Officers also needs to know what your specific needs are right now to add to your teaching skills and improve your business. Please e-mail me with your requests.

I hope you'll all plan on staying for our potluck lunch after this month's meeting, so we can enjoy each other's company.



MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2015 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Vogan at 9:45 A.M. The Minutes of the April 14 SSMTA meeting were approved as they appeared in the newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was given by Gloria Ross. Our current checking account balance is \$5,701.59. The balance for the CD is \$10,073.09. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The SSMTA 2015-2016 proposed budget was approved.

MEMBERSHIP

Stephen Fiess was spotlighted in our May SSMTA newsletter.

TEACHING MOMENT

Gloria Ross presented the Teaching Moment on the subject of memorization. She gave ideas to help students with memorization, e.g., to think of a piece as a compilation of mini songs.

MTNA CONFERENCE

Patty Kershaw and Linda Vogan reported on the MTNA Conference. They shared ideas about wellness and relaxation, as well as creative recital ideas.

SSMTA APPRECIATION GIFTS

Linda Vogan gave an appreciation gift to all SSMTA board members.

SSMTA TEACHER SERVICE AWARD

Marilyn Madsen was selected to receive this award, although she was unable to attend this meeting.

MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2015 SSMTA MEETING (Cont'd)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Our thanks to the following members who have agreed to be serve on the SSMTA board. These officers were elected at the April SSMTA meeting):

President:	Gloria Ross
President-Elect:	Bonnie Kreutz
Past President:	Linda Vogan
Secretary:	Nazila Nekoerad
Treasurer:	Sheila Hamaker
1st VP (Programs):	Cathy Motter
2nd VP (Membership):	Jean Lee-Baker
3rd VP (Student Activities):	Pam Simpson

TEACHER GRANT/STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

A reminder that June 1 is the deadline to have submitted these forms to Gloria Ross. Forms are not on the website yet, but paper copies were made available at the May meeting. Grants/scholarships in the amount of \$250 are available. We discussed whether this amount should be increased.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2015 CSMTA State Conference will be held June 3-5 in Pueblo. Registration is on-line. Linda Vogan and several others will attend.

The Clementi Festival will be held at Schmitt Music in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Moeller, Secretary

ABOUT OUR SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Alfred Born, Presenter

The September program could be entitled "*Baroque Ornamentation, or How I Learned to Be Flexible.*" We often have no clues what editors have done with original scores for publication; how are we who have grown up in a world that admires exactness supposed to perform music from long before our time? What does Baroque music expect of us, and how will that help our students?

About Our Presenter:

Born in southern Minnesota, Alfred Born studied piano for twelve years with Anna John Silber in Mankato. He graduated from Valparaiso University with a Bachelor of Music Degree in Church Music (organ concentration), studying organ with Philip Gehring; piano and music history with Newman Powell; and composition with Richard Weinhorst. He received a MM degree in Piano Performance and Music History from the University of Illinois/Champaign-Urbana, where he studied with Malcolm Bilson and William Heiles. Additional graduate studies were at Michigan State University, and the University of Nebraska/Lincoln.

Alfred began his teaching career at Concordia Lutheran University in River Forest, Illinois. His next position was at Concordia Lutheran University, Seward, Nebraska until he moved to Colorado in 1998. He and his wife Christelle Menth moved to Lakewood in 1998 when Christelle took the piano position at Colorado Christian University. Their daughter Sarah graduated from CSU in 2014, and is now a graduate student in microbiology at UCD/Anschutz campus.

In addition to having a home studio, Alfred is a free-lance musician with a fortepiano (frequently performing with soprano Maureen Sorensson) and harpsichord; and is Director of Music, Organist, and Choir Director at Epiphany Lutheran Church near Washington Park. He has toured Italy, Austria, England, and Scotland as harpsichordist/organist with Musica Sacra chamber orchestra. He sings with Musicians of Saint Clare and has been their organist locally and also in Rome. He enjoys snorkeling, especially in the waters near Belize, and he loves to travel, especially to England. His gardening helps the weed population and feeds the birds (and rabbits) at their Lakewood home.



SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE Tuesday, September 8, 2015

9:10 -- 9:30 a.m.	Arrival/Social Time/ Browse SPARKS music
9:30 -- 10:20 a.m.	SSMTA General Meeting
10:20 -- 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 -- 11:30 a.m.	Program
11:30 a.m. -- Noon	Potluck luncheon

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 SEPTEMBER SSMTA MEETING

Our September SSMTA meeting program, entitled "*Baroque Ornamentation Signs, or How I Learned to be Flexible*" presented by Alfred Born. Please join us for this interesting and informative program! (Please see article herein for more information).

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

Following our September meeting, there will be a potluck luncheon. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy this opportunity for camaraderie with colleagues!

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

