

## SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

December 2018 Newsletter

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### CALENDAR

- December 11: **SSMTA December Meeting, Pot-luck Lunch and Holiday Musicale**  
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church  
780 E. Arapahoe Road
- December 27: **Entry Deadline for SSMTA Achievement Day**
- January 8, 2019: **SSMTA January 2019 Meeting**  
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church  
(Samuel Welsh, program presenter:  
*"Always Under Foot: Old and New Perspectives on the Pedal"*)
- January 23, 2019: **Deadline to turn in composition videos to Kaye Craig**
- Feb. 23, 2019: **SSMTA Achievement Day**  
This year's Achievement Day will feature a brand-new Performance Class format: a class with pianist and educator Joseph Harkins. This class will briefly discuss the historic roots of the blues, dissect famous jazz blues melodies, and allow students time to improvise and compose their own short blues motive. Check out [www.SSMTAmusicteachers.org](http://www.SSMTAmusicteachers.org) for more details or talk to Kaye Craig.
- March 2, 2019: **Rising Stars Festival Entries due.** For more information on this event, please check out [www.comusicteachers.net/risingstars](http://www.comusicteachers.net/risingstars)
- April 13, 2019: **Rising Stars Festival**



### MEASURE FOR MEASURE

*from Bonnie Kreutz, President*

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

It's not too late to sign up for the December Musicale!! Please contact Patty Kershaw if you want to get on the program!

Also, coming up this month - Achievement Day registrations are due by December 27th to Yoko Ashcroft!!

I hope your recitals are successful, and that everyone enjoys all the beautiful music of the season!

### ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

Linda Cody, (303) 796-0369; Stephen Fiess, (303) 946-4483; Barb Galuzzi, (303) 906-0430; Betsy Johnson, (719) 649-2521; Cathy Motter, (303) 771-5170; Carol Rankin, (303) 477-2686; Cheryl Saborsky, (303) 771-2532; Elaine Van Dellen, (303) 955-5790. Please contact newsletter editors if you wish to have your name added to this list!

## TEACHER REFERRAL

If you have any openings for new students, please contact our SSMTA Referral Chair Linda Vogan: (303) 908-1694; or [denlinvog@comcast.net](mailto:denlinvog@comcast.net). Also, if you know of any potential students that you cannot accommodate, please give them Linda's contact information!

## MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2018 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by SSMTA President Bonnie Kreutz.  
The Minutes of the October meeting were accepted with no corrections.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Sheila Hamaker reported a balance in the General Fund of \$4,153.00, and a balance in the Scholarship Fund of \$10,538.00, as of October 30, 2018.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

President-Elect Nazila Nekoerad invited members to look up South Suburban Music Teachers Association on Facebook and "like" us!!!

Jean Lee-Baker introduced new SSMTA member Penny Moeller.

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

#### SSMTA Ensemble Event

Yoko Ashcroft gave a report on Ensemble Event – there were 6 recitals, with 15 teachers and 85 entries.  
*Thanks, Yoko!*

#### SSMTA Student Recitals

**Eric Jones reported on a successful Halloween Recital, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at Someren Glen**

**The next recital is Saturday, December 8, at Skyview Presbyterian Church. Entries are due by November 24.**

Future Recital dates: February 9, 2019; April 27, 2019

Note: **Changed fee voted on last year: \$7**

#### SSMTA Achievement Day *(Kaye Craig, Chair)*

Achievement Day: February 23, 2019

#### Registration Forms due December 27

**January 23, 2019** – due date for the "Composer Corner" – send in recordings of original pieces by your students!

**Performance Class** will be a Jazz Improv workshop – very different than in the past! Kaye has pieces available for SCHOOL grades 7/8, 9/10, 11/12 – which students should be familiar with before coming into the class (please see [www.SSMTAMusicTeachers.org](http://www.SSMTAMusicTeachers.org) for details)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 8<sup>th</sup> – SSMTA Meeting Program - ***Making Lemonade From Lemons!*** Music and teaching Ideas for students who temporarily become one-handed. Presented by Patricia Kershaw, NCTM

February 12 – SSMTA Meeting Program - ***New Music From Canadian Composers.*** Presented by Dr. Stephen Fiess, NCTM

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.  
Secretary Linda Vogan

### **SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 11, 2018**

9:30 -- 10:20 A.M.	SSMTA General Meeting
10:35 A.M.	Holiday Musicale, followed by SSMTA 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.

Please arrive early for refreshments if you plan to partake; and take your seat by 9:30 a.m. so we can begin the meeting on time.

### **REFRESHMENTS**

In lieu of December refreshments, everyone is invited to bring a potluck dish and join us for the Annual December Holiday Musicale and Potluck Luncheon!

Ongoing thanks to Barb Galuzzi for taking such good care of hospitality at all of our meetings and student events!

### **OUR DECEMBER PROGRAM**

PLEASE join us Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, for a delightful Holiday Gathering!!! Following our business meeting, we will enjoy music shared by our members at our Annual Musicale, followed by a Potluck Luncheon!! You won't want to miss this!!!

