

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

January 2019 Newsletter

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CALENDAR

- January 8, 2019: **SSMTA January 2019 Meeting**
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church
(Patricia Kershaw, NCTM, program presenter:
"Making Lemonade from Lemons: Music and Teaching Ideas for students who have temporarily become one-handed")
- January 23, 2019: **Deadline to turn in composition videos to Kaye Craig for the Achievement Day TV**
- February 9, 2019: SSMTA Student Recital, Sky View Presbyterian. **Registrations due to Pam Simpson by Jan 26th.**
- February 12, 2019: **SSMTA February 2019 Meeting**
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church
(Dr. Stephen Fiess, NCTM, program presenter:
"Music from Canadian Composers")
- 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. Check out 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
- March 12, 2019: **SSMTA March 2019 Meeting**
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church
(Dr. Samuel Welsh, program presenter:
"Always Under Foot: Old and New Perspectives on the Pedal")
- April 13, 2019: **Rising Stars Festival**

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

from Bonnie Kreutz, President

Happy New Year!

Two exciting additions to our 2019 Achievement Day:

Students completing the composing option may submit a video of their composition to Kaye Craig **by January 23** and it will be added to a continuous loop of composition performances shown on TV in the composer corner of the art project display room.

Also this year, for teens, we are excited to feature 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. **Be sure and download the lead sheets for your students' levels. Students should be familiar with these before coming into the class.** The lead sheets can be found on our website, www.SSMTAmusicteachers.org

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!

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2018 SSMTA MEETING

South Suburban Music Teachers Association
December 11, 2018 Meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Kreutz.

The November minutes were accepted as written in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report by Sheila Hamaker:

As of November 30 balances are:

\$4,414 in General Fund

\$10,563 in the Scholarship Fund

Student Activities:

Recitals: December 8 recital at Skyview was well attended
Next recital is February 9, 2019 at Skyview, with registration due by January 26
For the April recital the committee is encouraging (but not requiring) DUETS!

Achievement Day:

Registrations are due by December 27 to Yoko.
Check the website for all forms and instructions
Performance Classes will be jazz improv workshops – details on the website
Compositions by students are due in January – send videos to Kaye Craig

Programs:

December 11 program was a Musicale followed by potluck lunch
January 8 program: "Making Lemonade from Lemons! Music and Teaching Ideas for
Students who temporarily Become One-handed", presented by Patty

Kershaw

Reminders about signing up for CSMTA and MTNA conferences in the Spring. Gloria Ross will be representing us at the MTNA conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Vogan, Secretary

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

2019 CSMTA STATE CONFERENCE
CO-HOSTED BY REGIS UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENT
THURSDAY, May 30 – SATURDAY, June 1, 2019
Registration materials at www.comusicteachers.net

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 Also, if you know of any potential students that you cannot accommodate, please give them Linda's contact information!



SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE JANUARY 8, 2019

9:30 -- 10:20 a.m. SSMTA General Meeting
10:20 – 10:35 a.m. Break
10:35 – 11:45 a.m. SSMTA 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.

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

Special thanks to Linda Cody, Barb Galuzzi, and Gloria Ross, who are providing refreshments for our January SSMTA meeting!

As well, ongoing thanks to Barb Galuzzi for taking such good care of hospitality at all of our meetings and student events!

OUR JANUARY PROGRAM

PLEASE join us Tuesday, January 8th, for a delightful and very informative presentation by Patricia Kershaw, NCTM, entitled "Making Lemonade from Lemons: Music and Teaching Ideas for students who have temporarily become one-handed." You won't want to miss this information-packed presentation!!!!

OUR JANUARY TEACHING MOMENT

Our January *Teaching Moment* will be provided by Pam Simpson.

