

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

March 2019 Newsletter

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CALENDAR

- 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)
- 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")
- March 15, 2019: Deadline for submitting Performance Award & Excellence in Music Award applications to Nazila Nekoerad. Please see [www.ssmtamusicteachers.org](http://www.ssmtamusicteachers.org) for more details!
- April 9, 2019: SSMTA April 2019 Meeting  
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church  
Winners of Excellence in Music will perform; Gloria Ross will report on the MTNA Conference
- April 13, 2019: Rising Stars Festival
- April 27, 2019: SSMTA Student Recital, Sky View Presbyterian Church. Duets encouraged!!  
Registration is due April 13. (This is a great opportunity to get extra points if you have any students who need them for the Performance Award!!)



Measure to Measure from Bonnie Kreutz, President

Achievement Day was a smashing success!! The jazz performance classes were wonderful! Thanks to Kaye Craig for chairing this event, and for always coming up with fresh ideas. Thanks to all who participated and worked at the event.

There is a good chance that we will have to find a new meeting venue for next year. Any suggestions for locations would be greatly appreciated.

THE 2019 CLEMENTI FESTIVAL

It's back! The Clementi Festival will take place this Fall 2019 at Schmitt Music in Denver. This popular festival gives intermediate-level piano students the opportunity to perform a sonatina with orchestral accompaniment composed by Mr. Branson and performed by members of the Mercury Ensemble. Applications are due August 15 and should include a recording of the student playing with teacher accompaniment (CD or upload). For more information, contact Lisa Harrington at [lisaharrington@me.com](mailto:lisaharrington@me.com)

A.G.O. SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Another great student opportunity is the annual American Guild of Organists Summer Scholarship Program. This is a chance for your upper-level students to receive free summer organ lessons and perform in a recital at St. John's Cathedral on a pipe organ, at the end of the summer. Applications must be received by midnight on Tuesday, April 2. Auditions will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019. I will send out all the details with attachments in a group email.

#### ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

Linda Cody, (303) 796-0369; Stephen Fiess, (303) 946-4483; Barb Galuzzi, (303) 906-0430; Bonnie Kreutz, (303) 378-5265; 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 THE FEBRUARY 12, 2019 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Bonnie Kreutz. The January minutes were accepted as published in the SSMTA Newsletter.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

As of January 31, 2019, balances are:  
\$8,753 in the General Fund (Checking)  
\$10,574 in the Scholarship Fund (Savings)

#### MEMBERSHIP

We have two new members who attending the SSMTA meeting: Ginny Shugert and Laura Moes  
Nazila Nekoerad encourages everybody to "like" our SSMTA page on Facebook!!!!

#### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SSMTA Student Recitals (Pam Simpson, chair)

There were two recitals on February 9, 2019 at Skyview.

The final recital of the year will be on April 27, 2019. The committee is encouraging (but not requiring) DUETS!!!

SSMTA Achievement Day (Kaye Craig, Chair)

Kaye Craig announced details of this event – All information is available on our website!!

Rising Stars Festival

Entries are due by March 2; the event is on April 13. See CSMTA website for details!!

Performance Medals

The tally is due to Nazila Nekoerad by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Forms are on the SSMTA website.

Excellence in Music Award

If you would like to nominate a student for this award, please take note of all the requirements as listed on the SSMTA website. Applications will be due in March.

#### PROGRAMS

Patty announced today's program by Dr. Stephen Fiess on Canadian composers

March 12<sup>th</sup> program: "Always Under Foot: Old and New Perspectives on the Pedal," presented by Dr. Samuel Welsh

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A nominating committee will be comprised of Bonnie Kreutz, Linda Vogan, and Lois Owsley. We will be having an election of a new board in April. Please contact a nominating committee member if you would like to be considered for one of our offices.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Linda Vogan, Secretary

*May your day be touched  
by a bit of Irish luck,  
brightened by a song in your heart,  
and warmed by the smiles  
of the people you love.*

SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE  
MARCH 12, 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 Cathy Motter, Kathy VanArsdale, and Bonnie Kreutz, who are providing refreshments for our February 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 MARCH PROGRAM**

PLEASE join us Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, for a delightful and very informative presentation by Dr. Samuel Welsh, entitled "Always Under Foot: Old and New Perspectives on the Pedal." You won't want to miss this information-packed presentation!!!!

**OUR MARCH TEACHING MOMENT**

Our March Teaching Moment will be provided by Linda Vogan.

