

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
April 2019 Newsletter
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CALENDAR

- April 9, 2019: SSMTA April 2019 Meeting
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church
- Winners of *Excellence in Music* will perform:
Victoria Coffman – Student of Sheila Hamaker
Aaron Hart – Student of Kaye Craig
Christie MacFarlane – Student of Pam Simpson (Christine will be performing at the May SSMTA Meeting)
 - Gloria Ross will report on the MTNA National Conference
- April 13, 2019: Rising Stars Festival
- April 13, 2019: Registrations due for SSMTA Student Recital
- 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!!)
- May 14, 2019: SSMTA May 2019 Meeting/Potluck
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church
- Installation of new officers and *Teacher Service Award* Presentation.
 - The program, following the potluck, will be a Round Table Discussion on how much and what kinds of insurance are needed in our studios.
- June 1, 2019: SSMTA Educational Grant-Scholarship application deadline. Please see www.SSMTAMusicTeachers.org for more information!

MEASURE FOR MEASURE
from Bonnie Kreutz, President

Happy Spring! My Spring Recital theme is music from the Classical Period. My students are each playing a classical selection and a piece of their choice. For most, this is a pop piece; and the boys love video game music so we're getting a good dose of that. This led me to an idea for the summer. I'm always looking for ways to incorporate improv and composition into lessons, so our theme for the summer will be composing video game music. We will have to discover which will come first, the game idea or the musical idea. A student was improvising with open 5ths and a cool syncopated rhythm this morning and it sounded very "video gamey".

Performance award medals will be available to be picked up at the meeting Tuesday, or make other arrangements with Nazila Nekoerad. Please remember to register for the CSMTA State Conference.

THE 2019 CLEMENTI FESTIVAL

It's back! The Clementi Festival will take place this Fall 2019 at Schmitt Music in Denver. 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@msn.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. Applications must be received by midnight on Tuesday, April 2. Auditions will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019. For more information, please contact Billie Smith at billuzbee@comcast.net

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

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2019 SSMTA MEETING

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

TREASURER'S REPORT (*Sheila Hamaker, Treasurer*)

As of February 28, 2019, balances are:
\$4,735 in the General Fund (Checking)
\$10,592 in the Scholarship Fund (Savings)

MEMBERSHIP (*Jean Lee-Baker, Membership*)

Jean Lee-Baker introduced new member Laura Moes. Welcome, Laura!
Welcome also to new member Roxanne Geisler!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SSMTA Student Recitals (*Pam Simpson, chair*)

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

→Registrations for this recital are due April 13th!!←

SSMTA Achievement Day (*Kaye Craig, Chair*)

Kaye Craig reported on a successful Achievement Day and invited ideas for future innovations for this event!

There is an issue of needing to increase Achievement Day entry fees due to increased cost of renting pianos for this event.

Performance Medals

The tally is due to Nazila Nekoerad by March 15th. 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 are due by March 15.

Winners of the *Excellence in Music* award will be honored at the April SSMTA meeting.

PROGRAMS

Patty announced today's program by Dr. Samuel Welsh: "*Always Underfoot: Old and New Perspectives on the Pedal.*"

April's SSMTA program will be performances by the *Excellence in Music Award* winner(s), and a report from the MTNA Conference by Gloria Ross.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Vogan will give the "Teaching Moment."

We will be looking for a new venue for our SSMTA monthly meetings due to the increase of fees at Arapahoe Road Baptist Church.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda Vogan, Secretary

SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE
APRIL 9, 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 Robin Stewart, Yoshiko Solberg, and Sheila Conolly-McKin, who are providing refreshments for our April 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 APRIL PROGRAM

PLEASE join us Tuesday, April 9th, as we present two of our *Excellence in Music Award* Winners; and hear from Gloria Ross about the MTNA National Conference! You won't want to miss these wonderful presentations!!!

SAVE THE DATE!!!
2019 CSMTA STATE CONFERENCE

CO-HOSTED BY REGIS UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENT
THURSDAY, MAY 30 – SATURDAY, June 1, 2019

Early registrations due by May 1st.
Registration materials can be found at: www.comusicteachers.net