



# Pikes Peak Music Teachers Association

## NEWSLETTER

November December January 2011-2012

PPMTA is a non-profit organization affiliated with Colorado Music Teachers Association and Music Teachers National Association. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The newsletter is delivered as a service to members of PPMTA.

### **President's Corner – Jan Saffir**

The fall colors are incredible; I hope you all have had the time to take a drive to look at the trees! The Lei Weng Recital and Master Class Fundraiser was a success. A large audience attended the recital at Nazarene Bible College Chapel. Congratulations, Sara McDaniel, for proposing and organizing this Fall Fundraiser. The event went smoothly thanks to Sara and the many other volunteers who helped. Volunteers are what make our association!

In just a few days our Fall Festival, 'Living Composers,' will be taking place. Volunteers Kearin Ragsdale and Bonnie Litten have donated much time and thought in making this event happen. Many thanks to Kearin, Bonnie and their committee.

I would like to call your attention to our program for the November meeting (Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>): "Dyslexia and the Keyboard: When Students Can't Read," presented by our own Lynn Maloy. I heard Lynn give this program in June at the State Conference. Frankly, I was attending only because it was a PPMTA member presenting; I really had no interest in Dyslexia. But I was so glad I attended because it was such an interesting and well-delivered presentation! I've been around for a while, and I must say that this is one of the best or even the best presentation I have ever heard! Please try to attend if at all possible. You won't be disappointed.

---Jan

### **PPMTA Teachers have Winners at MTNA State Composition Competition Congratulations!!! Jodie Jensen, NCTM and Susan Vella**

*Jayson Elliott, student of Jodie Jensen, won for his composition in the Senior Category.*

*Kaylee Johnson, student of Susan Vella, was the winner in composition in the Elementary Category.*

Both student' compositions will compete in the West Central Division Competition. Best of luck to all!! These students will be invited to perform (or have their compositions performed) at the Colorado State Music Teachers Conference MTNA Competition Recital, Wednesday June 6, 7:30 PM.

Jill Hanrahan, NCTM  
MTNA Competition Chair - Colorado

### **DECEMBER BRUNCH:**

Come celebrate the holidays at our annual Christmas program and brunch: Tuesday, December 13th, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Jan Saffir and Paul Stephens, 4467 Campus Bluffs Ct., Colorado Springs, 80918. Would you like to perform? We have one grand piano. Please RSVP by Dec. 6th to Jan and Paul (719-282-8589) to let them know if you can come and if you will be performing. (Performances may be 8 minutes or less.)

Please bring a favorite dish to share.

### **PPMTA MEETINGS**

*Inclement weather policy for PPMTA Meetings:* If either District 11 or District 20 is closed due to snow on the day of a PPMTA meeting, the meeting will be cancelled.

All meetings will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church, unless otherwise noted.

November 8	Dyslexia and the Keyboard: When Students Can't Read	Lynn Maloy, NCTM
December 13	Holiday Brunch	Home of Paul Stephens and Jan Saffir
January 10	A One-Hour, No Expense Trip to 2011 MTNA Conference!! Practical & Interesting Information, Overview, Teaching Tips & New Resources	Elizabeth Zawadowski
February 14	Composing Made Easy: (This method is successfully taught to students with no music experience.)	Jill Hanrahan, NCTM
March 13	Town Hall Meeting: discussion of PPMTA future events	PPMTA Membership
April 10	The Motivation Puzzle: Current Theories and Applications NOTE: THIS PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AM!!	Dr. Alejandro Cremaschi
May 8	Year-End Brunch/Installation of Officers	Home of Dee Boatman

## PPMTA STUDENT ACTIVITIES

**NOTE:** FESTIVAL ENTRY FORMS AND DESCRIPTIONS ARE POSTED AT [www.PPMTA.org](http://www.PPMTA.org) under "Student Activities"

### ♪ **Living Composers Festival** – November 5, 2011

The Living Composers Festival will be held at Nazarene Bible College on Saturday November 5. If you are new to PPMTA and don't have students entered, this is a good opportunity to come listen to one of the 8 recitals and see how a PPMTA festival works.

### ♪ **Non-Competitive Historical Era Festival** – February 11, 2012

### ♪ **Competitive Historical Era Piano & Voice Festival** – March 3-4, 2012 Nazarene Bible College

It is time to start preparing intermediate and advanced piano students for the Competitive Historical Era Festival, which will be held on March 3, 2012. Following are some suggestions and ideas for preparing that may help your student to perform well.

Students need to perform two contrasting pieces from different historical eras. There is no Historical Era List of pieces for this festival. Arranged and simplified piano pieces **are not** acceptable. As a point of reference, teachers are encouraged to review the Sonatina List in last year's handbook to get an idea of literature that may be ideal for a student by school grade. Students could choose one movement of a Sonatina from that list for this year's festival and add one more piece from a different era.

Pieces for this competition should be well underway by the holidays and ready for practice performances with family, peers, etc. a month in advance of the festival. The level of playing at this event is quite high. Many students may fare better if the pieces chosen do not have a lot of new technical challenges for them. I have found that students learning primer and elementary pieces need less preparation time.

Since your students have already learned 2 pieces for this festival, I encourage you to consider entering your students in the State Artist Competition at CSMTA Conference June 6-8, 2012; they would only have to add one more piece from another era.

Level IV Voice students should begin choosing their songs now, as well. At least one song in a foreign language is encouraged at this level. They may fare better if they choose a song in a language that they have already become familiar with since this is a competition. Wisely choosing repertoire keeping this competition, the State Artist Vocal Competition and college auditions in mind could greatly reduce stress and preparation time.

May you and your students enjoy this process and find it fulfilling!

Barb Taylor, NCTM, voice and piano

### ♪ **Achievement Day**- Saturday April 21, 2012 – First Christian Church

### ♪ **CSMTA Theory Testing** – Saturday April 21, 2012 – First Christian Church

### ♪ **Senior Recital**- May 12

## NEWS FROM BOARD OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### Sylvia Holt NCTM, VP Membership

If you have any changes in name, address, phone, etc. you must contact PPMTA, CSMTA, & MTNA to update the changes. Thank you!

PPMTA: Sylvia Holt, NCTM    sylvia.holt6@gmail.com

CSMTA: CSMTA@comusicteachers.net

MTNA: MTNANET@MTNA.org

Our current membership count is 96. Please make the following additions and changes in your handbooks.

#### Renewing Member:

Dale L. Backus  
5007 Lorraine Rd.  
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720-218-1410  
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#### Name Change:

Claire Odermann, to Claire Medicott

#### Email Changes:

Claire Medicott    [claireskeys@gmail.com](mailto:claireskeys@gmail.com)  
Jan Saffir            [ppmta@hotmail.com](mailto:ppmta@hotmail.com)

## PPMTA PUBLICATIONS: Newsletter, Website, Handbook

Please prepare documents for PPMTA Publications using Times New Roman, font 12. Email Jill Hanrahan at [ppmta@hotmail.com](mailto:ppmta@hotmail.com) if you have items for the website, newsletter or handbook.

**Website:** For more information about the organization and complete festival information/forms go to [www.ppmta.org](http://www.ppmta.org).

**Newsletter Deadlines:** November/December: October 15      April/May:              March 15  
January/February: December 15      August/September    July 15

**Handbook:** The handbook, including all forms for student activities, is available at [www.ppmta.org](http://www.ppmta.org).

Advertising rates (Newsletter and Handbook) Full Page: \$40, Half Page: \$20, Business Card: \$10

## PPMTA COMMITTEES

Achievement Day: Susan Marten & Bob Johnson  
Audit Committee: Janet Davidson, June Ewell, Grace Merrill  
Competitive Historical Era Festival: Barb Taylor, Sara Groh-Correa  
CSMTA Conference Auction item: Pamela Morris  
CSMTA Conference Poster: Pamela Morris  
December Brunch Hosts: Jan Saffir & Paul Stephens  
Installation of Officers: Mary Beth Shaffer

May Brunch Host: Dee Boatman  
Nominating Committee: Sylvia Holt, Karen Bodmer, Jennifer Pam  
Non-Competitive Sonatina Festival: Lynn Maloy, Joyce Polifka  
Piano Facility Committee: Jan Saffir, Sara McDaniel  
Publications: (Handbook, Newsletter, Website): Jill Hanrahan  
Refreshment Committee: Sara Groh-Correa  
Senior Recital: Dee Boatman

## PPMTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Treasurer:	Janet Davidson NCTM	572-5716	<a href="mailto:jmptdavidson@q.com">jmptdavidson@q.com</a>

**PPMTA TEACHERS ACCEPTING STUDENTS**

Check [www.ppmta.org](http://www.ppmta.org) for latest updates. All are piano teachers unless noted otherwise.

Contact Jill Hanrahan [ppmta@hotmail.com](mailto:ppmta@hotmail.com) to update or change info.

Baron, D.M.A., Michael	239-287-9224	Monument
Bell, Colleen	232-9269	Travels to Student Homes
Brogaard, Pamela	930-5783	Stetson Hills
Brownson, Eileen BA	637-3376	Constitution/Murray/Madison Elementary
Cain, B.M., M.A., Megan	264-1557	Briargate Pkwy and Powers Blvd
Caulfield, Donna	596-3958	Powers & Barnes: Piano, Theory
Copley, Kris	760-815-8865	Research/Powers: Guitar
Di Giacomo-Barcellos, Bernie	380-9689	Peterson/Barnes
Fahey, M.M., Owen	637-0107	Stetson Hills
Gahart, Ben	633-1239	Skyway, Broadmoor: Piano, Organ
Groh-Correa, Sarah	235-1646	Voice Performance, Piano/Voice
Hanrahan, NCTM, Jill	282-3929	South of the Airport, Security/Widefield
Holt, NCTM, Sylvia	228-1585	Union/Fillmore
Kendall, Nancy	599-8176	Holland Park/Central
Miller, Nina	391-3825	Security/Widefield: Piano, Theory
Minzer, D.M.A., Abe	229-2239	Broadmoor/Skyway/West/Downtown
Saffir, D.M.A, Janice	282-8589	Academy/Union
Smith, Lana	231-1616	Piano, Theory, Composition
Tagen NCTM, Brenda	685-3811	Central/Downtown
Zawadowski, Elizabeth M.M.	719-545-2580	Pueblo: Piano Performance, Theory

**CSMTA & MTNA NEWS**

- **Theory Testing (STA)** Now students may take the STA Test through their Local Association OR at CSMTA Conference. More info at [www.comusicteachers.net](http://www.comusicteachers.net).
- **2012 CSMTA Conference:** Plan ahead.... Reserve the dates!!! CSMTA State Conference 2012 – June 6-9 - Ramada Plaza Inn, Northglenn, CO. Concert Artist: Canadian pianist: Derek Zhi Guang Chiu. Author: Barry Green –“ The Inner Game of Music”.
- **P.R.E.P. (Professional Reading Education Program) 2011-2012** Go to [www.comusicteachers.net](http://www.comusicteachers.net) to find the PREP list under teacher education.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSIC FOR SALE:**

Over 200+ pieces of music: collections, sheet music, piano solos, piano duets, a few pieces for two pianos, a wide variety of styles and periods of music. Most of the music was purchased over 20 years ago when prices were much cheaper. I will sell for 1/2 of the stated price; a real bargain for anyone who wants to expand their music library or purchase cheap music for students.

For more information, contact: Naomi Mueller 719-266-5819 or email: [donandnaomimueller@gmail.com](mailto:donandnaomimueller@gmail.com)

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**Sunday October 30 3:00 PM First Christian Church, 16 E. Platte Avenue**

Little London Winds, directed by Paul Jacobson. The program will include marches, movie themes, dances and folk songs for wind ensemble. A free will offering will be taken.

**Sunday November 6 3:00PM First Christian Church**

Abendmusik, a chamber choir directed by Rob Ryder. The program “And This is Love” explores musical expressions of the various dimensions of love – emotional, spiritual, relational and romantic A free will offering will be taken.

**Wednesday November 9 10:00 AM Graner Music**

Free Workshop with Andrew Eales. Learn ways to teach composition, improvisation using technology.

**Sunday November 27 7:00 PM First Christian Church**

Messiah Sing-Along: Chamber Singers from Colorado Springs Chorale There will be a limited number of scores available, so bring your score if you have one. A free will offering will be taken.