



Pikes Peak Music Teachers Association

Newsletter

January, 2009 *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 at Calvary United Methodist Church unless noted otherwise. The newsletter is delivered as a service to members of PPMTA.*

President's Corner

Welcome 2009! As I reflect back on the past year, I wonder what 2009 will bring. Personally, 2008 was a challenge for me. Professionally, it was a year filled with growth and new experiences. I know many of you experienced difficult times last year and are healing and finding hope and faith that you and your loved ones will find renewed joy in your lives. We, your friends and colleagues, send our warm wishes to you as we move into a new year. May we all find personal and professional happiness, hopefulness, fulfilled resolutions, and achievement of some of those wonderful goals we often keep putting off until tomorrow. Welcome 2009!

Musically speaking,
Donna

MEET THE MAESTRO!

On April 11th, PPMTA is hosting a student solo and chamber master class with **Lawrence Leighton Smith, conductor of Colorado Springs Philharmonic** to be held at Colorado Springs Conservatory, time TBA. Lawrence Leighton Smith has been conductor of the Colorado Springs Philharmonic for the past seven years. We are lucky to have him coach our students, considering his vast experience as conductor and pianist.

We have openings for two piano solos, a chamber group and a vocal/piano team. If you have an advanced student or group who would like to participate, **please contact Sara McDaniel, 596-9281 or saramcd@comcast.net by February 1st, 2009.** The event is open to the public and we would like to encourage all teachers, parents and students to attend free of charge.

Cathy Cox – My Adventures in China

Cathy is a member of PPMTA and very successfully taught piano in Colorado Springs. She and her husband Bill have been traveling in China for the past two years. She will be in our area and we are very fortunate to have her share with us some of their adventures and musical experiences. Please come join us for this unique and very informative program on March 10th.

Competitive Piano Sonatina and Voice Festival

The Competitive Piano Sonatina and Voice Festival private auditions will be held at the Nazarene Bible College on Saturday, February 7 and the public Winners Recitals will be at Packard Hall at Colorado College Sunday afternoon, February 8.

The Competitive Piano Sonatina Festival is intended to encourage the playing of piano sonatinas and sonatas, to foster the understanding of the sonata form in music, and to give performance experience. Each student will play one sonatina/sonata from a designated list found on pages 44-50 in the PPMTA Handbook. Electronic entries are due to Robert Hartley by January 12. The entry fee, entry form hard copy, and signed agreement forms (one for each student) are also due to Joan Sawyer by January 12. The Competitive Voice Festival is designed to give experience performing two songs from different Historical Eras. See page 21 in the Handbook for more specific literature guidelines. The electronic entry, hard copy of entry form,

entry fee, and signed agreement forms (one for each student) are all due to Barb Taylor by January 12.

Thanks,
Joan

Give Achievement Day a Try!!

Achievement Day is one event I and many of my students faithfully participate in every year. It is non-competitive and encouraging for every level of student.

Students who participate get a sense of progress after taking higher levels of theory and ear training tests each year. It also encourages the teacher (me!) to be faithful to make teaching theory a priority in my studio. There are a wide range of options for students to choose from: art work, construction projects, dance, ensembles, playing other instruments, composing, and research. The students and parents really enjoy looking at everyone else's projects on display.

This year we are doing timed auditions. This will make it possible for more advanced students to perform longer pieces. So, give the event a try! Registration forms and information can be found in the PPMTA Handbook and on the website. If you've never done Achievement Day before feel free to call Jill Hanrahan(282-3929) or Sylvia Holt(228-1585) for information.

Important note! Those who have research papers or compositions from their students must MAIL them to Jill Hanrahan at 7125 Sand Trap Dr., Co Spgs., CO 80925. (It is a long drive to deliver them.)

---Sylvia



PPMTA Teachers Accepting Students

All piano unless noted otherwise. Contact Jan Saffir (jsaffir@truman.edu).

Holly Aldridge: 719-227-1497, Downtown;
hollyaldridge@live.com

Bonnie Ackerman: 719-329-8810, Piano, Organ,
Theory. Travels to Students' Homes
Bernardine Barcellos: 719-380-9689, Barnes/
Peterson

Eileen Brownson: 719-637-3376 Murray/
Constitution 80915

Donna Caulfield: 596-3958, Power/Barnes
Lauren Ciborowski: 633-4240, North Downtown
80907

Diana Crawford: 593-8575, Briargate 80920
Anna Dinsmoor: 264-0193, Powers/Dublin
June Ewell: 481-5893, Monument

Ben Gahart: 633-1239, Broadmoor/Skyway
(Piano, Organ)

Susan Hayward: 599-8388, Rockrimmon
Sylvia Holt: 228-1585, Union/Fillmore 80909
Susan Humphreys: 719-448-9233, Fillmore/Union
Rowene Mahoney: 719-633-8047, Northwest
Abe Minzer 527-8776, Broadmoor/Skyway
Jan Saffir: 719-282-8589, Near Univ. Park 80918,
Piano, Clavinova

Paul Stephens: 719-282-8589, Near University
Park 80918

Ellie Stites Swanger: 719-266-6522,
Briargate/Pine Creek/ Black Forest

Brenda Tagen: 685-3811, Central/Downtown

New zip code: Ben Gahart, 1303 Parkview
Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Organ Performance by Carol Wilson

On Sunday, January 25 at 3:00 p.m., First Christian Church at Cascade and Platte is presenting their organist Carol Wilson in concert on their awesome pipe organ. She will be performing works from the early 20th century to the present from Germany, France and the United States. A free will offering will be taken.

Contact: Carol Wilson, 633-8888
organist@firstchristiancos.org



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Meeting News

All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Calvary United Methodist Church unless noted otherwise.
Social Time: 9:00, General Meeting: 9:30, Program: 10:00 to 11:00

CANCELLATION POLICY: If either School District 11 and/or 20 close due to bad weather, the meeting will be canceled. Meetings will not be affected should the school districts have delayed starts.

January 13: Hannah Krening – **Practical Realities in the 21st Century Music Studio**

February 10: **Town Hall Meeting** – Discussions and decisions regarding short and long range planning. Open forum on relevant topics.

March 10: Cathy Cox – **My Adventures in China.** See feature story on page 1.

April 11: **MEET THE MAESTRO** – Student solo and chamber master class with Lawrence Leighton Smith, conductor of Colorado Springs Philharmonic to be held at Colorado Springs Conservatory, time TBA. (See page 1 feature story.)

NOTE: No general meeting in April.

May 12: **Spring Brunch** – At the home of Jan Saffir and Paul Stephens

Board Meetings

Board meetings are scheduled bi-monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at the home of Donna Caulfield unless noted otherwise. Please call Donna to confirm the meeting and location (596-3958). Dates: March 3, 2009, April 7, 2009.

PPMTA Newsletter Deadlines

April/May: March 15th; Aug/September: July 15

5 BROWNS

5 Steinways

50 Fingers

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**FRIDAY JANUARY 23
7:00 P.M.**

Reserved Seats: \$25, \$21, \$18
Senior/Student General Admission: \$15
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Groups of 10 or more G. A.: \$10
Piano Students G.A.: \$5

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