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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow WMTA colleagues,

Personal message regarding our snowy winter:

Spring is just around the corner! Everyone is so relieved that our record-breaking winter storms are behind us. Many teachers, friends, family and students had substantial damage to their personal domiciles and my heart goes out to each of you. Hopefully, the spring weather will refresh and renew your teaching and other musical activities, and physical repairs to homes can be addressed during the warmer months ahead so that we can continue our lives with a sense of normalcy.

Events:

With Spring comes the larger percentage of musical events for most organizations. WMTA is no exception. Your Chairs are working diligently to assure that these events offer a satisfying experience for you and your students.

Our calendar includes the Bi-Annual Bartok and Specialty Competitions, Novik Concerto Competition, ConcertoFest, Baroque and Chanaka (Classical) Festivals, Hartman Awards, Hood Competition, Lichtenberg Competition and, as always, our Student Musicales and Judged Recitals. I hope you and your students can take advantage of these performance opportunities and participate this spring as well as plan ahead for those events coming up in the next year or two. Setting goals for students, including performing, is certainly one motivation for practicing.

Rules are a necessary part of any successful event. As you fill out your applications, please review the "General Rules for WMTA Events" (page 4 of the current Directory), "Rules for Dispute Resolution" (page 28), "Code of Ethics" (page 34) and the current Bylaws (on our website at www.wmta-dc.org). All pertinent information is available on the website and can be downloaded for your reference. Your cooperation is much appreciated. Please remember that your behavior directly reflects upon your personal reputation and the reputation of the organization.

Looking forward to next year:

Nancy Longmyer is beginning the search for next year's venues and the 2010-2011 calendar is taking shape. New member Douglas Harrington answered the "call" for a new Directory editor. This summer he will work alongside Simone Deering, who, as announced, will be stepping down. The president is most grateful that Douglas stepped forward to volunteer for this position and we are very pleased to welcome him to the Board of Directors. Please join me in a big round of applause for Simone, whose efforts to prepare this important document are valiant and boundless.

Again, many thanks again to the Board and Chairs for their hard work.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of our events!

Cordially,
Bonnie Kellert

WMTA NEWS AND EVENTS

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We apologize for the errors.

NOTE: Some errors in the directory have been there for years, so they can become practically undetectable. Please notify WMTA as well as MTNA of:

- *errors in your directory entry.*
- *changes of address/phone/email.*

WMTA member Lyle Asch passed away. Our organization extends its most heartfelt sympathies to those who knew her.

- ▶ Sign up your students
- ▶ for these upcoming WMTA events:
- ▶ 🎵 Hartman Competition on May 8 (deadline April 2)
- ▶ 🎵 Lichtenberg Competition on June 12 (deadline May 17)

FMMC Competition for High School Pianists

- ♪ *Sponsored by the Friday Morning Music Club.*
- ♪ *For piano students who are enrolled in grades 9 through 12.*
- ♪ *Contestants must live within a 50-mile radius of Washington, D.C.*
- ♪ *At National Presbyterian Church on Saturday April 24, 2010.*
- ♪ *APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 27, 2010.*
- ♪ *Cash prizes and performance opportunities for winners.*
- ♪ *Repertoire requirements, details and application available at www.fmmc.org, or contact Lois Jones at loissmithjones@aol.com or (301) 654-6275.*

We are pleased to present the results of the **2010 BARTOK COMPETITION**. The judges were Gary Mullenex, Dr. Yoonil Auh, Dr. Hyun-Sook Park and Michael Finlay. Many thanks to Karen Bartman, co-chair and all the teachers who helped monitor the event.

The **WINNERS' CONCERT** will be held at the Embassy of Hungary, 3910 Shoemaker St. N.W., Washington, D.C., on Thursday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m.

– Yoon Huh, chair

B A R T O K



Level 1-A

1st place Claire Wang (Arseniev)
 2nd place Eva Rogovin (Maican)
 3rd place Alyssa Cong (Huh)
 HM Andrew Zhang (M. Lee),
 Andy Sun (Arseniev)

Level 1-B

1st place Wiley Skaret (M. Lee)
 2nd place Emily Ye (Jun Yang)
 3rd place Ishana Shastri (Arseniev)
 HM Christopher Papenfas (Hosaka),
 Angela Wu (Arseniev)

Level 2-A

1st place Yukinori Kinoshita (Hosaka)
 2nd place Steven Gordon (Jun Yang)
 3rd place Johnna Lee (J. Lee)
 HM Katherine Wu (Arseniev),
 Kevin Su (Arseniev)

Level 2-B

1st place Laura Chu (Breth)
 2nd place Karina Aliyeva (Arseniev)
 3rd place Emily Zou (Kosutic)
 HM Flora Li (Arseniev),
 Kevin Su (Arseniev)

Level 3

1st place Muli Yu (M. Lee)
 2nd place Annie Bao (Arseniev)
 3rd place Henry Fong (M. Lee)
 HM Brian Le (Breth), Christine Zhang
 (Huh), Matthew Schultheis (Sarratt)

Level 4-A

1st place Ian Cubacungan (M. Lee)
 2nd place Maggie Chen (Breth)
 3rd place Virginia Sun (Breth)
 HM Jennifer Su (Breth), Isabella Chang
 (H. Park), Elizabeth Hu (M. Lee)

Level 4-B

1st place Cynthia Liu (Arseniev)
 2nd place Paul Li (Breth)
 3rd place Michelle Park (Longmyer)
 HM Motya Gershunsky (Arseniev)

Level 5

1st place Julie Squire (Wolfe-Ralph)
 2nd place Jeffrey Yang (H. Park)
 3rd place Isaac Friend (Deering)
 HM Ann Liu (Breth),
 Alissa Wang (Jun Yang)

WMTA REPORTS on...



ADULT MUSICALE

We had quite an enthusiastic turnout for this winter's Adult Musicale on January 24th at the National Presbyterian Church. There were sixteen pianists on the program, with repertoire spanning the intermediate to advanced levels. The students presented a well prepared and interesting program and definitely enjoyed socializing at the reception following the recital. Teachers who entered performers in this program were: Betty Bullock, Jennifer Fellows, Immanuela Gruenberg, John Healey, Bonnie Kellert, David Kosutic, Elizabeth Lane, Jaewon Lee and Ruth Rose.



ADULT RECITAL

The fourth annual Adult Recital was held February 20 at the home studio of Dr. Betty Ann Miller. Eight participants representing the studios of Jennifer Fellows, David Kosutic, Jae-Won Lee, Betty Miller and Ruth Rose performed. Bonnie Kellert was this year's adjudicator. Many of the performers had participated in the Adult Recital in previous years and expressed their enjoyment of the event.

FROM MTNA



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PEDAGOGICAL OR BUSINESS SUPPORT

*Have a **pedagogical or business issue** or question? E-mail the MTNA Professional Support Line. The Professional Support Line is a way for MTNA to provide assistance to members who have questions of a pedagogical or business nature and would like to consult with someone knowledgeable about their situation. Rachel Kramer, NCTM, is an MTNA volunteer who has offered her expertise to MTNA's Professional Support Line. Simply send her an e-mail, and she will be sure to get back to you. Rachel has been a vital part of MTNA for many years, serving as assistant executive director (1998-2001) and director of education and member liaison (2003-2009). She holds degrees in piano performance and pedagogy and has been president of the Music Learning Center in Cincinnati for 13 years. Rachel was also manager of educational programs for the Baldwin Piano & Organ Co. from 1990 to 1996. Currently she is an Adjunct Faculty member at Wilmington College and is president-elect for the OMTA-Southwest District MTA.*

These are the results of the November 15 **JUDGED RECITAL**:

Honors: Maggie Chen (Breth), Eugene Kim (Beard),
Christine Zhang (Huh), Lyric Yu (M. Lee)

HM: Vy-Anh Le (Huh), Eileen Zheng (Blazquez)

Judges were Jim Litzelman and Immanuela Gruenberg.

The February 14 Judged Recital was cancelled because of snow.

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RESULTS OF THE NOVIK COMPETITION:

Junior Division

1st place: Evelyn Mo (Jun Yang)

2nd place: Maxwell Hou (M. Lee)

HM: Keiju Takehara (Sverjensky), John Janezich (McFarlane)

Senior Division

1st place: Sarah Barham (Mang)

2nd place: Antonia Stabile (Breth)

Honorable Mention: Elaine Chen (Mang)

After two days of exciting competition, the judges remarked about the exceptionally high quality of performance in this year's competition. They found the task of selecting a winner for the Senior Division a difficult one, and took considerable time deliberating before selecting the contestants.

- Judges for the Preliminaries were: Larissa Dedova, Gabriel Dobner and Thomas Mastroianni.
- Judges for the Junior Finals were: Leander Bien, Gabriel Dobner and Nikita Fitenko.
- Judges for the Senior Finals were: Gabriel Dobner, Thomas Mastroianni and Vicki Gau, conductor of the Capitol City Symphony.

Congratulations to all the competitors on their outstanding achievement!

— Grace McFarlane, Chair



Washington International Piano Festival

Date: July 25-31, 2010

Location: The Catholic University of America

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