



BCMTA Newsletter

Broward County Music Teachers Association

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*A New School Year
full of Music Ahead!*



August, 2011

Dear BCMTA Members,

President's Message

Thank you so much for the honor and privilege of being your newly elected President. I look forward to an exciting two years of service to an organization that has meant everything to me as an independent piano teacher.



I recall the lonely days of opening my home studio 18 years ago with no clear idea of how to run a business, how to deal with parents, or how to handle certain pedagogical issues as they came along. I went on this way for a few years until Linda Foster (now Doran) reached out encouraging me to join BCMTA. I hesitated for another year or so (unfortunately just missing the FSMTA Conference hosted by BCMTA in 1996), finally joining and attending my first BCMTA Open House in 1997.

I was SO intimidated after hearing the incredible performances of the competition winning students that I nearly ran out the door never to be seen again! My students were all beginners at the time. Linda encouraged me with just the right words to hang in there. She promised I wouldn't regret it, and that I would be a better teacher if I got involved and met some of the other BCMTA members.

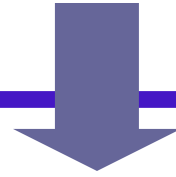
Linda's sound advice was life-changing! I could literally fill this newsletter with my heartfelt appreciation to all of my many BCMTA mentors, now friends, who have nurtured my career along the way. Their willingness to share their expertise, encourage me on the inevitable days I felt discouraged, listen to and answer my hundreds of questions, say an encouraging word to my students, and just go to lunch to swap student stories (*that only fellow teachers really appreciate!*) has impacted my life in immeasurable ways.

Better teachers produce better students. Therefore such an impact has a long reaching ripple effect into the next generation. The best teachers are those who are always learning and questioning how it can be done better. That is our quest as a professional organization; to motivate, to create, to grow, and to inspire our students continually with passion and sincerity.

So now it is our turn to reach out to those teachers who are unaware of the myriad benefits of becoming involved in BCMTA. If you have been a member for years, but allowed life's busyness to keep you away, we encourage you to make a renewed effort to attend at least one program this year. Perhaps offer to serve on a committee. Come out and join us for our annual Holiday party. Introduce yourselves to at least one member you've never met. Step out of your comfort zone. You won't regret it! I promise!

Musically yours,

Sheri Garlock
BCMTA President



BCMTA Board & Committee Chairs • 2011-2013

Please contact
BCMTA President,
Sheri Garlock, if you
would like to join a
committee or serve
on the board!

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BCMTA ANNUAL YEARBOOK Now on the BCMTA Website

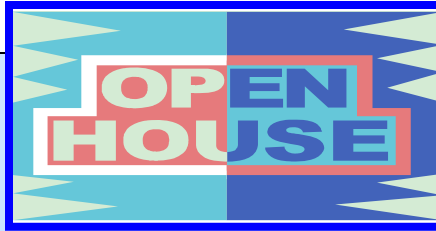
Printed Yearbooks have gone the way of the floppy disk: obsolete! Everything that was traditionally printed in the Annual Yearbook is now listed on the BCMTA website

www.bcmta.org

Now would be a great time to check the website to make sure all of your information is up-to-date.

Send any correction and/or updates to Barbara Muze bmuze@bellsouth.net . Please make sure that your dues are current so that your name will continue to appear on the website.

BCMTA



ANNUAL

DATE: Sunday, September 11, 2011

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Piano Showcase - 5170 N Federal Hwy – Click on link below for a map

WHAT: **All members of the BCMTA are cordially invited to our Open House.**

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share at the concluding pot luck festivities.

At our Open House, we will be introducing and welcoming new members! Also, your newly elected Executive Board and Committee Chairs will be introducing our latest ideas and plans for our future. In addition, Mark Leszczynski has offered to do a membership drive for us and is inviting area teachers who are not yet members. Please come out to show your support, welcome new members, encourage potential new members, hear an inspiring program of our competition winning students, and kick off the year with delightful fellowship together!

We look forward to seeing EVERYONE there!

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Annual Dues

REMINDER: According to BCMTA By-laws, dues are delinquent if not paid by July 1st! "Dues not received by July 1st shall have an added late payment assessment of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). This assessment charge shall be paid to the local Treasurer." If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership. It's very simple to do online:

<https://members.mtna.org/joinrenew/default.aspx>

BCMTA FINANCIAL REPORT

Listed below is the annual report for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Income/Expense by Category

7/1/2010 through 6/30/2011

Category Description	7/1/2010- 12/31/2010	1/1/2011- 6/30/2011	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME			
Advertising	95.00	220.00	315.00
Competition	0.00	1,525.00	1,525.00
Dues	1,146.00	45.00	1,191.00
Fundraiser	0.00	10,546.00	10,546.00
Yearbook	-15.79	0.00	-15.79
TOTAL INCOME	1,225.21	12,336.00	13,561.21
EXPENSES			
Bank Charge	34.00	0.00	34.00
Composition	70.00	0.00	70.00
Corr.Sec	35.29	0.00	35.29
District VI Enrichment Day	46.68	0.00	46.68
Donation	160.00	-40.00	120.00
Exec.Board	0.00	21.15	21.15
FSMTA	704.19	0.00	704.19
Gas Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00
Incorporation	10.00	61.25	71.25
Int. A & B Comp	0.00	1,765.52	1,765.52
Library	85.48	0.00	85.48
Messing	0.00	0.00	0.00
Musichthon	0.00	4,686.00	4,686.00
President	0.00	68.88	68.88
Programs	0.00	465.14	465.14
Steinway A & B Comp	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Student Day	-205.00	975.00	770.00
Summer Music Camp	0.00	3,648.88	3,648.88
Treasurer	17.75	9.24	26.99
Website	541.99	33.00	574.99
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,500.38	13,494.06	14,994.44
OVERALL TOTAL	-275.17	-1,158.06	-1,433.23

Current Checking Balance \$ 6,147.70

Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ 3,729.77

Current Calendar Listings 2011/2012

Check for Regular Updates on the BCMTA.org website

11-Sep	Open House (1st General Meeting) @ 4 pm. at Piano Showcase
24-Sep	Saturday Pedagogy Workshop with Judith Burganger 4-5:30 PM FAU, A&L 254
9-Oct	2nd General Meeting @ 3pm
22-Oct	Saturday Pedagogy Workshop with Judith Burganger 4-5:30 PM FAU, A&L 254
25-Oct	Postmark Deadline for Student Day Applications
3-6 Nov	FMTA State Conference (Daytona Beach)
11-Nov	Piano Ped. Workshop @ 2pm - Nova University
12-Nov	Student Day Aural & Written Exams
3-Dec	Saturday Pedagogy Workshop with Judith Burganger 4-5:30 PM FAU, A&L 254
11-Dec	Holiday Party (3rd General Meeting) @ 6pm. Location: home of Dianne Garvin
14-Jan	Saturday Pedagogy Workshop with Judith Burganger 4-5:30 PM FAU, A&L 254
18-Jan	Postmark Deadline for Pompano Piano Competition applications
27-29 Jan	Musicthon
31-Jan	Postmark Deadline for Greenspan Award applications
4/5 & 11/12 Feb	FFMC Junior Festival
10-Feb	Postmark Deadline for Student Day Performance Exams
25-Feb	Pompano Piano Competition
26-Feb	Postmark Deadline for District VI Concerto Competition applications
11-Mar	4th General Meeting
13-Mar	Nova University Faculty Recital
24-Mar	Saturday Pedagogy Workshop with Judith Burganger 4-5:30 PM FAU, A&L 254
24-Mar	District VI Concerto Competition
24/25 Mar	Student Day Performance Exams
10-Apr	Postmark Deadline for Summer Camp Scholarship applications
14-Apr	Student Day Honors Recital North Area
15-Apr	Student Day Honors Recital South Area
19-Apr	Postmark Deadline for BCMTA Intermediate A & B Competitions
2-May	Postmark Deadline for BCMTA High School Competition applications
19-May	BCMTA Intermediate A & B Competitions
2-Jun	BCMTA High School Competition



And the Winners are . . .

Intermediate A

1 st place	Zoe Lee (Maria Gomez)
2 nd place	Alan Kozedub (Dr. Irena Kofman)
3 rd place	Christine Tao (Maria Gomez)
Honorable Mention	Christine Chong (Jorge Herrero)

Intermediate B

1 st place	Kerstin Yu (Maria Gomez)
2 nd place	Aurora Luong (Maria Gomez)
3 rd place	Alison Huang (Maria Gomez)
Honorable Mention	Anson Lee (Maria Gomez)
Honorable Mention	Jacqueline Chen (Harold Brown)

High School A

1 st place	Diego Villacrez (Edith Sorin)
2 nd place	Matthew Reichenberger (Maria Gomez)
3 rd place	Teddy Li (Maria Gomez)
Honorable Mention	Rafael Riera (Harold Brown)

High School B

1 st place	Benjamin Carberry (Rosalie Gregory)
2 nd place	Emily Nourishairazi (Dr. Irena Kofman)
3 rd place	Tom Lubben (Leanna Strouse)
Honorable Mention	Grace Shepard (Dr. Dianne Garvin)

Concerto Competitions

ELEMENTARY PIANO CONCERTO
 Winner: Angela Wei – (Dr. Irena Kofman)
 Alternate: Angela Lin – (Sandra Greenland)
 Honorable Mention: Carol Jiang – (Roxanne Stevenson)

ELEMENTARY STRING CONCERTO
 Winner: Matthew Satar – (Leana Strouse)

JUNIOR PIANO CONCERTO
 Winner: Christine Tao – (Maria Gomez)
 Alternate: Zoe Lee – (Maria Gomez)

JUNIOR STRING CONCERTO
 Honorable Mention: Elizabeth Shin – (Dr. Tina Raimondi)

INTERMEDIATE PIANO CONCERTO
 Winner: Jonathan Reichenberger – (Maria Gomez)
 Alternate: Minjoo Song – (Dr. Irena Kofman)
 Honorable Mention: Steven Yang (Edith Sorin)

INTERMEDIATE STRING CONCERTO
 Winner: Tom McGuire – (Leana Strouse)
 Honorable Mention: Shang Chen – (Leana Strouse)

SENIOR PIANO CONCERTO
 Winner: Emily Nourishirazi – (Dr. Irena Kofman)
 Alternate: Christina Lai – (Maria Gomez)
 Honorable Mention: Benjamin Carberry – (Rosalie Gregory)

SENIOR STRING CONCERTO
 Honorable Mention: Joshua Lubben – (Leana Strouse)

State Competitions

CONCERTO

Intermediate	1 st Place	Jonathan Reichenberger
Senior	Honorable Mention	Emily Nourishirazi (Dr. Irena Kofman)

BYRD PIANO ENSEMBLE

Pre-College	Winners	Emily Nourishirazi and Nikita Myullyari (Dr. Irena Kofman)
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Classifieds

Classified Ads, Business Cards, and Larger Ads are all welcome in the BCMTA Newsletter!

This publication reaches over 100 teachers & musicians by mailing list and is available online at BCMTA.org.

Please contact Barbara Muze at bmuze@bellsouth.net for additional information. Thank you!

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(Non-members add \$10)

\$15 – Classified or
Business Card

\$20 – 1/4 Page

\$25 – 1/2 Page

\$30 – Full Page

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BCMTA Member News and Announcements

Brandon Richman age 12 and a student of **Donald Waxman** was the National PTA Reflections winner in piano composition. He received his awards at the National Convention in Orlando this summer.

Gabrielle Chou, student of **Maria Gomez** for 10 years, was awarded a two-summer scholarship to study with John O'Connor at the Aspen Music Festival and School (<http://aspenmusicfestival.com/index.cfm?method=sc.overview>).

Gabrielle also received a full scholarship to attend the Colburn School (<http://www.colburnschool.edu/>) in Los Angeles.

Memorial Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund has begun in the memory of our beloved members who have passed away. Please mail donations to BCMTA Treasurer, Annamarie Cockreham, 4231 SW 54th Avenue Davie, FL 33314 Phone:954-327-0979

Checks are payable to BCMTA. Thank you.

[Click Here](#) to see how the fund has grown

FSMTA 77th Annual Conference

November 3-6, 2011
Daytona Beach

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS:

<http://www.fmta.org/conference.asp>



GO GREEN!

Please do not print out this interactive Newsletter unless you really need to.

Either save it on your computer or visit the website, www.bcmta.org where you can find this newsletter as well as past issues dating back to 2007!

A ♪ from Newsletter Editor...

Teacher news, event information, contact info. updates, student news, & advertisements are all welcome! Not all important announcements may fit the newsletter schedule. If you have something that needs to promptly reach BCMTA members, please e-mail Sheri Garlock. Announcements will then be distributed by E-mail Correspondent, Carolyn Morgan.

In Memory of Richard Heller

Diana Heller's husband of 35 years and best friend went to be with the Lord on July 13th. There is a memorial website at www.fredhunters.com/obituaries/Richard-Heller honoring this wonderful man. Please visit the Tribute Video and Mark Coleman's link to youtube for the many testimonials on his life.

In Memory of Reverend Dr. James W. Colvert

Reverend Dr. James W. Colvert of Coral Springs, FL passed away peacefully July 22, 2011. He was born September 21, 1935, in Cedar Cove, Alabama, to the late James Pasco and Evelyn Colvert.

He received a PhD from Trinity College, TX; a M.Div. from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, KY; a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, AL, and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

A retired Presbyterian minister, he served churches in Alabama, Indiana and Florida. He taught Philosophy and Religion at Broward College for over 30 years. He was active in financial development for South Florida Council Boy Scouts of America, Nova Southeastern University and Florida State Music Teachers Foundation.

An eagle scout and recipient of the Silver Beaver award, he was active in the South Florida Council Boy Scouts for many years.

Dr. Colvert was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve and had the honor of serving as Chaplain to Presidents Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon while they participated in the Inverrary Golf Classic.

Dr. Colvert is survived by his wife, **Sue Bentley Colvert**; his children Catherine Harrison and her husband, Pierre, of Charlotte, NC, James W. Colvert, Jr. and his fiancé Elizabeth West of Live Oak, FL, Anthony M. Colvert and his wife Lydia, of Coral Springs; his grandchildren David L. Colvert and his wife Jennifer of Baltimore, MD, Dawn I. Colvert, of Coral Springs, Mary Christina Harrison of Charlotte, NC; his great-grandson Jassant Colvert of Baltimore; his sister Martha Vaughan of Spartanburg, SC, nieces and nephew Leigh Anne Clifton of Aiken, SC, Laura Lowe of Spartanburg, SC, and Patrick Lowe of Wichita Falls, TX.

A memorial service was held at First Presbyterian Church in Pompano Beach, FL, on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at 7pm, the Reverend Jack Noble officiating; a reception followed at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of The Reverend Dr. James W. Colvert, Sr., may be made to the Scholarship Fund of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary (http://www.lpts.edu/Support-Involvement/Make_Gift.asp) or the Music Department of First Presbyterian Church, Pompano Beach (2331 NE 26th Ave., Pompano Beach, FL 33062).