

President's Message

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

April is upon us, and with it, comes thoughts of Spring ...Recitals, that is, and summer break. We have all worked so hard this year preparing our students for one event right after the other! With Federation, Pompano Piano Competition, Musicthon and Student Day behind us, it sure seems like a break should be coming, and soon! However, looming on the horizon is State Festival, Messingschlager and

Intermediate A and B Competitions along with the new Steinway Competition, headed up by Harold Brown! No wonder we get a little weary!

This has been one of the busiest seasons in the history of BCMTA. We raised a record amount in our annual Musicthon and we are now fully on-line and into the 21st century! You can visit us by going to www.bcmta.org. As you are winding up your teaching year, take the time to enjoy your

students. They are all unique and we only have them for a short time.

BOLO (law enforcement term) for the date of our upcoming end of the year party. We hope everyone will be able to attend. More info will be coming.

Musically Yours,
Mary Beth Purchase
President



In This Issue...

Please read on for information about the following events!

.....

Composition Contest

--

Intermediate A & B Competitions

--

Musicthon Winners!

--

District VI Concerto Competition Winners

--

New Members

--

Lynn University Master Classes

--

Boynton Regional Symphony Orchestra Winners

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

End of Year Party

TBA

Postmark Deadlines

Intermediate A & B Competition -- April 17 (Rosalie Gregory)

Summer Camp Scholarships -- April 25 (Peggy Gallagher)

Messingschlager Piano Competition -- May 1 (Rosalie Gregory)

Steinway Competition -- May 1 (Harold Brown)

Composition Contest -- May 15 (Barbara Kaskinen)

.....

Please consult the yearbook for applications and the event chair for further details about these events!

• *Calendar* •

March 29-April 2

MTNA National Conference

April 4

*Executive Board Meeting,
Home of Mary Beth
Purchase*

April 12

*Pompano Beach Piano
Competition Annual
Fundraiser*

April 17

*Postmark Deadline:
Intermediate A & B
Competitions*

April 25

*Postmark Deadline:
Summer Music Camp
Scholarships*

May 1

*Postmark Deadline:
Messingschlager Piano
Competition*

May 1

*Postmark Deadline:
Steinway Competition*

May 5-6

*FFMC State Junior
Convention, Jacksonville, FL*

May 15

*Postmark Deadline:
Composition Contest*

Student Day Honors Recitals

Congratulations to Teachers and Students!

Congratulations to the following winners of the Written Theory & Aural Theory prizes for Student Day:

Written Theory

*Robert Toha (Sue Colvert)
Gabriella Chou
(Maria Gomez)*

Aural Theory

*Robert Toha (Sue Colvert)
Catherine Chang & Gabriella Chou
(Students of Maria Gomez)*

**Intermediate
A & B Competitions**
Rosalie Gregory, Chair

**Postmark Deadline:
April 17th**

REMINDER: Postmark deadline for Intermediate A & B competitions is April 17th. FIRM. Application forms and information may be requested from Rosalie Gregory, (954) 346-5073 or ragregory1027@hotmail.com.

Teachers must consult the current BCMTA yearbook for competition date, rules and performance requirements.

**Composition
Contest**
Barbara Kaskinen, Chair

**Postmark Deadline:
May 15th**

REMINDER from Barbara Kaskinen:

Please keep in mind that the deadline for the composition contest postmark is May 15th. It would be great to have more students participating, so please encourage any young composers you might have and remember, there is a free Finale music software notation program available to download at www.finale.com. It is called "Notepad" and will do most things that you would need for writing out a professional version of a piece of music.

Also, the music can be written on staff paper by hand. Feel free to contact me if you have any problems with finale (email is best: neniksa@aol.com).



*Special Thanks
to
Esther Richman for
securing a location
for the
South Honors Recital*

BCMTA BOARD • 2007-2009 • COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Executive Board

President

Mary Beth Purchase

1st VP, Programs

Nancy Kenney

2nd VP, Membership

Peggy Gallagher

3rd VP, Student

Activities Maria Gomez
Sue Colvert

Treasurer

Annamarie Cockreham

Recording Secretary

Sheri Garlock

Corresponding Secretary

Barbara Schaap

Directors

Jan Kravets
Catherine Gavin
Wanda Wiranis

Parliamentarian

Dianne Garvin

Committee Chairs

Scholarship Committee

Bob Beals

Newsletter Editor

Nancy Kenney

Musichon

Wanda Wiranis
Jan Kravets

Student Days

Sue Colvert
Sandra Greenland

Maria Gomez
Dianne Garvin

Honors Recital:

Matthew Johnson (N)
Annamarie Cockreham (S)

Historian

Van Pyke

Publicity Chairman

AVAILABLE POSITION!

Hospitality Chairman

Barbara Schaap

E-mail Correspondence

Sandra Feraco

Summer Camp Scholarships

Chairman

Peggy Gallagher

Composition Chairman

Barbara Kaskinen

Competitions Chairman

Rosalie Gregory

Yearbook Editor

Barbara Schaap

Referral Service

Nadine Cherna

Audio & Video Librarian

Mary Beth Purchase

Greenspan Community

Service Award

Bob Beals

FSMTA President's

Community Service Award

Bob Beals

**Boynton Regional Symphony Orchestra
• Winners •**

Master Classes

In celebration of Mendelssohn's 200th birthday, the Boynton Regional Symphony Orchestra has chosen 12 year-old Gabrielle Chou, student of Carol Cole, for its January 10, 2009 performance of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. With only a week's practice Gabrielle switched from the Tchaikowsky Violin Concerto to the Mendelssohn just for the competition and displayed unbelievable musicianship.

Christopher Ohanian, an 18 year old student of Dr. Judith Burganger, was selected for the March 28, 2009 BRSO presentation of Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto. With his clarity of touch and understanding Ohanian

was able to best communicate the intentions of the composers whose works he performed at the competition.

For those of you who give credit to pupils for concert attendance, the BRSO admits all students K-12 free of charge to its concerts. Our venue is Boynton Beach High School Auditorium near Gateway Blvd and High Ridge Road. For directions and information you can call me at 561-304-3937. Our concert on Feb. 21, 2009 will celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday with a special guest narrating Copland's A Lincoln Portrait.

Barry Volkman, Music Director
BRSO

Lynn University
Conservatory of Music
&
The Friends of the Conservatory
Present

**SPRING 2008
PIANO MASTER CLASSES**

DANIEL SHAPIRO
Winner American Pianist's Association
Beethoven Fellowship Award
Faculty—Cleveland Institute of Music
Monday, April 21 at 7:30

All classes will take place in the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall on the Lynn University campus and will feature pianists from the studio of Roberta Rust.

Admission is free.

Report On March 7th General Meeting

Thank you to the volunteer members of our Studio Business Panel at the March General Meeting: Barry Weinberg, Neil MacLaren, Sheri Garlock, and Sue Colvert.

Thank you also to those who contributed to the Studio Policy packets: Annamarie Cockreham, Sue Colvert, Sheri Garlock, Neil MacLaren, Mary Beth Purchase, and Barry Weinberg.

Any member interested in receiving the studio policy packet should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Nancy Kenney at the address listed in the 07/08 BCMTA yearbook.

Thank you.



• **BCMTA Yearbook Update** •

Yearbook Available

The 2007-2008 BCMTA Yearbook is still available! Yearbooks are available for pick up at Barbara Schaap's home in Tamarac.

If you would like a yearbook mailed to you, send a check for \$2.50 made out to Barbara Schaap (yearbook editor) to 7024 NW 101 Avenue, Tamarac, FL 33321.

FSMTA HANDBOOK:

Includes Student Day Info

To **PURCHASE** the current handbook, please contact Sue Colvert at jwcsr@aol.com. The handbook contains important information about Student Day & other competitive events.

The Florida State Music Teachers Association online directory including the by-laws can be downloaded at the new FSTMA website: fnta.org.

Musicthon

The Musicthon total to date is \$8,877.50! A few more teacher checks were sent in and donations were collected at the Pompano Beach Piano Competition. Congratulations to the Studio and Student who raised the most money!

Top Studio Winner

Eusebia Fuenzalida

Top Student Winner

Daniella Liotta

(Studio of Neil MacLaren)

Congratulations!

Barry Weinberg Encore Presentation!

"Natural Laws & Common Sense in Piano Teaching"

Barry Weinberg will be repeating his presentation, "Natural Laws & Common Sense in Piano Teaching" at the Palm Beach County MTA General Meeting on April 18th, 10:00 a.m. at Bobb's Pianos and Organs in West Palm Beach. BCMTA members who could not attend Barry's presentation on January 4th are invited to attend this encore presentation on April 18th.

Directions to Bobb's Pianos and Organs: I-95 North to Okeechobee Blvd. Turn left (west) on Okeechobee to Military Trail. Turn left (south) on Military Trail. Bobb's is about 1 mile south of Okeechobee Blvd. on the right (west) side of the street. You can't miss the grand piano atop a pedestal near the street.

District VI Concerto Competition Winners!

Violin

ELEMENTARY

William Li (Strouse)

JUNIOR

Thomas McGuire (Strouse)

SENIOR

Gabrielle Clover (Strouse)

Piano

ELEMENTARY

Tie Jordan Maurodis (Greenland)
Minjoo Song (Kofman)

JUNIOR

Winner

Matthew Reichenberger (Gomez)

Alternate

Blanche Kuo (Stevenson)

INTERMEDIATE

Winner

Christina Lai (Gomez)

Alternate

Esther Umansky-Roth (Kofman)

Honorable Mention

Tie Benjamin Carberry (Gregory)
Kevin Guo (Greenland)

SENIOR

Winner

Philip Kwoka (Rust)

Alternate

Yimin Chen (L. Treer)

FSMTA Conference

• First Ever Summer Conference •

June 18-21, 2008

Gainesville, Florida

It's time to make reservations for the first ever June State Conference in Gainesville! Download a reservation form at www.fmta.org under "Quicklinks." Detailed hotel information is below.

*2008 Conference Artist:
Joseph Banowetz*

*2008 Commissioned Composer:
Dr. Gary Smart*

Paramount Plaza Hotel
& Conference Center
2900 Southwest 13th Street,
Gainesville, FL 32608
1-877-992-9229
352-377-4000

*Rates for June 18-21
Double or King Room \$92*

****Reserve before May 25 for FSMTA special rate*

Watch for more information to be posted online soon regarding meetings, workshops, concerts and showcase scheduling as well as some information in the next issue of the *Florida State Music Teacher* magazine.

****The conference is a great time of information, encouragement, and fellowship. Teachers who are concerned about the cost of attending, can carpool, share hotel rooms, etc. to save money.*

FOR SALE!

BCMTA Members are welcome to place FOR SALE items such as instruments in the newsletter at no charge.

Outside advertising is welcome at a rate of \$15 per issue.

BCMTA Musiethon T-Shirts

\$10 each

Contact Wanda Wiranis or Mary Beth Purchase for yours today!

\$10/each

Various sizes available

Wanda Wiranis
wandapiano@aol.com
954.587.1967

Mary Beth Purchase
klassicallycool@bellsouth.net
954.684.5334

Future Dates of the Pompano Piano Competition

Feb 28, 2009 & Feb 27, 2010

member news

Please welcome the following new members to BCMTA & add their names to your yearbook.

Eleanor Rotondo
1270 NE 82 Avenue
Plantation, FL 33322
Phone: 954-472-4720
errotondo@yahoo.com

Barbara Lieber
1247 Fairlake Trace, #1101
Weston, FL 33326
Phone: 954-478-7320
barbaralieber@gmail.com

Take a look at the brand new website of the Broward County Music Teachers Association:

www.BCMTA.org

We would love your input!
Please email Sheri Garlock with your comments or suggestions at missheri@comcast.net.

Please note!

If you would prefer your studio information (name, address, phone, email, etc.) be omitted from the website directory, please email Sheri Garlock with your preference at missheri@comcast.net.**

**If you are without email access, please call 954.783.7009 and leave a detailed message.

Newsletter Editor: Nancy Ann Kenney
Email: missnancypiano@aol.com

Please send newsletter submissions or mailing address changes to the newsletter editor.

The Deadline for the May newsletter is April 17th. Thank you!