

President's Message

Hello from Mary Beth Purchase, BCMTA President...

We had a wonderful, well attended first General Meeting on Wed., July 18th. Thank you to Mark Leszczynski and Peggy Gallagher for a fine feast and program.

The next big event is our Annual Open House. Please remember to RSVP to Diana Heller and let her know what you will be bringing for the reception following the program. You can plan to pick up your yearbook at the Open House. If you need it mailed to your home, you will need to contact Barbara Schaap (info on back page).

Our FSMTA Conference 2007 is fast approaching and we hope that many of you will take advantage of the close proximity of Boca Raton and plan to attend the many workshops, programs and concerts. As part of District VI, we are hosting this event, October 18-21, at the Town

Center Marriott in Boca Raton.

Highlights of the Conference will include a lecture recital by internationally acclaimed Stuart Isacoff on the Conference theme *Bach to Brubeck*, the Saturday evening gala concert by the Duo Turgeon, the orchestral concert of FSMTA State concerto winners at FAU, the 3rd annual Musical Crossfire Pedagogical Panel, a recital by the brilliant young Russian cellist Ian Maksin; piano, vocal and string master classes and many other stellar performance and pedagogical events. You will be able to visit some of America's most important piano teaching publishers in the Exhibit Hall as well as attend showcases of their major composers and arrangers. Also, purchase music and boutique items at the retail music booth in the Exhibit Hall.

Teachers can bring their students for some of the fabulous events. On Saturday, students are free! You should soon receive the

Conference Registration Form in the FSMTA state newsletter. Please send in your registration as soon as possible. Not only will you receive a discount for early registration, but also you will greatly help District VI in meeting its financial obligations toward the many expenses that the 2007 Conference has already incurred.

The committee is working diligently and we will need your participation as well. There are many last minute details that will require help from our membership. We urgently need your participation in selling ads for the Conference Book as well as seeking individual and corporate donations. During the Conference weekend we will need registration desk volunteers, greeters, monitors and all manner of assistants. If you can help serve us, please contact Mary McOwen, Conference Chair, at (561) 276-5124 or email her at twobytwo7@bellsouth.net.



Fall Open House & Reception: September 9th



Reminder... The Open House will take place on Sunday, September 9th at 3:00 PM. The location will be the First Presbyterian Church (The "Pink" Church) in Pompano Beach. The address is 2331 NE 26th Ave. (Directions: www.pinkpres.org)

At this meeting, committee chairmen will speak about their 2007-2008 event. This will be a great time to ask questions about any of the events that will be taking place throughout the year.

Competitions Chair, Rosalie Gregory, will be presenting the winners of the Messingschlager & Intermediate A & B competitions. In addition, a distinguished service award will be presented to Myra Weaver.

We are hoping for 100% attendance in order to usher in a new era of BCMTA participation and excitement! Also, anyone interested in membership will be welcome. So, bring a friend!

Diana Heller of the BCMTA Hospitality Committee will be coordinating the potluck reception. Please RSVP either by phone or e-mail with what dish you would like to bring. We will provide beverages and paper goods. Please RSVP by e-mail: maestro@bellsouth.net OR phone: 954.475.0428 before August 15, 2007. If you return after August 15, please call Diana at your earliest convenience.

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August 16

Yamaha Technology
Presentation (Piano Music
Center)

September 9

General Meeting: Fall Open
House (First Presbyterian -
"The Pink Church")

September 14

Preparing Students for
Student Day: RSVP only

October 17

Master Class:
Gilda Goldstein (FAU)

October 19-21

FSMTA State Conference,
Boca Raton

October 27

Postmark Deadline:
Student Day Entrance

November 17

Student Day Theory Exams



2nd General Meeting &
Fall Open House

September 9th

First Presbyterian
("The Pink Church")

Pompano Beach

Myra Weaver – Distinguished Service Award

• To be presented at the Sept 9th General Meeting •



The 2007 BCMTA Distinguished Service Award is given to Myra and Bob (posthumously) Weaver for their outstanding work with the Florida Youth Orchestra.

Myra and Bob ("Weaver the Weatherman") have two sons, both of whom began music lessons at an early age. In 1988, the Weavers' desire to develop enhanced access to music training for their children led them to create the Florida Youth Orchestra. The mission of this organization is to provide a program of musical excellence for children up to 19 years old, as well as to serve as a cultural resource to the community.

The FYO has expanded to 5 orchestras over the years, and is one of South Florida's most respected arts organizations, with mainstage and outreach concerts, four professional CD's and sold out performances at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center.

In 2005, Myra and Bob's dedication and commitment to the FYO was recognized by the Jim Moran Foundation, which presented them with their prestigious "Community Service Award."

Next season, on the occasion of its 20th Anniversary, the Florida Youth Orchestra will once again take the stage at Carnegie Hall. While Bob, who passed away in 2006, will no longer be with her, Myra will attend this event with pride in their years of effort and joy in the success of the musicians who remain such an important part of her life. It is estimated that over 3,000 young performers have participated in the Florida Youth Orchestra.

• Preparing For Student Day •

Friday, September 14th... If you are new to the Student Day event, this program is for you! Please plan to attend the session on "Preparing Students for Student Day."

This program will be a walk through the entrance process and suggest

study strategies for your students. Please sign up for this informative program at the September Open house.

RSVP is required. Please sign up at the open house or contact Sue Colvert at jwcsr@aol.com.

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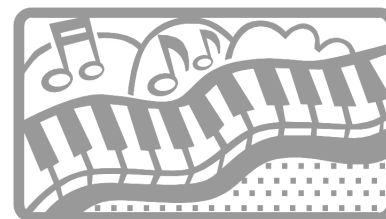
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Local Events

NFMC News...

BCMTA members recommend CDs by Judy Zahndt as a teacher's aid for students performing festival duets. These CDs feature performances of the duets from the new NFMC bulletin. For more information or to order, go to www.judyzpiano.com or call 225.752.0357.

The FJH Music Co, Inc. & Alfred Publications will also be creating CDs that will demonstrate their publications that were chosen for the new festival bulletin.

Yamaha Presentation...

Yamaha will be sending Lori Frazer to the Piano Music Center on Thurs. Aug 16th for a brunch meeting and discussion as to "How to incorporate music with technology in your studio." Please join us on Thursday, August 16th at 10:15 A.M for this presentation.

Lori has been with Yamaha for many years specializing in group lessons and Clavinova Connection.

Piano Music Center is located on the SW corner of Pembroke Rd. and I-95 at 1950 SW 30th Ave. in

Pembroke Park (Hallandale). Please forward any questions to Rick Malinowski at the following email or phone:
malinowski@pianomusiccenter.com
954.457.4664. RSVP would be helpful but is not required.

Chopin Foundation Gala...

Mark your calendar and come to the Gala Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Chopin Foundation of the U.S.

November 10, 2007, 6 PM at Surf Club, Miami Beach
Tickets start from \$150.
For more information call 305/868-0624.

BCMTA Yearbook & FSMTA Handbook

BCMTA YEARBOOK INFO:

A 2007/2008 Yearbook will be available for each member at the September open house.

If you cannot attend the open house, please contact Barbara Schaap for mailing and pick-up options:

barbaraphil2004@yahoo.com.

To UPDATE your name, address, phone, e-mail, etc. for the 2007/2008 yearbook printing, please e-mail Barbara Schaap **no later than August 22nd!**

barbaraphil2004@yahoo.com.

FSMTA STUDENT DAY HANDBOOK 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.

Member News

Congratulations... Wanda Wiranis has been elected State Vice President of the Florida Federation Of Music Clubs. Michael Edwards has been elected to the position of Board Member representing Florida to the National Federation Of Music Clubs. Both members are past presidents of BCMTA.

Condolences... On behalf of the BCMTA, our sympathies to Nadine Cherna and her family on the passing of their husband and father. We also send condolences to Nancy Kenney and family on the passing of her father-in-law.

For Sale!

Steinway Grand Piano... Gene Putnam is selling a Steinway "C" piano. This 1925 piano has been completely redone and is 5'8". Asking \$25,000 or good offer. Please contact Gene at 954-793-7905.

Violin for Sale... Diana Heller has a wonderful violin made by the Vega Company of Boston, Mass. for sale. Made in about 1943, this full sized instrument is valued at \$6,000. This is a great violin for a serious high school student wanting a big sound for competitions. Please contact Diana at (954) 475 - 0428.

Please send newsletter submissions or mailing
address changes to Nancy Kenney at
missnancypiano@aol.com.