



BCMTA Newsletter

Broward County Music Teachers Association

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In Memorium

Greetings one and all!

An exciting season is both behind us and ahead of us as the summer is flying by! Even as we have reflected on what was accomplished last season, we are already looking ahead to more exciting opportunities for BCMTA members in the coming season. For example, did you know that the annual FSMTA Conference is being hosted right here in Deerfield Beach on Nov. 1 - 4? Click on <http://www.fsmta.org/conference> for more information. There is no better way to start the year with a fresh dose of inspiration!



Congratulations to all of our competition and scholarship participants and winners. Our teachers are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to inspire these students to achieve the highest levels of artistry and accomplishment. Let us also celebrate those students not quite cut out for competition who are progressing and making the world a better place with their music. Every student is a unique gift under our care for a season in their lives. We have the potential to influence the people they will become in the world. What an awesome responsibility!

It is the mission of this organization to mobilize and inspire our members to be the best teachers that we can be. There truly is no end to what we can discover about the art of teaching. Personally, I know I am a better teacher now than I was in 1997 when I first overcame my intimidation and joined BCMTA. But, I also believe that there is no end to how much better I can become by opening my mind, heart, and ears to all that there is to learn from you, my friends and colleagues.

To this end, I would like to share that an important motion has been passed by your Executive Board. In keeping with the other members of District VI that have already implemented this policy, a motion was passed that will require all BCMTA members to attend at least one event per year in order to retain your membership. Please do not forget to sign in when you arrive so that you will get credit for your attendance. We are all very hopeful that this decision will NOT decrease our membership, but will have the opposite effect to energize our organization with the invaluable ideas that each of you will bring to the table. And, YES....attendance to the 2012 FSMTA Conference "Music Unites Us!" counts!

It is always difficult to say goodbye to a friend and colleague. In this issue, please take a moment to read about the vast accomplishments of Neil MacLaren, one of our finest teachers and a friend to all. His legacy of love and experience so generously shared with us will continue to benefit our students for generations to come.

I pray you all are having a restful summer! See you at Open House on September 9th!

Enthusiastically yours,

Sheri Garlock



Concerto Competition

Winners

CONGRATULATIONS to the teachers who entered students in this year's District VI Concerto event! There were so many outstanding performances. Those teachers are: Harold Brown, Heather Colman, Oscar Diaz Jr., Dianne Garvin, Maria Gomez, Rosalie Gregory, Jorge Luis Herrero, Irena Kofman, Paul Posnak, Tina Raimondi, Debra Sanchez, Olivia Stevenson and Leana Strouse.

The following are the student winners by divisions:

ELEMENTARY PIANO CONCERTO

Winner: Sophia Noh, teacher Jorge Luis Herrero;

Alternate: Angela Wei, teacher Irena Kofman;

ELEMENTARY STRING CONCERTO

Honorable Mention: Joyce Guo, teacher Leana Strouse;

JUNIOR PIANO CONCERTO

Winner: Christine Tao, teacher Maria Gomez;

Alternate: Christine Chong, teacher Jorge Luis Herrero;

JUNIOR STRING CONCERTO

Honorable Mention: Matthew Satar, teacher Leana Strouse;

Honorable Mention: Amanda Walenciak, teacher Leana Strouse;

INTERMEDIATE PIANO CONCERTO

Winner: Sophia Wang, teacher Maria Gomez;

Alternate: Minjoo Song, teacher Irena Kofman;

STRINGS INTERMEDIATE

Winner: Elizabeth Shin, teacher Tina Raimondi;

Alternate: Shang Chen, teacher Leana Strouse;

Honorable Mention: Tom McGuire, teacher Leana Strouse;

SENIOR PIANO CONCERTO

Winner: Jonathan Reichenberger, teacher Maria Gomez;

Alternate: Tom Lubben, teacher Leana Strouse;

Honorable Mention: Emily Nourishirazi, teacher Irena Kofman;

Honorable Mention: Matthew Reichenberger, teacher Maria Gomez;

SENIOR STRINGS

Winner: Tom Lubben, teacher Leana Strouse;

Alternate: Michael Lubben, teacher Leana Strouse;

VOICE

Winner: Jose Vazquez, teacher Oscar Diaz, Jr.

Thank you to the teachers and parents who helped with extras prior and during the actual competitions: Rhonda Danielson, Maria Gomez, Leana Strouse, Irena Kofman, Paul Posnak, Rosalie Gregory and Dianne Garvin.

Intermediate A and B

Winners

Congratulations to this year's winners of the Intermediate A and B
competitions held on
Saturday, May 19, 2012

Intermediate A		Teacher
1st	Jonathan Reichenberger	Maria Gomez
2nd	Christine Tao	Maria Gomez
3rd	Christine Chong	Jorge Herrero
HM	Joy Quan	Irena Kofman
HM	Tyler Kraft	Jorge Herrero

Intermediate B		
1st	Sophia Wang	Maria Gomez
2nd	Zoe Lee	Maria Gomez
3rd	Jada Campbell	Irena Kofman
HM	Lilly Kraft	Jorge Herrero

High School A and B

Winners

Congratulations to this year's winners of the High School A and B
competitions held on
June 2, 2012

High School A		
1st	Matthew Reichenberger	Maria Gomez
2nd	Blanche Kuo	Roxanne Stevenson
3rd	Nicholas Lee	Irena Kofman

High School B		
1st	Emily Nourishirazi	Irena Kofman
2nd	Joshua Lubben	Leana Strouse
3rd	Catherine Yip	Rosalie Gregory
HM	Diego Villacrez	Edith Sorin

Pompano Competition Winners

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By Anne Siren, Pelican staff

Pompano Beach – It was a family affair at this year's piano competition, Feb. 25, at the Emma Lou Olson Civic center when it came to the winners.

At the Advanced II level, first place winner Matthew Reichenberger, 14, was lauded for his performance of Chopin's "Ballade No 3."

That performance also landed him the Steinway Virtuoso award of a \$500 music scholarship.

Blanche Kuo, took second place with her performance of Debussy's "Jardins Sous La Pluie." Third place winner was Kuo's twin sister, Alyce, who played Chopin's, "Etude, Op 10, No 3."

And not far behind in the Advanced I level, Reichenberger's brother, Jonathan, took first place, followed by Kerstin Yu and Vivian Zhai.

Other winners were, Intermediate II, Jada Campbell, first; Joy Quan, second and Christine Tao, third.

Intermediate I winners were Michelle Huang, first; Tyler Harrison, second and Crystal Tang, third.

Elementary III winners were Daniel Pan, first; Sophia Noh, second and Carol Jiang, third.

Elementary II winners were Johanna Tam, first; Nhi Tran, second and Eileen Chong, third.

Elementary I winners were Megan Yang, first; Benny Montes, second and Claire Wang, third.

For the 116 competitors, the day began at 8 a.m. with beginner level pianists handing over their memorized pieces to judges and playing for them.

By 5 p.m. 21 winners emerged from the seven levels of playing from beginner to Advanced II.

The event was emceed by Joanna Marie, formerly of WXEL Classical Radio. Pompano Beach Vice Mayor George Brummer and Palm Aire Friends of the Arts, Sue Bloom, made the awards.

In its 18th year, the competition, Children in the Arts of Pompano Beach, has grown to be the largest competition in the state.

Competition regulations are determined by the Broward County Music Teachers Association. Steinway Gallery of Boca Raton provides Steinway pianos for the event. Bob Luptak, owner of Steinway Gallery also provides the \$500 scholarship to the performer who demonstrates virtuosity in his or her performance.

Major sponsors of the event are the City of Pompano Beach, the Herb Skolnick Cultural Arts Foundation, John Knox Village, Palm Aire Friends of the Arts, Pompano Beach Parks and Recreation, Frank H. Furman, Dr. Joe McGee, The Pelican and local business owners.

Children In The Arts

Pompano Beach Piano Competition

February 25, 2012

Elementary 1

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1st	Megan Yang	Roxanne Stevenson
2nd	Benny Montes	Dianne Garvin
3rd	Claire Wang	Irena Kofman

Honorable Mention

1st	Kim Tan	Diana Heller
2nd	Madison Huang	Leonid Treer
3rd	Youval Kashuv	Leana Strouse

Intermediate I

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1st	Michelle Huang	Lanid Treer
2nd	Tyler Harrison	Diana Heller
3rd	Crystal Tang	Maria Gomez

Honorable Mention

1st	James Zhu	Roxanne Stevenson
2nd	Sasha Solomakina	Irena Kofman
3rd	Shannon Ballou	Dianne Garvin

Elementary II

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1st	Johanna Tam	Irena Kofman
2nd	Nhi Tran	Chung-Chang Feng
3rd	Eileen Chong	Jorge Herrero

Honorable Mention

1st	Serena Zhou	Wanda Wiranis
2nd	Zhaxi Bandan	Leonid Treer
3rd	Albert Wang	Maria Gomez

Intermediate II

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1st	Jada Campbell	Irena Kofman
2nd	Joy Quan	Irena Kofman
3rd	Christine Tao	Maria Gomez

Honorable Mention

1st	Minjoo Song	Irena Kofman
2nd	Kevin Deng	Jorge Herrero
3rd	George Zhu	Roxanne Stevenson
3rd	Steven Jia	Judith Burganger

Elementary III

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1st	Daniel Pan	Rosalie Gregory
2nd	Sophia Noh	Jorge Herrero
3rd	Carol Jiang	Roxanne Stevenson

Honorable Mention

1st	Gianna Rodriguez	Roxanne Starenson
2nd	Jonathan Lun	Jorge Herrero
3rd	Quin Nardone	Dinne Garvin

Advanced I

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1st	Jonathan Reichenberger	Maria Gomez
2nd	Kerstin Yu	Maria Gomez
3rd	Vivian Zhai	Maria Gomez

Honorable Mention

1st	Steven Yang	Edith Sorin
2nd	Jonathan Lu	Rosalie Gregory
3rd	Jessica Zheng	Judith Burganger

Advanced II

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1st	Matthew Reichenberger	Maria Gomez
2nd	Blanche Kuo	Roxanne Stevenson
3rd	Alyce Kuo	Roxanne Stevenson

Honorable Mention

1st	Sophia Wang	Maria Gomez
2nd	Tom Lubben	Leana Strouse
3rd	Diego Villacrez	Edith Sorin



WE WANT YOU!

To make a difference in BCMTA. The following Board positions have recently become vacant and would be the PERFECT opportunity for you to actively participate in the events that shape our organization:

Help Wanted! Our Recording Secretary had to resign early for personal reasons leaving an opening on our Executive Board. The Recording Secretary types notes in all Executive Board and General Meetings, emails them to Executive Board members within two weeks, and keeps a copy filed both electronically and printed in a binder. All you need are good organizational skills, fast typing skills, and a willing spirit! There will be four meetings over the coming season. Please contact Sheri Garlock for more information.

In her capacity as **Student Day Chairman**, for many years Sue Colvert has been doing the job of many people with help from only a few. In Broward County, our Student Day Evaluation program has become one of the most successful in the state as it has continued to grow each year. It is time she and the handful of teachers shouldering the whole program be given some help!

Our new plan is to divide this monumental job into several small jobs involving approximately 10 BCMTA members. "Many hands make light work" as they say, so please contact Sheri Garlock if you'd be willing to do one small part to help out! There will be a sign-up sheet with the specific task list at our Open House. We are all indebted to Sue for her long years of serving our organization so passionately to create the successful program from which our students are able to so greatly benefit.



Save the dates!

FSMTA 2012 Conference

November 1 - 4, 2012

Deerfield Beach

Deerfield Hilton Hotel

Register online Now!

fmta.org/conference

Have you paid your membership dues yet?
DUES ARE DUE!

New Rule, per the FSMTA Newsletter: Current membership dues of MTNA/FSMTA must be paid prior to the entry deadline for District Student Day in order for a teacher's students to be eligible to participate.

Open House!

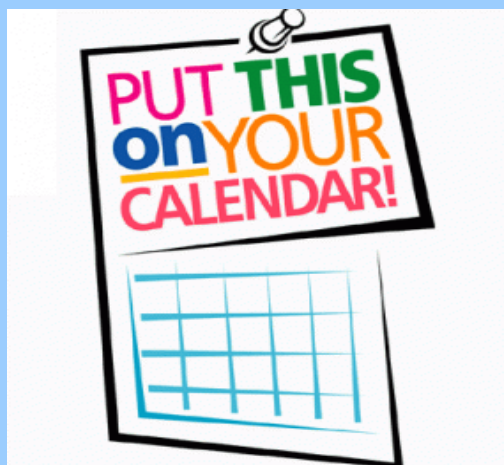


- DATE:** Sunday, September 9, 2012
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
WHERE: Piano Showcase - 5170 N Federal Hwy
Click on link below for a map
WHAT: All members of the BCMTA are cordially invited to our Open House. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share at the concluding pot luck festivities.

At our Open House, we will be introducing and welcoming new members! Also, your 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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2012 - 13 Calendar of Events

9-Sep	Open House (1st General Meeting) @ 4 pm. at Piano Showcase
14-Oct	2nd General Meeting @ 3pm
19-Oct	Postmark Deadline for Student Day Applications
1-4 Nov	FMTA State Conference (Deerfield Beach)
17-Nov	Student Day Aural & Written Exams
9-Dec	Holiday Party (3rd General Meeting) @ 6pm. Location: home of Dianne Garvin
7-Jan	Postmark Deadline for Pompano Piano Competition applications
25-27 Jan	Musicthon
1-Feb	Postmark Deadline for Greenspan Award applications
2/3 & 9/10 Feb	FFMC Junior Festival
8-Feb	Postmark Deadline for Student Day Performance Exams
23-Feb	Pompano Piano Competition
TBA	Postmark Deadline for District VI Concerto Competition applications
10-Mar	4 th General Meeting
TBA	District VI Concerto Competition
13/14 Apr	Student Day Performance Exams
12-Apr	Postmark Deadline for Summer Camp Scholarship applications
19-Apr	Postmark Deadline for BCMTA Intermediate A & B Competitions
27-Apr	Student Day Honors Recital North Area
28-Apr	Student Day Honors Recital South Area
TBA	Postmark Deadline for BCMTA Student Composition Competition
10-May	Postmark Deadline for BCMTA High School Competition applications
18-May	BCMTA Intermediate A & B Competitions
1-Jun	BCMTA High School Competition



*Conference Program Book Ads available
NOW....don't miss your chance!*

Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Music Businesses:

The Florida State Music Teachers Association will be holding their annual fall conference in Deerfield Beach, November 1-4, 2012. We are putting together a lovely program book which will include black and white and/or color ads. We would like to offer you space to advertise your business or sponsorship of the conference.

Every ad sold will help to defray conference expenses and will benefit each attendee, as we attempt to keep registration costs very affordable. Please consider placing an ad and pass the word around to any friend or business who might be interested.

The Ad Contract which lists prices for ads, plus printing information and deadlines is available through the [fmta.org](http://www.fmta.org) Conference Link: <http://www.fmta.org/conference.asp>

ALL digital camera-ready ads will be emailed to: rdanielson714@gmail.com

The Deadline for all ads and payments is August 15th, 2012.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

Musically yours,

Rhonda Danielson
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Jazz, Rock & Pop Festival

On the evening of April 28, 2012, BCMTA held its first Jazz, Rock & Pop Festival at the Herb Skolnick Community Center in Pompano Beach. Nine studios were represented and 22 students participated. The audience was treated to a wide variety of musical pieces and genres from jazz renderings to original compositions. Chaired by member Larry Minsky, this all-inclusive, non-competitive performance opportunity really allowed the participants to “strut their stuff.” The Festival concluded with an electric rock jam by three talented high school students. Participating teachers mentioned that their students were inspired to try new pieces after hearing them performed by their peers at the Festival. Following the performances, CDs were raffled off and attendees enjoyed fellowship and refreshments. We hope this will become an annual tradition for BCMTA.



The band Edge of Reality closes the show for the BCMTA Jazz, Pop, Rock Festival. Guitarist Joey Frevola and bassist Jon Frevola are students of Sheri Garlock who is standing in on keyboards for Scotty Bemis. Jay Delarosa rounds out the group on drums.

Studio News

From the Studio of Mary Beth Purchase

Kelly Oakes, whose original composition of music and vocals - inspired by a poem by George Gordon (Lord) Byron - was chosen by the Florida Music Educators' Association as the best in the state and performed by the Reading Chorus at the All-State Concert.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQU7z_snvKU

Graduating senior, Mark Newsom received the Presidential Scholarship to Belmont University in Nashville. He will be majoring in MUSIC!!!

Kelly Oakes received a score of 100 and the Level 12 Aural Theory Prize

Luke Ferraguti received a score of 100 won the Level 12 Written Theory Prize

Mark Newsom received a score of 100 on both!



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

A ♪ from Newsletter Editor...

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

This publication reaches around 100 teachers and 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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Teacher news, event information, yearbook 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 (missheri@comcast.net). Announcements will then be distributed by E-mail Correspondent, Carolyn Morgan.

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.

In Memorium



Neil MacLaren 79, beloved husband, musician and teacher died after a long illness and a gallant fight on February 29, 2012. He taught piano, voice and organ for over 53 years in Pompano Beach, and in Fall River, MA. Through his music, Neil dedicated his life to the glory of God. He was most recently, organist at two Fort Lauderdale Churches-The Episcopal Church of the Intercession on Sundays and at St. Henry Catholic Church on Saturdays.

Neil was born in Cambridge, MA July 12, 1932 and attended Verona H.S. in New Jersey. He received his advanced education at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ where he received a Bachelor of Music Degree, Major in Organ, Minor in Piano and Voice. His education was interrupted by his military service in the US Army from 1953-1955. After his service, he returned to Westminster where he received his Master of Music Degree, Major in Conducting, Minor in Piano, Organ and Voice in 1959. In 1976, Neil received an Honorary Doctor of Music Degree from Geneva-St. Albans Theological College in Knoxville, TN awarded for musical excellence in the American Episcopal Church and for work with handicapped children.

His first job after college was at the First Baptist Church in Fall River, MA as Minister of Music, Organist and Tenor Soloist. (1959-1964). He then moved to Florida and worked at St. Mark's Episcopal Church and School in Ft.

Lauderdale, (1964-1972). From 1973-1986, Neil was at St. Peter's American Episcopal Cathedral in Deerfield Beach as Organist and Choirmaster, and from 1986 to 1996, he was organist at the First Church of Christ Scientist in Pompano Beach.

Neil was a member of the National Assoc. of Teachers of Singing, Past President of Broward County Music Teachers Assoc, member of Florida State Music Teachers Assoc., National Guild of Piano Teachers, National Federation of Music Clubs (Morning Musicales of Ft. Lauderdale, Inc.), the American Guild of Organists and The American Legion Post 0142.

Until his illness, Neil was active in Toastmaster International receiving a DTM (Distinguished Toastmaster), the highest academic degree in Toastmaster and in the Oakland Park Kiwanis Club. Neil leaves behind his beloved wife, Mary and his many students past and present. They were all the joy of his life.



Chopin Foundation of the United States

August, 2012

Dear Music Teacher:

The Chopin Foundation will soon resume our “*Chopin for All*” Free Concert Series, staged at Broward County Main Library’s Auditorium in Fort Lauderdale and at Granada Presbyterian Church in Coral Gables. In accordance with our mission, the artists featured in the series are young emerging pianists whose talents deserve more public exposure. To show support of young local talent, every spring we present two **Young Pianists Concerts** featuring the best local piano students from Miami-Dade and Broward counties in an all-Chopin program.

As every year, I am asking for your assistance and cooperation in seeking out **outstanding young talent not older than 17 years of age**, who show special affinity for Chopin’s music and would be **ready to give a quality interpretation of a chosen piece/pieces in April of 2013**. If any of your students qualify, please make your recommendation by **December 30, 2012**.

We accept only teachers’ recommendations. Up to two students per teacher, please.

In your written recommendation please include:

- (1) teacher’s name, address, phone number and email address;
- (2) student’s name, date of birth, address, phone number (and email if applicable);
- (3) parents’ name(s), phone number, and email (required)
- (4) name, address and phone number of student’s school, and name of school principal;
- (5) name(s) of piece(s) to be performed and its/their length (max 10 min total per student);
- (6) student’s photo for inclusion in concert program; jpeg format is preferred.

Please email your recommendations to info@chopin.org (preferred) or mail to:

Chopin Foundation of the US, 1440 79th Street Cswy, Suite 117, Miami, FL 33141
Recommendation deadline is December 30, 2012.

The popularity of these concerts may require us to select pianists via live audition; if so, auditions will be held in February 2013. The auditions will be held separately for the Broward and Coral Gables concerts, in two different locations.

By January 15, 2013, we will notify you as to the date/time/location of auditions.

The Young Pianists Concerts will be held in Fort Lauderdale at 3 PM on April 13, 2013, and in Coral Gables at 3 PM on April 14, 2013.

I look forward to working with you on this and other projects benefiting young talented American pianists. Please visit our website at www.chopin.org to find out more on our programs, and contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

Jadwiga Viga Gewert
Executive Director

PS: Did you know Chopin Foundation underwrites the “Chopin Prize” in 3 age categories at the annual MTNA conference? Top Prize is \$1500 and a “*Chopin for All*” performance. Your students may qualify to compete! For info, go to www.mtna.org or call us.