

President's Message

A great big thank you to all who helped to make the FSMTA Conference a success! The hotel was beautiful, the programs and showcases informative and the fellowship inspiring. From the student performers to the conference artists, the Duo Turgeon, quality was evident in every aspect. We would particularly like to thank Bob Luptak and Patricia Prudente and the Steinway Gallery of Boca Raton for their contribution of fine instruments for this conference.

appreciation to Dr. Heather Coltman and Florida Atlantic University for the use of their wonderful facilities for the evening concerts and competitive events.

I hope we will see each of you and your special someone at our annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 16, 2007. Please read further in the newsletter for more information regarding this event as well as the Musicthon, Pompano Piano Competition and Student Day.

our program featuring Barry Weinberg on January 4th. This will take place at the Steinway Piano Gallery in Boca Raton.

I wish each and everyone a blessed and Happy New Year!

Musically yours,
Mary Beth Purchase



We would also like to extend our

The first event of 2008 will be



BCMTA Holiday Party Sunday, Dec 16th

Did you mark Sunday, December 16th on your calendar? We're expecting you at our Annual Holiday Party! The fun begins at 5pm - or whenever you arrive at the home of Mary Beth Purchase.

Don't forget to bring a yummy side dish... salad... veggies ...or something original. Dessert is good too.

Gift wrap some small item for our fun game involving a grab bag.

RSVP to Barbara Schaap 954-597-1856 or 954-501-5766 and tell me what you plan to bring so I can coordinate our holiday feast with a good variety of side dishes. We will provide the meat, paper goods and other small items.

Home of Mary Beth Purchase
720 NE 12th Avenue
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Additional parking is available in the parking lot across the street from the house.

Pompano Piano Competition News!

Mark your calendars!

The **NEW** date of the Pompano Beach Piano Competition will be

February 23, 2008

All postmark deadlines and other related dates remain the same.

• *Calendar* •

December 1

Pedagogy Workshop (FAU)
Dr. Judith Burganger

December 7

BCMTA Executive Board Meeting

December 16

BCMTA Holiday Party
Home of Mary Beth Purchase

January 4

3rd General Meeting
Barry Weinberg, Speaker

January 17

Postmark Deadline
Pompano Beach Piano Competition

January 19

Pedagogy Workshop (FAU)
Dr. Judith Burganger

January 26-27

Musicthon (Galleria Mall)



4th General Meeting & Panel on Studio Business

March 7, 2008

*Steinway Gallery,
Boca Raton*

• **Pedagogy Saturday Workshops** •

Presented by Dr. Judith Burganger at FAU Boca Raton

Next Workshop Saturday, Dec 1st

4:00 - 5:30 PM • Arts & Letters, Room 248, FAU



I would like to invite all the members and their capable students to the 2007-08 continuing series of informal Pedagogy Saturday Workshops.

Sessions will be intimate and informal which lends itself to nonrestrictive open dialogues and demo/discussions. Everyone should feel at ease to ask questions regarding anything of interest or concern about teaching and performing. Areas of interest might be: preparation for competitive events, suggestions for various pedal techniques, how to achieve tone quality differences, how to move with the musical phrasing, how dynamics become one with movement, suggestions for fingering, what is the "right" tempo, and

all kinds of other exciting ideas that might emerge. All pianists/teachers/students are invited. There will be opportunities for master classes on at least 2 of the class dates. There is no charge for these classes.

I will be looking forward to working with each and every one of you who come to share! Please contact me at burgang@fau.edu or jburganger@comcast.net or by telephone (FAU) 561.297.3329 or (H) 561.487.9539 to indicate your interest.

3 more sessions this season!

Dec 1st • Jan 26th • Mar 22nd

3rd General Meeting, Friday, Jan 4th

Natural Laws & Common Sense in Piano Teaching,
Presenter, Barry Weinberg

"Music is made up of two main things, and they both begin with the letter 'S'. Can you tell me what they are? There are only five things you can do on the piano. What are they? Can you give me an example in life, where a finger is called upon to move sideways (not the thumb, which is really the end of the arm)?"

Questions like these invite, amuse, challenge and motivate students to be willing and active partners in the learning experience.

We, as teachers, know so much, and take so much for granted. Join Barry Weinberg on the journey from the initial interview to our students' last lesson with us, and rediscover much that you already know and possibly take for granted, in perhaps a slightly different way of presenting this knowledge to students.

Join us at the Steinway Piano Gallery in Boca Raton at 10 am, Jan 4, 2008.

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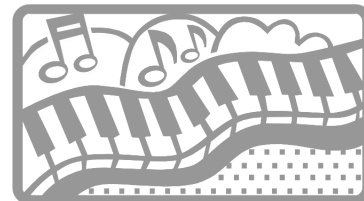
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Local Events

The Boynton Regional Symphony Orchestra will be celebrating the 200th birthday of Felix Mendelssohn. We would like to feature qualified youngsters who would be able to perform either the G Minor Piano concerto or the E Minor violin Concerto in the 2008-09 season.

The Steinway Gallery in Boca has agreed to host the event on two Saturdays, February 9 and 16, 9:30 AM to 5 PM. It will be for both violinists and pianists. Please call or email Barry Volkman at bmvolkman@aol.com or, 561-304-3937. Leave name and phone

number of student, your name and phone number, and the name of the accompanist. If there are any time difficulties, please indicate those too. I will try to schedule as best I can. If more than one candidate has the same accompanist it would be more convenient to schedule those consecutively. Winners will be asked to set aside March 28, 2009 to perform with the orchestra.

Any concerto on the level with the two Mendelssohn concerti will be deemed appropriate for the auditions.

Congratulations

Christopher Ohanian was the 1st place winner in the prestigious FSMTA High School Piano Competition. Christopher is a current student of Judith Burganger and was formerly a student of Sheri Garlock for 10 years.

FSMTA Winners...

In the FSMTA Baldwin Piano Competition Gabriella Chou was named alternate and Christina Lai first Honorable Mention. Both are students of Maria Gomez. Mark Mayo, a student of Irena Koffman, was named second Honorable Mention.

• **BCMTA Yearbook Update** •

New Yearbook Available

The official 2007-2008 BCMTA Yearbook is ready for you complete with a current events schedule and updated membership lists. Some new helpful and/or interesting items have been added.

If you haven't received your copy, yearbooks are available for pick up at Barbara Schaap's home in Tamarac (near Nob Hill and McNab).

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.

Member Updates

June Tillman, honorary member of BCMTA, passed away last fall. Please remove her name from your yearbook.

Geraldine Curphey, honorary member of BCMTA, has retired and currently enjoys performing in her retirement community. Please remove her name from the yearbook and any future mailings. She would be happy to hear from old friends and colleagues at 561.686.9889.

Pleas add Marie McGuire as an honorary member:

Marie McGuire
C/O Universal Health Care
5201 Clarks Fork Dr
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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 fnta.org

MUSIC BOOKMARK FOR SALE!

**Special BCMTA price
\$1 per bookmark**

**Contact Julie West
954.383.2183**

Free bookmark at Holiday Party!

FOR SALE!

Alto Saxophone ...

Alto Saxophone in Black Hard Case
The Parisian Ambassador--Made in France 1957
Exclusively for F. E. Olds & Son
Call Annamarie Cockreham--954-327-0979

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.

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.

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.

member news

Condolences... The BCMTA extends our sympathies to Jan Kravets on the passing of her mother.

Congratulations... BCMTA welcomes new member Sivabruntha Brenda Parker. Please add her information to your yearbook:

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1021 Crystal Lake Drive, #304
Pompano Beach, FL 33064
Phone: 954-943-9290
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Donald Waxman was the featured clinician in the Pennsylvania Music Teachers Conference (PMTA) that was held Nov. 9 - 11 at the West Chester University Performing Arts Center, Westchester, Pa. He gave two lecture recitals, one that revisited his series Fifty Etudes written thirty years ago, and the other a lecture recital on his pedagogical compositions that have just been published: David and Goliath and the set of five books 175 Exertudes. He also attended a performance of his Lovesongs for Soprano, Violin and Piano.

Please look for the Musicthon info with your newsletter! Thank you notes from the Louisiana & Mississippi MTAs are also enclosed.

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

The Deadline for the Janaury newsletter is December 27th.

Thank you!