



# BCMTA Newsletter

Broward County Music Teachers Association

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Dear Esteemed Colleagues & Friends,

## President's Message

So much has happened since our last newsletter! Where to begin!? First, we enjoyed a stimulating and thought provoking program on October 23<sup>rd</sup> by **Dr. Julie Rozman**, exploring the organ music and performance practices of J.S. Bach as they correlate to our approach at the piano. Many thanks to our VP of Programs, **Dr. Jennifer Donelson**, for arranging this wonderful program for us.



On November 3-6, several District VI members attended the **77<sup>th</sup> Annual FSMTA Conference** in Daytona Beach. If you have not attended an FSMTA Conference before, or even if you have, I highly recommend it! I personally found several of the seminars I attended to be no less than *life-changing!* We also decided to share our new brochure "**10 Reasons Why Music Education is Essential**" at the President's luncheon which was very well received.

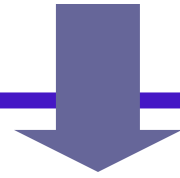
**Mary Beth Purchase** wrapped up her two year term as FSMTA Recording Secretary when our new slate of FSMTA Officers was inducted at the last General Session. Mary Beth will now be serving as our new **District VI President** as well as our **2012 FSMTA Conference Chair!** Please roll up your sleeves and get ready to help host our best ever FSMTA Conference next year! Stay tuned!

**Gail Smith** was also a featured clinician at the Daytona Conference giving a creative performance/ lecture on "*Teaching Tips on Composing and Improvising.*" Don't miss Gail's encore presentation for BCMTA members at our March 11, 2012 General Meeting!

**Jennifer Donelson** represented District VI with a stunning and passionate performance of two works by Olivier Messiaen at the FSMTA Teacher's Recital. We are so blessed to have artists of her caliber represent us! Indeed, the annual conference is a great way to stay inspired and connect with dedicated teachers who share the common thread of continually striving to do our best for our students.

Speaking of one who inspires us all, I am honored to share that former BCMTA & FSMTA President **Sue Colvert** was nominated by the FSMTA Executive Board to receive the distinguished **MTNA Fellow Award**. Sue is only the fourth person in history to be nominated by FSMTA for this recognition. A special presentation will be made in her honor at the upcoming **MTNA Conference** to be held in NY, NY on March 24-28, 2012. Hurry to register now if you can attend! [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org)

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## BCMTA Board & Committee Chairs • 20011-2013

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Sher Garlock,  
if you would  
like to join a  
committee or  
serve on the  
board!

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### President's Message . . . continued

To update you on the latest developments in our BCMTA Convalescent Initiative, I am thrilled to report that we received the \$1,000 donation from the **Palm Aire Friends of the Arts** on October 10<sup>th</sup>. This money was used to purchase a new Yamaha DGX 640 keyboard along with an adjustable padded bench, a slip cover, and a full three pedal upgrade at the total cost of \$858.97. The remainder of funds will be used to purchase a commemorative plaque to be presented to the Palm Aire Friends of the Arts at the upcoming donation concert/ ceremony. Grand Court Village in Pompano Beach will be our first recipient of a keyboard. I will keep you posted as arrangements are made for the donation ceremony.

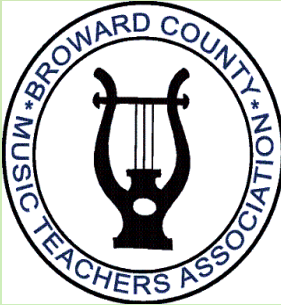
Student Day Aural and Written Theory exams were successfully administered at Broward College on November 12. Our heartfelt thanks to the Student Day Chairs and ALL volunteers who helped to make this happen for our students.

If you have not yet registered your studio to participate in our annual BCMTA fund-raiser, **MUSICHTON 2012 "Kids Playing 4KIDS in Crisis"**, contact Wanda Wiranis immediately at (954) 587-1967 or [wandapiano@aol.com](mailto:wandapiano@aol.com). There are still a few spaces available! Your students will have a great opportunity to experience the joy of using their talents to help others. This year the executive board voted to support **4KIDS of South Florida**. Please download and print your Pledge Forms, Sponsor Letters, the Tally sheet and read the Teacher Information letter carefully. **The deadline to order T-shirts for participants is January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.**

Last, but not least, I would like to invite you to attend our next General Meeting/ Holiday Party to be held at the beautiful home of Dianne and Glen Garvin on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP using the E-VITE that has been sent to your email box. I look forward to seeing you there!

May you all be blessed with a beautiful and peaceful holiday season!  
Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Feliz Navidad!

Sheri Garlock  
BCMTA President



**MUSICTHON 2012**  
January 27, 28, 29

*"Kids Playing 4KIDS in Crisis"*

Galleria Mall  
Fort Lauderdale



It's that time again! Please start making plans to involve as many students as possible in this fun event that puts BCMTA in the public eye. It is our only annual fundraising event, proceeds of which help support the many programs offered by our organization.

Times for Musicthon are filling up quickly. Please call Wanda Wiranis at 954-587-1967 or e-mail at [wandapiano@aol.com](mailto:wandapiano@aol.com). to reserve a time slot.

Updated Teacher Letters, Sponsor Letters, Pledge Forms and Tally Sheets are available to download directly from the BCMTA website:

<http://bcmta.org/Musicthon.html>

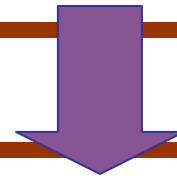


**BCMTA**  
**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**  
**Holiday Party!**

Sunday, December 11  
Home of Dianne Garvin – 2600 NE 37th Drive  
6:00 p.m.



Please join us for an evening of conviviality and camaraderie hosted by BCMTA member Dianne Garvin! The evening will feature a gift exchange and a sampling of the culinary skills of members. Please bring a dessert, side dish or beverage to share, but nothing that has to be heated in the kitchen. Please reply to the E-vite (electronic invitation) sent out by Diane earlier this week. Be sure to bring your significant other and a wrapped gift (under \$20) for each of you as competition really heats up during the spirited gift exchange.



## Classifieds

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](mailto:bmuze@bellsouth.net) for additional information. Thank you!

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### PIANO FOR SALE

Baldwin Acrosonic upright, one owner, light brown, perfect condition. Asking \$600. Call Darlene @ 954-295-0754.

### REMINDER

Please remember to check the BCMTA Calendar of Events on the website for important dates and deadlines.

<http://bcmta.org/Calendar%202011-12.html>

### 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

### *A ♪ from Newsletter Editor...*

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](mailto:missheri@comcast.net)). Announcements will then be distributed by E-mail Correspondent, Carolyn Morgan.

### 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](http://www.bcmta.org) where you can find this newsletter as well as past issues dating back to 2007!

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Pictured above is Susan Bloom of Palm Aire Friends of the Arts presenting a \$1,000.00 donation to the BCMTA Convalescent Initiative on Monday October 10, 2011 in Pompano Beach at the Skolnick Center.

In attendance to accept this check were Sheri Garlock, Annamarie Cockreham and Marie Budinsky-Maher.