

President's Message

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Happy, busy February!

As you are reading this, the final tally for our annual fundraiser, Musicthon is just in. We raised \$8628.50! This was the most successful Musicthon in BCMTA history. Thank you to Wanda Wiranis, Jan Kravets, Sue Colvert and Annamarie Cockreham for their tireless efforts on behalf of our organization for this event. Thank you to Gary Lane Pianos for the lovely instrument provided for the fundraiser. The Musicthon went smoothly and the shoppers at the Galleria Mall enjoyed a wonderful weekend of music. Musicians of all instruments (even trumpet and French horn)

entertained passersby. Thank you to all teachers who participated in this worthwhile event. Twenty-one teachers participated with their studios. The studio of Eusebia Fuenzalida raised the most money, with the studio of Mary Beth Purchase coming in a close second. (I will have to work harder for next year!)

The next big event is the Pompano Piano Competition. The competition will take place all day Saturday, February 23, 2008 and will culminate with a televised evening performance of the finalists at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, located at 1801 NE 6 St. Pompano Beach, 33060. The evening concert will begin at 7:00 PM. We are proud to have Joanna

Marie from WXEL as our emcee. Tune in to 90.7 at 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 21, as winners from the previous year will be performing live on the radio. The pianos will be provided by Steinway Piano Gallery along with a special scholarship award of \$500.00. The evening will end with a lovely reception following the performance of the finalists. Even if you are not submitting students for this event, please come out to the evening concert. There is no admission and all are welcome.

I hope to see you there!

Musically yours,
Mary Beth Purchase

4th General Meeting, Friday, March 7th

Studio Business Panel...

Everything You Wanted to know about Running A Successful Studio... but Were Afraid to Ask!

On March 7th we will meet again, but this time every member will be a part of the presentation! A volunteer panel of teachers will be taking questions from their colleagues in the audience.

What must you include in a studio policy? How do you handle missed lessons? How do you find a recital location? How do you encourage the students to practice? How can being a BCMTA member help me?

These questions and more questions of your own can all be answered at our next meeting.

The panel will include teachers of different experience and different backgrounds. If you are interested in joining the panel, please email Nancy Kenney at missnancypiano@aol.com. Please send your questions for the panel of teachers to missnancypiano@aol.com.

Thank you!

We need volunteers!

The studio business panel needs teachers to answer audience questions. Please email Nancy Kenney if you would like to be on the panel! Thank you!

missnancypiano@aol.com

Steinway Piano Gallery
Boca Raton
March 7th
10 am



• *Calendar* •

February 22

Postmark Deadline:
District VI Concerto
Competition

February 23

*Pompano Beach Piano
Competition & Recital*

February 29

Postmark Deadline:
Student Day Performance
Exams (Schedule Changes)

March 7

*4th General Meeting
Presentation: Studio
Business Practices (Panel)*

March 15-16

*Student Day Keyboard
Skills & Repertoire Exams*

March 22

*District VI Concerto
Competition*

March 22

*Pedagogy Saturday
Workshop*

March 29-April 2

MTNA National Conference

March 29

*Student Day Honors
Recital, North Broward*

March 30

*Student Day Honors
Recital, South Broward*



• **Pedagogy Saturday Workshops** •

Presented by Dr. Judith Burganger at FAU Boca Raton

Last 07-08 Workshop Saturday, Mar 22nd

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.



Student Day Report

Attention Student Day Teachers!

Your entrant list needs to be postmarked by **February 13th** to Dianne Garvin.

After she returns your schedule to you, you have until **February 29th** to email her any swaps you make either within your studio or with another teacher. Dianne's email address is derbyrock@aol.com.

Student Day will be held on the Boca Raton Campus of Florida Atlantic University on March 15-16. Thank you!

All pianists/ teachers/ students are invited. 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 jburganger@comcast.net or burgang@fau.edu or by telephone (FAU) 561.297.3329 or (H) 561.487.9539 to indicate your interest.

District VI Concerto Competition

Postmark Deadline:
February 22nd

REMINDER: Postmark deadline for District VI concerto competition is February 22nd. No late applications. Each teacher is limited to 4 students. The venue is scheduled again at BCC Davie campus - not at the Steinway Gallery as stated in the current yearbook. Please refer to the recent e-mail to all teachers with all competition information. Teachers may contact Rosalie Gregory (954) 346-5073 for further details if needed - parents and students must direct their questions through their teachers and may not call or e-mail Rosalie. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Musicthon

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

.

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

You're Invited!

Rita Hutcherson's 100th Birthday

February 24th marks the 100th birthday of Rita Hutcherson.

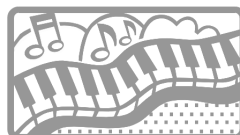
Let's celebrate with a pot-luck dinner preceded by a performance by Harold Brown.

Harold has toured recently in Europe and will give us part of this program at 4:00 at the home of his student, Barbara Mautner. At approx. 5:00, we'll enjoy favorite dishes of those attending and good fellowship together. All are welcome.

The Mautner home is at 955 Eve Street, Delray Beach. From the South on I-95, exit Yamato

Road and go east. Turn left at Federal Highway (US1). Pass Lindell Blvd and continue on US1 for several blocks. Turn right onto Tropical Blvd. Immediately turn left onto Spanish Trail which makes an L into Eve Street. 955 is several houses down on the left.

Please RSVP to Sandra Greenland by Friday, Feb. 22, at 954-752-0653 or sgreen3623@aol.com.



Master Classes

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

SPRING 2008

PIANO MASTER CLASSES

LILIA BOYADJIEVA

Prize-winner Senigalia, Vianna da Motta, and Maria Callas Competitions
Artek Recording Artist
Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m.

JEFFREY BIEGEL

First prize winner Marguerite Long and William Kapell Competitions
Faculty—Conservatory of Music at Brooklyn College
Monday, March 17 at 12:00

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.

• **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.

Dear Colleagues,

FAU Chamber Soloists has a series of concerts called the Roots of Classical Music.

This year's concert in that series is in celebration of Black History Month and features a group of outstanding music students of African descent performing classical music.

They are pianists, vocalists, a clarinetist, a violinist, and a trumpeter. Music is by N.Dett, W.G. Still, G. F. Handel, W. A. Mozart, G. Gershwin and E. Dohnanyi.

The concerts are in Davie on Feb. 23 at 3pm (in the Recital Hall LA 120) and in Boca on Feb. 24 at 3pm (University Theatre). Concerts are free, with a suggested donation.

Looking forward to see you in concert!

Leonid Treer

Kemal Gekic,
Steinway Artist,

**Performs favorite classical
pieces in concert for
*Friends of Music***

**Saturday, February 16
8:00 p.m.**

Friends of Music is proud to present acclaimed pianist Kemal Gekic in concert at the Coral Springs Charter School auditorium, 3205 N. University Drive, Coral Springs.

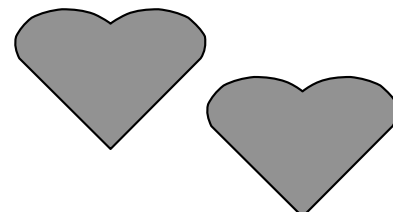
Hear the artist The Boston Globe described as "the most talented pianist since Horowitz" in the intimate setting of this new theatre in the heart of Coral Springs. Gekic will perform works of master classical and romantic composers that will thrill audiences of all ages.

Tickets may be purchased at the Center for the Arts Box Office (phone 954-344-5990), 2855 Coral Springs Drive in Coral Springs. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for teachers and \$5 for students. Teachers bringing 5 or more students will be admitted at no charge. Tickets will also be available at the door, and can be reserved by emailing Jeanne.Halberg@BrowardSchools.com.

A reception with the artist will follow the concert.

For more information, call Linda Hanson at 954-344-5999 or 954-461-8023.

BCMTA member, Sandra Greenland, will be happy to answer any questions at 954.752.0653.



Musichthon

A big thanks to all teachers and students who participated in Musichthon. It was our most successful ever! Over \$8,000 was raised to date with more still coming in.

We will announce the studio and also the student who brought in the most money as soon as we total.

The t-shirts were great! Thanks to Jan Kravets, Sue Colvert, Jim Colvert and Sheri Brooks for their input on design, packing the shirts and doing programs and posters.

Team effort made for a smooth weekend. Kudos to Annamarie and Mary Beth who manned the booth for the entire Musichthon.

Wanda Wiranis, Co-Chair

Congratulations

Students participated from the following studios:

Annamarie Cockreham
 Sue Colvert
 Susan Dodd
 Eusebia Fuenzalida
 Sheri Garlock
 Sandra Greenland
 Rosalie Gregory
 Maria Gomez
 Judy Herman
 Dr. Barbara Kaskinen
 Nancy Ann Kenney
 Dr. Irena Kofman
 Jan Kravets
 Neil MacLaren
 Jamille Nogueira
 Mary Beth Purchase
 Esther Richman
 Doris Schneider
 Leana Strouse
 Wanda Wiranis

Special Offer

SPECIAL OFFER from the Miami International Piano Festival.....

\$5 Tickets!!!

Dear BMCTA Members,
 We are very excited about presenting you with an opportunity to see world renowned pianist Francesco Libetta in concert.

Broward County Music Teachers may purchase (2) tickets to this event for a very special price of ONLY \$5 each.

Please e-mail Barbara Muze to order your tickets: bmuze@bellsouth.net.

www.miamipianofest.com

WEDNESDAY February 20, 2008 @ 8:00 PM
 AMATURO Theatre
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts

The program includes music by Stravinsky, Ravel, Strauss, Liszt, and Saint-Saens.

Piano & Violin Concert • March 2nd

Dr. Irena Kofman (piano) and Junko Ohtsu (violin) are presenting a special program with music of Ravel, Milhaud and Gershwin to illustrate the time when an American abstract kinetic artist Alexander Calder was creating his compositions. The concert will take place on Sunday, March 2, at 3 pm, at the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach along with the jewelry exhibition of A. Calder. For more information call 561.832.5196

Piano & Strings Concert • March 30th

Irena Kofman (piano) and her Russian friends Alexander Zhuk (violin) and Ian Maksin (cello) are performing on Sunday, March 30th, 4 pm, St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Swinton Avenue in Delray Beach. A reception follows. For more information call 561. 278. 6003.

FOR SALE!

Yamaha Baby Grand Piano...
 Ebony, 5 ½ feet Yamaha Baby Grand
 Excellent condition
 Needlepoint bench
 Asking \$8000
 Call Peggy Keating 954-782-4117

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

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.*

BCMTA Member Betty Ann Faust has
 relocated to Jacksonville. Best Wishes!

member news

News from BCMTA Member, Gail Smith...
 FJH recently published a book of hymn
 arrangements combined with classical piano
 pieces called "Hymns and Classics" by Gail
 Smith. Also, the January issue of Clavier
 reprinted a palindrome composed by Gail and a
 short article about her compositions.
 (Palindromes are songs that can be played
 backwards as well as forwards and sound the
 same. They are wonderful practice tools for
 sightreading and musicianship!) Gail's
 collection of 50 published books can be found
 at her website GailSmithPianist.com. Gail will
 look forward to seeing local members at her
 booth at the National Conference in Denver!

Take a look at the [brand new website](http://www.BCMTA.org) 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 April newsletter is March 17th. Thank you!