

# BCMTA Newsletter

**February 2008/2009**

## Calendar of Events

- Feb 7-8, *FFMC Junior Festival*
- Feb 14-15, *FFMC Junior Festival*
- Feb 21, Postmark  
Deadline: *District VI Concerto Competition*
- Feb 28, *Pompano Beach Piano Competition*
- Mar 1, Postmark  
Deadline: *Student Day Performance Evaluations*
- Mar 6, *General Meeting*, Barbara Kaskinen
- Mar 21, *District VI Concerto Competition*
- Mar 28-Apr 1: *MTNA National Conference*
- Mar 28, *Piano Pedagogy Workshop*: FAU

## Newsletter

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## Broward County Music Teachers Association

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

By now, Musicthon is behind us and we are looking forward to a host of evaluative and competitive events for our students. Without Musicthon, these events would not be possible. Nor would our wonderful programs that we hold throughout the year.

For those teachers who participated, **Thank you!** For those who did not, please consider participating next year. It is fun for the students and gets them actively involved in helping an organization that is all about helping them.

I would like to thank *Danny's Pianos* for the generous gift of the use of a fine instrument for the event. I would also like to thank Joanna Marie from *WXEL*, who had us on her radio program, *Classical Variations*, to promote Musicthon, as well as Melissa Milroy of the Galleria Mall, for allowing us to move to a spot with more exposure.

## President's Message

A special thank you to Barbara Muze, our publicity chairman, for all the media attention that came through *Channel 10*, the *Sun Sentinel*, and the *Miami Herald*. Several people approached us at the mall, saying they had heard about the event through newspaper and television.

Please read through this newsletter and mark any important dates and deadlines on your calendars. Happy February!

Musically Yours,

Mary Beth Purchase



## • March 6<sup>th</sup> •

**Barbara Kaskinen**

presents

***Beginning Technology & Composition***

***Program will take place at the home of Mary Beth Purchase.***

***Please RSVP in advance to [missnancypiano@aol.com](mailto:missnancypiano@aol.com).***

***RSVP by Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>***

***Detailed program info on Page 4.***

## ATTENTION BCMTA MEMBERS:

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Please contact BCMTA President, Mary Beth Purchase, if you would like to join a committee or serve on the board!



## District VI Concerto Competition

March 21, 2009

*Rosalie Gregory, Competition Chair*

**Postmark Deadline: February 21, 2009**

(No late applications will be accepted.)

Applications will close at 25 piano contestants (limit 4 students per teacher). Applications can be downloaded from [www.fmta.org](http://www.fmta.org) under Student Activities, then FSMTA competitive events.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER...**

No student or parent may make any contact (i.e. phone, email) with the event chair. All contact must be between the teacher and Rosalie Gregory at (954) 346-5073 or [ragregory1027@hotmail.com](mailto:ragregory1027@hotmail.com). Thank you!

Please mail completed application with fees to:

Rosalie Gregory  
1455 Lakeview Circle  
Coral Springs, FL 33071

**Musicthon funds raised as of 2/1/09 totaled \$8,393.50!! More details including winner & participant list in the March newsletter...**

## Teacher & Studio News

**BCMTA Audio & Visual Music Library...** Please remember the BCMTA Music Librarian, Karola Zehme, can lend valuable resources such as books, DVDs, videos, CDs, etc. from our music library. If there are items you would like to see added to our collection or if you have items to donate to this growing collection, please contact Karole Zehme at 954-817-6128 or [uwezehme@mac.com](mailto:uwezehme@mac.com).

**Pedagogy Saturday Changes...** The remaining two Pedagogy Saturday dates have been changed to March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup>. Both master classes will take place at FAU's Boca Raton campus from 4:00-5:30pm. Please email Judith Burganger if you would like to bring a

student to play in a comfortable Masterclass situation.

**The Young Artist's Concerto Competition** winners performed with the Ars Flores Symphony Orchestra at Nova Southeastern University January 24<sup>th</sup>. *Esther-Umansky Roth*, pianist, a **student of Irena Kofman**, performed in Division I (high school). She played Greig's Piano Concerto in A minor.

*Julian Toha*, a college student of *Leonard Mastrogiacomo* at Florida State University performed in Division II (college). He played Barber's Piano Concerto. Toha was a **pre college student of Sue B. Colvert**.

### Robert McDonald, Pianist • Lynn Univ. • Feb 14<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday evening, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., Lynn University will present pianist Robert McDonald in recital at the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall on the Lynn campus in Boca Raton. McDonald was a gold medal winner at the Busoni International Competition & was recital partner to Isaac Stern. He will perform the Schubert Posthumous Sonata in A major & works by Nielsen, Debussy, Faure and Bach. On Sunday, February 15 at 10am

& 1pm, Mr. McDonald will present master classes in both solo repertoire & chamber music. McDonald serves on the faculties of The Juilliard School & The Curtis Institute of Music.

Admission to the master classes is free to the public & tickets to Mr. McDonald's recital are \$25 & are available by phone at 561-237-9000, via e-mail at [www.lynn.edu/tickets](http://www.lynn.edu/tickets) or at the door.

### Friends of Music Concert & Master Classes • Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>

Friends of Music presents its 2<sup>nd</sup> concert of the season on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009 at 7pm in the Coral Springs Charter School Auditorium. "Two Virtuosi" features Michael Barron, Piano, and James Houlik, Saxophone. These two virtuoso performers combine their talents for a spectacular musical experience.

Tickets may be purchased at the Center for the Arts Box Office (phone 954-344-5990). Tickets are \$25/adults, \$15/teachers & \$5/students. Teachers bringing 5 or more students are admitted FREE. Tickets will be available at the door. Email [finprof@bellsouth.net](mailto:finprof@bellsouth.net) to reserve at seat.

Teachers and students are invited to attend the master classes. Three to six students will be selected to perform in each class. Piano teachers should email [finprof@bellsouth.net](mailto:finprof@bellsouth.net) with the name of the intermediate/advanced student they wish to nominate, the piece title and playing time. Band teachers may nominate intermediate/advanced reed instrument students by submitting the name, instrument, piece title and playing time. Master classes will end by 5:30pm.

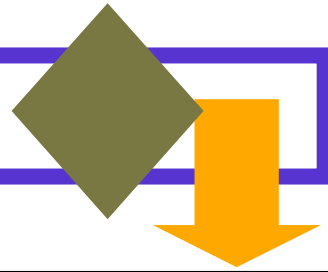
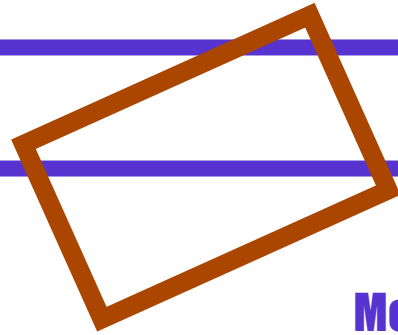
A reception with the artists will follow the concert. Be sure to join us for this exciting event!

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## Membership Update

*Welcome new members of BCMTA!*

**Dr. Jennifer Donelson**  
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*Student Day  
Performance  
Evaluations*

*•April 25 & 26•  
FAU's Boca  
Campus*

*Honors  
Recitals  
May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Please mark  
these new  
dates in your  
calendar!*

BCMTA  
**4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting & Program**  
**Beginning Technology & Composition**  
Presented by BCMTA Member  
**• Barbara Kaskinen •**  
**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Home of Mary Beth Purchase, Pompano Beach**

Barbara Kaskinen will present a program on the topic of inputting musical notation on the computer as well as an introduction to how she teaches beginning composition. She will talk about using a computer notation program and other creative ideas as tools for inspiration and motivation. We will then work with Finale, learning how to set up the layout of the composition, notation input, expression marks, and as many "extras" as we can cover during the session.

She will have handouts with beginning exercises and instructions

and teachers will be able to try the program on the computer a bit themselves. You will find out that the basics are very easy to do. We will not get into symphonic or other types of scores, but rather, work with simple piano scores.

Teachers will be able to download a free introductory finale program at home after finding out how to begin this most useful software for our current times. Then, later, some may decide to purchase the full software program. She hopes to get you excited about this, as it is such a useful addition to a studio.

### 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

**Friday  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10:00 AM**



**Please RSVP for this March 6<sup>th</sup> program by Friday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Upon RSVP directions to Mary Beth's home will be emailed to you.

To RSVP by email, please contact Nancy Kenney at [missnancypiano@aol.com](mailto:missnancypiano@aol.com).  
To RSVP by phone, please call Mary Beth Purchase at 954-684-5334.

Thank you.



Broward County Music  
Teachers Association

## For Sale

electric pianos. We are welcoming any **instrument donations**. Please contact Jamile Nogueira at (954) 480-6789 or e-mail [jami@usmusicmakers.com](mailto:jami@usmusicmakers.com).

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E-mail preferred

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See us at:

[www.BCMTA.org](http://www.BCMTA.org)

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### 2009 MTNA National Conference

March 28-April 1, 2009

Atlanta, Georgia • Westin Peachtree Plaza

*This marks MTNA's 123<sup>rd</sup> National Conference and will once again be the largest gathering of independent and collegiate music teachers in the country.*

To find out more about the conference or to register, visit <https://members.mtna.org/Conference2009/index.html>. A full schedule is now available. Remember the early registration deadline is February 16, 2009.

### Yearbook News...

#### 08/09 Yearbook

The 2008-09 yearbook is still available. If you have not received yours, send a check for \$2.50 to Barbara Schaap, 7024 NW 101 Ave. Tamarac, FL 33321 and she will mail you the current edition.

There is no charge to stop by her home in Tamarac and pick up your copy. Please call first - 954-597-1856.

Barbara Schaap  
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### Newsletter Editor...

#### Deadline: February 15, 2008

Please email or mail newsletter submissions to the editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for publication in the following month's issue.

Teacher news, event information, yearbook updates, student news, & advertisements are all welcome! *Advertising checks are payable to BCMTA & can be sent to Nancy Kenney.*

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A scholarship fund has begun in the memory of Dr. Hutcherson.

Please mail donations to BCMTA Treasurer, Annamarie Cockreham. Checks are payable to BCMTA.

*Thank you.*