

# **BCMTA Newsletter**

**Broward County Music Teachers Association** 

### **February 2012**

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February, 2012
Greetings and Happy 2012!

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I pray you are all off to a great start with your new year! Since our last newsletter, approximately 35 BCMTA members enjoyed a lovely evening of fun and fellowship at the beautiful home of our most gracious hosts, Dianne & Glen Garvin. (Please see attached Holiday Party photos) If you were unable to attend, please know that you were greatly missed! Perhaps you can join us next time?

Our annual Musicthon, "Kids Playing 4 Kids in Crisis," took place the weekend of January 27-29 and proved to be our most successful fundraiser to date! Mark Lesczcynski of The Piano Showcase provided a beautiful Schimmel grand piano for us. By all reports, participating studios had a



great experience! We would love to repeat this event next year with the new, improved location within the **Galleria Mall** and a continued partnership with **4KIDS of South Florida**. Please do your part and plan to participate next year!

My students all LOVE Musicthon! It is the only time they are allowed to play a performance wearing a t-shirt and jeans! (Musicthon t-shirts, of course) I am currently circulating the 4KIDS DVD entitled "Undercover Heroes: The Untold Story of the New American Orphan" through my studio to better connect students with the cause that they are supporting. The DVD can be obtained from the <a href="www.4KIDSofsfl.org">www.4KIDSofsfl.org</a> website. (see attached Musicthon tally report)

Thank you to those teachers (including several "first-timers") who contributed your time and talented students. A thousand thanks to our Musicthon committee members: Wanda Wiranis, Annamarie Cockreham, Sue Colvert, Mary Beth Purchase, Barbara Muze, and Marie Budinsky-Maher for all of your hard work to make this such a successful event. Also, a special thank you to the Galleria Mall staff, Dillard's, Kay Jeweler's, Mark Lesczcynski from Piano Showcase, and Janet Negron from 4 Kids of S. Florida.

RE: The BCMTA Convalescent Home Initiative:

Our first keyboard donation is about to take place on March 4<sup>th</sup>. We are donating the Yamaha DGX 640 to Grand Court Village in Pompano Beach. The Activities Director is excited to thereafter include monthly performances by piano students on her planning calendar. **The Palm-Aire Friends of the Arts** will be given a plaque in honor of their generous donation to kick off our initiative. That leaves the question.....WHO WILL BE NEXT? We need another BCMTA studio to come forward to "adopt a nursing home" near you. Please contact me for details.

Our next General Meeting/ Program will take place on **Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM**. (see details below) Come and help me celebrate my birthday at Gail Smith's remarkable home as we focus on the Art of Composing! I like to call Gail's home "Piano Heaven" as she has collected over 150 pianos! Gail will be sharing the "Ten Commandments of Composition" created by Amy Beach along with highlighting her own publication entitled "The Art of Composing." Hope to see you there!

Enthusiastically yours, Sheri Garlock BCMTA President



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# BCMTA NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 11 Home of Gail Smith – 2041 NE 54th Court Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

(On the corner of 54th Court and 54th Street - No parking on the grass please) 3:00 p.m.

#### "AMY BEACH'S ADVICE to COMPOSERS"

This workshop singles out twelve ways to compose from Gail's book, "The Art of Composing". The ideas presented are a treasure chest of ideas for anyone interested in composing.

Simple ways will be shown to spark the creative process such as taking the musical letters in your name to form a melody. Examples of works by great composers will be explored for clues as to what made their music timeless. Tips from great composers will be given along with Amy Beach's "Ten Commandments for Composers". Gail will play her newest Palindrome, "STATS" and her reversible piano solo, "WOW MOM.

#### **GAIL SMITH**

Gail Smith is a published author, composer and recording artist. She graduated with a Bachelor in Fine Arts degree from Florida Atlantic University and studied with Alice Parker at Westminster Choir College. Gail has done extensive research on women composers at the Library of Congress, The MacDowell Colony and at the Mendelssohn Archives in Berlin. She has given workshops on improvisation and concerts in almost every state and in Canada, Germany, Sweden and Japan. To celebrate the 150th birthday of Teresa Carreno, Gail gave a concert of Carreno's music at the Venezuela Embassy in D.C. Gail portrays Fanny Mendelssohn and Anna Magdalena Bach in concerts as well as performing her own works in recitals. She was the accompanist for Daniel Rodriguez, "The Singing Policeman of 9/11" in his recent "Tour across America"

Gail is a member of ASCAP, MTNA, The Federation of Music clubs, and was music chairman for the National League of American Pen Women. She has taught students from the age of 3 to 99. Her blind student, Ivan, was seen on national TV "That's Incredible" several years ago. Gail has arranged hundreds of hymn arrangements in books published by FJH, Lillenas and Mel Bay Publications. Her landmark book, "The Complete Book of Improvisation, Chord Progressions & Fills" is used in many colleges. Dozens of other books include: Four Centuries of Women Composers, The Complete Book of Exercises, Chords Made Easy, Scales Made Easy, Classics Made Easy, The Complete Book of Modulations, Celebrate the Piano Series, Great Literature for Piano Series, "Piano for Seniors" and "Palindromes". Many articles written by Gail have appeared in Clavier and other magazines. She lectures on "Music Matters" and has been the keynote speaker at many state conventions as well as giving showcases of her music at numerous national conventions.

Gail's enthusiasm for music, teaching and researching is contagious. She states, "There are 479 Million and one thousand six hundred different ways to play 12 notes without repeating even one". Whether she is teaching, composing, or performing, Gail enjoys sharing her passion for music.

# **Holiday Party December 2011**





# MUSICTHON 2012 A Rousing Success!

# "Kids Playing 4KIDS in Crisis" Galleria Mall Fort Lauderdale



The top studio was Sheri Garlock with \$1,942.00!
The top three students:
Meagan Bentley \$635.00 - B.Kaskinen studio
Annonymous \$500.00 - S. Garlock studio
Christopher Martinez \$370.00 - G.Smith studio

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TEACHER	AMOUNT	STUDENTS
Annamarie Cockreham	\$949.75	25
Sue Colvert	\$555.00	23
Susan Dodd	\$467.00	10
Susan Ferguson	\$150.00	7
Eusebia Fuenzalida	\$805.00	31
Peggy Gallagher	\$235.00	3
Sheri Garlock	\$1,942.00	15
Dianne Garvin	\$530.00	7
Sandra Greenland	\$545.00	10
Joanna Greenspan	\$140.00	9
Rosalie Gregory	\$354.00	18
Judy Herman	\$365.00	11
Barbara Kaskinen	\$1,208.00	18
Irena Kofman	\$870.00	15
Neil MacLaren	\$95.00	4
Larry Minsky	\$35.00	1
Barbara Muze	\$90.00	4
Mary Beth Purchase	\$1,254.00	34
Esther Richman	\$145.00	7
Barbara Schaap	\$462.00	18
Doris Schneider	\$310.00	15
Gail Smith	\$750.00	8
Edith Sorin	\$385.00	5
Leana Strouse	\$435.00	11
Wanda Wiranis	\$450.00	23
TOTAL	\$13,526.75	332



# **Scholarship Auditions**

The Music Club of Hollywood Florida will be holding Scholarship auditions on April 14, 2012 at The Piano Music Center in Pembroke Park, Florida. Information and application files are downloadable at <a href="https://www.musicclubofhollywoodflorida.org">www.musicclubofhollywoodflorida.org</a> under "Scholarship Students" There are both Collegiate awards and High School Summer Grants. Please forward this information to qualified students and assist them with the application if necessary. The information files explain everything in detail. However, please note that there is a screening process through submission of audio or video recordings (or links to streaming or downloadable internet files) submitted with the application.

Last year 11 Summer studies grants were awarded and they hope to offer at least that number for 2012. There will also be several college awards. Please encourage your most advanced students to apply. Preparing for the event and performing can be a valuable and enjoyable experience. The winners receive significant financial support as well.

# The Miami Dade High School Piano Competition

Click on the link to see the webpage. The rules and registration forms are all online. <a href="http://www.mdc.edu/kendall/mtd/News5">http://www.mdc.edu/kendall/mtd/News5</a> main.asp

Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Professor Wayne Bumpers, Keyboard Area Coordinator Music, Theater and Dance Department Miami Dade College Kendall Campus 11011 SW 104th Street Miami, Florida 33176 305-237-2392

# Friends of Music in Coral Springs

We all know and love the musicmaking of Ed and Anne Louise-Turgeon. They will be giving a concert sponsored by Friends of Music in Coral Springs on Saturday, March 3, 7:30 p.m., in Studios A & B of the Coral Springs Center for the Arts, 2855 Coral Springs Drive (just west of Sample Road). Please plan to come out to support them, and bring/send your students. Tickets for teachers and parents of students attending are only \$10; \$5 for students; \$20 for other adults. Call Sandra Greenland, 954-752-0653, for tickets or information.

We look forward to solo and duet repertoire from this exciting husband/wife team. Critics have described them as playing with "hypnotic intensity," "brilliant pianism," and "painting richly colored pictures in sound." Check out their website: <a href="https://www.duoturgeon.com">www.duoturgeon.com</a>



# Studio News

The MTNA Florida State Junior Performance Competition took place in November. There were 9 students from the state of Florida competing in the piano event. Three students placed: Sophia Wang won first place, Nadia Azzi (District 9) was named alternate, and Matthew Reichenberger received honorable mention. Sophia and Matthew are both students of Maria Gomez.

#### STUDENT DAY THEORY WINNERS

Written Theory Prize (Level 12) Kerstin Yu (Gomez) Aural Theory Prize (Level 12) Teddy Li, Emily Chan (Gomez) Aural and Written Theory Prizes (Level 12) Jessica Tantivit (Herrero)

Kerstin Yu won the Alhambra Community Orchestra concerto competition, and will be playing with the Orchestra on Sunday, May 14 at 7 PM at Ransom-Everglades, 3575 Main Highway in Coconut Grove.

Jonathan and Matthew Reichenberger participated in the American Association for the Development of the Gifted and Talented's 2012 International Young Musicians Festival. Participants auditioned in person or by DVD in January. First and second place winners have been invited to play at Carnegie Hall. Jonathan was the first place winner in his age category (11-14), and will play in the recital at Weill Recital Hall on Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 PM. Matthew won third prize/honorable mention in the same category, and will be invited to play at another concert venue in the New York metropolitan area.

Michael Lubben, student of Leana Strouse, will be performing "Rhapsody in Blue" by Gershwin with the Coral Springs Pops Orchestra. The Concert will be held at the Coral Springs Center for the Arts 2855 Coral Springs Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065, 954-344-5990 on Sunday, March 11th at 2:00p.m.

## Reminder

### Deadline for Concerto Competition is FEBRUARY 24, 2012.

Application and information may be found on www.fmta.org, please include fee of \$45. Please note dates of State Competitions which winners will be also performing.

Please send to Carmen Cuenca, 8810 SW 17 Street, Miami, FL 33165.

Competition will be held at Broward College (Central) on Saturday, March 24, 2012. Times for performances will be given to teachers after registration.

Results will be given at the end of each section. Teachers please take results with you at that time, if you cannot be there, please send me a note as to whom will be collecting results for you.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 305-554-8744. Thank you. Musically Yours, Carmen

Pompano Piano Competition takes place on Saturday, February 25th culminating in the Winner's Concert that evening at 7:00PM at the Pompano Civic Center.



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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.
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Sue Bentley Colvert has been selected by the FSMTA Executive Board to be the FSMTA Florida Fellow for 2012. As such she will be officially honored during the banquet at the upcoming MTNA Conference in New York. The MTNA Foundation Fellow program provides a meaningful way to recognize the work and achievement of member individuals while helping to support the varied MTNA programs that foster music and music education. Sue Colvert has given many years of tremendous service to FSMTA in many ways. This service includes teaching, adjudication, and acting as a clinician and speaker in district and state forums and workshops; she has also served FSMTA in multiple leadership capacities that have included local, district, and state President. These are positive proof of her passion for music and worthiness for this award.

# 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). Announcements will then be distributed by E-mail Correspondent, Carolyn Morgan.

#### **GO GREEN!**

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# **Trinity Lutheran Church**

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# All Chopin Concert

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Iris van Eck, cellist and Misha Dacić, pianist

# PROGRAM

Sonata for Cello and Piano in g minor, Op. 65
Prelude op. 28 no. 4
Nocturne op 55 no 1
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Grand duo concertante
Etude op 25 no 7
Mazurka op. 33 no. 3
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Introduction and Polonaise in C major, Op. 3





It is a great honor to present these two musicians who are favorites in the South Florida area and abroad.

#### Suggested Donation: \$10.00

Proceeds from this concert benefit Trinity Concert Series For more information about the Trinity Concert Series, call 954-987-5481

"Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same."

# Once again, the Miami International Piano Festival is pleased to offer \$5 tickets to members of the Broward County Music Teachers Association and their students/parents.

Please share the information below with your studios.

To reserve \$5 tickets, interested teachers and parents must send their requests VIA E-MAIL to Barbara Muze - bmuze@bellsouth.net

Once your reservation is confirmed, tickets can then be purchased at the Broward Center Box Office the day of the concert.

SEATING IS LIMITED - Please place reservations no later than March 1st



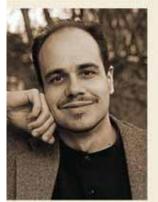
#### Sunday, March 4 3:00 pm & 8:00 pm JORGE LUIS PRATS (CUBA)

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#### Monday, March 5 8:00 pm CLAUDIO MARTINEZ MEHNER (SPAIN)

A deep thinking artist, Spanish pianist Claudio Martinez Mehner explores the contrasting styles and compositions of three genius composers.

BACH Partita No. 4 in D Major LIGETTI 5 Etudes SCHUBERT Sonata in A Major, d. 959



#### Tuesday, March 6 8:00 pm STEVEN OSBORNE (SCOTLAND)

One of Britain's foremost musicians, Steven Osborne makes a triumphant return to South Florida with a program that reveals his true virtuosity. His idiomatic approach to a wide variety of repertoire and his power of communication leave audiences spellbound. BEETHOVEN Moonlight Sonata RAVEL Gaspard de la nuit PROKOFIEV Visions fugitives RACHMANINOV Piano Sonata No. 2

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