

President's Message

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I trust you have had a restful and blessed Holiday Season. If you missed our Holiday Party, you missed a great time of fun, foolishness and fellowship. I won the second best prize in the gift game! I would like to thank Barbara and Phil Schaap for their tireless efforts that paid off in a wonderful party that will be remembered for a long time! Thank you also to Mary and Neil MacLaren for their help as well.

The next big event on our calendar is the 3rd General

Meeting, held at the Steinway Gallery in Boca Raton, featuring Barry Weinberg. Please don't miss it!

Following that is our annual fundraiser, Musicthon at the Galleria Mall. This is a wonderful opportunity for BCMTA to show our compassion for teachers and students who have undergone a life-changing catastrophe. We are so fortunate and yet realize that a turn in the weather could have a similar effect on our little area of Florida. See this newsletter for all the details.

As we begin a new year, please take time to reflect on all the learning experiences of 2007. Together, we can make a difference for 2008!

Musically yours,
Mary Beth Purchase



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.

7940 N. Federal Hwy, Boca Raton
561.982.8887

Musicthon!

T-Shirt sizes are past due to Jan Kravets! See Page 4 for details!

Musicthon
Galleria Mall
Sunrise

Jan 26-27, 2008



• *Calendar* •

January 4

3rd General Meeting
Barry Weinberg, Speaker

January 17

Postmark Deadline
Pompano Beach Piano
Competition

January 26

Pedagogy Workshop (FAU)
Dr. Judith Burganger

January 26-27

Musicthon (Galleria Mall)

February 2-3, 9-10

Federation Junior Festival

February 23

Pompano Beach Piano
Competition

March 7

4th General Meeting
Presentation: Teacher
Panel on Studio Business



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, Jan 26th

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

fingerings, 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.

Only 2 more sessions this season!

Jan 26th • Mar 22nd

Student Day Report

281 students took written and aural theory exams during Student Day, which took place on November 17. In general, the grades were better than ever this year. The aural theory prize will be shared among 4 level 12 students: Robert Toha (student of Sue Colvert), Catherine Chang, Daniel Chiang and Gabrielle Chou (students of Maria Gomez). The written theory prize will be shared by Robert Toha and Gabrielle Chou.

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.

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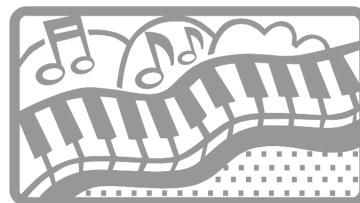
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Local Events

No one wants to play?

As of this date only 2 candidates have emerged who want to play either the Mendelssohn E minor Violin Concerto or the G Minor Piano Concerto with my orchestra in 2009. I have reserved the Steinway Gallery for Saturday February 9, 9:30 to 5, and would like to schedule the moments of performance for the contestants.

I would like to make it as convenient for travelers, accompanists-collaborators, students, et al and begin handing

out time assignments so anyone coming may be prepared. For instance, if the same collaborator is playing the violin concerto with one and a piano concerto with another I'll group them accordingly. The same with teachers who might want their students grouped. Please get me names, addresses, teachers and collaborators as soon as possible.

Thank you, one and all.
Barry Volkman

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 Mayeo, 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.

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: fmta.org.

*Florida Atlantic University Chamber Soloists present
"Enchanting World of Russian Romance"*

*Glinka, Rubinstein, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Tchaikovsky,
Rachmaninoff.*

*Natalya Kraevsky, soprano
Leonid Treer, piano*

*Saturday, January 19, 3 PM, FAU Davie Auditorium
Sunday, January 20, 3 PM, Boca Raton, U Theatre*

Information: 561.297.2977

**MUSICTHON
REMINDER!!!!**

**PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR T-SHIRT
SIZES TO JAN KRAVETS AT
JANCLAUDIA@AOL.COM
BY JANUARY 1ST!**

**INCLUDE SIZES FOR EACH
PARTICIPING STUDENT
AND
ONE SIZE FOR THE COMPLIMENTARY
TEACHER T-SHIRT.***

***T-SHIRTS WILL BE PRE-PACKAGED FOR
PICK-UP AT MUSICTHON. NO SIZE
CHANGES WILL BE POSSIBLE AT THE EVENT.**

THANK YOU!!!

**JAN KRAVETS
WANDA WIRANIS**

**If you do not have
email, an updated
Musicthon Pledge Sheet
& Letter is included
with your newsletter.
Thank you!**



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

Take a look at the brand new website 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.

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

The Deadline for the February/March newsletter is February 5th.

Thank you!