

President's Message

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As we enter the beautiful month of May, I want to wish all of you a smooth transition into summer! We are looking forward to our end of the year brunch at the newly renovated home of Dr. Dianne Garvin. See elsewhere in the newsletter for specific details regarding the time and date. Please make plans to attend this final event for our 2007-2008 season. We are pleased to announce a short concert by the 2005 MTNA STAR Award recipient, Otto Garcia. He has

just returned from studying abroad and will be playing a short program of music by Rachmaninoff. Please come out to support this rising 'STAR'.

As I conclude this newsletter, I would like to take the time to thank all of our program presenters and panelists for 2007-2008. We are looking forward to next season with several programs already in place. We will be adding to the number of programs, which usually number 4 per year. We are asking each of you to set aside the first Friday

of each month (with the exception of November and February) so that you can attend. I hope you will be entertained, enlightened and encouraged in your teaching and performing. I hope to see each of you at Dr. Garvin's on the 16th of May.

Musically yours,

Mary Beth Purchase



End of Year Brunch

Friday, May 16th
10:30 AM

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Performance
by BCMTA Member
Otto Garcia

Location:
Home of Dr. Dianne Garvin
2600 NE 37th Drive
Ft. Lauderdale 33308
(see page 2 for directions)

954.561.3046
derbyrock@aol.com

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Home of Dianne Garvin

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June 1

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Student Day Report • 07/08

Congratulations to Teachers and Students!

➤ Total number of students enrolled	311
➤ Certificate of Achievement	230
➤ Certificate of Theory	9
➤ Certificate of Performance	1
➤ Certificate of Progress (FSMTA)	12
➤ No Shows/Withdrawal	32

Composition Contest

Barbara Kaskinen, Chair

Postmark Deadline:
May 15th

REMINDER from Barbara Kaskinen:
Please keep in mind that the deadline for the composition contest postmark is May 15th. It would be great to have more students participating, so please encourage any young composers you might have. Please include the student's birthday on the application.

Remember, there is a free Finale music software notation program available to download at www.finale.com. It is called "Notepad" and will do most things that you would need for writing out a professional version of a piece of music.

Also, the music can be written on staff paper by hand. Feel free to contact me if you have any problems with finale (email is best: neniksa@aol.com).

Messingschlager Competition

Rosalie Gregory, Chair

Postmark Deadline:
May 1st

Postmark deadline for the Messingschlager competition is May 1st - FIRM. You may request applications from Rosalie Gregory (954) 346-5073 or by e-mail ragregory1027@hotmail.com, or you may use the form on page E-18 in the current BCMTA yearbook.

Teachers who did not participate in the 2008 Musicthon must send check of \$50 contribution to BCMTA along with the completed application.

Please contact
Barbara Kaskinen
when you send your
application, so she
can confirm she has
received it.
neniksa@aol.com
954.973.3423

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Bob Beals

**End of Year Brunch, May 16th
Performer • Otto Garcia**

Please join your colleagues in the BCMTA for a brunch to celebrate the end of the 2007-2008 year. The brunch will take place at Dianne Garvin's home in Ft. Lauderdale. Directions are to the right. Please join us beginning at 10:30AM. New member Otto Garcia will give a short performance. We look forward to seeing you there!



Otto Garcia graduated from Florida Atlantic University in 2006 with a Bachelor in Piano Performance as well as Bachelor of Arts in music. During his time there he studied mainly with Professor Leonid Treer. Otto was the recipient of the STAR award in 2005.

He is currently doing independent studies and most notably working under the guidance of Maestro Jorge Luis Prats.

Directions

Home of Dr. Dianne Garvin

2600 NE 37th Drive
Ft. Lauderdale 33308
954.561.3046
derbyrock@aol.com

From I-95 North:

- Exit Commercial Blvd East.
- Turn right onto Federal Hwy/US-1.
- Make a U-turn at NE 37th Street back onto Federal Hwy/US-1.
- Turn right onto NE 37th Drive.

From I-95 South:

- Exit Oakland Park Blvd East.
- Turn left onto Federal Hwy/US-1.
- Turn right onto NE 37th Drive.

Survey Results from Studio Business Meeting

Thank you to the volunteer members of our Studio Business Panel at the March General Meeting: Barry Weinberg, Neil MacLaren, Sheri Garlock, and Sue Colvert.

In addition to the panel discussion a survey of studio teaching fees was taken from all members in attendance. The results are below:

	<u>Average</u>	<u>Range</u>
60-minute Private lesson	\$53	\$36-80
45-minute Private lesson	\$41	\$22-60
30-minute Private lesson	\$28	\$20-40



• **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: fmta.org.

Conference Program

BCMTA Members **Sandra Greenland & Peggy Gallagher** will present a special workshop at the 2008 June State Conference on "Preparing Students for Student Day."

This will be a great opportunity for teachers who have not started students in the program as well as those of us who regularly enter students to be energized! The workshop is tentatively scheduled for the morning of the 1st full day of the conference, Thursday, June 19, 2008.

Registration, hotel information and schedules (as they become available) are all on the website www.fmta.org.

BCMTA WEBSITE

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!

Studio information and teacher information is now available online. In addition, the calendar is current and event information is available.

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.

Summer Finale Class

Offered by BCMTA Member,
Barbara Kaskinen
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Dear Members,

I am considering possibly offering a finale class for teachers at my home during the summer. I think if we met about 8 times, for an hour at a time, everyone could become very proficient. You could start off with the free notepad and I could order those. I think if we met in a group of about 4 teachers at a time (I have 2 computers) and if I could charge for that hour about what an hour of lessons would be, divided up by the 4 people, it could be a possibility.

I don't see BCC offering such a course in the near future. I have been teaching this at Palm Beach Atlantic for many semesters, so have some good lesson plans, etc. So, let's say, everyone committed to 8 one-hour sessions, with 4 to a group at \$15 each times 8 -- "tuition" would be \$120 for the training. Remember, you wouldn't have to purchase the software, just use the free notepad, then later decide which level, if any, you might want to buy. (Let me know if my math is incorrect, please!)

If there's no interest, that's fine, too, I just wanted to make this offer over the summer when my commute isn't on.

If it met, I'd say late mornings or early afternoons but am open to any and all suggestions.

Many thanks --
Barbara K.



FSMTA Conference

• First Ever Summer Conference •

June 18-21, 2008
Gainesville, Florida

It's time to make reservations for the first ever June State Conference in Gainesville! Download a reservation form at www.fmta.org under "Quicklinks." Detailed hotel information is below.

*2008 Conference Artist:
Joseph Banowetz*

*2008 Commissioned Composer:
Dr. Gary Smart*

Paramount Plaza Hotel
& Conference Center
2900 Southwest 13th Street,
Gainesville, FL 32608
1-877-992-9229
352-377-4000

*Rates for June 18-21
Double or King Room \$92*

****Reserve before May 25 for FSMTA special rate*

Watch for more information to be posted online soon regarding meetings, workshops, concerts and showcase scheduling as well as some information in the next issue of the *Florida State Music Teacher* magazine.

***The conference is a great time of information, encouragement, and fellowship. Teachers who are concerned about the cost of attending, can carpool, share hotel rooms, etc. to save money.

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 at a rate of \$15 per issue.**

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\$10 each

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Wanda Wiranis
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Mary Beth Purchase
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 954.684.5334

member news

Leonid Treer was the guest speaker, clinician and master teacher for District V of FSMTA one-day conference on March 1, 2008 at the University of Central Florida.

Lola Gonzalez is very proud to announce that her son **Dr. Gonzalo L. Gonzalez** has been appointed to make the music arrangements and conduct the orchestra for the songs that Dana Scallion will sing during the Concert of Hope at the Yankee Stadium in NYC, on Sunday April 20th. The event will celebrate the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to our country.

The Concert of Hope, prior to the Mass, will be attended by more than 50,000 people and transmitted by TV to multiple countries for an audience of millions worldwide. This Concert before the Mass, will feature performances by Dana, Harry Connick Jr. and Il Divo.

Other achievements of Gonzalo during 2008 had been to compose the music score of a film named "Milia" and several compositions published.

Please update your yearbook ...

Sheri Garlock's new info...
 6710 NW 26th Way
 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309
 New phone: 954.933.1234

Same email: missheri@comcast.net

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Email: missnancypiano@aol.com

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

The Deadline for the June newsletter is May 17th. Thank you!