

BCMTA Newsletter

Broward County Music Teachers Association

October 2008/2009

Calendar of Events

- Oct 3, Executive Board Meeting, 10 AM
- Oct 4, Piano Pedagogy Workshop, FAU
- Oct 19, 2nd General Mtg
Dr. Michael Baron:
Preparing Students for Competitions (lecture)
- Oct 20, Postmark
Deadline: Student Day Applications
- Oct 22-25, World Pedagogy Conference
- Oct 24, Pompano Beach Piano Competition Fundraiser
- Nov 7, 3rd General Meeting: Giselle Brodsky (Master class)
- Nov 15, Student Day Written & Aural Theory

Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It was wonderful to see so many attending our Open House a few weeks ago. The concert of winners was delightful and we all enjoyed the fellowship afterwards. It was the perfect beginning of a very active season. As we descend into the whirlwind of activity that is typical of the busy BCMTA teacher's school year, I just want to encourage you to take advantage of the high quality workshops and programs we have worked hard to bring to you. Some will take place on Sunday afternoons and others on Friday mornings. Please be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend.

By the time you receive this newsletter, Sue Colvert will have already given her workshop on "Preparing Students for FSMTA Student Day Evaluations." Then, on Sunday, October 19th at 3:00 PM, Dr. Michael Baron from the Bower School of Music at Florida Gulf Coast University will be bringing a program entitled "Preparing Students for Competitions". Dr. Baron's students have won competitions all over the United States and most recently, won the FSMTA Gray Perry Collegiate Award, as

President's Message

well as the Byrd Piano Ensemble Award.

On Friday, November 7th Giselle Brodsky will be bringing a Master Class on the Taubman approach. These programs will be followed by a time of light refreshment and fellowship.

Please be sure to check your handbook and calendars in regards to deadlines for entering students in various events, as the rules and deadlines for entry may have changed. Have a wonderful year!

Musically Yours,

Mary Beth Purchase
BCMTA President



2nd General Meeting: Dr. Michael Baron

Date: Sunday, October 19th

Time: 3:00 PM

Where: 1st Baptist Church,
Fellowship Hall

Address: 138 NE 1st Street, Pompano Beach 33060 (location of Open House – north side of Atlantic Blvd just east of Dixie Hwy)

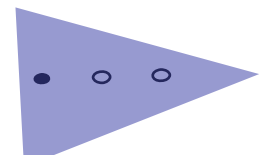
Program: "Preparing Students for Competitions" by Dr. Michael Baron from Florida Gulf Coast University

Please see full information about Dr. Michael Baron later in this newsletter.

Note from Nancy Kenney, Programs Chair...

An email will be sent the week of the program asking for an RSVP. RSVP is **not** necessary to attend, but will be appreciated to plan for the reception.

Thank you!



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**Greenspan & FSMTA President's
Community Service Award**
Joanna Greenspan-Medalie

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



• Open Board Positions •

Musicthon Co-Chair and Committee Members

Hospitality Chair & Committee Members

Contact Mary Beth Purchase (klassicallycool@bellsouth.net or 954.684.5334) or any executive board member for additional information. Thank you for your interest!

• Student Day News •

Saturday, November 15th

Please contact Maria Gomez for Student Day entrance materials if your address has changed or you have not previously entered students in this event.

If you participated in the Fall Theory Exams in 2007, you will receive entrance materials for this year. If your address has changed, please contact Maria Gomez ASAP.

**Applications will be due to Maria by the last week of October.
Thank you!**

Maria Gomez Phone: 954-370-7829 Email: gomezmi@bellsouth.net

Studio News

Gabrielle Chou, student of **Maria Gomez**, has recently returned from competing in the Chopin International Competition in Taiwan. She performed through the third round of competition and placed in the top eight out of 136 participants.

Gabrielle performed the first movement of the Chopin Concerto in F Minor with the competition orchestra in the National Concert Hall in Taipei.

Josh Kornreich, student of **Roxanne Stevenson**, has been accepted to Carnegie-Mellon University as a piano performance Major with a full scholarship. He will continue his studies with Sergey Schepkin. Josh is also a recipient of the

Morning Musicale of Ft. Lauderdale music scholarship.

Melissa Then, student of **Roxanne Stevenson**, will be attending Boston Conservatory as a voice and piano Major.

Robert Toha, a student of **Sue B. Colvert** for the past five years, was the second place winner in both the Pompano Beach Piano Competition and the Messingschlager Piano Competition. He has been accepted as a student of Yak Bjerken at Cornell University. Bjerken was a student and teaching assistant of Leon Fleisher at Peabody Conservatory of Music. Toha is majoring in mathematics but retains a strong interest in piano.

*Please submit
Studio News &
Teacher News
for the next
newsletter!*

Student Day Performance Evaluations

HAVE BEEN MOVED TO

• April 25 and 26 •

at FAU's Boca Campus

Honors Recitals will be May 9th and 10th

Please mark this change in your BCMTA Yearbook

Teacher News

October Concerts at FAU *Look for BCMTA Members!*

Oct 12, 3:00 PM – University Theatre
FAU Symphony Orchestra
Laura Joella, conductor
Leonid Treer, piano

October 18, 3:00 PM – University Theatre
FAU Chamber Soloists
Leonid Treer, artistic director
Indian Classical Music

October 18, 7:30 PM – University Theatre
FAU Wind Ensemble
Kyle Prescott, conductor

October 25, 7:30 PM – University Theatre
FAU Piano Faculty Recital
Judith Burganger, Heather Coltman, **Irena Kofman**, Krisztina Kover, Anne Louise-Turgeon, David Rossow, **Leonid Treer**, Edward Turgeon

*For more information, please call
561.297.381 or email coltman@fau.edu.*

Program from the Chopin Foundation

Special Announcement!

The Role of the Urtext in Performance of Chopin's Works is the title of two seminars in which Editor of the National Edition, **Pawel Kaminski**, of the Warsaw Academy of Music, will conduct for the pianists and piano teachers of South Florida:

October 25, 7 PM at the Clarke Recital Hall, U. of M. Frost School of Music, Coral Gables

October 27, 5 PM at the Steinway Piano Gallery in Boca Raton

For more information call the Chopin Foundation at 305.868-0624 or send an email to info@chopin.org.

More information about this program will be emailed from BCMTA when it is received. Details on the new editions are in the Spring 2008 Polonaise Magazine.

Student Day Honors Recitals have been changed to May 9th (North) and May 10th (South)

Mark your calendars!



BCMTA
3rd General Meeting & Program
The Taubman Approach & Master Class
Presented by BCMTA Member,

• **Giselle Brodsky** •

Friday, November 7th
10:00 AM

St. Mary Magdalene Church, Coral Springs

Giselle Brodsky was born in La Paz, Bolivia where she got her early musical training.

She received her Bachelor and Masters Degree in Piano Performance from the Manhattan School of Music. Having trained extensively in the Taubman Approach to piano technique since 1972, Mrs. Brodsky is part of the faculty of the Golandsky Institute and has been a representative of the Taubman Approach in South Florida, since 1989.

Mrs. Brodsky is the founder, director and chief artistic advisor of **Patrons of Exceptional Artists, Inc.** a foundation dedicated to the support of exceptionally gifted performing artists. She is also the co-founder and artistic director of the **Miami International Piano Festival**, where she oversees all music events.

Her track record for finding and presenting exceptional artists has been

impressive and she is widely recognized as an authority figure in the field of classical musical. She has been featured in publications such as the New York Times, Piano Today, International Piano Magazine, the Miami Herald, and Steinway Magazine.

Mrs. Brodsky is committed to the promotion of classical music and oversees the educational activities of the Festival. She has pioneered the "Prodigies and Masters of Tomorrow" series as part of the Festival which has resulted in the production of a documentary that was aired on PBS television. This forward-thinking program has reached hundreds of school children through collaborations with the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

Mrs. Brodsky is a much sought after piano teacher and is a member of the MTNA and BCMTA. She also organizes workshops on the Taubman Approach at universities in South Florida.

2nd General Meeting

Sunday
October 19th
3:00 PM



Membership Update

Please add the following new or reinstated members to your yearbook.

Cynthia G. Hesse, Piano
540 SW 62nd Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33317
Phone: 954-791-8349

Vera Lendvay, Piano
2485 N. Park Road
Hollywood, FL 33021
Phone: 954-987-6141

Serena Ferraguti, Piano
1700 NE 59th Court
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33334
Phone: 954-267-0952
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2008/2009 Pedagogy Saturday Dates

October 4th November 22nd

Please join Dr. Judith Burganger at FAU's Boca Raton campus for the 08/09 pedagogy workshops. Teachers and their students are welcome. Contact Dr.

Burganger with any questions regarding the program: Email: burgang@fau.edu or jburganger@comcast.net. Phone: 561.297.3329 (w) or 561.487.9539 (h).

Please
volunteer to
help with
BCMTA Events!



First Annual Florida Gulf Coast University Bower School of Music Steinway Piano Competition

First Prize: \$1500
And Full Tuition
Scholarship to the
Bower School of
Music

Second Prize: \$750
And Scholarship to the
Bower School of Music

Honorable Mention:
Scholarships to the
Bower School of Music

Eligibility: Graduating seniors from an accredited high school. Undergraduate transfer students are also eligible. Students awarded scholarships must meet enrollment criteria at Florida Gulf Coast University; however, students do not need to enroll at FGCU to claim cash prizes.

Repertoire: A CD or DVD consisting of three compositions of the contestant's choosing representing three different historical periods. Solo works only.

Preliminary Round: Submission of recording postmarked by November 1, 2008

Final Round: December 6, 2008. Live competition at Florida Gulf Coast University performed on a Steinway Concert D piano.

For more information, please contact
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Fort Myers, FL 33965-6565
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For application and competition details: www.steinwaypianogallery.net/fgcu.html

NEW Musicthon Chair & Committee Members Needed!!!

Please remember that our annual fundraiser, Musicthon, supports each event whether in part or full. Contact any member of the BCMTA Board to volunteer your time to Musicthon.

BCMTA is actively looking for a new Musicthon Chair and additional

committee members. The help of every member is necessary for this annual event to ensure its continued success!

Musicthon is held annually in January.

Jan 23-25, 2009

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See us at:
www.BCMTA.org

***Early Childhood Classes &
Teaching Space for Rent***

Jamile Nogueira is offering a Babies & Toddlers Music Makers program and Little Mozarts group lesson's piano program for ages 4-6 y. old starting in October 2008 at 704, E. Atlantic Blvd. Pompano Beach, 33060.

This **music space** is now available on Wed., Thu. & Sat. for a very reasonable fee for all professional musicians interested **renting a studio** size room or a classroom **for teaching** his/her lessons. For now, we will be having electric pianos. We are welcoming any **instrument donations**. Please contact Jamile Nogueira at (954) 480-6789 or e-mail jami@usmusicmakers.com.

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*As of September 1, 2008,
BCMTA Member advertising
will be \$15 for 3 issues.*

*Non-member advertising is
welcome at a rate of \$25 for 3
issues.*

Yearbook News...

08/09 Yearbook Available

The 2008-09 yearbook is ready. 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.

You can stop by her home in Tamarac and pick up your copy (no charge) but call first - 954-597-1856.

Barbara Schaap
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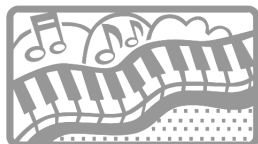
Newsletter Editor...

Deadline: October 15, 2008

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

Teacher news, event information, yearbook updates, student news, and advertisements are all welcome! Advertising checks are payable to BCMTA & can be sent to the editor.

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