



# BCMTA Newsletter

## Broward County Music Teachers Association

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## President's Message

Greetings!

Shadows are lengthening as breezes blow in a bit of cooler weather indicating another Fall season has come around once again. I love this time of year! Excitement is building as the FSMTA Conference "Music Unites Us" is only days away. I am looking forward to immersing myself in beautiful performances, stimulating workshops, and reconnecting with friends/ colleagues from all over the state. I hope to make a new friend or two along the way as well.

Every day brings us new challenges in our profession. But, all it takes is to see a student have one of those "light bulb" moments when they finally understand a new concept or raise their playing to a new musical plateau, and I feel a renewed attitude of gratitude. These are the moments that keep me going through whatever frustrations may come along.

I would like to share an idea that has worked very well for me over the past several years. My studio takes a Summer Break for a couple of months. During that time, students are asked to choose and learn at least one brand new piece with no help from me. (along with keeping repertoire, technique, and sight reading going, of course!) It is their chance to apply all that they have learned over the year. This is their "Summer Project." Students also know that the piece they choose will be performed at our Fall recital.

When students return in August, they know that their first lesson will be on their Summer Project. They are given two chances to perform it with no correction and are graded on a scale of 1-10 on each of the following musical elements:

- |                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 1) Note accuracy   | 6) Memorization                                      |
| 2) Rhythm accuracy | 7) Pedaling  |
| 3) Dynamics        | 8) Fingering   |
| 4) Phrasing        | 9) Difficulty (appropriate challenge to their level) |
| 5) Balance         | 10) Stage Presence                                   |

The student with the highest score wins a prize and is allowed to close the Fall recital. I also recognize the 2nd and 3rd highest scores. Summer Project choices are indicated in the printed recital program with an asterisk.

I am always so excited and surprised to hear what the students come back with. It is their gift back to me. This year's Summer Project winner was Emma Duval who learned and memorized the first movement of the Mozart K. 545 Sonata! This piece was not something I would have chosen for her at this time, but I was so proud of her for reaching for a challenge. The goal is to have my students take ownership of all they are learning and to be able to think for themselves. It also shows me what they are and are not understanding about how to practice.

Please feel free to share YOUR teaching tips! There is always another perspective to share and be inspired by.

Enthusiastically yours,

Sheri Garlock



Sheri Garlock with graduating HS senior Nolan Bieck at 2012 Spring Recital. Nolan was a student for 9 yrs and is now attending Princeton.

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# 2012 FSMTA Conference

by Mary Beth Purchase, Conference Chair



The upcoming 2012 FSMTA Conference at the Deerfield Beach Hilton Hotel on November 1-4 will offer an exciting and musically rewarding weekend of concerts, workshops, showcases, publisher exhibits and gala entertainment in a luxurious hotel setting in

the heart of South Florida's Gold Coast. We will be doubly honored at this year's Conference. First, the President of MTNA, Dr. Benjamin Caton, will be attending our Conference and will be the Keynote Speaker at the Second General Session. Also, the Chopin Foundation of the United States is sponsoring the appearance of celebrated American pianist Agustin Anievas in a lecture recital, "The Genres of Chopin". Our Saturday evening concert artist presentation will have a new look and sound this year. That artist is the rising young cello virtuoso Jonah Kim, whom some critics are calling "the next Yo-Yo Ma." He will be playing the two



## JONAH KIM



Photo by Linda Kim

great cello sonatas of Grieg and Cesar Franck, Stravinsky's Suite from Pulcinella and Piazzola's Grand Tango. On Friday evening we will hear a concert of three extraordinarily talented young FSMTA students, the 2012 concerto winners. They are pianist Alice Yu, violinist Charles Glazer and baritone Parker Trefz. On the same evening, the 2012 Florida Young Artist Award will be presented to composer/pianist Andrew Boss who will also perform. Interest has been building for the premiere of the new work by the 2012 FSMTA Commissioned Composer, Baljinder Sekhon, at the First General Session. That work is a piece for flute, viola, piano and marimba, the first time, we believe, that an FSMTA commissioned work has used percussion in its instrumentation.

Among the workshop highlights are two lecture recitals, one on Ravel and one on overcoming a major handicap. Harold Brown, who studied for years with Ravel's last living pupil, Vlado Perlemuter, will demonstrate what he learned from Perlemuter about Ravel's teaching of his own compositions. Dotan Nitzberg, a young Israeli virtuoso, will describe what it was like growing up as an extremely gifted young pianist with Asperger's Syndrome. Among the pedagogical highlights will be Jennifer Donelson's

workshop on sight reading games for group lessons and Liana Valente's workshop on the importance of sight singing in the study of piano. Anna Fagan and Priscilla Hefffield will update us on all of the new and ingenious music apps that have come out in the past year (bring your iPhones, iPads and iTouch!). Several perennial favorites are back, including our third installment of Musical Crossfire, the pedagogical panel answering your questions on technique, perfect pitch, judges (good and bad), talent, solfege, etc., etc. Dr. Caton, MTNA's president, joins this year's distinguished panel. A new Jazz, Rags and Blues Festival is back, this year hosted by Paul Posnak, well-known pianist, arranger and jazz historian. And, of course, there will be a new slate of our own FSMTA teacher performers at the annual Independent and Collegiate Teachers Recital.

There will be important programs for our voice and string teacher colleagues including a joint FSMTA/NATS panel of voice educators, an FSMTA/ASTA panel of string educators, a Debussy art song recital presented by students from the voice studios of south Florida honoring the 150th anniversary of Debussy's birth, as well as string and vocal masterclasses on Sunday morning along with the traditional piano masterclass.



This year you will find a large and active Exhibit Hall featuring a retail music store and eight publishers, some well known, some new to many of us, displaying their latest publications. Clinicians from each of these publishers will present their new publications in Publisher Showcases scheduled regularly throughout the Conference.

In addition to all of the above, there will of course be gala entertainment starting off with the Friday evening Gala to support the FSMT Foundation. This year's festive gala will feature a fiesta-themed buffet and open bar complete with a Mariachi band held poolside at the Hilton. Enjoy this south of the border event while at the same time supporting the good work of the FSMT Foundation. A delicious Saturday evening banquet has been planned for you preceded by cocktails and music by a great jazz trio. Adding to the fun side of the Conference will be the traditional raffles and silent auction of valuable items as well as the Gold Coast Giveaway prizes from each of the publisher exhibitors held each day of the Conference.

We hope to see you there!  
Thank you!



## *2012 Conference Links*

### **FSMTA 2012 CONFERENCE Nov. 1-4, Deerfield Hilton Hotel**

AMAZING! A great conference just for Music Teachers right in our own backyard. Many of your colleagues have worked long and hard to create an event that will make District VI SHINE! Come for the weekend or come for a day; just come! Show your support for an organization that supports its members and be inspired for the rest of the year!



CLICK on the useful links below for quick reference:

Conference Hotel - The Hilton Deerfield Beach

<http://fmta.org/conference%20hotel.asp>

Program Highlights at the 2012 Conference

<http://fmta.org/Conference%20highlights.asp>

Conference Registration

[http://fmta.org/conference\\_registration.asp](http://fmta.org/conference_registration.asp)

Conference Schedule (Download PDF from this page)

<http://fmta.org/conference.asp>

# *Student Day*

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All teachers participating in Student Day this year can send forms and checks to Maria Gomez. If there are any changes from the list you previously sent to Dianne Garvin, please email Maria the changes at [gomezmi@bellsouth.net](mailto:gomezmi@bellsouth.net).

**The deadline has already passed, but due to the changes in submitting the entrant lists, if any of you still want to enter students, entrant forms postmarked **October 31** or before will be accepted. **Forms received after Friday, November 2 cannot be accepted.****

Please refer to the BCMTA Student Day web page for current Student Day information.

Please inform you students that the aural and written theory exams will take place at Broward College on Saturday, November 17. The Schedule is now posted on the website:

<http://bcmta.org/Student%20Day.html>

If you have any other questions, please call Maria at this number (cell): 954-881-3205.

## *Treasurer's Report*

### Income/Expense by Category - Q3 2012

7/1/2012 through 9/30/2012

| Category Description  | 7/1/2012-<br>7/31/2012 | 8/1/2012-<br>8/31/2012 | 9/1/2012-<br>9/30/2012 | OVERALL<br>TOTAL |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>         |                        |                        |                        |                  |
| Advertising           | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 75.00                  | 75.00            |
| Dues                  | 753.00                 | 135.00                 | 75.00                  | 963.00           |
| Interest Inc          | 0.26                   | 0.25                   | 0.17                   | 0.68             |
| FROM BCMTA Checking   | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 500.00                 | 500.00           |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>   | <b>753.26</b>          | <b>135.25</b>          | <b>650.17</b>          | <b>1,538.68</b>  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>       |                        |                        |                        |                  |
| FSMTA                 | 0.00                   | 300.00                 | 0.00                   | 300.00           |
| Hospitality           | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 106.31                 | 106.31           |
| Student Day           | 0.00                   | 674.46                 | 0.00                   | 674.46           |
| TO Scholarship Fund   | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 500.00                 | 500.00           |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> | <b>0.00</b>            | <b>974.46</b>          | <b>606.31</b>          | <b>1,580.77</b>  |
| <b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>  | <b>753.26</b>          | <b>-839.21</b>         | <b>43.86</b>           | <b>-42.09</b>    |

Current Balance Checking Account: \$ 5,094.68

Memorial Scholarship Fund: \$ 4,273.24



# *Open House*

## **BCMTA Welcomes New and Returning Members**

The Broward County Music Teachers Association would like to express our sincere appreciation to Mark Leszczynski, Owner and President of The Piano Showcase, for hosting our annual BCMTA Open House on September 9th. A good time was had by the 26 members in attendance as we were treated to beautiful performances by four of our competition winning students:

- ~ Jose Valiz / Student of Donald Waxman
- ~ Jonathan Reichenberger/ Student of Maria Gomez
- ~ Sophia Wang/ Student of Maria Gomez
- ~ Matthew Reichenberger/ Student of Maria Gomez
- ~ Emily Nourishirazi/ Student of Irena Kofman



Irena Kofman welcomes Mira Feldman, Jane Turner and Jamie Fenton (L-R) as Mark Leszczynski looks on.

BCMTA is also pleased to welcome three additional new Members:

Catherine Lan  
Ting Lan  
Mei-Ju Lydia Chen



## *Second General Meeting*

Many thanks to our VP of Programs, **Dr. Jennifer Donelson** for presenting a stimulating Master Class/ Lecture-Recital focusing on music from the Classical era at our 2nd General meeting on October 14th. Students participating in the Master Class were:

Jeffrey Drew / Student of Mary Beth Purchase

Alessandra Souza / Student of Annamarie Cockreham

Emma Duval / Student of Sheri Garlock

The students were all inspired by Dr. Donelson's creative thoughts and suggestions to bring about improvement in phrasing, technical clarity, and dynamics. We also learned about a little known composer, Domenico Cimarosa, and heard some samples of his work.



Dr. Jennifer Donelson (right) with master class participants.

# *Library*

## BCMTA LIBRARY

Our deepest appreciation goes to our BCMTA Librarian, Karola Zehme, and her wonderful husband Uwe, for transferring our entire BCMTA library of VCR tapes to DVD! Uwe also created beautiful labels and cases for each. BRAVO to the Zehmes!



The above photo represents just a small sample of the many great offerings that are available on DVD from the BCMTA Library. CLICK on the link below and contact Karola when you find something you'd like to borrow. Donations are also welcome!

<http://bcmta.org/Library.html>



# *2012 Holiday Party*

BCMTA  
NEXT GENERAL MEETING  
Holiday Party!  
Sunday, December 9  
Home of Dianne Garvin – 2600 NE 37th Drive  
6:00 p.m.

Please join us for an evening of conviviality and camaraderie hosted by BCMTA member Dianne Garvin! The evening will feature a gift exchange and a sampling of the culinary skills of members. Please bring a dessert, side dish or beverage to share, but nothing that has to be heated in the kitchen. Be sure to bring your significant other and a wrapped gift (under \$20) for each of you as competition really heats up during the spirited gift exchange.

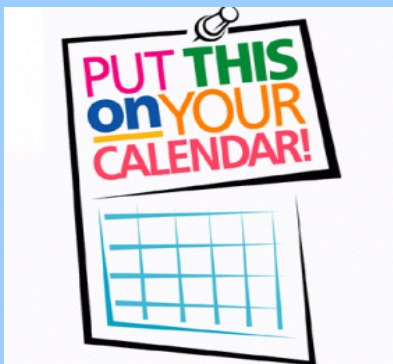


## *2013 Musicthon*

January 25, 26, 27  
“Kids Playing 4KIDS in Crisis”  
Galleria Mall, Fort Lauderdale

It's that time again! Please start making plans to involve as many students as possible in this fun event that puts BCMTA in the public eye. It is our only annual fundraising event, proceeds of which help support the many programs offered by our organization.

Times for Musicthon fill up quickly. Please call Wanda Wiranis at 954-587-1967 or e-mail at [wandapiano@aol.com](mailto:wandapiano@aol.com). to reserve a time slot.



## *2012 - 13 Calendar of Events*

Please refer to the website for the latest updates.  
<http://bcmta.org/Calendar%202012-13.html>





## *Executive Board*

|                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| President                  | Sheri Garlock        |
| 1st VP, Programs           | Jennifer Donelson    |
| 2nd VP, Membership         | Irena Kofman         |
| 3rd VP, Student Activities | Maria Gomez          |
|                            | Sue Colvert          |
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|                            | Mary Beth Purchase   |
|                            | Sue Colvert          |
| Parliamentarian            | Dianne Garvin        |

## *Committee Chairs*

|                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Musichthon Wanda              | Wanda Wiranis           |
|                               | Annamarie Cockreham     |
| Student Days                  | Sandra Greenland        |
|                               | Maria Gomez             |
|                               | Dianne Garvin           |
| Honors Recital                | Matthew Johnson (N)     |
|                               | Nancy Kenney (N)        |
|                               | Annamarie Cockreham (S) |
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| Scholarship                   | Joanna Greenspan        |
| Scheduling                    | Dianne Garvin           |
| Publicity                     | Barbara Muze            |
| Website/Newsletter Editor     | Barbara Muze            |
| Jazz, Pop, Rock Festival      | Larry Minsky            |

Please contact BCMTA President, Sheri Garlock if you would like to join the board or serve on a committee.

## *Memorial Scholarship Fund*

A scholarship fund has begun in the memory of our beloved members "as well as family and friends of members" who have passed away.

Once the Fund has reached the \$10,000, BCMTA will determine how to best disburse the interest toward endowed scholarships.

Please mail your tax deductible donations to BCMTA  
Treasurer, Annamarie Cockreham.  
4231 SW 54th Avenue  
Davie, FL 33314  
Phone: 954-327-0979

Checks are payable to BCMTA. Thank you.

## *A ♪ from Newsletter Editor...*

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This publication reaches around 100 teachers and musicians by mailing list and is available online at BCMTA.org.

Please contact Barbara Muze at [bmuze@bellsouth.net](mailto:bmuze@bellsouth.net) for additional information. Thank you!

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\$25 – 1/2 Page

\$30 – Full Page

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MAIL TO:

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Teacher news, event information, directory 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](mailto:missheri@comcast.net)). Announcements will then be distributed by E-mail Correspondent, Carolyn Morgan.

## MTNA State Piano Competition Results

The MTNA State Piano Competition took place at the Ybor City campus of Hillsborough Community College on Saturday, October 13. Three south Florida students participated, and won the following:

|                        |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sophia Wang            | 1st place, Senior Division |
| Matthew Reichenberger  | 2nd place, Senior Division |
| Jonathan Reichenberger | 1st place, Junior Division |

This is the third consecutive year that a south Florida student has advanced to the Southern Regional competition. Congratulations to these students and their teacher, Maria Gomez.

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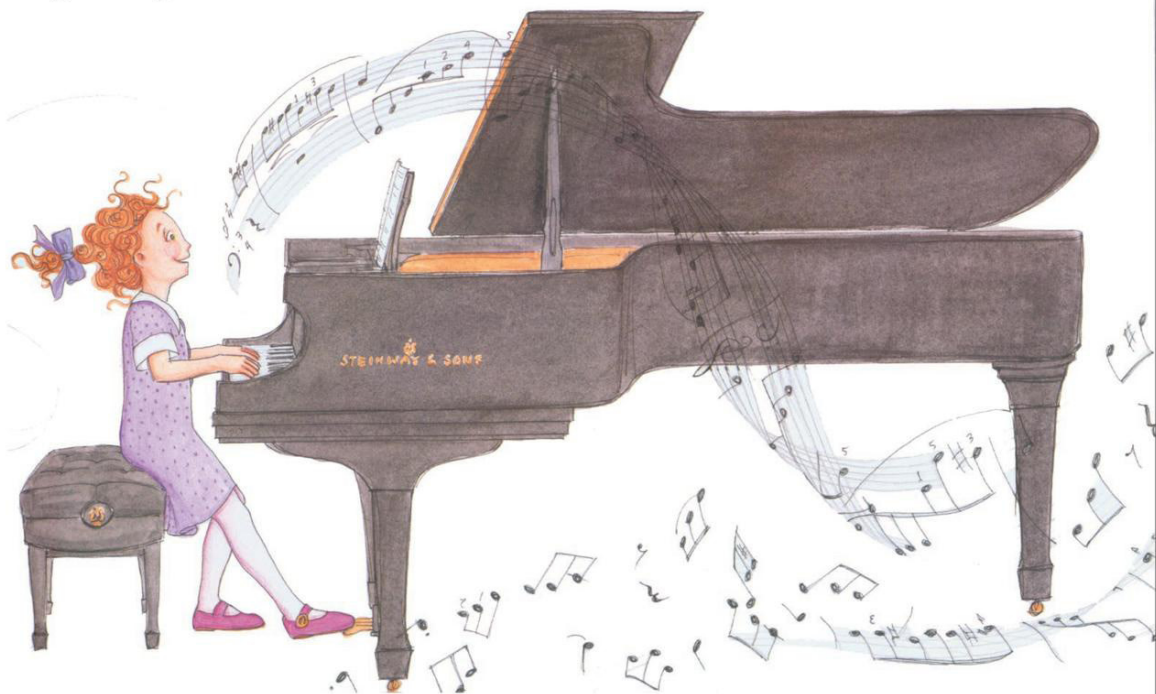
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# Chopin Foundation of the United States

August, 2012

Dear Music Teacher:

The Chopin Foundation will soon resume our “*Chopin for All*” Free Concert Series, staged at Broward County Main Library’s Auditorium in Fort Lauderdale and at Granada Presbyterian Church in Coral Gables. In accordance with our mission, the artists featured in the series are young emerging pianists whose talents deserve more public exposure. To show support of young local talent, every spring we present two **Young Pianists Concerts** featuring the best local piano students from Miami-Dade and Broward counties in an all-Chopin program.

As every year, I am asking for your assistance and cooperation in seeking out **outstanding young talent not older than 17 years of age**, who show special affinity for Chopin’s music and would be **ready to give a quality interpretation of a chosen piece/pieces in April of 2013**. If any of your students qualify, please make your recommendation by **December 30, 2012**.

**We accept only teachers’ recommendations. Up to two students per teacher, please.**

**In your written recommendation please include:**

- (1) teacher’s name, address, phone number and email address;
- (2) student’s name, date of birth, address, phone number (and email if applicable);
- (3) parents’ name(s), phone number, and email (required)
- (4) name, address and phone number of student’s school, and name of school principal;
- (5) name(s) of piece(s) to be performed and its/their length (max 10 min total per student);
- (6) student’s photo for inclusion in concert program; jpeg format is preferred.

**Please email your recommendations to [info@chopin.org](mailto:info@chopin.org) (preferred) or mail to:**

**Chopin Foundation of the US, 1440 79<sup>th</sup> Street Cswy, Suite 117, Miami, FL 33141**  
**Recommendation deadline is December 30, 2012.**

The popularity of these concerts may require us to select pianists via live audition; if so, auditions will be held in February 2013. The auditions will be held separately for the Broward and Coral Gables concerts, in two different locations.

By January 15, 2013, we will notify you as to the date/time/location of auditions.

**The Young Pianists Concerts will be held in Fort Lauderdale at 3 PM on April 13, 2013, and in Coral Gables at 3 PM on April 14, 2013.**

I look forward to working with you on this and other projects benefiting young talented American pianists. Please visit our website at [www.chopin.org](http://www.chopin.org) to find out more on our programs, and contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

Jadwiga Viga Gewert  
Executive Director

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