



BCMTA Newsletter

Broward County Music Teachers Association

Member of MTNA & FSMTA

December 2014

www.bcmta.org

December News

President's Message

December 1, 2014

Greetings to all as we are finally heading out of town to be with family for Thanksgiving. We are enjoying collective sighs of relief as another FSMTA Student Day Aural/ Written Theory Evaluation event is behind us. 243 students from 24 studios participated this year. Many thanks to our Student Day Committee for all of your time and hard work to assist our students in reaching another goal to become better, smarter musicians.

BCMTA Members: if your students are not yet involved in Student Day, please consider taking advantage of this comprehensive FSMTA program. I would suggest beginning by planning to enter a few students at first and adding more each year. You could even begin preparing students now for next year. Go to www.fsmta.org and click on Student Activities to see the curriculum. With your MTNA membership #, you can now download or print the Handbook of Student Activities. Please contact any member on your Executive Board with questions, and we'll be happy to help you get started!

Here is a partial list of benefits for your students:

- 1) Consistent participation in a prestigious program will be an impressive addition to a student's scholarship resume.
- 2) Reaching Level 12 would enable a student to skip 2 years of college theory classes.
- 3) Levels 5 and above are covering college level theory concepts.
- 4) Ear training is one the most valuable tools for ALL music students. Ask your students if they'd like to be able to simply hear favorite songs and play them. Chances are they will say YES!
- 5) Parents appreciate their children being evaluated by professionals outside of the studio.
- 6) Student Day gives students attainable goals to work toward throughout the year.
- 7) Students will thank you later in life for going above and beyond to give them the best possible private music education.

What happens if a student doesn't want to participate for various reasons? I still require my students to work through a level of both written/ aural theory along with the matching level of keyboard skills each year and will give them a studio certificate at the end of the year recital.

I have been involving my students in Student Day since 1998 and have seen the positive results time and time again. I also feel the harmonization / transposition skills have helped my students to learn to play from chord charts / lead sheets which is yet another valuable skill for all music students.

I look forward to celebrating the season with you at our annual BCMTA Holiday Party. (see details below) This night will be particularly special as we will be honoring the incomparable Edith Sorin.

May God Bless you and your families this holiday season and always,

Sheri Garlock
BCMTA President



In this issue:

3rd General Meeting &
Holiday Party 2

Musicthon 3

Open House 4

Pompano Comp. 5

Concert Opps 6

Directory 7

Sponsor Ads 8

2014 Holiday Party

BCMTA THIRD GENERAL MEETING

Holiday Party!

Sunday, December 7

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.

Long-time BCMTA Member and outstanding teacher, Edith Sorin will be honored at the gathering. We are establishing a scholarship fund in her name and presenting her with a gift. If you'd like to contribute any amount, please make your check payable to BCMTA and write on bottom left memo "Edith Sorin" to our Treasurer, Marie Budinsky-Maher 407 SE 28TH Avenue / Pompano Beach, FL / 33062.

PLEASE CLICK THIS E-MAIL NOW

derbyrock@aol.com

& RSVP TO OUR GRACIOUS HOSTESS

SO THAT DIANNE HAS AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT

Happy Holidays!

Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah, everyone!

As a post-holiday treat, NOAH WADDELL is coming to town!

Noah is the 13-year-old wunderkind from Ft. Myers who is concertizing, recording, giving interviews and performing on national television, and who won Senior Concerto at the State Junior Festival in Jacksonville in 2013 and All-Performance in 2014. Most of the piano teachers in the county and their students know him and admire him for his immense talent and his adorable personality.

Friends of Music is presenting Noah in concert on Saturday, January 10, 2015, 7:30 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1400 Riverside Drive, Coral Springs, 33071.

Tickets may be obtained from FOM President Linda Hanson, 954-752-5620, from Program Chair Sandra Greenland, 954-752-0653, email sgreen3623@aol.com, or at the door. Adults \$25, Teachers and Parents of Students Attending \$15, Students \$5.



2015 Musiathon

January 16, 17, 18

"Kids Playing 4KIDS in Crisis"

Galleria Mall, Fort Lauderdale



BCMTA's Annual Musiathon is approaching quickly!

This is an opportunity for you and your students to give and show your support of 4Kids of South Florida and BCMTA.

Showcase your studio and students, emceeding your own recital at the Galleria Mall!

Please contact Annamarie Cockreham, ascjc@bellsouth.net to reserve your time!

The only times available are on Saturday the 17th:

10:30 am - 11:00 am;
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm;
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm;
and 5:15 pm - 7:00 pm.

All participating students will receive a special tote bag.

The deadline to ordering bags for your studio is December 19, 2014.

Please plan NOW and only order bags for those that are participating.

For Pledge Sheets and Information, check out our website

<http://bcmta.org/new/calendar/musiathon/>

STUDIO NEWS

Congratulations to **Jonathan Reichenberger**, who won 1st place in the 2014 MTNA Florida Junior Piano Performance Competition. Jonathan also won 1st place in the Louisiana International Piano Competition, Junior Level on October 18.

Matthew Reichenberger earned the honor of performing the Allegro affetuoso Mvt. from the Schumann A Minor Concerto, Op. 54 with the Florida State University Philharmonia at the FSMTA State Conference in Tallahassee on October 23 for placing first in the Senior Concerto competition.

Congratulations to **Alejandra Sarmiento**, who won 2nd place, Ages 6-10, in the 2014 American Protégé Competition. Alejandra will perform at Weil Hall, Carnegie Hall, in 2015.

These three students study with BCMTA member, **Maria Gomez**.

2014 Annual Open House



Left) Members enjoyed performances by BCMTA Competition winners and budding composers.



Right) Larry Minsky (pictured) and other members entertained us during the delightful pot luck reception.



The lovely Herb Skolnick Community Center donated their facilities and beverages for our event.



Mary Beth Purchase welcomed renewing member, Steve Slowik.



Jho and Donald Waxman enjoyed spending time with Edith Sorin (center)



Sue Colvert (right) and Sandra Greenland (center) welcomed new member, Frann Castillo.

BCMTA Nominated and Honored as a Finalist at the Broward County Cultural Division's Annual Art Teacher of the Year Awards

For the first time in its 29 year history, the Broward County Cultural Division created new categories to recognize outstanding efforts in Arts Education throughout the County. Barbara Muze and Sheri Garlock nominated BCMTA and we were selected as a finalist among the nominations for Exceptional Arts Education Organization. On November 5th, BCMTA and the other nominees were recognized at a special reception and award ceremony at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. BCMTA had a full page ad in the event program and distributed copies of the BCMTA teacher directory at our display table. This was a wonderful opportunity for key members of the community to learn about BCMTA and a great honor for BCMTA.



Board Member, Barbara Muze represented BCMTA at the event

FSMTA 80th Annual Conference Held in November

Several BCMTA members were on hand for the 80th Florida State Music Teacher Association's 80th Annual Conference in Tallahassee.



Matthew Reichenberger, student of Maria Gomez, performed with the Florida State University Philharmonia. Pictured with featured violinist, Skylar Covert.



80th Anniversary!



Keynote Speaker at the banquet---Brian Chung with Dr. Rose Grace



Teacher of the Year:
Helen Neidung

GET READY NOW FOR THE 21st Annual Pompano Beach Piano Competition!

The 2015 Competition will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the Herb Skolnick Community Center, located at 800 SW 36th Avenue in Pompano Beach.

NOTE NEW DATE & VENUE: March 7 • Herb Skolnick Community Center.

Please visit the Official Competition Website

<http://www.pompanocomp.com>

to download the teacher information packet with all requirements and forms.

The Repertoire lists are there as well!

POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: February 8, 2015

CHOPIN

FOUNDATION OF THE UNITED STATES



Ninth National Chopin Piano Competition February 20 - March 1, 2015

Save the dates! And remember, students attend all ticketed events for FREE. Reserve a spot for 3 or more of your students and your tickets are FREE as well! This includes the Gala Opening Night Concert on Friday February 20th featuring performances by all NINE jurors - AND - both days of the finals.

INTERESTED IN HOSTING A CONTESTANT? Call us TODAY!

All events take place at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium
2901 W. Flagler Street, Miami

www.CHOPIN.org for more info or call us:
305-868-0624

SPECIAL OFFER FROM THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL PIANO FESTIVAL
\$5 Tickets for BCMTA Teachers, Students and Parents
Teachers, please let your students and parents know about this wonderful

Concert opportunity on
January 18, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

SIMPLY MENTION THE PASSCODE: "TEACHER"

Available at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center Box Office - day of show ONLY!



Nick Van Bloss, England

"A pianist in complete command and with an understanding of the subtle power of music"

Bach: Capriccio sopra la lontananza del suo
fratello diletteissimo

Janacek: 'In the Mists'

Schumann: Waldszenen

Brahms: Sonate Op.1 in C Major

- See more at: www.miamipianofest.com



Executive Board

President	Sheri Garlock
1st VP, Programs	Barbara Muze
2nd VP, Membership	Maria Gomez
3rd VP, Student Activities	Mary Beth Purchase
Treasurer	Marie Budinsky-Maher
Recording Secretary	Jamie Fenton
Corresponding Secretary	Annamarie Cockreham
Directors	Sue Colvert
	Sandra Greenland
	Wanda Wiranis
Parliamentarian	Dianne Garvin

Committee Chairs

Musicthon	Wanda Wiranis
	Annamarie Cockreham
FSMTA Student Day	Sandra Greenland
	Maria Gomez
	Dianne Garvin
	Jamie Fenton
	Marybeth Purchase
	Sheri Garlock
Scheduling	Dianne Garvin
	Peggy Gallagher
Honors Recital	Matthew Johnson (N)
	Nancy Kenney
	Annamarie Cockreham (S)
	Larry Minsky (S)
Photography	OPEN
Hospitality Chairman	Diana Heller
E-mail Correspondence	Carolyn Morgan
Summer Camp Scholarships	Peggy Gallagher
Composition Chairman	Marie Budinsky-Maher
Competitions Chairs	Maria Gomez
	Jennifer Baeck
Referral Service	Diana Heller
Audio & Video Librarian	Karola Zehme
Greenspan & FSMTA President's Community Service Award/ Scholarship	Joanna Greenspan
Newsletter Editor/Publicity	Barbara Muze
Website Editor	Jamie Fenton
Jazz, Pop, Rock Festival	Sheri Garlock

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, Marie Budinsky-Maher
407 SE 28th Avenue
Pompano Beach, FL 33062

Checks are payable to BCMTA. Thank you.

A ♪ from Newsletter Editor...

Classified Ads, Business Cards, and Larger Ads are all welcome in the BCMTA Newsletter!

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 for additional information. Thank you!

Advertising Rates:

BCMTA Member Prices
(Non-members add \$10)

\$15 – Classified or
Business Card
\$20 – 1/4 Page
\$25 – 1/2 Page
\$30 – Full Page

• ALL ADS RUN FOR 3 ISSUES •

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BCMTA AND
MAIL TO:

Marie Budinsky-Maher
407 SE 28th Avenue
Pompano Beach, FL 33062

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



Howard Rosen is a retired music teacher and currently serving on the Board of The Miami International Piano Festival and The Music Club of Hollywood Florida. He is the Scholarship Chairman of the Music Club.

Mr. Rosen has recorded events, created promotional videos, recorded audition videos and managed Youtube channels for these non-profits and others.

You and your students have worked hard on their repertoire. Don't let them submit sub-par recordings to competitions or colleges. Give them the advantage of a professional image. Call 35th Avenue Video Services today!



SERVICES

RECORDING CONCERTS
AND PROGRAMS

YOUTUBE MANAGEMENT

AUDITION VIDEOS

VIDEO PROMOS

DVDs



Howard Rosen

1410 N. 35th Ave
Hollywood, FL 33021
Phone: 954-983-8470
Cell: 954-540-2719



35thAveVideo@comcast.net

A lifetime of music begins in childhood,
and your child will never be more ready
to learn than in these early years

Music can have a powerful influence on a child's development from the very youngest age. In addition to stimulating creativity and adding social enjoyment, active music making has shown to contribute to making kids brighter, in ways we're just beginning to understand.



Ask for our special complimentary booklet, "It's all in Black & White," presenting the lasting rewards of piano training.



STEINWAY
PIANO GALLERY

STEINWAY PIANOS BOSTON PIANOS ESSEX PIANOS
7940 NORTH FEDERAL HIGHWAY, BOCA RATON, FL 33487 1-866-366-1853



Piano

SHOWCASE inc.

Our
14th Year!

"Everything and Anything to do with Pianos"



- **Premium Pianos**
- **Clearance Center**
- **Concert Rentals**
- **Tuning & Repairs**
- **Music Lessons**
- **Print Music**
- **Piano Moving**
- **Storage**
- **We Ship World Wide!**
- **Player Systems**

*"Upgrade Your System Today!
The Exciting New "AirPlay
is Here!"*

Why Our Customers Prefer Us!

-  Top Rated Piano Store in the Nation.
A+ Rating by the Better Business Bureau
of South Florida and the Carribean.
-  Largest Selection of Pianos
in Fort Lauderdale.
-  We Strongly Support Music and the Arts.
-  Industry's Best Piano Value in Every Price Range.
-  South Florida's One Stop Piano Shop!
"Everything & Anything to do with Pianos!"
-  We Personally Answer our Phone 24/7.
"We Care About Our Customers!"
-  Outstanding Reputation in the Worship,
Educational, Hospitality, and Many Other
Industries and Institutional Communities.
-  Service is NOT a Lost Art at Piano Showcase, inc
"We Pride Ourselves On It"



**Price • Selection • Service
Guaranteed!**

954•943•3353

www.PianoShowcase.com