



# BCMTA Newsletter

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## March News

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### President's Message

Greetings!

Do you ever feel as if time is speeding up? As we are fast approaching the first day of Spring, I can hardly believe that this season is nearly over. Furthermore, I can hardly believe that I've been teaching for.....what??? **30 YEARS?!?** That is long enough to have watched more than one set of students grow up, start driving themselves to their piano lessons, graduate, go off to college, get married, and even start having babies! Yes, time flies which is why we must cherish every moment we have with our students. They are our legacy after all.

I've said it before and I'll say it again. BCMTA has blessed me with the greatest group of mentors anyone could ever ask for. One fabulous idea (among many) I've adopted from Sue Colvert is to have an annual Alumni Drop-In Party over the holidays. I decided to set December 29th as a fixed annual date. I send out a reminder notice in November followed by an e-vite in early December. I also copy the e-vite to my private "Miss Sheri's Alumni Association" Facebook page. I invite all former students to drop by anytime between 11AM and 11PM.

This season I was so blessed to receive a total of 10 former students plus Andrew Boss, former student of Mary Beth Purchase. They arrived at all different times throughout the day and night, sometimes overlapping to reunite with other former students. I received calls and emails from many others who could not attend. While some of these students were "lifers"---meaning they started lessons at a young age and stayed through their senior year---others were not with me but a few years, yet that special bond was formed for life.

For example, one of this year's visitors, Ella Roehm, had taken lessons for five years stopping around 9th grade. I had not seen her in over 12 years! We had a wonderful reunion and now at age 25, she wants to come back for lessons over the summer with a renewed passion to learn more.

I am so impressed by how well all of my former students are doing as adults. Several had studied abroad sharing stories of their world travels with me. Many are actively pursuing exciting careers in veterinarian surgery, pharmacology, medicine, environmental science, engineering, industrial psychology, business, politics, law, computer technology, dance, and music.

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Bobby Bemis

The musicians are taking various paths including worship leading, composing music for video games and commercials, chamber music and solo concertizing, and composing literature for both classical and jazz idioms. The colleges attended by my former students include Princeton, Tufts, Belmont, Southern Methodist University, Duke, Vassar, Berklee College of Music, University of Miami, Tulane, Florida Atlantic University, California Institute of Technology, Central FL University, Nova Southeastern University, and the University of Florida. Some are already pursuing Master's degrees and even Doctorate degrees.



Sean Chin



Kara Walters

If you google "famous people who studied piano," you will see an amazing array of famous scientists, architects, politicians, actors including Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison, Frank Lloyd Wright, Harry Truman, Richard Nixon, Condoleeza Rice, Kelsey Grammar, Dustin Hoffman, Anthony Hopkins, Jamie Foxx-----the list goes on and on! I was told once that 70% of all Ivy League students studied music as children.



Natalie Yezbick

That student sitting on your piano bench could be the person who cures cancer or solves the world energy crisis. He or she could even be the next President of the United States! Whether or not they achieve fame and fortune, they will be future husbands, wives, fathers, and mothers. Like it or not, we will influence the life of every student who comes into our studios. We share a sacred responsibility to be that teacher who gave them the confidence to be the best at whatever God's purpose for their lives might be.



Andrew Boss & Christopher Ohanian

The Oscars are about to come on TV. I love it when a winner's speech mentions a special teacher who encouraged and inspired them. With God's help, I strive to be that teacher who makes a difference. Can you guess what my favorite movie is? Mr. Holland's Opus, of course!



Matt Rodriguez

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# *Next General Meeting*

## **Master Class Featuring Sean Chen, Crystal Award Winner of the 2013 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition**

Born in Florida and raised in Southern California, guest artist Sean Chen, is the first American to make the finals of the quadrennial Van Cliburn International Piano Competition since 1997. At 24 years of age, Sean already has an impressive resume - schooled at Julliard; Second-prize winner at the 2011 Seoul International Music Competition; Los Angeles Music Center's Spotlight Award; and 2013 Winner of the American Pianists Association Classical Fellowship.



**WHEN:** Saturday, March 29 - 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** ArtServe -1350 E Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale

Mr. Chen is providing the Master Class courtesy of the Chopin Foundation of the U.S. and the American Pianists Association. He will also be performing a Recital on Sunday, March 30 (4:00 p.m.) at the La Gorce Country Club. Please visit [www.chopin.org](http://www.chopin.org) for tickets and information.

**TEACHERS:** If you have an advanced level student working on any Chopin repertoire who would like to participate in the Master Class, please contact Barbara Muze: [bmuze@bellsouth.net](mailto:bmuze@bellsouth.net)

# *Jazz, Pop, Rock Festival*

**The 3rd Annual BCMTA Jazz, Pop, Rock Festival is scheduled to take place at the Herb Skolnick Center in Pompano Beach on Sunday, March 16th beginning at 3:00 PM.**

Each studio may submit one to three (1 - 3) performers playing one piece each. Duets, trios, other instruments, vocalist, etc. are welcome! Please submit a time for each performance. Also, please submit alternate students and pieces in case there is time available. We will certainly include as many as possible! No piece will be performed twice, so entrants will be included on a first-come-first-served basis.

Submissions will be in the JAZZ, POP, or ROCK genres only for this event. All levels are welcome!  
Please email Sheri Garlock at [missheri@comcast.net](mailto:missheri@comcast.net) with the following information:

TEACHER NAME / EMAIL ADDRESS / PH #  
STUDENT NAME(S) / AGE / TITLE / LEVEL / COMPOSER / PERFORMANCE TIME in minutes  
(include alternate piece if possible as there will be no repetitions!)

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS WILL BE FRIDAY, MARCH 7th!!!**

This event has taken off and students LOVE it!!! Those who are not entering students are welcome to come and listen. Invite your studio and friends!

# *Student Day*

## DATES

April 12 & 13 - Performance Evaluation dates - Broward College, Central Davie Campus

April 26 - North Honors Recital St. Mary Magdalene Church 1400 Riverside Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33071 /  
Times TBA

April 27 - South Honors Recital 2 PM - 5 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 11 SW 11th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315, just north of Davie Boulevard on Andrews Avenue

## REMINDERS

- Participating teachers, send any student additions and/ or withdrawals to Peggy Gallagher at [peggygallagher9@gmail.com](mailto:peggygallagher9@gmail.com) no later than Monday, March 10th. Make sure you list the student's name and level. If adding a student, also mail a check for \$20 for Primary Level or \$25 for Levels 1-12 payable to FSMTA District VI to Mary Beth Purchase at 720 NW 12th AVE, Pompano Bch, FL 33060. If there are no changes, there is no need to respond.
- Remember to send a rating sheet with each Student for the correct level with the repertoire filled in and your teacher # written in the upper right hand corner. Measures must be numbered. No photocopies allowed.
- Make sure the performance level is within one level higher or lower than the student's theory level. Make sure that beginning with level 5 the 3 memorized selections are from 3 different historical periods.
- No arrangements, unless by the composer, and no "popular" music are allowed. However, Festival music is allowed, and regardless of the style, can be considered 20/21 century music.
- If you have any questions about repertoire, please call Maria Gomez (954) 881-3205 or Mary Beth Purchase (954) 684-5334.
- South Broward teachers: Please look for an email from Co-chair Larry Minsky ([preludes@msn.com](mailto:preludes@msn.com)) regarding your students that have received honors with their piece and composer to perform. Please respond NO LATER than Tuesday April 22, 2014 indicating whether your students will participate. (Annamarie Cockreham and Larry Minsky - Chairs South Honors Recital)

## *Composition Competition*

The deadline for submissions for **BCMTA's Composition Competition** is quickly approaching. Rules and Guidelines for the competition can be found at:

<http://bcmta.org/new/calendar/competitions/bcmta-student-composition-competition/>

All entries must be forwarded to the Chairperson of the Composition Committee and post-marked on or before **April 20**. No late entries will be accepted. Teachers/Studios should mail, or personally drop off, your Studio Entrant Listing and individual student entry applications to:

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

Any student of a BCMTA member is welcomed and encouraged to enter a composition in any genre for up to 13 individual instruments.

# 2014 Musicthon Results



**January 17, 18, 19**  
"Kids Playing 4KIDS in Crisis"  
Galleria Mall, Fort Lauderdale

This year's Musicthon was held Jan. 17-19 at the Galleria Mall. Over 300 students, representing 23 studios participated in the event this year. These participating students raised over \$9,400. Along with the extraordinary donation of \$5,000, given by a generous patron of the arts, Mr. Richard Ingham, and cash donations received at the Mall, the total amount provided by Musicthon tallied \$14,581. Funds raised during Musicthon are used to support BCMTA's educational and enrichment programs, such as student Summer Camp, as well as student competitions. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to 4KIDS of South Florida. Special recognition goes out to the studio of Sheri Garlock for raising the most funds, and to participating student, Natalie Bacallao, from Jamie Fenton's studio, for individually raising \$327.00.

*Figures submitted by Marie Budinsky-Maher  
Treasurer, BCMTA*

## SPECIAL THANKS TO

Musicthon Chair, Anna Marie Cockreham, the entire committee and all participating studios for another very successful Musicthon.

Kudos to Publicity Chair, Barbara Muze for the BCMTA logo and T-Shirt design. BCMTA also received several mentions in the Sun Sentinel included a photo of the performance on the front page of the Lifestyles section.



# FSMTA District VI Concerto Competition

## 2014 WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS to the teachers who entered students in this year's District VI 2014 Concerto event! There were so many outstanding performances with a total of 24 entries. Those teachers are: Huifang Chen, Maria Gomez, Laura Keith, Irena Kofman, Paul Posnak, Roxanna Stevenson, Leana Strouse and judges Kamilla Szklarska, Tian Ying and Leo Walz.

The following are the student winners by divisions:

### ELEMENTARY PIANO CONCERTO

Winner: Serena Zhou, teacher Maria Gomez;  
Alternate: Madison Yan, teacher Irena Kofman;  
Honorable Mention: Albert Wang, teacher Maria Gomez;

### JUNIOR PIANO CONCERTO

Winner: James Zhu, teacher Roxanne Stevenson;  
Alternate: Tu-Ann Nguyen, teacher Irena Kofman;  
Honorable Mention: Sallie Zhou, teacher Irena Kofman;

### INTERMEDIATE PIANO CONCERTO

Winner: Christine Chong, teacher Maria Gomez;  
Alternate: Christine Tao, teacher Maria Gomez;  
Honorable Mention: Joy Quan, teacher Irena Kofman;

### SENIOR PIANO CONCERTO

Winner: Matthew Reichenberger, teacher Maria Gomez;

### ELEMENTARY STRING CONCERTO

Winner: Pierre Younes, teacher Leana Strouse;

### JUNIOR STRING CONCERTO

Alternate: Carol Jiang, teacher Huifang Chen;  
Honorable Mention: TIED: Joyce Guo & Dorizabelle Northecide, teacher Leana Strouse;

### STRINGS INTERMEDIATE

Winner: Sarah Busse, teacher Huifang Chen;  
Alternate: Amanda Walenciak, teacher Leana Strouse;  
Honorable Mention: Matthew Satar, teacher Leana Strouse;

### SENIOR STRINGS

Honorable Mention: Tom McGuire, teacher Leana Strouse;

Thank you to Rhonda Danielson for managing our finances and the Cynthia Lammerson and Palm Beach Atlantic University for the use of their beautiful facilities.

Musically Yours,  
Respectfully Submitted, Carmen Cuenca

# Children in the Arts

## 20th Annual Pompano Beach Piano Competition

The Competition took place on February 22, 2014. Below is the list of winners as submitted by the City of Pompano Beach. Special thanks to the Competition Committee and Competition Co-Chair Mary Beth Purchase for 20 years of dedication to this one-of-a-kind event.

### Elementary 1

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1st	Sarah Liu	Greene
2nd	Jade Capella	Kofman
3rd	Elena Gonzalez	Heller

### Honorable Mention

1st	Andrew Baker	Purchase
2nd	Tyler Zhou	Greene
3rd		

### Intermediate I

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1st	Gianna Rodriguez	Stevenson
2nd	Tu-Anh Nguyen	Kofman
3rd	Sallie Zhou	Kofman

### Honorable Mention

1st	Alexis Nguyen	Treer
2nd	Barak Huang	Gomez
3rd	Madison Yan	Kofman

### Elementary II

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1st	Daniel Umaron	Herrero
2nd	Jonathan Wang	Stevenson
3rd	Sharon Liu	Gomez

### Honorable Mention

1st	Benny Montes	Garvin
2nd	David Malinetescu	Garvin
3rd	Madison Huang	Leonid Treer

### Intermediate II

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1st	Crystal Tang	Gomez
2nd	Rodrigo Castellon	Colvert
3rd	Alejandra Sarmiento	Gomez

### Honorable Mention

1st	Rachel Xiaorui Ding	Burganger
2nd	Sophia Zheng	Burganger
3rd	Marc Gonzalez	Heller

### Elementary III

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1st	Johanna Tam	Kofman
2nd	Serena Zhou	Gomez
3rd	Donovan Wu	Kofman

### Honorable Mention

1st	Ryan Xu	Greene
2nd	Trinity Shiu	Stevenson
3rd	Claire Zhao	Burganger

### Advanced I

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1st	Lilly Kraft	Herrero
2nd	Christine Chong	Gomez
3rd	James Zhu	Stevenson

### Honorable Mention

1st	Jessica Zheng	Burganger
2nd	Sam Chen	Kofman
3rd	Michelle Huang	Treer

### Advanced II

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1st	Chistine Tao	Gomez
2nd	Jada Campbell	Kofman
3rd	Kevin Deng	Herrero

### Honorable Mention

1st	Jonathan Li	Treer
2nd	Vivian Zhai	Gomez
3rd		

In honor of the Competition's 20th Anniversary Year, the Chopin Foundation of the U.S. awarded 2 special prizes for the best performance of Chopin's music.  
The winners of the Chopin Awards were:  
Advanced I Lilly Kraft  
Advanced II Kevin Deng  
The "People's Choice" Steinway Award went to Kevin Deng



# Summer Camp Music Scholarship

April 11, 2014 is the deadline for applying for BCMTA Summer Camp Music Scholarship.  
[CLICK HERE](#) for the requirements and application.

Be sure to use the 2014 application. No electronic submissions accepted.

## STUDIO NEWS

**Congratulations** to Jonathan Reichenberger and Matthew Reichenberger, who both received honorable mention (3rd place) in their categories at the 2014 MTNA Southern Regional Piano Competition. Held this January in Louisville, KY, the regional competition featured winners from 9 southern states. Jonathan and Matthew are students of Maria Gomez.



## BCMTA Annual Holiday Party



A great time was had by all at the beautiful home of Glen and Dianne Garvin as we celebrated the holidays together on December 8, 2013. There is nothing quite like a spirited BCMTA Gift Game! Heartfelt thanks to the Garvins for their impeccable hospitality.







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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  
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407 SE 28th Avenue  
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Checks are payable to BCMTA. Thank you.

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This publication reaches around 100 teachers and musicians by mailing list and is available online at [BCMTA.org](http://BCMTA.org).

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

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