



BCMTA Newsletter

Broward County Music Teachers Association

Member of MTNA & FSMTA

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www.bcmata.org

September News

President's Message

Greetings one and all!

Another new season is well underway. It was wonderful to reunite with friends and colleagues to receive a fresh dose of inspiration at the District VI Enrichment Day program held at Lynn University on September 6.

I hope to see you all at our annual BCMTA Open House on October 5. (*see details below*) Also, be sure to register right away to secure a discount for the upcoming FSMTA Conference in Tallahassee October 23-26.

Other exciting news includes an invitation for BCMTA to be a part of the Broward Cultural Division event entitled ArtsED Forever! on Nov. 5th. Your Executive Board is continually working hard to promote BCMTA which will in turn attract new members and new students for us all.

On a personal note, my summer was spent helping my Mom downsize from her 4/3 home near Pensacola to a small 2/2 condo in Dunedin, FL. It was such a huge change for her. Though Mom is now adjusting well to this new chapter in her life, it wasn't easy for her. Change is never easy.

I was thinking of the common phrase: *"The only thing constant in life is change."*

Then I wondered who said this? These days you can GOOGLE anything on the computer, so I quickly learned the quote originated with the Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, who lived 450 BC (or BCE). Here are some other interesting quotes attributed to him:

"The sun is new each day."

"There is nothing permanent except change."

"No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man."

This guy apparently thought about the concept of "change" a lot! I find myself constantly having to make changes in my studio to adapt to our ever changing culture. Students are never the same. We need to find ways to relate to them in their language. One way is through the use of technology in our studios.

I can hardly keep up with the daily changes in technology. For example, my iPhone 4 is now considered obsolete. Time for an upgrade. Yes, it can be overwhelming, but it can also be exciting! Anything out of our comfort zones can be both overwhelming and exciting, right?

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Three years ago, I could not have predicted that I would be using an iPad in every lesson. I'm not sure when I first heard the term APP (short for application), but I did not embrace the idea immediately. It was a seminar at an FSMTA Conference that persuaded me to put my toe in the water. I can now safely say that I'm completely submerged and the water is fine!

I'd like to respectfully share something that is working very well for me in my studio. If you do not own an iPad, I would suggest saving up for one which can be written off as a tax expense. Then, download an APP called MUSIC THEORY PRO. This is a great way to start. Watch your student's eyes light up when you say, *"We are going to play a game for a couple of minutes using my iPad."* More importantly, watch as they IMPROVE right before your eyes in whatever skill you are focusing on. Key Signatures, Ear Training, Note Reading---this APP covers it all and turns learning into an educational game that this generation can relate to.

Do you have any APPS that you are currently using with great success? Please share them on our new BCMTA Facebook page created by Jamie Fenton. Also, please refer to www.bcmta.org for all updates on our calendar of events.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2014 - 2015 Season. The possibilities are endless! I'll close with my own quote:

"Every new season is an opportunity to reinvent the way that we teach music by embracing new ideas that open our minds to new perspectives while building on what our past experiences have taught us."

.....Sheri Garlock 2014

Why should Greek philosophers have all the fun? :-)

Enthusiastically yours,

Sheri Garlock





COME ONE, COME ALL!
BCMTA ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th
3 - 5 pm

GREAT LOCATION!

**Herb Skolnick Community Center
800 SW 36th Avenue, Pompano Beach**

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Herb+Skolnick+Center/@26.21716,-80.171063,15z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0xa589f74e2ab7a036>

All members of the BCMTA are cordially invited to the annual Open House.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share at the concluding

Pot Luck Festivities.

Let's have some fun this year:

**All teachers are invited to perform a piece during
the Pot Luck (no more than 5-8 minutes please)**

Here is your chance to take the stage in an informal, no pressure environment. Serenade your fellow music teachers while we enjoy each other's company. Anything goes - classical, jazz, improv, duets (!), original compositions - you name it! We'll have a sign up sheet at the entrance when you arrive.

At our Open House, we will be introducing and welcoming new members! We encourage you to invite anyone who is currently not a member so that they can learn about or be re-introduced to our WONDERFUL professional organization.

Also, your Executive Board and Committee Chairs will be introducing our latest ideas and plans for our future.

Please come out to show your support, welcome new members, encourage potential new members, hear an inspiring program of our competition winning students, and kick off the year with delightful fellowship together!

We look forward to seeing EVERYONE there!

View and share this YouTube video with your parents. It is a sure way to guarantee a full studio and the ultimate justification for our profession!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0JKCYZ8hng>

Celebrate 80, FSMTA 2014 Conference (1934-2014) Tallahassee, FL October 23 - 26



Just a reminder, FSMTA members!

Early registration for the conference ends September 25th, which is a bargain at \$185! The other bargain is the DoubleTree Hotel, with a very reasonable member rate of \$105 (single) \$115 (double), including a hot American breakfast buffet. Hotel registration deadline for these rates is September 26th. Thanks!!

Norma Mastrogiacomio, Conference Co-Chairman

Conference details can be found on the website: www.FMTA.org
There is a complete schedule of events, plus registration and banquet forms.

STUDENT DAY NEWS!

Student Day Written and Aural Evaluations

Date: Saturday, November 22nd, 2014

Location: BROWARD COLLEGE, DAVIE CAMPUS

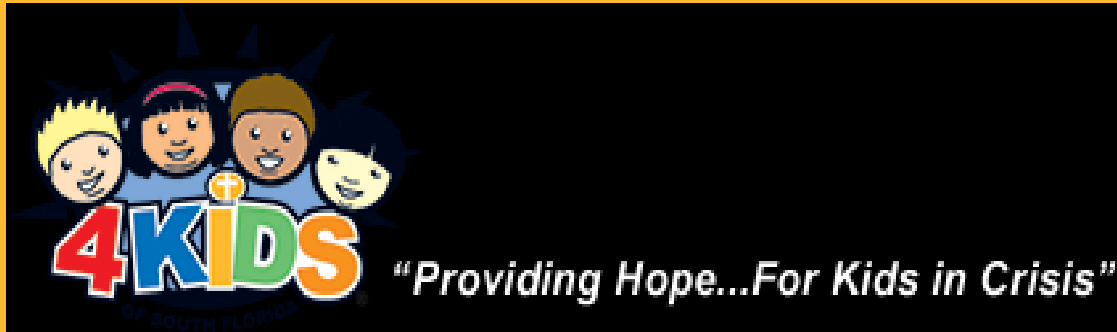
Teachers, please go to www.bcmta.org and use mouse to hover over the Calendar and Events Tab. Student Day will appear on the drop-down menu. Click on the Student Day button and once opened, click on the links for the Student Day Teacher Information and the Student Day Registration form.

Please follow all instructions carefully. Incomplete applications and those arriving without a check made out to FSMTA District VI, will not be accepted.

**Important: The postmark deadline for entry is Saturday, November 1, 2014.
The deadline is final. No exceptions will be made.**

2015 MUSICTHON

January 16, 17, 18
"Kids Playing 4KIDS in Crisis"
Galleria Mall, Fort Lauderdale



PLAN AHEAD! Please 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. A portion of proceeds raised will go to 4 Kids, a local non-profit organization that is truly grateful for the partnership. CLICK on image above for more info.

Times for Musicthon fill quickly!
Please contact:

Annamarie Cockreham
ascjc@bellsouth.net
to reserve your time slot.

**CLICK on the following link to download
all forms and information!**
<http://bcmta.org/new/calendar/musicthon/>



BCMTA has a FACEBOOK page. Thanks to board member, Jamie Fenton!
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Broward-County-Music-Teachers-Association/455128261270222>
Like it. Share it.



We've been invited!

Broward Cultural Division has offered BCMTA a display table at the **2014 ArtsEd Forever!** event **Wednesday, November 5, 2014** at Broward Center for the Performing Arts. ArtsEd Forever! is the new umbrella for the annual Arts Teacher of the Year event, and celebrates the entire arts education community from educators and students to organizations, businesses and legislators in order to honor, recognize, celebrate and advocate arts education for all.

For 28 years the Broward County Arts Teacher of the Year Program showcased the artistic excellence of students and faculty in Broward County schools. In order to recognize, celebrate and advocate arts education for all, this new expanded program will highlight a broader array of unsung arts education heroes, whose talent and leadership keep the arts alive for people of all ages, every day and every year in Broward County.

For more info: <http://www.broward.org/Arts/ArtsEducation/Pages/ATOYapp.aspx>

Please make plans to visit our table and support BCMTA at this very public event.

What a great way to get our organization in the public eye.

Pompano Piano Competition Update!

The 2015 Pompano Piano Competition will be in a new month at a new facility so please make note!

Entry Deadline: February 8, 2015

Competition Date: Saturday, March 7, 2015

Location:

Herb Skolnick Community Center

Address: 800 SW 36th Ave, Pompano Beach, FL 33069

Phone: (954) 786-4590

IMPORTANT NOTE: The website www.pompanocomp.com has not yet been updated to reflect the changes, so please check back periodically.

In Memorium

BCMTA joins family members and friends in mourning the loss of Juliette Boucher Kochanowsky, who passed away at the age of 82 on Thursday, August 7th, 2014 at 4:10 p.m. in Tallahassee, Florida, of congestive heart failure. Over her 50 year career as a piano instructor, she taught and inspired a large number of students. She was for a time the president of the Florida Music Teachers Association as well as winning several music awards. A concert pianist, she gave a number of musical performances, primarily in Boca Raton.

We also extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to member Doris Schneider whose husband recently passed. Doris, you are in our thoughts and prayers.



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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
Treasurer, Marie Budinsky-Maher
407 SE 28th Avenue
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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!

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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). 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.

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Trinity Concert Series

Sunday, September 28, 2014
4:00 p.m.

Joana Gonzalez, piano

Miss Gonzalez's passion for music has led her to win many first prizes over the years and more recently performing at Carnegie Hall and a solo performance with the New World Symphony. Currently studying with Ciro Fodere, she has been recently admitted to the Frost School of Music, University of Miami, on a full scholarship to continue her piano studies.

Performing

Beethoven Sonata Op 2 No 1
 Scriabin Etude op 42, No 5 and two poems Op 32
 Mendelssohn Variations Serieuses
 Liebermann Gargoyles

Trinity Lutheran Church & Academy

11 SW 11th Street, Ft. Lauderdale 33315

South of downtown Ft. Lauderdale - 2 blocks north of Davie Blvd

CORNER OF S ANDREWS and SW 11th STREET

\$10.00 PER ADULT SUGGESTED DONATION

Proceeds from this concert benefit Trinity Concert Series

For more information about the Trinity Concert Series, call 954-987-5481

Future Concerts

October 26, 2014

**Tomas Cotik,
violin
and
Tao Lin,
piano**



November 23, 2014

**Gabrielle Chou,
piano and violin**



January 25, 2015

**Chen Liang,
piano**



February 22, 2015

**Marilyn Maingart,
flute**



March 22, 2015

**Roberta Rust,
piano**



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