



President's Corner



☺ I've been to the "Happiest Place on Earth"! (Disneyland that is.) And I thank you for the opportunity to represent you at the MTNA conference. About fifty other WSMTA members were there as well!

Nothing could have been better for teachers who use their listening ears, than the Disney theme. There were mouse ears everywhere, in the carpet pattern, the upholstery, the faucets, lamps, hand rails, even mouse ears on people! Thanks to *Mickey* we were constantly reminded of our ears! It brought home the importance of our listening! So *Mickey*, thank you, your ears will adorn my studio as a reminder to listen, listen, and listen some more as we make music!

Listen we did, to great concerts, competitions, recitals, workshops, forums, meetings and visits with friends! Though it's a month and a half since the conference, I want to share a couple highlights with you. Our Clarion Editor saved space in the April Clarion for names of Washington students who placed at the national competition! I heard most of our seventeen students who played in the competitions and whether they placed or not, they were all awesome! See the photos of those students in this Clarion).

Another highlight was to hear about *Phyllis Pieffer's* fabulous service to MTNA as she received her *Distinguished Service Award* and *Bob Pajer's* accomplishments as a musician as he was presented the MTNA-Piano Technicians Award. We saw Washington State represented by *Debra Florian* as MTNA Vice President, when the current MTNA Board was introduced!

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BRAVO!

Dr. Yelena Balabanova Selected as Steinway Artist!



Congratulations to Dr. Yelena Balabanova, NCTM, who has been selected as a Steinway Artist. She joins a small group of Washington pianists who Steinway honors as performing artists! The following is a message from Yelena. (see page 4)

WSMTA Salutes Young Composers & State Recitalist Winners: Congratulations to You & Your Teachers!

2013 Young Composers Project Winners

As you know, the first emphasis in the Young Composers Project is that of education of our students. However, the judges do select winners at each level, which are enclosed for your benefit.

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State Recitalist Winners

Yakima-Ellensburg - Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Ionna Sugarman (Anne Schilperoot)

Alt. 1: Joseph Schieh (Junghee Spicer)

H.M.: Garrett Snedeker (Marilyn Wilbanks);
Jocelyn Cruz (Spicer); Joseph Donaldson, Caitlin
Quaempts (Danene Knudsen)

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Coming Events

Conference 2013 Wenatchee!

Music from the Heart of Washington



Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel

Wenatchee is waiting. Waiting for you and me. Waiting for WSMTA to share and nourish the hearts of its members. The date: June 16th - 20th. The place: Wenatchee Convention Center and Performing Arts Center. The event: 2013 WSMTA Conference, Music from the Heart of Washington. Explore the following sites to ponder, prepare, and sign up for this heartwarming, mind building, spirit feeding, educational and recreational experience.

The Conference Registration form is on page 8 of this issue or you can find it on the wsmta.net website. Conference driving directions are on page 4 of this issue and a corrected and updated Conference Schedule is on page 7, and can be found on the wsmta.net website. You can find the Master Class Application for Upper Level Students on page 9 or at wsmta.net (under both the Conference and the Forms sections). Note on the schedule that Stephen Beus will be giving **two** master classes on Wednesday, June 19th, so don't hesitate to send in applications.

THE HOTEL RESERVATION NUMBER published in the April issue was **WRONG**. Please see the following paragraph. (Continued on Page 3)

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Welcome New Members!

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LeeAnn Obright

Kitsap County Chapter
Yuko Farman

Seattle Chapter
Heather Howland
John Sudds

Tri Cities Chapter
Tatyana Wright

EDITOR'S NOTICE

**I APOLOGIZE TO MEMBERS WHO WILL
BE RECEIVING THIS ISSUE OF THE
CLARION SEVERAL WEEKS LATER THAN
USUAL, DUE TO MY ILL HEALTH.**

President's Corner

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Judith Schoepflin was honored as a Foundation Fellow, and Peter Mack accepted on behalf of Michiko Miyamoto! Hooray to each of you!

I also learned that Arts Advocacy is not just "talk" but *alive* and *active*! I was amazed to hear some of the creative happening around the country when I attended the Arts Advocacy Forum. We can each be advocates of the arts. Individuals are leaving *radios on classical stations* in cars they rent when they turn them in. They are doing the same in the hotel rooms where they stay. Groups have bought inexpensive *pianos, placed them in public places* for anyone to play. Instead of turning off cell phones in recitals, audiences have been encouraged to call someone and *let them listen to the recital* they are attending! What a concept! Groups are presenting "*Instrument Petting Zoos*" and engaging with other arts to present *art at music concerts* and *live music at art shows*. And, as many of you have done, music is being taken into schools, rural communities, retirement homes and public buildings and spaces. Consider what your chapter might be able to do to advocate for music in your community! If you are interested in additional ideas, check out the National Association for Music Education at nafme.org and click on *advocacy*.

On the local level, I **congratulate Seattle Chapter!** They have been advocates for membership and are now **eleven** new members richer gaining a higher number than any other chapter!! At the same time they have earned \$200.00 to assist someone from their chapter to attend the WSMTA Conference. **Congratulations also to Yakima/Ellensburg Chapter!** They experienced a **15.79%** percentage increase in membership and earned \$200.00 as well. Very close behind Yakima/Ellensburg in percentage growth were Olympic Peninsula and Pullman!

Reminders: (1) "**Renew your dues this month**" while you are still teaching! And when you renew, you can choose to donate to the National Memorial Foundation Washington State Fellows; Patti Robertson or Margee Webster. Check the April Clarion for additional information. (2) **Register for WSMTA "Music from the Heart of Washington" Conference** and get a head start on planning for next year with outstanding presenters and work-

shops, concerts, honors recitals, networking. Be inspired by Washington *grown* **Stephen Beus**, our guest artist, in concert, master classes and workshop.

I hope you've taken advantage of the many offerings of your chapter, of WSMTA and MTNA this year....if not, start making plans to check the Clarion, AMT, wsmta.net and mtna.org for the coming year to utilize some of these possibilities for you and your students:

1. Chapter events: *recitals, festivals, master classes, scholarship competitions, state honors recital competition, social occasions, networking, your chapter website etc.*
2. WSMTA events: *adjudications, musicianship exams, district conferences, state conference leadership seminar, small chapter workshop grants, certification grants, music link, young composers project, student study grants, OAC competition, Clarion, etc.*
3. MTNA: *student achievement program, studio festival program, MTNA competitions, retirement planning, legal support, AMT, local association of the year award, teacher enrichment grant, online teaching tips, professional support, insurance, etc.*

Any of the above events and helps that fit you and your studio will definitely bring life and other benefits; they have certainly changed my teaching over the years!

I wish you all beautiful recitals to complete your teaching year! Maybe your audience will *turn on their cell phones* and extend the music of your recital to someone who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend. Ears to you!

Dianne Johnston, WSCTM

WSMTA President

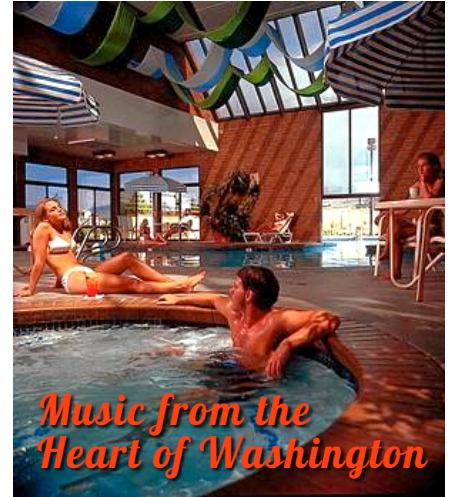
Coming Events

Conference 2013 Wenatchee!

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The Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel, located right next to the convention center, is waiting for us too. Call (509) 662-1234 to reserve a 2-queen size-bed room with the discounted price (\$101+tax/night) arranged for WSMTA conference attendees. All rooms have a beautiful view, either of

the river-front or of the mountains. The top floor features the Rivertop Restaurant, the lower level a hot tub and unique indoor/out-door pool.



Indoor-outdoor pool

The skybridge from the hotel will connect us directly to the Convention Center and PAC, where we will experience great teaching and performing in their state of the art facilities.

Monday morning Karen Scholten will update us on WSMTA's Musicianship Examinations program. See her article on page 6. Tuesday night we listen to Stephen Beus perform in the PAC as our Conference Guest Artist. Review the January and February Clarion issue articles to learn about him, and the wsmta.net website (conference section) which includes a link to Stephen's own website.

We are also in for a special treat Wednesday night, when the Volta Piano Trio (formerly Icicle Creek Piano Trio) will entertain us with Oksana Ezhokina on piano, Jennifer Caine on violin, and Sally Singer Tuttle on cello. Hailed by Gramophone magazine for its "warmly considered playing" and "shadings of exquisite sheen and vib-rancy," the Volta Piano Trio has established itself as one of the Pacific Northwest's premier chamber ensembles. The members originate from the U.S., the United Kingdom, and Russia. They have performed in venues such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Alice Tully Hall, the Phillips Collection, and the Royal Albert Hall, and have toured in Austria, Germany, France, Italy, and the U.K. In Washington state they have performed at PLU, UPS, Olympia's Governor's Mansion, Seattle's Benaroya Hall, and Seattle Town Hall, among other places.

We urge you to look at all these references that have been mentioned and send

in your registration for the conference with great expectations. You will reap many heartfelt rewards and memories!

*Roz Nau, NCTM
2013 Conference Chair*

**Driving Directions to Wenatchee Convention Center & PAC
121 North Wenatchee Avenue
Wenatchee, WA 98807**

From Seattle Area:

- ▶ Take I-90 East towards Bellevue/Spo-
kane. (Snoqualmie Pass)
- ▶ Take exit 85 for WA-970 N toward Wen-
atchee. Keep following signs to Wenat-
chee. (Highway will become US-97).
- ▶ Merge onto US-2E/US-97 N via the
ramp to Wenatchee.
- ▶ Continue onto N Wenatchee Avenue for
about 3 miles.
- ▶ Wenatchee Convention Center will be on
the left. (the Wenatchee Coast Hotel & PAC
will also be on the left)

From Bellingham Area:

- ▶ Take US-2 (Stephens Pass) to Wenat-
chee.
- ▶ Take the ramp to Wenatchee.
- ▶ Continue onto N Wenatchee Ave. for
about 3 miles.
- ▶ Wenatchee Convention Center will be
on the left. (the Wenatchee Coast Hotel &
PAC will also be on the left)

From Spokane Area:

- ▶ Take I-90 West.
- ▶ Take exit 151 toward Washington 281
N/Quincy/Wenatchee.
- ▶ Turn right toward, and then onto, Rd. 1
NW.
- ▶ Turn left onto Rd 5 NW/White Trail Rd.
- ▶ Turn left onto WA-28W, then after 25.5
miles, a slight left onto WA-285 N.
- ▶ Turn right onto S Wenatchee Ave. & go
1.4 miles. (Wenatchee Convention Center,
PAC, & Wenatchee Coast Hotel will be on
the right.

From Tri-Cities:

- ▶ Take WA-240 W. Go 28.8 miles.
- ▶ Continue straight onto WA-24 E for 5.4
miles.
- ▶ Continue onto WA-243 N for 28.2 miles.
- ▶ Turn left onto WA-26W for about a min-
ute.
- ▶ Slightly merge to the right onto I-90 E
toward Spokane.
- ▶ Take exit 149 for State Route 281 S to-
ward Quincy/Wenatchee.
- ▶ Turn left onto Rd 5 NW/White Trail Rd,
left onto WA-28 W, & slight left onto

WA-285 N.

▶ Turn right onto S Wenatchee Ave. & go
1.4 miles. (Wenatchee Convention Center,
PAC & Wenatchee Coast Hotel will be on
the right.

**There is ample additional parking
space down behind the Convention
Center. Check in to the conference at
the registration desk in the Convention
Center Lobby.**

Scholarship fund

**It's Raffle/Silent Auction
Time Again!!!**

Mark your calendars and make your plans to attend "Music from the Heart of Washington", the WSM TA State Conference in Wenatchee June 16-20. Each year those attending the conference enthusiastically participate in raising money for the WSM TA Scholarship Fund. The fun will continue this June as we hold another Raffle and Silent Auction to raise money for this worthy cause.

In 1981 the WSM TA Scholarship Fund was established to provide travel scholarships for students. Today funds are given to students and teachers for continued music study, as prize money for the Outstanding Artist Competition and for travel expenses for the WSM TA winners to compete at the Northwest and the MTNA National Competition.

Our favorite way to raise funds for the WSM TA Scholarship Fund are the fabulous basket contributions from our generous and creative 35 Washington Chapters. More funds are raised, in part, by cash donations in memory of former teachers, family and friends, businesses donating items and/or services to be raffled or auctioned at the conference.

Ideas for donations may include hand crafted items, wine, food, art work, books, CD's and DVD's; also services such as workshops, lessons, tuning services, master classes, recitals, tickets to concerts, weekend retreats, etc. Your ideas for donations are always welcome.

You can also help the Scholarship Fund by asking your local music store for a donation. Your personal contact with businesses is very important.

So come to the Conference in Wenatchee June 16-20 appropriately titled "Music From the Heart of Washington". Bring

your checkbook or cash and don't forget your return address labels to stick on the backs of all those raffle tickets you plan to purchase for all of those prizes you plan to win!!!

See you in June and thank you all for supporting the 2013 WSM TA Scholarship Fund.

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BRAVO!

**Dr. Yelena Balabanova
Selected as Steinway Artist!**

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"The Steinway Artist is an honor that I share with all of you. It would not be possible without your inspiration, your support and encouragement. It is from the bottom of my heart that I thank the WSM TA teachers for their tremendous support and inspiration. In my wildest dreams, I did not know what to expect when my husband decided to take a job in Everett. I was overwhelmed and sad to leave my students and my musical community in Colorado. What I found in Washington teachers, was beyond my highest expectations: the warm welcome, the friendly smiles, the high quality of the programs, and abundance of opportunities to collaborate and support each other. I have met so many wonderful, amazing teachers, and made friends for life.

During my four years in Washington State, I have had the privilege to adjudicate and travel all over the state. Everywhere the music and teaching is held so highly and students were playing joyfully and were cared for with love. One of the moments on my latest trip was so memorable: I drove to an adjudication for three hours through miles and miles of woods in the rain, made a turn into a small opening, the beautiful church appeared, and I heard somebody playing a Chopin Nocturne inside. My heart just melted on the spot. I thank you for wonderful moments like this and look forward to many great experiences together!"

**See Photos of Washington State
National Winners on page 6**

2013 Young Composers Project Winners

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This year's judges were Emily Doolittle, William Friedsen, Robert E. Lundquist, Dr. Steve Nehrenberg, Lesley Sommer, and Robert Spittal. (Note: Honorable Mentions listed below are not ranked.)

*Krista Seely, Chair
Young Composers Workshop*

Place- ment Student Teacher

Primary (K-2)

1.	Dylan Sheill	Sharon Van Valin
2.	Sierra Stingaciu	Marilyn Droz
3.	Owen Bartlett	Gay Santerre
H. M.	Liam Connor	Andrea Rackl
	Hayley Berkman	Frances Goei
	Ameena Majeed	Goei
	Forrest Aubrey	Keva Vaughan-McMorrow

Grade 3

1.	Emily Chin	Van Valin
2.	John Meneses	Diana Dallal
3.	Roisin Connor	Rackl
H. M.	Sage Newton	Carolyn Malnes
	Amanda Chin	Van Valin
	Emmy Kroontje	Karen Scholten

Grade 4

1.	Hannah Zhao	Van Valin
2.	Maxine Patterson	Vaughan-McMorrow
2.	Colin McIntosh	Debra DeMiero
2.	Chelan Mackey	Santerre
3.	Karina Jhingon	Goei
3.	Coral Anderson	Malnes
3.	Matthew Lacambra	Vaughan-McMorrow
3.	Derek Hian	Malnes
H. M.	Mia Chang	Dallal
	Townsend Batt	Dr. Steve Nehrenberg

Grade 5

1.	Lauren Barkley	Van Valin
2.	Gannon Forsberg	Van Valin
2.	Sophia Chen	Van Valin
2.	Max Suwarno	Rackl
3.	Isabelle Honey	Meg Krieg
3.	Ashley Berkman	Goei
3.	Imran Majeed	Goei
H. M.	Hannah Bechtel	Malnes
	Azita Shirinzadeh	Malnes
	May Li	Vaughan-McMorrow
	Kaylee Hian	Malnes

Grade 6

1.	Jake Lee	Van Valin
2.	Elle Timmer	Krieg
3.	Melissa Wang	Van Valin
H. M.	Matthew Carroll	Sarah Hall
	Giovani Bardesson	Tiffani Armstrong

Grade 7

1.	William Zhang	Van Valin
2.	Ashley Hsieh	Van Valin
3.	Zoe Sheill	Van Valin
H. M.	Jillian Ran	Krista Seely
	Luke Kane	Goei
	Danny Gibson	Kim Bowman

Grade 8

1.	Ariel Hsieh	Van Valin
2.	Bryan Zhao	Van Valin

3.	Christina Ding	Van Valin
H. M.	Renee Heller	Marcia K. Wilke

Grade 9

1.	Mason Meyer	Anna Prykhodko
2.	Joseph Winters	Patricia Loy Willet
3.	Roshani Shiwakoti	Goei
H. M.	Grace Denniston	Carol Karlak
	Greer King	Jane Campbell
	Alex Jones	Jan Rowen
	Kia Burt	Music Goei

Grade 10

1.	Rachel Stevens	Goei
2.	Cali Ashmun	Jensina Oliver
3.	Nick Swanson	Rackl

Grade 11

1.	Oliver Hu	Van Valin
2.	Shannon Horst	Bonnie MacPhail
3.	Oliver Hu	Van Valin
H. M.	Madeline Schultz	Vaughan-McMorrow
	Hannah Fulton	Onnie Adams

Grade 12

1.	Christina Sun	Van Valin
2.	David Dryfoos	Van Valin
3.	Christina Sun	Van Valin
H. M.	Gilda Rastegar	Malnes

Collegiate

1.	Colin Luh	Helen Murray
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WSMTA State Recitalists

Snohomish County - Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1:	Noelle Farr (Maria Sier)
2:	Tristan Greeno (Judy Baker)
3:	Adrienna Tran-Pearson (Gail Tremblay)
Alt. 1:	Nathaniel Cutshall (Tremblay)
2:	Nicholas Dittoe (Baker, Crista Philipson)
3:	Ashley Zhou (Tremblay)

H.M.: Laurie Ojala, Grace Lank, Laura Hendrikson, Stephen Binondo (Baker); Ava Linog, Sarah Chu, Minh-Anh Nguyen (Tremblay); Anna Fujinaka (Rose Fujinaka); Crystal Guan (Sier); Sean Ferrill (Cynthia Whalen); Kyran Adams (Adam Park)

South King County - Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1:	Andrew Flury (Dianne Nichols)
2:	Micah Allred (Stephanie White)
Alt. 1:	Anna Flury (Nichols)
2:	Eric Hayden (Julie Swienty)

H.M.: Esther Sidorko, Michelle Kim (Sviatlana Riedel); Charlie Catino (Nichols); Kevin Self (Dr. William Chapman Nyaho); Jacqueline Choe (Karen Hollenback); Rachel Weros, Lucy Tibbetts (Swienty)

West Sound - Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1:	Mya King (Dr. Irene Bowling)
Alt. 1:	Alessandra Fleck (Bowling)
H.M.:	Thor Breitbarth, Victoria Fleck, Owen Espinosa, Adrian King, Rachel Sandell, Seth Hyoga (Bowling)

Olympic Peninsula - Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1:	Katie Rivers (Kayla Dymont)
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Alt. 1:	Jay Liang (Dymont)
H.M.:	Shannon Gordon (Deborah Rambo Sinn)

Walla Walla - Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1:	Luke Irvine (Leonard Richter)
Alt. 1:	Kari Rose (Wafia Kinne)
H.M.:	Kristi Rose (Kinne); John-Mark Whitaker, Annelise Whitaker (Richter)

Edmonds - Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1:	Andrew Ma (Jensina Oliver)
2:	Alec Sjöholm (Naoko Noguchi)
Alt. 1:	Lisa Kuang (Mariya Koshkina)
2:	Eliza Knowles (Oliver)
F.M.:	Ashley Mochizuki (Koshkina); Evelyn Yang (Conney Vernall)

Olympia - Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1:	Kyle Groden (Carol Crawford)
2:	Danzhu Zhao (Brooke Beecher)
Alt. 1:	Surabbi Mundada (Beecher)
2:	Heather & Brittany Pincus (Jennifer Bowman)
H.M.:	Alexandra Rivera, Fay Lee, Conor McCavity (Beecher); Yufan Mou (Amy Yang); Ling Dang Tran, Don Li, Justin Ong (Nancy Adsit); Tony Nguyen (Art Peterson)

District VI - Violin

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1:	Tommy Mayhew (Sherry Danielson)
Alt. 1:	Daniel Li (Danielson)

Lynden - Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1:	Hannah Klos (Karen Scholten)
Alt. 1:	William Tyas (Tammy Rutgers)
H.M.:	Krista Kirk (Rutgers); Russell Holden (Sherry Vanden Bos); Bradley Clark (Meg Krieg)

Spokane - Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1:	Angela Lee (Barbara Miller)
2:	Ricky Wang (Karlyn Brett)
3:	Lisa Schafer (Miller)
Alt. 1:	Justin Zhu Cai (Brett)
2:	Gabriel Soileau (Miller)
3:	Val Wold (Miller)
H.M.:	Alex Zhu, Sarah Schafer, Erin Muat, Sarah Wu, Anna Thompson (Miller); Isaac Grubb, Peter Johnson (Janice Smith); William Fischer, Daneek Black (Mary Simpson); Dallin Olson, Clara Patten (Greg Presley); Jasmine Wen (Brett)

Sunn Valley - Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1:	Claire Cook (Rebecca Cook)
Alt. 1:	Trevor Yorgensen (Cook)

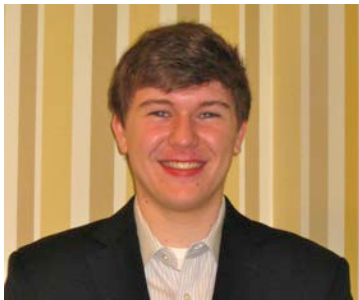
Thank You for Foundation Fellow Award

Now that I have had time to reflect on the wonderful national conference at Disneyland, I want to take the opportunity to thank my colleagues from across the state for the nomination and honor of receiving

the Foundation Fellow Award. It is such a privilege, and so humbling, to be included among the illustrious musicians from our state and nationally, who have received this award. As I visited in Anaheim with MTNA members from other states, I was reminded of what a supportive and special organization we have in Washington. WSMTA has encouraged me and helped me grow in so many ways since joining in 1976, thanks to all of you!

Judith Schoepflin

Photos of Washington State National Winners



Andrew Abel, Winner Senior Brass Division



Nathan Lee, Winner Junior Piano Division



Elise Kim, 2nd Place Junior Woodwind Division



Vanessa Vega, 3rd Place Senior Voice, with teacher, Reginald Untesher & collaborative pianist, Patti Robertson

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Education

CERTIFICATION CORNER

April showers are giving way to May flowers. I hope your spring has been full of renewal and new growth for your students and for you! As you complete your spring studio events in addition to the everyday schedule of lessons I hope you are also looking forward to the June conference in Wenatchee.

Please join me at the certification workshop on Wednesday afternoon June 19 where we will get to the core of the national certification program. We will slice through any confusion and answer your questions about the required projects. Information about the renewal process and the available WSMTA certification grants will also be available. If you have considered certification or have already begun the process be sure to join us.

Also plan to attend the Opening Session on Monday June 17 where we will recognize all those teachers who have completed certification since last year's conference (7 members to date!). Our two most recently certified teachers are **Debra Jean Peterson, NCTM** (Spokane) and **Stan Watkins, NCTM** (Eastside) both certified in piano. Congratulations to both of you!

Congratulations also go to **Jeanne Ellis** (Seattle, Eastside) who was recently awarded a WSMTA certification grant and is working to complete the certification process.

I would also like to thank **Susan Todd, NCTM** from Oregon who has just completed her term as Northwest Division Certification Chair. She has been an amazing resource and problem solver as she worked to support so many of our WSMTA members achieve certification. As in many things this is a team effort. She has been a wonderful example of professionalism and collegiality.

As we say goodbye to Susan, we say hello to **Deborah Wallace, NCTM** from Idaho as our new Northwest Division Certification Commissioner. Debbie is a strong supporter of certification and this will be her second term as a Certification Commissioner. I hope that many of our WSMTA members will keep her busy as they work to complete certification! Welcome Debbie!

And finally a reminder to all NCTM members: please get your renewals done! They can be easily completed on-line. Deadline is July 1, 2013 after which a late fee will be assessed. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a great May!!

Karen Hollenback, NCTM.
WSMTA Certification Chair
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Musicianship Examination News

It has been a busy time in the last several months as we again this year have beaten the goal for the number of students and teachers participating with the ME test and we also beat our numbers of High Honor's students from last year. Congratulations to each teacher who's students received the gold seal on their certificate and a big thank you to each ME chair and to their helpers for all the time and work put into making this a great and successful day for their chapters!

I would like to invite each of you to the Musicianship Examinations workshop at conference 2013 on Monday morning at 9:30. I will review this great state program for those who have questions and will talk about the different testing areas and also have a few ME chairs share their excitement and success with this great program. Hope to see you there!

Karen Scholten
Musicianship Examinations Chair
karen_scholten@msn.com

Enrichment



A Call for Compositions!

The WSMTA is seeking candidates for the Commissioned Composer of the Year for 2014. If you wish to be considered please send a representative score and recording to Dr. Steve Nehrenberg, chair of CCOY (PDFs, Finale files (2010 version or earlier), we blink, are fine). Please include a short bio and contact information. Candidates must reside in the state of Washington, must arrange for performance of their work at the state convention (including arranging for any performers

2013 WSMTA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: Updated May 1, 2013

SUNDAY, JUNE 16th

3:00-6:00pm	Registration & Information	Main Lobby
5:00-6:00pm	Social Hour	Grand Apple South
6:00pm	Banquet	Grand Apple South
7:30-8:00pm	Registration & Information	Main Lobby
8:00 pm	Washington Winners Recital	PAC

MONDAY, JUNE 17th

8:00am	Opening Session	PAC
9:30-10:30am	Workshops:	
	Music Transcends the Middle East Conflict, Part II - Dr. Jody Graves, NCTM	PAC
	Musicianship Examinations: Something Old, Something New - Karen Scholten	Golden Delicious
	Adudications Panel/Discussion - Peter Mack, NCTM, Robin Chadwick, NCTM; Dorie Guidon; Jensina Oliver, NCTM; Judy Baker, NCTM; Tim Betts (strings), Sandra Glover (voice)	Gala 4
10:30-11:00am	Break	
11:00-12:15pm	Honors Recital #1	PAC
12:30pm	Lunch	Grand Apple South
	Chap. Pres. & Adjud. Chair Mtgs.	Gold Delicious West
	N-Keyboard & Organ Tchrs. Mtgs.	Red Delicious West
1:45-2:45pm	Workshops:	
	Into Africa: Advocating Piano Music of Africa & the Diaspora - William H. Chapman Nyaho	Golden Delicious
	The Three Faces of Debussy, How to Teach & Play Music from the Impressionist Era - Jensina Oliver, NCTM	Gala 4
3:00-4:15pm	Honors Recital #2	PAC
4:30-5:30pm	Workshops:	
	How Much is Too Much? Practical Pedaling from Bach to Beethoven - Dr. Jeffrey Savage, NCTM	PAC
	More Than Piano Lessons: Motivating & Growing Music Lovers - Carol Hibbard, NCTM & Sue Heath, NCTM	Golden Delicious
	The Lighter Side of Bartok: Compositions that Represent the Poetic, Playful, and Humorous Subjects in Bartok's Music - Dr. Peter F. Wolf	Gala 4
8:00pm	Young Composers Recital & Composer of the Year, Reginald Unterseher	PAC

TUESDAY, JUNE 18th

8:00-9:00am	Workshops:	
	Music Transcends the Middle East Conflict, Part II - Dr. Jody Graves, NCTM	PAC
	Tempos in a Teapot: Determining Tempos in Baroque & Classical Music - Greg Presley	Golden Delicious
	From Membership to Leadership:: Yelena Balabanova, NCTM; Karen Hollenback, NCTM; Dianne Johnston, WSCTM, Debra Florian, NCTM	Gala 4
9:15-10:15am	Workshops:	
	The Etude and Beyond: Interpretive, Stylistic, & Historical Aspects of the Op. 25 Etudes of Chopin - Dr. John Pickett	PAC
	College Student: MTNA Certification as a Collegiate Chapter - WSU MTNA Collegiate Chapter	Golden Delicious
	Romanza de Amor: Manuel Ponce (1882-1948) & the Rise of Mexican Musical Nationalism - Benjamin N. Fowler	Gala 4
10:15-10:45am	Break	

10:45am-12pm	Honors Recital #3	PAC
12:15pm	Picnic/Box Lunch	Plaza, Park, or Grand Apple South
	Adjudicators & Certif. Chair Mtgs.	Plaza, Park or Red Delicious
	District V.P.'s Mtg.	Plaza, Park or Gala
12:45-1:45pm	Workshops:	
	Showcase #1 The Piano Studio - Martin Buff	PAC
	Games and Goodies - Doreen Slaugh, NCTM	Golden Delicious
1:45-2:45pm	Stop Me Before I ShriII Again: The Art of Combining Organ Stops - Joann Richardson, NCTM	United Methodist Church
2:00-3:00pm	Workshops:	
	How Much is Too Much? Practical Pedaling from Bach to Beethoven - Dr. Jeffrey Savage, NCTM	PAC
	Technical Development of the Young Beginner - Dr. Sasha Starcevich	Golden Delicious
	The Roads Less Travelled: Discovering Alternatives to The Suzuki Violin Method for Young Beginners, & Mapping Their Journey - Jane Melin, NCTM	Gala 4
3:00-3:30pm	Break	
3:30-4:45pm	Honors Recital #4	PAC
8:00pm	Conference Guest Artist, Stephen Beus, in Concert	PAC

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19th

8:00-9:00am	Workshops:	
	Showcase #2 -- Langlois Pianos	Golden Delicious
	Exercise Needs for the Music Professional (lecture) - Melody Williams	Gala 4
9:00-9:30am	Break	
9:30am	Piano Master Class with Stephen Beus	PAC
11:00-12pm	Workshops:	
	The Three Faces of Debussy, How to Teach & Play Music from the Impressionist Era - Jensina Oliver, NCTM	PAC
	Plays Well with Others: Developing Musician-Through Group Activities - Heather Hayes	Golden Delicious
	Improvisation: A Non-Threatening Approach - Jan Rowen Music, NCTM	Gala 4
12:15pm	Lunch	Grand Apple South
	District V.P.'s meet with their chapters: Dist. I, II, & III -- Dist. IV & V -- Dist. VI & VII	
	College Faculty Forum/Colleen Hunter	
1:30-2:45pm	Honors Recital #5	
3:00-4:00pm	Workshops:	
	Certification: At the Heart of it - Karen Hollenback, NCTM, State Certification Chair	Golden Delicious
	Exercise Class for Musician Needs (participatory) - Melody Williams	Gala 4
4:15-5:30pm	Piano Master Class with Stephen Beus	PAC
8:00pm	Volta Piano Trio Recital	PAC
	Jennifer Caine, violin - Sally Singer Tuttle, cello - Oksana Ezhokina, piano	
THURSDAY, JUNE 20th		
8:00-9:00am	Workshop: Lower Another Elephant onto the Keys - Peter Mack, NCTM	PAC
9:15- 10:15am	Closing Session	PAC
10:30-12pm	Presentation by Stephen Beus	PAC

-----2013 WSMTA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM-----

"Music from the Heart of Washington"
 at the Wenatchee Convention Center and Wenatchee Performing Arts Center,
 Wenatchee, Washington: June 16-20, 2013

Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Chapter: _____

Full-time Attendees

Registrations postmarked by May 11th benefit from discounted fees, those postmarked May 11th – June 4th pay full fees. For later registrations, please register at the conference (full fee).
***Registration fees include 3-day lunch package, 1 ticket to Stephen Beus Concert, and 1 ticket to Volta Piano Trio Concert.**

<u>Full-time Attendees</u>	<u>Postmarked by May 11th</u>	<u>Postmarked May 12- June 4</u>	<u>Amount</u>
WSMTA/MTNA member	\$195	\$240	\$ _____
WSMTA member-first time	\$145	\$170	\$ _____
Non-member	\$250	\$295	\$ _____
Students	\$130	\$155	\$ _____

Please choose your 3 lunches --

Monday Salad Lunch: ___ Grilled Chicken Caprese Salad ___ Wenatchee Wedge Salad

Tuesday Box Lunch: ___ Picnic (turkey, beef, provolone) ___ Veggie (___ Multi-grain ___ Gluten-Free)

Wednesday Entrée: ___ Wenatchee Apple Curry Chicken ___ Cavatappi Vegetable in

Special Dietary Needs: _____ Cream Sauce

Additional Tickets: Stephen Beus @ \$15 x _____ (\$25 @ door) \$ _____
 Volta Piano Trio @ \$10 x _____ (\$20 @ door) \$ _____

Banquet: Social Hour 5 PM & Dinner 6 PM, preceding the Washington Winners Recital

Please indicate the number of tickets for each meal choice

___ Wenatchee Apple Smoked Prime Rib ___ Hand Rolled Manicotti

Total # Dinners ___ x \$42 = \$ _____

One-Day Attendees

***Registration fees include 1 ticket to same evening's concert** (for additional tickets, see above)

<u>One-day Attendees</u>	<u>Postmarked by May 11th</u>	<u>Postmarked May 12-June 4</u>	<u>Day/Date Attending</u>	<u>Amount</u>
WSMTA/MTNA member	\$ 85	\$100	_____	\$ _____
WSMTA First Timer	\$ 65	\$ 80	_____	\$ _____
Non-member	\$100	\$115	_____	\$ _____
Students	\$ 55	\$ 70	_____	\$ _____
Optional Lunch	\$ 27	\$ 27	_____	\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

MAIL THIS FORM AND CHECK PAYABLE TO WSMTA TO:

Elaine Fox, 1852 Jason Court, Moses Lake, WA 98837

___ **Please check here** if you plan to attend the organ workshop.

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MASTER CLASS APPLICATION FORM FOR:

2013 Conference Music from the Heart of Washington June 16-20

*Piano Master Classes for upper level students with Stephen Beus
Wednesday, June 19, 2013*

Student's Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

Teacher's e-mail _____

Title of Piece _____

Composer of Piece _____

Guidelines for Applying:

1. Please submit this application along with a CD of the student's performance to: Roz Nau, NCTM, PO Box 728, Tonasket, WA 98855-0728 (Conference Chair)
2. Submit one piece (or one movement) from a single composer from any style of music.
3. Only one student per teacher may apply.
4. Please be mindful of the length of the piece. We want to include as many students as possible.
5. Receipt of Application/CD has been **EXTENDED to May 31, 2013.**

and rehearsals), and provide copies of the score for archives. It is also recommended that the candidate be a member of WSMTA. Dr. Steve Nehrenberg's address is 19503 122 Place SE, Kent WA 98031, e-mail vielmusik@msn.com. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Steve at the above email address.

Chapter News

New Scholarship Fund for Clark County Chapter



This year the Clark County Music Teachers Association established a very important scholarship fund for those students who are going to major in music at college. Our members felt that we were long overdue to have this scholarship. It took a lot of effort and energy to set it up.

In February of this year we held our 1st annual CCMTA Teachers Fundraising Concert. It was a great success, drawing many people from our community who donated generous amounts of money. It was gratifying to be able to reach out to more people who truly love and support music, and for our teachers to share their musical talents with their students and the community.

Lena Vozheiko-Wheaton
CCMTA President

Teacher Activities

Final Notice Daniel Pollack Master Classes May 30th - June 2nd

This class has proven to be an amazing motivator for high school students. For teachers it provides an opportunity to hear new works to expand their repertoire and professionalism. Also, teachers as well as students are enriched by the participation they experience with their fellow classmates.

There is still time to register. We encourage participation for the full four days, although it is possible to attend single days. This is a wonderful opportunity not to be missed! For the benefits you will realize from this professional work-shop the cost is extremely low. A unique class such as this does not happen too often in the Seattle area.

For brochures or more information:

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425-885-2839

2810 177th Ave. NE, Redmond, WA 98052

Nelita True Master Classes at Seattle Piano Institute

The Distinguished Dr. Nelita True will be giving Masterclasses as part of the Seattle Piano Institute July 12 and 13, 2013, University of Washington School of Music, Brechemin Auditorium 10:00-12:30, 2:30-5:00pm, both days

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**Master Classes at
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located at 711 SW 14th Ave.
Portland, Oregon
Monday, July 8 9:30am-12:30pm
Beethoven Sonatas
1:30pm-4:30pm
Debussy and Ravel
Tuesday, July 9 1:30pm-4:30pm
General repertoire
followed by open discussion

Paul Roberts will also present a master class and recital in Battle Ground, Washington, July 11.
For information contact Helen Murray, kargmurr@earthlink.net phone (360) 687-3470

For full information on **Paul Roberts in Portland July 2013**, go to paulrobertspiano.com
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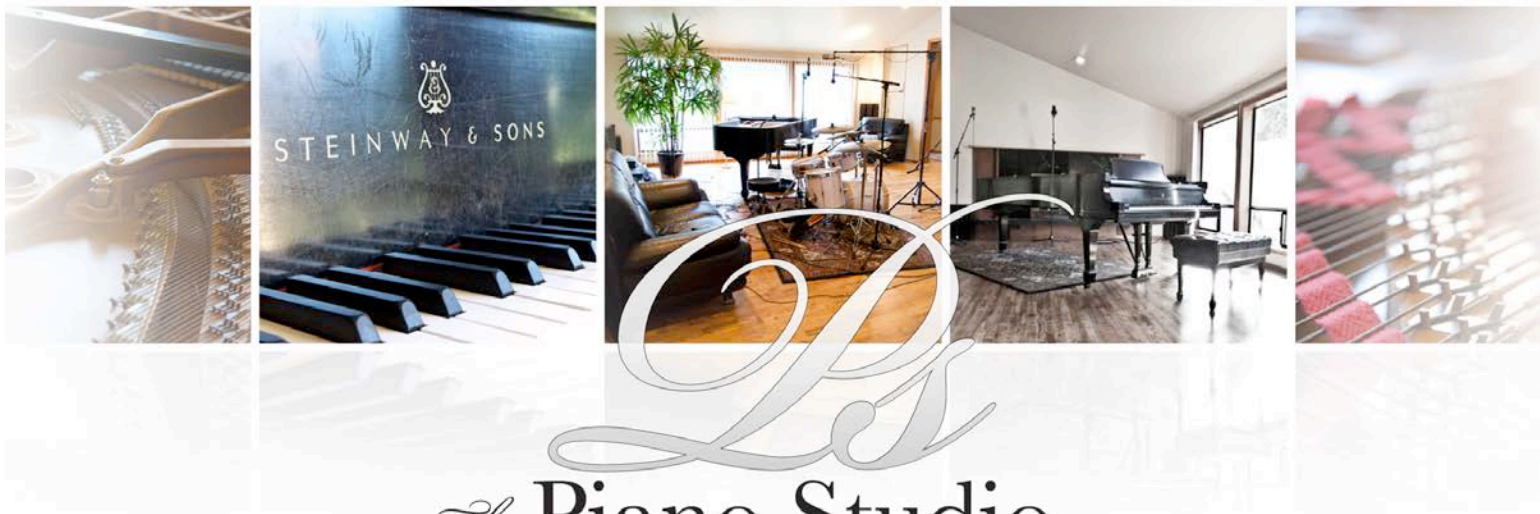
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DATES 'N DEADLINES

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May 23: Chapter Presidents' Reports & Officers List due to Executive Manager.

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June 16-20: WSMTA Conference at Wenatchee. (see articles & forms)

June 23-30: WSU Summer Keyboard Explorations.

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**See you all at the
2013 WSMTA Conference
in Wenatchee!**