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President's Corner



As the ever familiar sounds of Deck the Halls, Joy to the World, O Holy Night and the like, are filling our ear buds, homes, cars, and studios, I'm taking this opportunity to "Wish you a Merry Christmas and a

Happy New Year". My wish is that you will all enjoy a warm and wonderful Christmas with time for making special memories with your friends and family. As we bring 2011 to a close, I send my utmost appreciation and thanks to all of you who have made 2011 an outstanding year for WSMTA. "Thank You" to all the WSMTA Board Members, those who have assisted on the past and future conferences, you who worked on the MTNA Performance and Composition Competitions, OAC Competition and all who participate in your Chapter activities. You all are the heartbeat and face of WSMTA. You give it meaning and purpose as you raise money for scholarships, make music for the elderly or infirmed, infuse students with the love of music, mentor a new teacher, share burdens with one another, enjoy laughter together, provide opportunities for talented young musicians, and the list goes on. As I look back over the past few months, I've been enriched meeting so many of you; I've seen numerous creative people accomplishing worthwhile activities in their studios and in their MTA local associations, all of which has encouraged me.

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Merry Christmas to All!

BRAVO!

Student Competition Winners

Outstanding Artists Competition

My personal thanks go to Co-Chair, Jee Wong, judges Dr. Jay Mauchley, Dr. Kay Zavislak, Ron Bayer and volunteers Robin Chadwick, Judy Price, Margee Webster, Dianne Johnston, Jani Peterson, Onnie Adams, Mary Kaye Owen, Linda Butler and Bill McKay for giving so much of their time and energy to this wonderful organization and program. Also a great thank you to John Webster for all the work he did in creating the online application. It saved me days of work! And, a HUGE thanks to Central Washington University for allowing us the use of their beautiful building and equipment, and to Hampton Hotels for their hospitality to the volunteers and judges!!!

Again, congratulations to you all!!!

Julie Swienty, OAC Co-Chair

Junior Division

Place	Student (Teacher)
1st	Adrian Fan (Sasha Starceovich)
2nd	Jay Grinols (Ivona Kaminska-Bowlby)
3rd	Val Wold (Barbara Miller)
H.M.	Alexander Zhou (Donna Sams)
	Robert Yan (Christopher Bowlby)
	Yvonne Sun (Donna Bender)
	Christina Ding (Peter Mack)
	Reid Wolch (Paul Twedt)

Senior Division

Place	Student (Teacher)
1st	Edward Cordell (Donna Sams)
2nd	Sarah Schafer (Barbara Miller)
3rd	Bradley Smith (Barbara Van Vliet)
H.M.	Angela Lee (Barbara Miller)
	Audrey Li (Willard Schultz)
	Carter Bastian (Gregory Presley)
	Annie Yang (Peter Mack)
	Laura Bedalov (Donna Sams)

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Coming Events

View of Bellingham Bay near WWU Campus

WSMTA Conference 2012

LYRICAL IMPRESSIONS
in Bellingham by the Bay
June 18 -22 at Western Washington University
Hosted by the Lynden Chapter

Several themes are emerging as we begin planning the conference. They are:

"Each One Reach One", the theme of MTNA this year will be carried over into our conference with a free day for first-time attendees. We encourage music teachers to start thinking who they can invite for a free day at the conference.

Non-keyboard Tract: Several string teachers are helping us plan a non-key-board tract for one day of the conference.

Help for New Private Music Teachers: Pedagogy sessions are being planned for music teachers new to the field of private teaching or to help college and high school music students who are preparing to teach in the future. (Continued on Page 4)

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(also, MusicLink is one word, not two)

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President's Corner

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As we come to the year 2012, I encourage you as individual teachers and members of your MTA local associations to revisit you goals, visions and mission statements and make any changes that reflect the new ideas you have developed.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Dianne Johnston, WSCTM

WSMTA President

BRAVO!

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Student Competition Winners

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MTNA Performance Competition

The 2011 MTNA Performance Competition is complete. The 89 competitors were amazing and the judges were of the highest caliber. My personal thanks go out to the students, the teachers, the judges and the many members of this fine organization that devote so much of their time and energy to making this event happen.

A huge thanks goes out to Onnie Adams, who took on the task of arranging the volunteers and other on-site details that made this event run as smoothly as it did. Additionally, I want to extend my personal thanks to Jani Peterson, Dianne Johnston, Laurie Eash, Janice Smith and

the area coordinators; Cheryl Green, Yunbo Cassady and Laura Curtis. I also know there are numerous members of WSMTA who were involved at various levels of this competition who are not mentioned here. We want you to know how much you are appreciated.

We are also grateful to the administration and faculty of the Music Department of Central Washington University for allowing us to use their exceptional facility. They warmly opened much of their building which had a direct correlation to the incredible performances which were experienced by all participants.

Congratulations to all of you.

Bill McKay, NCTM

WSMTA Vice President

MTNA Performance Competition

Coordinator

Junior Piano

Place Student (Teacher)

Winner Shannon Cassady (Sasha Starceovich)

Alt. Gene Pak (V. Bogdashevskaya)

H.M. Millicent Mc Fall (Peter Mack)

Andrew Liu (Willard Schultz)

Alexander Lu (Michi North)

Junior Strings

Place Student (Teacher)

Winner Bronwyn James (Simon James)

Alt. Annie Pham (Leonid Keylin)

H.M. Olivia Marckx (Leslie Marckx)

Junior Woodwinds

Place Student (Teacher)

Rep. Kim Elise (Bonnie Blanchard-Romain)

Senior Piano

Place Student (Teacher)

Winner Sun Chang (Peter Mack)

Alt. Rachel Dailey (Peter Mack/Jeffrey

Gilliam

H.M. Dong Won Lee (V. Bogdashevskaya)

Hanna Chong (Joanna Hodges)

Christopher Lu (Peter Mack)

Jeanette Ojala (Judy Baker)

Senior Strings

Place Student (Teacher)

Winner Felicity James (Simon James)

Alt. Mina park (Leonid Keylin)

H.M. Karissa Zodinsky (Leslie Marckx)

Amelia Sie (Simon James)

Senior Voice

Place Student (Teacher)

Winner Keith Meline (Reg Unterseher)

Alt. Vanessa Vega (Karen Zizzi)

H.M. Brenna Feeney (Reg Unterseher)

Senior Woodwinds

Place Student (Teacher)

Winner Fred Kim (Bonnie Blanchard-Romain)

Alt. Chase Nicholson (Fred Winkler)

H.M. Tian Tian Metzgar (Sarah Bassingthwaighte

Senior Piano Duet

Place Student (Teacher)

Winner Millicent Thomas McFall/Toni Liu McFall (Peter Mack)

Alt. Catherine Kok/Jonathan Kok (Mack)

Senior Brass

Place Student (Teacher)

Rep. Andrew Abel (Chris Olka)

Young Artist Piano

Place Student (Teacher)

Winner Jeremy Evan DesChane (John Pickett)

Alt. Andrew Romanick (Jeffrey Savage)

H.M. Steven Damouni (Jeffrey Savage)

Nanyi Qiang (Craig Sheppard)

Young Artist Strings

Place Student (Teacher)

Winner Youn Grace (Maria Sampen)

Alt. Brian Miles (Carrie Michel)

Young Artist Voice

Place Student (Teacher)

Rep. Jessie Nordstrom (Sandra Glover)

Young Artist Woodwind

Place Student (Teacher)

Rep. Chester Baughman (Fred Winkler)

Young Artist Chamber Music Strings

Place Student (Teacher)

Winner CWU Piano Trio (Carrie Rehkopf)

Alt. Squashdog (Maria Sampen)

H.M. Cornish Piano Trio (Peter Mack)

Young Artist Chamber Music Winds

Place Student (Teacher)

Winner Puget Sound Quartet (Fred Winkler)

Alt. Cornish Flute Quartet (Peter Mack)

MTNA Composition Competition

As another year closes on the MTNA State Composition Competitions, three Washington State young composers now go on to the Division and, hopefully, the National Levels. The MTNA Competition brought 15 composers into the State Competition, up from last year's nine. Our judges for the scores were Valerie Ruth Roubos, Victoria Sabo and Father Kevin Waters, SJ. Each expressed great delight in having the opportunity to review and adjudicate the scores submitted. Based on their joint comments the scores were clearly a testament to the musicality among students in our State.

In all, the following Washington State teachers had students submit scores this year: Cheryl Green, Sarah Bassingthwaighte, Barbara Miller, Benjamin Fowler, Art Peterson, Ryan Hare.

It has been an exciting year to watch and be a part of this wonderful opportunity for students in our State. Please feel

free to contact me regarding the program. I am available to provide on site information.

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Elementary

Place Student (Teacher)

Winner Jake Lee (Sharon Van Valin)

Junior

Place Student (Teacher)

Winner Nicholas Woo (Sharon Van Valin)

Senior

Place Student (Teacher)

Winner Benjamin Davis (Sharon Van Valin)

H.M. David Lein (Peter Mack)

Young Artist

Place Student (Teacher)

Rep. Peter Kelley (Ryan Hare)

Coming Events

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WSMTA Conference 2012



Edens Hall on WWU Campus

Our conference will be held on the campus of Western Washington University overlooking scenic Bellingham Bay. Western's campus is home to an eclectic collection of outdoor and indoor public art sculptures. The collection, funded in part by the Washington State Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, includes 30 works which conference attendees will be able to enjoy as they explore the campus.

We are anticipating your arrival with the expectation that you will be renewed and refreshed as a music teacher.

Sincerely,

Karen Scholten and Meg Krieg, NCTM
2012 Conference Co-Chairs

Education

Young Composers Project

Now is the time to encourage your students to be working on compositions for the 2012 WSMTA Young Composers Project (YCP). The number of entries has remained strong – along with the quality of the students' work – a sign of teachers' continued interest in encouraging creativity in our studios. Our judges provide generous amounts of time and expertise to encourage each and every entrant. Evaluations present insights and new ideas for our young composers (and their teachers) to further develop their skill.

The complete set of Rules and Guidelines and official entry form for 2012 are available on-line at www.wsmta.net. Go to the menu on the left side of your screen and click on "Forms" (under the subhead, "About WSMTA"). Then scroll down to "2012 Young Composers Project." Here you will find two documents: the Rules & Guidelines and the 2012 Entry Form. Please be sure to read all information provided in the Rules and Guidelines well in advance of submitting your students composition(s).

If you have any difficulty printing the form from the website, or if you have specific questions regarding the rules and guidelines, feel free to contact me: ks88keys@gmail.com. The postmark entry deadline for the 2012 Young Composers Project is Wednesday, February 15.

Krista Seely
Young Composers Project Chair

CERTIFICATION CORNER

Here comes...THE HOLIDAYS!

Holiday: defined as a day of festivity or recreation when no work is done.

Synonyms: vacation, festival, feast, recess, day off.

Quick, quick—tell me where I can sign up!! Every year I tell myself I'll be more organized and get things done sooner, more quickly and with less stress. But every year I find myself scrambling to "get it all done" during this month of holiday.

Somehow, though, the important stuff actually does happen. Lessons are enjoyed by all with the addition of seasonal

music, and the sometimes added excitement of snow falling. Gatherings with friends, whether a cozy evening dinner or a travel expedition to see the beautiful lights of the season, are filled with a sense of magic and timelessness. Even the last minute trip to the grocery store to pick up that forgotten ingredient for the special family dinner adds a new dimension to the cooking process, once I take a deep breath and try to see the adventure in the whole situation. In the end, the holidays seem to go by way too fast leaving wonderful stories that will be told over and over.

I hope that each of you enjoys your holidays, hopefully with no work involved, but if that's not the case for you, I hope that your holiday will be festive and result in some wonderful stories to share!

I want to share some end-of-the-year news with you from our teaching family. **The following teachers have been awarded a WSMTA certification grant:**

Stephanie White (Eastside, South King County)

Yunbo Cassady (Eastside)

Julie Howe (Eastside)

Jennifer Li (Eastside).

Way to go Eastside Chapter! Be sure to offer encouragement to each of them as they work towards national certification.

We still have 3 grants remaining. How about ending your 2011 by getting your certification application in to MTNA then contacting me to apply for a certification grant? You'll be able to relax, take a day off and enjoy the festivities of this holiday season, and then start the New Year off by beginning work on the workbook projects. By this time next year you will have completed certification. What a holiday season that would be!!

Wishing each of you a festive end to 2011! See you in 2012...

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Enrichment



IMTF Corner



Gift Giving

It seems as we come to the month of December we begin thinking about gifts.

What do we get for _____ or what would ____ like. Have you thought about how many gifts we enjoy because of what we do? We get to enjoy the gift of music through the talented and dedicated composers and musicians. We can enjoy making music ourselves. We have the opportunity to pass that gift on to our students through teaching and helping them develop a love for music. Those are all gifts we receive. What about gifts to give? We give our students a gift when we as teachers continue to learn and grow throughout our lives. We give our families a gift as we balance our work and make time for them. We give ourselves a gift as we keep on practicing and being involved with our own musical enjoyment. We give a gift to our local chapter when we attend and participate in our chapter meetings and assignments. It is a gift to our profession to belong to and take advantage of what our State and National Associations have to offer in conferences, conventions and workshops. With all this talk of giving and receiving gifts we need to remember that only when a gift is opened and enjoyed is it truly a gift. We all have something to offer, so open up to others and share. The best gift is to give of yourself. After all, the smallest gift in the world is a person all wrapped up in themselves.

Doreen Slaugh, NCTM, IMTF Chair

District News

District VII Winter Conference
Saturday, February 4, 2011
Hosted by WSU School of Music

◆ **Lowell Liebermann Master Class**

- ◆ Organ Workshop with Dr. Jill Schneider
- ◆ Jazz Piano Workshop with Brian Ward
WSU Kimbrough Music Building

Renowned American composer Lowell Liebermann (composer of *Gargoyles*, nocturnes, and piano concertos) will be giving a masterclass on his piano works. The masterclass is open to WSMTA students by audition (see www.libarts.wsu.edu/music <<http://www.libarts.wsu.edu/music>> for more information). An evening concert, the highlight of the Festival of Contemporary Art Music, will feature Liebermann's works performed by WSU Faculty and Ensembles, including the premiere of a new work for two pianos, his *Sonata for Flute and Piano*, and the *Trumpet Concerto*. This duo commissioned work is sponsored in part from a grant from WSMTA.

Visit <http://www.lowellliebermann.com/> for more information about the composer.

Fri, 2/3, 11am: Liebermann Lecture to Composition Students

Fri, 2/3, TBA: open rehearsals with Lowell Liebermann

Sat, 2/4, 1:30 pm: Masterclass with Lowell Liebermann

Sat, 2/4, 3:15 pm: Organ and Jazz piano workshops with Brian Ward and Dr. Jill Schneider

Sat, 2/4, 8 pm: Liebermann concert
 Free admission. Events are open to the public. Donations accepted to WSU Scholarship Fund.

For more information, directions, etc: khsavage@wsu.edu, 509-335-3971

Bulletin Board

Washington State Federation of Music Clubs Composition Contest

The WA State Federation of Music Clubs is looking forward to many great compositions again this year. The deadline for the compositions to be IN MY HANDS is Jan. 15. First and Second Place State Winners from each of 4 categories will be sent to the Regional competition within 3 weeks of the deadline. WA has wonderful young composers, many of whom have gone on and placed at the National level. We hope you will again partake in this great opportunity for your works.

For registration forms, questions, and other information, contact: SHARON VAN VALIN at 206-236-7394, or email me at sfvv65@comcast.net.

Sharon Van Valin, NCTM

Conference 2011 Photo



Representatives from the Washington State Winners Recital at the 2011 Conference

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 Elma Curry
 Jane Davis
 Jim Edmonds
 Martha Helder
 Joy Henderson
 Randolph Hokanson
 Calvin Knapp
 Carolyn Malnes
 Shirley Peringer
 Peggy Smith
 Mary Toy

2003

Laura Boyer
 Ford Hill
 Lois Jacobson
 Marcile Mack
 Janet Mooney
 Loran Olsen
 Margaret Saunders Ott
 Willard Schultz
 Bela Siki
 Helena Smith
 Marianna Stensager

2004

Gloria Burnett Scott
 Lois Burress
 Richard E. Clark
 Robert E. Lundquist
 Julia Schnebly-Black

2005

Judy Baker
 Marilyn Brossard
 Eleanor Haney

2006

Doris Mae Bajema

Lisa Bergman
 Janice E. Brink

2007

Mary Ellen Cavelti
 Melba O'Neill
 Verna Wagner

2008

Janet Adams
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3:30 p.m. honor's recital

8:00 p.m. concert



JANUARY 28

Audition Day at WSU



FEBRUARY 2-4

**WSU Festival of
Contemporary Art Music**

Guest Composer: **Lowell Liebermann**

FEBRUARY 4 (WSMTA District VII event)

1:30 p.m. Liebermann - piano masterclass
co-sponsored by WSMTA

3:30 p.m. Winter Keyboard Explorations
- workshops on organ and jazz piano

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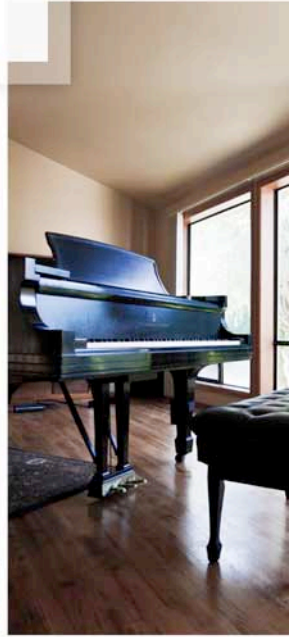
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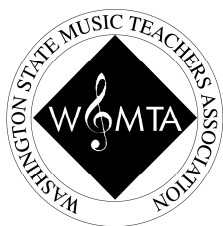


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Jan. 10: New member dues deadline for Adjudications participation.

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Jan. 29: WSMTA Board of Directors Meeting, SeaTac.

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