

President's Corner



It's astounding how rapidly the past nine months have gone by; I feel like I've lived through a time-lapsed photography experience. Late last July I gave you a description of the birds feeding and teaching their

young around our bird feeders and bird bath. It seems I've barely turned my head and now humming birds and other birds are appearing in greater numbers already. I think their campaign was "Each One Reach One" as well! Last August/September we were setting out to begin our teaching year! Now, we can look back and assess how the year went! Did we reach goals, including workshops, concerts, performances for ourselves and recitals, adjudications, festivals, musicianship exams, competitions etc. for our students?

"Each One Reach One" Campaign resulted in over 50 new members between September 1, 2011 and April 1, 2012. **BRAVO to Enumclaw and Kitsap County Chapters!** You added the highest percentage and most new members in the state during that period, according to MTNA membership numbers. *Enumclaw increased by 29% (GREAT GOING)*, and *Kitsap Chapter added nine new members (EXCELLENT)!* Both chapters are the recipients of \$200.00, given with the intent that it be used to assist a member or members to attend the conference. This year about one in twenty-two members "reached" a new person to join WSMTA; let's see if we can do better and refresh WSMTA with 100 new members next year!

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BRAVO!

2013 MTNA Foundation Fellow Nominee



Judith Schoepflin
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WSMTA Salutes Student Winners: Congratulations to You & Your Teachers!

WSMTA State Recitalists Yakima-Ellensburg, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Devon Streich (Danene Knudsen)
Rep. 2: Nick Gravbrot (Anne Schilperoort)
Alt. 1: Garrett Snedeker (Marilyn Wilbanks)
Alt. 2: Joseph Donaldson (Knudsen)
H.M.: Jackie Kilian (Knudsen); Jocelyn Cruz (Junghee Spicer)

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Musicianship Examinations High Honors Whidbey Island

Teacher: (Level) Student(s)

Cheryl Gardner: (1) Ahnalee Von Kappel; (3) Patricia Sablau; (1) Kathryn Gordon.

Enumclaw

Teacher: (Level) Student(s)

Angela Wentz: (3) Kaelynn Whiting; (4) Calista White.

Shala Gunnells: (4) Haley Unger; (4) Rosie Una; (5) Redman Svedberg.

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Coming Events

WSMTA Conference 2012

LYRICAL IMPRESSIONS
in Bellingham by the Bay
June 18-22 at Western Washington University
Performing Arts Center

Hosted by the Lynden Chapter

WWU Concert Hall

We hope that you are anticipating a wonderful 2012 conference with plenty of opportunities to improve as musicians. Along with many other chapters in Northwest Washington, the Lynden Chapter believes "Lyrical Impressions: Bellingham by the Bay" will be a fitting conclusion to your year of teaching. There will be numerous recitals, inspired session presenters, and five master classes taught by outstanding musicians. We hope you can plan to take a leisurely walk through the beautiful campus of Western Washington University or enjoy the sun on the Performing Arts Center pavilion that overlooks the bay. If you have yet to register, it is not too late. Do so at wsmta.net. If you have any questions about your registration you may contact our registrar Dorie Guidon, at dorieg33@comcast.net.

We offer housing at two locations: Higginson Hall, within walking distance of the conference (<https://housing.wvu.edu/apps/halls/edens-higginson>) and the Best Western Lakeway Inn & Conference Center (call toll-free 1-888-671-1011).

Scholarship Raffle: Don't forget all the excitement and funds that the scholarship raffle provides for our association. Your chapter's contribution of wonderful items for us to bid on adds an element of excitement to the conference. Thank you in advance for making the scholarship raffle a success.

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Membership

Welcome New Members!

Tri Cities Chapter

Karen Fritch

WSMTA Slate of Officer Nominees

Treasurer - Patti Robertson, NCTM

District I Vice President - Yelena Balabanova, NCTM

District III Vice President - TBA

District V Vice President - Roz Nau, NCTM

District VII Vice President - Michelle Mielke, NCTM

The slate of nominees will be voted on at the closing business session on June 22, 2012. Respectfully submitted by

Mary Kay Owen, NCTM
Nominating Committee Chair

A Note of Thanks!

I am very honored to be your next Northwest Division Director-elect! You, the members of WSMTA, have always been so supportive in every position I have ever held. It is one thing to be "asked" to do a job, it's another thing to be elected! I have heard from so many of you through e-mails, letters, phone calls

and personal congratulations. Thank you so very much for all the kind words and the vote of confidence. Over the next 2 years I will have a few tasks plus learning the ropes for when I have the privilege of sitting on the national board the following 2 years. Washington State has had some amazing leaders at the national level of which most recently were your NW Directors Peter Mack and Debra Florian. They both led with thoughtfulness, caring and integrity. I am truly honored to be following in their footsteps and promise to serve in the same manner. Thank you again for your support and for allowing me this opportunity.

*Jani Peterson, NCTM
NW Division Director-elect
NW Division Competition Chair*

President's Corner

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Think about an additional membership competition in your district or chapter. Remember new members provide new vision, energy and life. Each Chapter President will receive a list of all the chapter membership numbers in your president's packet at the Conference in Bellingham.

Speaking of **membership** now is the perfect time to pay dues for the coming year, which can be accomplished online at mtna.org, or by mail. Because our Executive Manager Judith Price will update our WSM TA website membership in July, your membership should be paid by then, so you can easily access WSM TA online for OAC, Adjudications, the Workshop List and member contact information in the fall. When you pay your dues you can also give to the MTNA Foundation Fund and write Judith Schoepflin's name as our Washington State Foundation Fund Nominee.

As we near the end of this busy part of our year, I extend a huge **THANK YOU** to each Board member for sharing their ideas, solutions, cooperative spirit and responsiveness as we worked through the year. You are an awesome team that I'm honored to serve with. I'm also grateful to all the Committee Chairs who have diligently taken care of their responsibilities in a professional manner. I can't imagine a better group to work with. Also my congratulations go to all Chapter Presidents and other officers for the ac-

complishments you've made. I trust you've had a successful year. I so enjoyed the hospitality of Gig Harbor, Seattle, Grays Harbor, Whidbey Island, South King, Lewis, Eastside, Mt Rainier, Lynden, Clark, Yakima-Ellensburg, Snohomish, Moses Lake-Central Basin, Skagit Valley and Walla Walla Chapters when I visited. I was inspired, refreshed and impressed with how much a group of 10 or 100 independent music teachers can enhance and augment their community with music programs. You are some of the most delightful people who also serve delicious meals! Thanks to each of you for making WSM TA a great organization.

Coming very soon: "Lyrical Impressions" - our WSM TA Conference - Hope you're packing your bags for a refreshing escape to Bellingham by the Bay, where a banquet is being set, beautiful scenes are taking shape, fabulous workshops, concerts, recitals, master classes, and friends from across the state await you! Our guest artist Angela Cheng will erase all the memories of any unprepared students you may have heard this year when you hear her concert! So come and be inspired. Also Ms. Cheng is inviting you "Inside the Musician's Studio" during her Friday session. Jeffrey Savage of WSU, will moderate the session that will consist of an interview, and questions that **YOU** submit. Be thinking of teaching topics, performing, repertoire and coaching questions you have and submit those questions to Dianne@silverlink.net by June 15! It will be a unique and special time.

Looking ahead to our fall calendars:

★ **Leadership Seminar for Chapter Presidents** to take place **September 29 - 30, 2012** at the Hilton Garden Inn, Yakima. Chapters please consider assisting your president with their registration and/or travel expense. WSM TA will cover meal costs and 1/2 the cost of a double room.

★ **Adjudicator Conference** for all adjudicators, prior to the Leadership Seminar, **September 28 - 29, 2012** at the Hilton Garden Inn, Yakima.

★ **MTNA Performance Competition** to be held at University of Puget Sound, November 9 - 11, 2012, deadline for registering 3:00 PM EST September 12, 2012.

★ **MTNA Composition Competition** - Compositions must be uploaded to MTNA on a pdf file by 3:00 PM EST

September 12, 2012. Bob Pajer our WSM TA Composition Chair can answer questions you may have.

★ **OAC Competition** - to be held in Tacoma, November 8 - 10, 2012.

Registration will be online only at the wsmta.net web site.

I'll be looking for you at the Conference! And I wish you well through the summer enjoying your favorite *music*. Remember *music* refreshes your mind and body, helps your memory, your mental organization and your health. So let's listen, listen and listen some more. ☺

*Dianne Johnston, WSM TA
WSM TA President*

Coming Events

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WSM TA Conference 2012



Sunset over Strait of Juan de Fuca

Poster Contest

From the piano bench of Rosi Hendrickson comes the idea of a poster contest for the conference. There will be prizes for: most eye-catching, most informative, and best of show. Bring your completed poster to the conference! For more information on the poster contest you may reference your May Clarion online or contact Rosi at thepianobench@whidbey.com.

Non-keyboard Day, Tuesday, June 19

On each day of the conference, pianists and non-keyboard members can expect a full roster of sessions and recitals to attend that will interest them. However, on the 19th we welcome a special slate of musicians that will perform on strings and flute including Jan Coleman, Lisa McCarthy, Grant Donnellan, Emily Bailey, Karen Visser, Sandra Saathoff and Rebecca Cook.

Forums

Conference forums are a great opportunity for you to gain understanding of some of the programs available to WSM-TA members. Forums that will be presented are: *A User's Guide to Washington State Competitions*, *Musicianship Exams: Something Old, Something New*, *Certification: Take it a Project at a Time*, and *Making MusicLink Manageable*.

Master Class Programs

Angela Cheng Piano Master Class

1. Trois Nouvelles Etudes - Chopin
I. Andante in F minor
II. Allegretto in A flat Major
2. Sonata Op. 31, No. 2 - Beethoven
3. French Suite No. 6 in E Major - Bach
Allemande, Courante, Gigue
4. Polichinelle - Rachmaninoff

Angela Cheng Collaborative Master Class

1. Piano Quartet in C minor - Fauré
I. Allegro Molto Moderato
2. Sonata in B flat Major K. 358 - Mozart
Allegro (four hands)

Grant Donnellan Violin Master Class

1. Sonatina Op. 100 - Dvořák
IV. Allegro
2. Sonata in F Major - Handel
I. Adagio
II. Allegro

Jeffrey Gilliam Piano Master Class

1. Preludes Book I, "The Enchanted Garden" - Danielpour
No. 1 Promenade
2. Sonata No. 16 in G Major, Op. 31, No 1 - Beethoven
Allegro Vivace
3. La Cathédrale Engloutie from Preludes Book 1 - Debussy

The complete list of master class students and teachers will be in your conference booklet.

Free Day at the Conference Thursday, June 21

A Conference Brochure for you to print as an invitation!

In the spirit of MTNA's theme for the year 2011-2012 "Each One Reach One", we are pleased to offer a free day at the conference on Thursday, June 21. The conference is a showcase for all that WSM-TA has to offer, and we hope that as non-members attend this free day, they will want to join and benefit from our association of music teachers. We encourage each of you attending the conference, to invite a guest to come along—

either for the week or just one day. In addition to the free day, we would like to *help* you invite a guest and we have a brochure intended for just that purpose! While it is not a complete schedule of the conference, it will give a potential guest a taste of the excellent sessions, master classes, and recitals they might expect if they attend the conference. Please visit:

wsmta.net/2012_conference_brochure.pdf

to print your own brochure to give to that musical someone you know!

Directions to WWU

- ▶ Take I-5 North to Bellingham.
- ▶ Take Exit 252 – Samish Way W. Wash. University
- ▶ Turn left onto S. Samish Way.
- ▶ Take the first left to stay on S. Samish Way.
- ▶ Turn left onto Byron Ave.
- ▶ Stay straight to go onto Bill McDonald Pkwy.
- ▶ Turn right onto S. College Dr.
- ▶ Turn left onto W. College Way.
- ▶ Turn Right onto Highland Dr.
- ▶ Follow Conference signs to parking lot 3R (North tip of Campus)
- ▶ Registration will be at the PAC building #16, 3:00-5:00pm.

**Conference Registration opens at
3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 18
in the Performing Arts Center lobby.**

We wish you safe travels as you enjoy the drive across the state to attend the 2012 Washington State Music Teachers Conference in Bellingham.

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

Scholarship Raffle Time!

The State Conference in Bellingham is coming up very soon. I'm looking forward to meeting all WSM-TA members "old" and "new". Chapters and members are invited to bring raffle and/or silent auction items for our daily raffle fun. ☺ It's an event not to be missed. Every year our generous members outdo themselves. I thank you all in advance as do the students who receive funds from the scholarship account!

*Cinda Redman, NCTM
Scholarship Chair*

~ You are invited to Attend ~

The celebration at the 2012 Bellingham Conference Banquet presentation of

Honorary Life Membership to Deborah Florian

Come and honor her for all she has given to KMTA, WSM-TA and MTNA over the years.

*Onnie Adams,
Honorary Life Membership Chair*

**Jeffrey and Karen Savage,
Piano Duo to Premier
WSMTA Commissioned Composition
by Ryan Hare, Tuesday, June 19**



Ryan Hare's composition "Dark Energy" for two pianos, which he composed on commission from the WSM-TA will be premiered in recital on Tuesday 8:00 PM. He dedicated his piece to **Jeffrey and Karen Savage**, the husband and wife team that comprises the award-winning piano duo "88 Squared." Jeff and Karen are colleagues, superb pianists, and friends of Ryan Hare at Washington State University.

The title refers to the phenomenon in astrophysics and celestial mechanics that is required to explain the expansion of the universe, but which is otherwise totally mysterious and currently opaque to direct observation.

Lunch Meeting for Organists at WSM-TA Conference

Tuesday has been set aside at the WSM-TA conference for a lunchtime meeting of organists. This is a wonderful oppor-

tunity for us to develop a supportive community of organists within WSM TA. This year, I will moderate an open forum discussion about topics related to work as an organist and/or organ teacher. Topics may include where to find organ music (unfortunately, it's rarely available in music stores); materials for students; organ registration; hymn playing; relationships with clergy or church personnel; weddings, funerals, and memorial services; how to learn to play the pedals; organ terminology; how to find out what a particular button or gadget on your organ does; and any other questions you may have. If you are an organist or have an interest in the organ, please join your organist colleagues for lunch. Feel free to bring non-organist friends to join us. Who knows, after lunch with the organists, they may wish to join our "ranks!"

*Joann Richardson, NCTM
WSMTA Organ Chair*

Conference Exhibitors

*Fandrich & Sons Pianos
Langlois & Sons Pianos
Ultimate Theory
Kennelly Keys
Yenney Music*



WWU Performing Arts Center

Leadership Seminar 2012 September 29-30

Calling all leaders! Coming up early this fall is our 2012 Leadership Seminar; we hope you are **marking your calendars** for Saturday and Sunday, September 29-30 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Yakima. All chapter presidents, WSM TA Board members and WSM TA committee chairs are encouraged to attend to meet up with old friends, get acquainted with new friends, and learn about all of our WSM TA programs. We hope to educate, entertain, laugh, dine, share stories, and make connections....all within a 24 hour period!

Watch for more detailed information via e-mail and snail mail in August!

*Laurie Eash, NCTM
Leadership Seminar Chair*

Adjudicator Conference

To All Adjudicators:

Come to Yakima, Hilton Garden Inn, for the WSM TA Adjudicator Conference. It only happens every two years, and it's a lovely chance to meet your fellow adjudicators, brush up your adjudication skills, keep up-to-date on the recent adjudications policy changes, and celebrate our contribution to the organization. The conference runs from 7:00 PM on Friday September 28th until 3PM on Saturday September 29th, 2012. WSM TA will pay for your Friday night hotel room, and both breakfast and lunch on Saturday. All you need to do is get to Yakima, and everything else is taken care of! For more information, please email me (mackpeter@earthlink.net) or call me at 206-328-7294. It'll be fun!

*Peter Mack, NCTM
Adjudicator Chair*

MTNA Performance Competition

The University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, November 9 – 11, 2012 will be the location for our state MTNA Performance Competition. **Teachers** entering students must pay the WSM TA teacher registration fee and complete the form that is found at wsmta.net. by September 19, 2012. You can access this at wsmta.net. On the left side of the home page click on "Performance and Composition Competitions" and you will find the competition rules and registration information. Please print out the teacher registration form, complete it and mail it with your registration check as directed on the form. **Please note** you will not be able to complete the form unless your MTNA/WSMTA dues are paid. **Students** must register online, at the mtna.org web site.

Important changes from National regarding the MTNA Performance Competitions beginning this 2012–2013 year:

Application deadline is 3:00 p.m. eastern time on September 12, 2012.

Current active membership dues for MTNA or a nonmember teacher fee

must be paid prior to accessing the student competition application.

MTNA Composition Competition

The entry for the MTNA Composition Competition is completed only through the mtna.org web site. Any questions about the composition portion of the competition can be sent to Bob Pajer at bobpajer@pianosoloseattle.net. **Please note** the important change from National regarding the MTNA Composition Competition for this 2012-2013 year:

Compositions will be uploaded online as a PDF file. Scores are NOT to be mailed

Current active membership dues for MTNA or a nonmember teacher fee must be paid prior to accessing the student competition application.

Outstanding Artist Competition

The Outstanding Artist Competition (OAC) is scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, November 8-10, 2012, in Tacoma, Washington. For information about the OAC go to our website, wsmta.net, and click "forms" on the left side of the home page where you will find the Outstanding Artist Competition Regulations. The OAC Entry Form will soon be available on the website. It will be an online only form found in the "Members Login." Two copies of the completed form need to be printed; one to keep for your records and one to send with your check to OAC Chair, Patti Ray, 20892 Kaster Rd. NW, Poulsbo, WA 98370. Entry Deadline is September 12, 2012. If you have questions please contact OAC Chair Patti Ray: jnpray@comcast.net.

BRAVO!

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2013 MTNA Foundation Fellow Nominee Judith Schoepflin

Judith Schoepflin, NCTM, is Director of Keyboard Studies at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington. A native of Bremerton, Washington, she holds both Bachelors and Masters degrees in piano performance and vocal performance from the University of Idaho. While there, she was a recipient of the Theodore Presser

Award, the Phi Kappa Phi award for outstanding academic achievement, and the Pi Kappa Lambda award for outstanding musical achievement. As a Doctoral Fellow at the University of North Texas, she received her doctorate in Piano Performance, where she was a student of Richard Cass and Joseph Banowetz.

Active as both a solo and chamber music performer, she has performed with numerous orchestras in the Northwest and Canada. As a member of the Mühlfeld Clarinet Trio, she performed to critical acclaim in the U.S., Europe, Canada, and Mexico. This group recorded for Laurel Records and Irish National Radio, and was featured on United Airlines in-flight listening. The trio also performed for MTNA Conferences in Washington D.C., Portland, OR, and Miami, FL. Judith has been a regular presenter on various topics for her local Spokane chapter of WSM-TA, as well as serving as performer and presenter at several Washington State Music Teacher Conferences. Recently, she presented the topic, "Can I Sue My Piano Teacher for Malpractice?" Serving as liaison and host of many WSM-TA State and Northwest Division MTNA Competitions, she is also area coordinator for the National Guild of Piano Teacher Auditions.

She is active as a master clinician and adjudicator for a variety of state and regional adjudications and competitions. This includes WSM-TA State Competitions and MTNA Division Competitions in Washington, Idaho, Montana and Utah.

Judith enjoys teaching students of all ages. Her private and collegiate students regularly perform in master classes, participate in WSM-TA adjudications, and have won numerous regional competitions. Many of her students have gone on to receive graduate degrees in piano, and are teaching independently and/or in colleges.

While a faculty member at Washington State University, she was awarded "Woman of the Year in the Arts" for her contribution to women's studies through research and performance of women composers. She has actively promoted music by women through lectures and recitals, and is founder and director of Whitworth University's annual series, *Women Composers: The Untapped Source*. This series has presented music by over 140 women from around the globe, and includes works from the 9th C. to the pre-

sent; ranging from piano works to full symphonic band. Her study in this field has lead to the acquisition of over 1,000 scores.

When not involved with music, Judith enjoys gardening, reading and sports, once serving as a little league baseball coach.

MTNA Foundation News

It is a great joy and privilege to support the MTNA Foundation while we honor Washington musicians as MTNA Foundation Fellows. In March Ford Hill was honored in New York at the MTNA Conference Gala, and now it is time to celebrate our 2013 MTNA Foundation Fellow nominee, Judith Schoepflin. Please contribute to the MTNA Foundation and note that your contribution is for the **Judith Schoepflin** Fellow Fund.

*Robin Chadwick, NCTM
MTNA Foundation Fund Chair*

Education



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! It's June!! With the start of summer, the end of the teaching year, and after a full 2011-2012, it's time for a little personal inspiration and rejuvenation at the WSM-TA conference in Bellingham. I am looking forward to the music, workshops, and reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones.

If you have been considering certification I hope you will set aside some time to join me at the Certification Forum on Thursday morning June 21. We will review the certification process and answer any questions you may have in an informal setting.

Chapter Certification Chairs who are attending the June conference should plan to attend the Wednesday lunch meeting. I look forward to seeing each of you then!!

If you have been considering certification, but the cost of certification is a concern, there are still 7 WSM-TA certification grants of \$100 each available to help. The grant application process is easy, so send in your certification application to MTNA with the application fee, and then contact me about a WSM-TA certification grant.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jane Melin, NCTM from Kitsap County Chapter, WSM-TA's newest nationally certified teacher of music in violin! Be sure to congratulate her in person on this professional accomplishment when your paths cross.

A reminder to all NCTM teachers: if your renewal is due this year that deadline is now here. NCTM renewal is easily accomplished on line. Visit the MTNA website www.mtna.org and click on MTNA certification and then follow the link for renewal.

Also for those teachers that hold WSM-TA certification, if your 5 year renewal is due this year, you should have received renewal paperwork from me, so clear it off your desk and send it back or hand deliver it to me at the conference!

Finally, If there are any questions regarding any step of the certification process, WSM-TA grants, or MTNA or WSM-TA certification renewal don't hesitate to contact me by email, phone or in person at the June conference. See you soon!!

*Karen Hollenback, NCTM
WSMTA Certification Chair
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Enrichment



This column is titled independent music teachers forum. One by one we are pretty independent, but have you stopped to think how strong we are as Local Chapters, WSM-TA and MTNA. This really hit home for me during the years of our project to buy and house a new grand piano in the proposed Civic Center for Moses Lake. I really did not think our small chapter that varies from 10-12 members could do such a large project. And we could not have done so without the support of our teachers, students, and community!

It was just one year ago that we held the drawing for the wall hanging, Grand Rhapsody, which was made and donated to our chapter by two women here in town. The raffle was won by Sophia Torres, here in Moses Lake. She has said she would like to donate it back to the chapter for hanging in the auditorium. This project is still in progress.

With your support by buying raffle tickets, and for buying calendars the year before, and some who just gave us donations towards our project, we were really helped out by our colleagues in WSMTA. Thanks you so much!

Our students also sold calendars and we were able to sell raffle tickets at several venues. We received a huge support from our community not only in these efforts but also by donations, which were greatly appreciated. Our own local Stephen Beus gave a concert and donated his time and talent which was a big boost.

We now have our lovely black, shiny, grand piano sitting on the stage in the completed Civic Center. Next to it is a thank-you sign on an easel which we were able to purchase at a discount from another local business.

We were able to hold our Adjudications and Honors Recital in that building this year, as well as some of our teachers having held recitals there. Some others will yet be held there. Greg Pressley presented his program on Baroque dances for our chapter and we were able to use that stage as well as providing a luncheon out in the open area outside the auditorium. We also hope to hold other Chapter events in that auditorium. The 200+ seats there are just right for our small chapter and students and parents alike seem to appreciate the lovely facility in which to hold recitals.

Thinking back to when our project chairman, Harriet West suggested doing this, my first reaction was that we would never be able to do that! This is just proof that when music teachers put their minds to something and work together they can accomplish great things! What wonderful things are happening in your chapter?

Doreen Slaugh, NCTM, IMTF Chair

BRAVO!

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WSMTA State Recitalists

Moses Lake-Central Basin, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Jordan Ping (Mary Loeffelbein)
Alt. 1: Bryce Mathyer (Marina Munter)
Alt. 2: Jordan Brzesny (Preta Laughlin)
H.M.: Emma Fairbanks (Munter); Eva Keller (Laughlin)

Olympic Peninsula, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Katie Rivers (Kayla Dymont)
Alt. 1: Jeremy Choe (Dymont)
H.M.: Cole Urnes, Tarah Erickson, Jay Liang (Dymont)

South King County, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Geoffrey Liu (Sharon Clark)
2: Adrianna Svitak (Clark)
Alt. 1: Megan Smith (Clark)
2: Brandon Fisher (Michelle Park)
H.M.: Charlie Catino, Andrew Flury, Anna Flury (Diane Nichols); Alva Wei, Kayla Smith, Joshua Kwok (Clark); Esther Sidorko (Sviatlana Riedel); Katya Downey, Maria Chernyavskaya (Eleonora Voronchuk); Rachel Weros, Jessica Lou (Julie Swienty); Micah Allred (Stephanie White)

Lewis County, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Katherine Plotz (Robin Chadwick)
Alt. 1: Lilja Voetberg (Chadwick)
H.M.: Sadie Brown (Karen Brown); Hailey Pettit, Emily Allen (Linda Fast); Simon Stehr (Judy Meyers); Taylor Hanson (Sue Joachim); Kellyn Belveal, Tucker Voetberg, Reile Slattery (Chadwick)

Wenatchee, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Natalie Kahler (Jill Larson)
2: Svetlana Zemlyanoy (Linda Butler)
Alt. 1: Ellie Kahler (Larson)
2: Bettye Eifert (Larson)
H.M.: Elly McManus, Aleina Wachtel, Wendy Gong, Olivia Grothe, Lindsay Carson, Alexis Soritor (Larson); Connor Lester (Linda Butler); Rayanna Fila, Chloe Millard, Ellie Loomis (Diane Stober)

Grays Harbor, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Sadie Smith (Phyllis Pieffer)
Alt. 1: Micah Hollen (Erica Hollen)
H.M.: Haylee Hamilton (Merry Jo Zimmer)

Clarkston-Lewiston, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Taylor Mack (Sue Dole)
Alt. 1: Austin Thomas (Dole)
2: Jill Robinson (Dole)
H.M.: Max Thomas (Dole); Jonathan Riggers (Kathy Branson); Rachel Ozeran (Lori Germer)

Clark County, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Richard Lu (Lena Vozheiko-Wheaton)
2: Caitlyn Koester (Barbara Roberts)
Alt. 1: Daniel Wu (Roberts)
2: Hannah Chong (Joanna Hodges)
H.M.: Ryan Yeh, Jonathan Liao (Redman); Reed Middleman, Ashley Teng, Trevor Natiuk, Halie Borror, Jenna Tu (Roberts); Jasmine Koss, Symphony Koss (Vozheiko-Wheaton)

Tacoma, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Isaac Drewes (Tim Strong)
2: Nicole Hwang (Sharon Vogel)

Alt. 1: Emily Yeh (Jacqueline Block)
2: Maddie Gonzalez (Paul Twedt)
H.M.: Will Sherman (Twedt); Eliza Block (Block)

Seattle, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Sun Chang (Peter Mack)
2: Christopher Lu (Mack)
3: Pearl Lam (Mack)
Alt. 1: Steve Silverberg (Mack)
2: Millicent McFall (Mack)
3: Tiger Lee (Mack)
H.M.: Dora-Ziyan Chen, Gloria Shen, Esther Chien (Hong Liu); Catherine Kok, Nancy Wu, Jonathan Kok, Jenny Chung, Annie Yang, Toni McFall (Mack); Edward Zhang, Connor Zhang, Ann Shan (Ni Liu); Ethan Paik Marzban (Diane Williams); K. Lee Morris, Bryan Zhao, Andrew Liu (Willard Schultz); Jack Swiggett, Julian Garvue (Pamela Chang-Rice)

District I, Non-Key-board

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Tommy Arnhart-violin (Karen Visser)
2: Alina Bui-soprano (Shih-Yi Kuan)
3: Kayla Heim-flute (Iris Ingram)
Alt. 1: Flute Quartet; Lauren Linvog, Jack Pritchard, Julia Heike, Jennifer Bailey (Ingram)
2: Jack Pritchard-flute (Ingram)
3: Holly Chapman-flute (Ingram)
H.M.: Julia Heike-flute (Ingram)

Enumclaw, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Jordan Price (Angela Wentz)
Alt. 1: Emily Ellis (Bonnie McLarty)

West Sound, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Bobby Cockrell (Irene Bowling)

Skagit Valley, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Brandon Nelson (Sue Van Nortwick)
2: Tate Cohan (Barb Van Vliet)
Alt. 1: Kyler Schubkegel (Van Vliet)
2: Roland Farrell (Van Nortwick)
H.M.: Will Methner (Van Nortwick); Bradley Smith, Allison Smith, Eric Welch (Van Vliet)

Lynden, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Hannah Klos (Karen Scholten)
Alt. 1: Krista Kirk (Tammy Rutgers)
H.M.: Bradley Clark (Julie Clark); Cassidy VanderHeiden (Scholten)

Walla Walla, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Luke Irvine (Leonard Richter)
Alt. 1: Caleb King (Wafia Kinne)
H.M.: Annelise Whitaker (Richter)

Whidbey Island, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Alex Amick (Cheryl Gardner)
Alt. 1: Chloe Taton (Judith Prichard)

Pullman, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Anna Munch-Rofolo (Karen Savage)
Alt. 1: Vishaka Muhunthan (Sharon Wells)
H.M. Ranked: 1. Helena Belzer, 2. Ana Morris, 3. Priyanka Muhunthan (Wells)
H.M.: Diana DeWald, Abby Druffel (Michelle Mielke)

Cowlitz County, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Victoria Campbell (Sharon Moe)
Alt. 1: Maxwell Westervelt (Moe)

Mt. Ranier, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Donald Williams (Dr. Menlyn Jacobson)
Alt. 1: Alexa Bayouk (Jackie Jacobs)
H.M.: Evan Minsk, Kinsey Miller, Emi Harada (Jacobson)

South King County, Voice

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Hallie Hominda (Darcie Fulkerson)
Alt. 1: Gabrielle Bonner (Fulkerson)
H.M.: Victoria Bulson, Natalie Hayes (Fulkerson)

District IV, Non-Keyboards

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Emily Swearer-voice (Linda Appert)
2: Kate Borden-violin (Carmen Davidson-Smith)
Alt. 1: Kelley Borden-violin (Davidson-Smith)
2: Annie Gibson-violin (Davidson-Smith)
H.M.: Alicia Starrett-violin, Wilson Ho-violin (Lily Burton); Cora Foss-voice, Keola Holt-voice, Katie Sherwood-voice (Christine Hill)

Okanogan County, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Madelyn Dykes (Nora Ridenour)
Alt. 1: Seth Law (Kathleen Christensen)
H.M.: Rebecca Dykes (Ridenour)

Tri-Cities, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

Rep. 1: Justin Chua (Hania Dec)
2: Laura Meng (Lilia Moses)
3: Andrea Johnson (Gulnura Brown)
Alt. 1: Steve Silver, Jessica VanDyken (Patti Robertson)
2: Helen Wang (Lilia Moses)
3: Katie Zorich (Dec)
H.M.: Dulcinea Camp, Alexander Fang (Moses); Sara Sanvictores (Dec); Carlie Berry (Judy Buttles)

Correction to April State Recitalists List

Olympia, Piano

Place: Student (Teacher)

H.M.: Heather Pincus, Brittany Pincus - duet (Jennifer Bowman)

Musicianship Examinations High Honors

Bellingham

Teacher: (Level) Student(s)

Barbara Borries: (2) Paul Forbes, Trayci Russel, Grant Hadfield; (3) Hosanna Diacogiannis
Dorie Guidon: (1) Nadezhda Oros
Jessica Hensey: (2) Robin Chalfie; (4) Rowan Carabba, Amy Taylor
Nancy Heyer: (1) Abby Scoggins; (4) Livia Cohen, Hannah Schoepe; (7) Sylvia Lynch, Arie Knops; (8) Daniel Karcher
Patricia Jorgensen: (2) Emily Wadden, Justin Hutchings, Miranda Hutchings
Judith Widrig: (7) Emily Allaway

Lewis County

Teacher: (Level) Student(s)

K. Monroe: (1) Cody Matz, Elsa Wearner, Elaina Koenig, Kyla McCallum, Madison Burman; (2) Myra Kalich; (3) Brock Jones, Taya McCallum, Nina Wearner, Skye Phillips; (4) Duncan Eastman, Caroline Bowes; (6) Nate Birchard
K. Morton: (1) Ian Wallace
L. Fast: (1) Olivia Wiley; (3) Julie Mettler, Daniel Hoel, Gracie Wiley; (4) Josiah Cowin, Riley Fast, Rudy Voetberg, Deter Voetberg, Nicole Costa
S. Joachim: (2) Aaron Mecham, Brayden Burke, Jillian Gillaspie; (4) Ally Wahl
J. Meyers: (4) Mason Cunningham

Kitsap County

Teacher: (Level) Student(s)

Karina Gordievich: (2) Christopher Hertz, Jada Hertz
Cynthia Rose: (5) Meghan Schmidt
Dianne Johnston: (6) Victor Morgan
Julie Mandery: (2) Ethan Browning
Marilyn Karr: (3) Simeon Barker, Jessica Roth; (4) Jacqueline Marlow
Melanie Harris: (1) Jessica Radford; (2) Eleanor Beers, Camryn Dominguez, Chris Schuchart; (4) Christina Lara
Mary Foster Grant: (2) Sammy Russo; (3) Akio Hansen

Diana Lundgaard: (2) Nsaya Francom, William Sundquist; (6) Lian Boltwood

Susan Cleaver: (1) Jenna Gunnell, Rachel Gunnell

Debra Florian: (1) Cameron Whilite; (2) Mason Haws, Annelise Wilhite, Olivia Wilhite; (4) Rachel Haws; (5) Alina Haws, Kayleigh Sinopole, Kelsey Sinopole; (7) Daniel Melin

Leslie Devine: (1) Aidan Smith, Savannah Wallwork; (2) Ellie Peterson, Natalie Sokol

Edmonds

Teacher: (Level) Student(s)

Kathy Wolf: (1) Sophie Billbe; (2) Daniel Nguyen
Mary Ann Namtvedt: (1) Kendra Ozburn; (5) Peter Boersma
Carolyn Malnes: (1) Coral Anderson; (2) Kevin Nguyen, Derek Hian
Jennie Holland: (2) Taylor Hollcraft, Nick Dragovich

Mary Beth Rogers: (2) Sydney Tran
Bonnie MacPhail: (2) Natasha Wilcoxon
Cathy Baylor: (2) Kiana Pham; (3) David Nguyen; (4) Kathya Palepu; (5) Klara Gaspers
Naoko Noguchi: (2) Ian Sjöholm
Frances Goei: (2) Karina Jhingan, Daisy Cui
Kathy Wolf: (2) Daniel Nguyen
Sharon Lawrence: (3) Joelin Gates
Dee Sales: (4) Melissa Elder
Judi Cook: (4) Kyle Aitken
Tim Saye: (4) Isheeta Tewari

Tacoma

Teacher: (Level) Student(s)

Phyllis Twedt: (2) Emile Hanson; (2) Freddy Wahlgren
Sharon Vogel: (4) Joseph Walsh

South King County

Teacher: (Level) Student(s)

Karen Hollenback: (1) Elizabeth Mau, Miguel Cor, Torin Samples, Arielle Pioquinto; (2) Kayla Gunerson, Veronica Harmon, Victoria Harmon; (3) Grace Zhang, Anne Marie Jones, Edward Mau, Preston Aguada; (4) Jacqueline Choe, Matthew Manlapaz
Diane Quick: (1) Jack Bennington, Christine Cabero, Amelia Menges; (2) Rueben Quick; (3) Daniel Chen, Kyle Pun
Steve Nahrenberg: (2) Rachel Mouer; (5) Megan Stein
Mary Kaye Owen: (1) Cynthia Mak, Dana Riech; (2) Nicholas Hamakami, Will Roffey; (4) Destinee Craft, Raymond Hsu
Christine Szabadi: (4) Shylaja Rose Reed
Julie Swienty: (1) Adi Moore; (2) Kirsten Standaahl, Michelle Mijal; (3) Joseph Tapia Beeman; (4) Cielo Tarabi; (5) Lucy Tibbets

Olympia

Teacher: (Level) Student(s)

Mary Jo Wright: (2) Sarah Gorrell; (3) Ben Hogenson; (4) Annalise Dicason; (6) Garret Peck
Lorraine Musson: (1) Anabella Almeda, Katherine Ovano; (3) Willa Chramiec, Julie Cunningham, Jordan Jekel, Aneess Kanjo, Irene Kim, Dahlia Scher; (4) David Nguyen, Isabelle Schlegel
Cherie Felts: (2) Kallie Kidder; (3) Annabelle Downs, Elizabeth Yoon; (4) Hannah Yoon, Kendall Escene
Lynn Lewis: (3) Elizabeth Bohlig
Sue Dick: (1) Sarah Roush; (3) Phillip Dailey, Kristofer Wong

UPDATED 2012 WSMTA Conference Schedule

Monday - June 18

- 3:00-5:00 Registration begins at PAC
 5:00-6:00 Wine & Hors d'oeuvres Reception, PAC Lobby
 6:00-7:30 Banquet & Hall of Fame Awards, Viking Union
 7:30-8:00 Break
 8:00-9:30 Washington State Winners Recital

Tuesday - June 19 - Non-Keyboard Track Day

- 8:00-9:30 Opening Session: Welcome - Christopher Bianco, Director of Bands & Assoc. Chair of WWU Music Dept.
 9:30-10:30 **Dr. Peter Mack:** *Teaching Basic Artistic Concepts by Using Colorful Imagery*
Dr. Yelena Balabanova: *Teaching Interpretation & Effective Practice - "Tricks from a Magic Hat"*
Jan Coleman: *Left Hand Set-Up (String Sessions)*
Lisa McCarthy: *Ensemble Skills/Flute Choir Reading Session*
 10:30-11:00 Break
 11:00-12:15 Honors Recital No. 1
 10:45-11:45 **Grant Donnellan:** *Expressive Movement for Upper Strings - Advanced Technique #2*
Lisa McCarthy: *Flute Master Class*
 12:00-1:30 **Lunch Meetings: Non-Keyboard, Organists, Chapter Presidents, Adjudication Chairs**
 12:30-1:30 **Emily Bailey & Karen Visser:** *Music is More Fun with Friends - Tips for Your Own Studio*
 1:45-2:45 **Grant Donnellan & Jeffrey Gilliam:** *Keyed-Up & High Strung, Chamber Music Clinic*
Judy Baker: *Student Teachers - The Win-Win-Win Situation*
Sandra Saathoff: *Flute Session*
 2:45-3:15 Break
 3:15-4:30 Honors Recital No. 2 (Non-Keyboard)
 4:30-4:45 Break
 4:45-5:45 **Dr. Yelena Balabanova:** *Artistry, Interpretation & Effective Practice - "Tricks from a Magic Hat"*
Rebecca Cook: *Taking Studio Teaching from the Single Instrument to the Magical World of Music*
Forrest Kinney: *Showcase - Pattern Play*
Grant Donnellan: *Violin Master Class*
 5:45-7:45 **Dinner**
 8:00-9:30 Young Composers Recital & Commissioned Composer of the Year Recital - Ryan Hare

Wednesday - June 20

- 8:00-9:00 Forums: MTNA Competition, OAC Competition, & Musicianship Examinations
 9:00-9:15 Break
 9:15-10:15 **Michelle Mielke:** *Tech-Savvy Studio*
Dr. Deborah Rambo Sinn: *Deconstructing Phrases - The Key to Lyricism*
Victoria Ebel-Sabo & Friends: *Piano Teachers & Players? Best to be Both!*

Glory St. Germain: *Showcase - How to Make Teaching Theory Easy*

- 10:15-10:45 Break
 10:45-12:00 Honors Recital No. 4
 12:00-1:30 **Lunch Meetings: District VPs, Adjudicators, Certification Chairs**
 1:45-2:45 **Dr. Deborah Rambo Sinn:** *Deconstructing Phrases - The Key to Lyricism*
Jeffrey Gilliam: *Piano Master Class*
 2:45-3:00 Break
 3:00-4:30 Honors Recital No. 4
 4:30-4:45 Break
 4:45-5:45 **Michelle Mielke:** *Tech-Savvy Studio*
Judith Schoepflin: *Can I Sue my Piano Teacher for Malpractice?*
Dr. Irene Bowling: *The "Nitty Gritty" of Teaching Class Piano*
 5:45-7:45 **Dinner**
 8:00-9:30 Angela Cheng Concert - Reception to follow hosted by the Whatcom Chapter

Thursday - June 21 - Non-Member Free Day

- 8:00-9:00 Forum: Certification
 9:15-9:30 Break
 9:30-11:00 **Angela Cheng:** *Collaborative Master Class*
 11:00-11:15 Break
 11:15-12:30 **Judith Schoepflin:** *Can I Sue my Piano Teacher for Malpractice?*
Pedagogy Panel:
 Ashley Wright: *New Teachers*
 Dr. Irene Bowling: *Teaching Class Piano*
 Michelle Mielke: *Performance Preparation*
 Judy Baker: *Mentoring the Student Teacher*
 (Questions & Answers at end of Session)
 12:30-2:00 **Lunch Meetings - District VPs Meet with Chapters by Groups: (1) I, II & III; (2) IV & V; (3) VI & VII**
 2:00-3:15 Honors Recital No. 5
 3:15-3:30 Break
 3:30-5:00 **Angela Cheng:** *Piano Master Class*
 5:00-7:45 **Dinner**
 6:00-7:15 **Lu Leslan:** *Showcase - Film "Take a Bow", The Ingrid Clarfield Story*
 8:00-9:30 Western Washington University Faculty Recital

Friday - June 22

- 8:30-9:30 Forum: MusicLink
Jensina Oliver: *Mendelssohn's "Songs Without Words" a Treasure Trove of Repertoire Gems for Intermediate & Early Advanced Students*
 9:45-10:30 Closing Session
 10:30-12:00 **Angela Cheng:** *"Inside the Musician's Studio" - Moderator Jeff Savage, NCTM*

Photos from some of your WSMTA President's visits to local chapters



Puyallup Chapter: President Donna Olson, back row, 2nd from right; Dist. III VP Mary Ellen Cavelti, front row, far left.



South King County Chapter: President Mary Kaye Owen, 2nd row, far left; WSMTA Certification Chair Karen Hollenback, on Mary Kaye's left; WSMTA Historian Ella Mae Durkee, front row, 2nd from right.



Eastside Chapter: President Julie Howe, 1st row, 5th from right; Dist. II VP Yunbo Cassady, back row, 2nd from far left.



Lyndon Chapter: Janice Brink, President, far left, very back; Meg Krieg, WSMTA Conference Co-Chair, 2nd row, far right.



The Kitsap Chapter successfully inaugurated a new Music Carnival approach to their Ribbon Festival/Musicianship Examinations this year. Participation was up a whopping 60 percent! Our new OAC Chair and KMTA President, Patti Ray 5th from the left; former NW Div. Director & WSMTA President Debra Florian on Patti's right; WSMTA President Dianne Johnston, far left; Mary Foster Grant WSMTA MusicLink Chair on Dianne's left.



Grays Harbor Chapter: former MTNA President & current Chapter President, Phyllis Pieffer, back row, far right

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June 17: WSMTA Education Board Meeting

June 18: WSMTA Board of Directors Meeting

June 18-22: WSMTA 2012 Conference

Sept. 19: Teacher Registration Fee & Form due for MTNA Performance Competition
(see article)

Sept. 28-29: Adjudicator Conference (see article)

Sept. 29-30: Leadership Seminar (see article)

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