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Monthly Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thurs., Sept. 7, 2017.....9:30 am: Monthly Meeting and Program* at Trinity Church in Wheaton. **Chris Goldston: Ideas for the 21st Century Piano Studio.**
- Thurs., Oct. 5, 2017.....9:30 am: Monthly Meeting and Program* at Trinity Church in Wheaton.
- Thurs., Oct. 19, 2017.....9:30 am: TIE Meeting* at the home of Liz Mackenzie.
- Thurs., Nov. 2, 2017.....9:30 am: Monthly Meeting and Program* at Trinity Church in Wheaton.
- Sat., Nov. 11, 2017.....AIM Theory exams* at Wheaton College.
- Sun., Dec. 3, 2017.....3:00 pm: Student Recital* at Gary Memorial Methodist Church in Wheaton. Fee \$7 for WSISMTA members and \$15 for non members.
- Thurs., Dec. 14, 2017.....9:30 am: Monthly Meeting and Program* at Trinity Church in Wheaton.
- Sun., Jan. 7, 2018.....3:00 pm: Student Recital* at Gary Memorial Methodist Church in Wheaton. Fee \$7 for WSISMTA members and \$15 for non members.
- Thurs., Jan. 11, 2018.....9:30 am: Monthly Meeting and Program* at Trinity Church in Wheaton.
- Thurs., Jan. 18, 2018.....9:30 am: TIE Meeting* at the home of Carol Ishman.
- Thurs., Feb. 1, 2018.....9:30 am: Monthly Meeting and Program* at Trinity Church in Wheaton.
- Sun., Feb. 4, 2018.....3:00 pm: Student Recital* at Gary Memorial Methodist Church in Wheaton. Fee \$7 for WSISMTA members and \$15 for non members.
- Thurs., March 1, 2018.....9:30 am: Monthly Meeting and Program* at Trinity Church in Wheaton.

- Sun., March 4, 2018*.....**3:00 pm: Student Recital** at Windsor Park Manor in Carol Stream. .
Fee \$7 for WSISMTA members and \$15 for non members.
- Thurs., March. 8, 2018*.....**9:30 am: TIE Meeting** at the home of Lynette Zelis.
- Sat., March 10, 2018*.....**AIM Performance exams** at Wheaton College.
- Thurs., April 5, 2018*..... **9:30 am: Monthly Meeting and Program** at Trinity Church in Wheaton.
- Sun., April 8, 2018*.....**3:00 pm: Student Recital** at Gary Memorial Methodist Church in Wheaton.
Fee \$7 for WSISMTA members and \$15 for non members.
- Sun., April 8, 2018*.....**1:00-7:00 pm: Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition** at North Central
College. Info at www.berkley-pendell.org.
- Sat., April 14, 2018*.....**7:00 pm: Berkley-Pendell Competition Winners' Celebratory Recital.**
- Sun., April 15, 2018*.....**2:30 pm: AIM Honors Recital at Windsor Park at**
- Thurs., May 3, 2018*.....**9:30 am: Monthly Meeting and Program** at Trinity Church in Wheaton.
Followed by catered salad luncheon.
- Sun., May 6, 2018*.....**3:00 pm: Student Recital** at Gary Memorial Methodist Church in Wheaton.
Fee \$7 for WSISMTA members and \$15 for non members.

DEADLINES

- Fri., Sept. 1, 2017*.....**DEADLINE** for teachers who are new to AIM to request a mentor. Contact AIM
mentor coordinator Linda Krueger.
- Fri., Sept. 15, 2017*.....**DEADLINE** for October 2017 newsletter. Please send camera-ready articles and
information to Bonnie Brewster via email: bonniebrewster1954@gmail.com
- Sun., Oct. 1, 2017*.....**DEADLINE** for enrolling students in AIM Theory Exam (Level 3 and up) and
completion of AIM Judges' Form.
- Thurs., Oct. 5, 2017*.....**DEADLINE** for payment of AIM Theory Enrollment Fees (\$25.00 per student)
due at judges' meeting.



MONTHLY PROGRAM

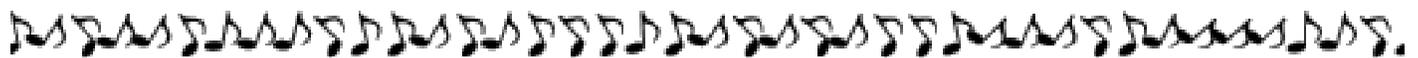
Chris Goldston will present our September 7th program, “Ideas for the 21st Century Piano Studio.” Technology, the Internet, and a multitude of activities are dominating students’ lives. How to embrace these realities is presented by Chris Goldston, celebrated composer and the incoming President of Illinois’ MTNA. Chris will discuss how to use our own websites, online forms, YouTube and other online resources to make our studio more efficient.

Christopher Goldston, Nationally Certified Teacher of Music, holds a Master of Music degree in piano performance and pedagogy from Northwestern University, and a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. He teaches at Columbia College Chicago, and Sherwood Community Music School at Columbia College Chicago.

In 1991, Mr. Goldston received the National Federation of Music Clubs’ Lynn Freeman Olson Composition Award for his first composition, Night Train. Since then he has written numerous pieces for piano, voice, and chamber ensemble, including his Thesis for Wind Quintet which won the 1993 MTNA Composition Contest for North Carolina. Mr. Goldston’s compositions are published by Alfred Publishing Company and the FJH Music Company.

Mr. Goldston has been the National Coordinator for the Music Teachers National Association Composition Competition since 2010. He has also served as state and division coordinator for the competition. Christopher has been very active in the Chicago Area Music Teachers Association, and has served as president and vice-president in charge of programs. He was member of the year in 2008. He is president-elect of Illinois State Music Teachers’ Association.

Chris Goldston is also in demand as a clinician and guest artist. He has presented for numerous music groups across the United States, and has presented sessions at MTNA State Conferences in Illinois, Indiana, Utah, Wisconsin, and North Carolina, as well as at the MTNA National Conference in Kansas City, Missouri in 2004.



Message from your President

Welcome to all new and returning members of West Suburban ISMTA. Hopefully the summer provided you with the opportunity for rest, recreation and planning for the coming 2017-18

year. Many thanks to those who helped with the planning of our year by volunteering their time and their homes for the activities we do each year. Suggestions are always welcome.

It looks like the February workshop will be an exciting one which will provide us with an opportunity to expand our horizons as we look at Beethoven sonatas and sonatinas. We are in negotiations with Wheaton College and Dr. William Kinderman to do our workshop. Please put the date on your calendar now! The date is Thursday, February 22, 2018. Check the newsletter for updates.

We are still in need of someone to distribute email other than the newsletter. Our thanks to Diane Lindsay who has done that job up to now. Diane still distributes the newsletter and manages our Facebook page. Please let me know if you would be willing to send occasional newsworthy emails to our membership about events other than those that become part of our newsletter.

Feel free to contact me if you have concerns or if I can help any of you. We work and grow best when we do things as a team. I look forward to seeing all of you at our meeting on September 7 when we will hear from Chris Goldston, the incoming ISMTA State President.

Carol Ishman, West Suburban ISMTA President



Condolences

Our sincere sympathy to Kathy Sbarboro and her family on the unexpected passing of her husband Jim on August 10.

From Carol Beilke: A special thank you to the entire chapter for the beautiful sympathy cards, comforting words and prayers, since my brother's passing.

Monthly Program Topics for WSISMTA 2017-18 Chapter Presentations

Meetings: Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton, Thursdays 9:30 AM

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| 7 th Sep | Chris Goldston | "Ideas for the 21st Century Piano Studio"
Technology, the internet, and a multitude of activities are dominating student's lives. How to embrace these realities is presented by Chris, celebrated composer and the incoming President of Illinois' MTNA. Chris will discuss how to use our own websites, online forms, YouTube, and other online resources to make our studio more efficient. |
| 5 th Oct | Dr. Janice Razaq | "Frederic Mompou's Piano Miniatures: Economical, Elegant and Intimate"
Often not fully understood and viewed as a composer spanning the Spanish folk melody's simplicity to the experimental harmonies of the 1960's, Janice will discuss and perform Mompou's brilliant diversity in these differing style periods. Janice brings a vast perspective as past President of ISMTA, Director-elect of the East Central Division of MTNA, VP of the American Matthey Association, and a faculty member of Harper College. |
| 2 nd Nov | Dr. Karin Edwards | "The Delights and Challenges of Chopin: Selections from Early to Advanced Levels" |

Throughout a career of acclaimed international, national pedagogical performances and presentations of the brilliance and astounding depth of Chopin's works, Dr. Edwards presents numerous foci - underlined and created anew - for our students' developmental work at all levels.

- 14th Dec Dr. Steve Havens "Panel: Assessment, Advancement and Achievement: Caring for the Musician/Music Instructor"
Paul Danielson, Julia Hall, Stephanie Myers, Lynette Zelis,
Dr. Havens mobilises a penetrating discussion concerning the great multiple challenges and needs of the teaching community, of all levels of involvement.
- 11th Jan Mrs. Janna Williamson "Schubert: Man of Melody and Mystery"
Reflecting upon the well-loved, yet often mysterious and sometimes misunderstood Franz Schubert and his piano compositions, Mrs. Williamson will explore questions of meaning in the composer's music and how known biographical information and historical context can inform our understanding. Included will be an overview of pieces appropriate for pre-college teaching, inclusive of the AIM literature.
- 1st Feb Diane Jankiewicz "Panel: Contests, Festivals and Competency"
Rita Brown, Marcia Lehe, Lynette Zelis
With a 'hands-on' review of values of competitions and festivals, greatly experienced chapter colleagues offer a critical assessment of this pursuit, challenge and relevancy.
- 22nd Feb Joint ISMTA Workshop (Berkley-Pendell Competition), in collaboration with Wheaton College Conservatory of Music
- 1st Mar Dr. Barbara Schubert "Music as Our Mission: Programming and Performing for Impact"
Dr. Schubert, described as "an archivist and scholar as well as a conductor", brings a 'musical sunshine' supporting the challenge, activity and commitment of all. Having conducted orchestras of professionals, and also musically serious scientists, writers, lawyers, policy makers and executives, Schubert's purpose "is to foster a lifelong commitment to music."
- 5th Apr Brenda Huang "Piano Master-Class"
Current faculty member of Chicago Institute of Music and a Gilmore Young Artist, a winner of the Miami National Chopin Competition, soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Toledo Symphony and others, the first prize-winner of the New York Koszciuszko Chopin Competition, and active soloist, Brenda will work with chapter teachers' young pianists.
- 3rd May Frank Caruso "Simplifying the Art of Improvisation"
Confronting the often difficult transfer of fundamentals in pianism to the jazz idiom, Frank presents a great comfort in building ease for this incorporation. He has performed and presented works spanning a professional spectrum from Luciano Pavarotti, and Herbie Hancock, to the White House. Frank is offering immense dimensions especially for the young pianist.



Sonata & Sonatina Festival

The Naperville Music Teachers Association (NMTA) and the School of Performing Arts are pleased to invite the Salt Creek, Waubensee and West Suburban Chapters of ISMTA to participate in our Sonata & Sonatina Festival, to be held on Sunday, November 19, 2017.

The Festival website includes links to the Teacher Information page with Festival details, repertoire requirements, awards, judging and teacher volunteer information, plus the Registration Form:

<https://schoolofperformingarts.com/events-calendar-feed/2017/11/19/2017-sonata-sonatina-festival>

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Monthly meeting May 4, 2017: The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am.

There was no Student Performer or Tip of the Day.

Membership: There were no new members or visitors in attendance. Kathy Sbarboro reminded everyone to renew their membership as soon as possible and to double check that their contact information is correct with MTNA.

The minutes from the April meeting were read with no additions or corrections.

Motion to accept: Debi Inch; Second: Liz Mackenzie

Treasurer: Janel Greaves reported a balance of \$6839.29

Recitals: Joanne King announced that the April recital was very nice – 12 students (3 voice). There will be no May recital due to low enrollment.

Marcia announced that reports were that the AiM Honors Recital was fabulous, and thanked Liz Mackenzie for her work in coordinating it. Liz Mackenzie reported that the recital involved 22 students from 10 teachers, and that programs from the recital are available on the back table.

Berkley-Pendell: Karol Sue Reddington stated that the venue was changed at the last minute to Pfeiffer Hall at North Central and to COD. Steinway provided a wonderful Steinway Grand for the Senior Division competition held at COD, and also covered the Senior Division First Prize. There were 47 students entered, and the Winners' Concert was astonishing. She said that the competition will hopefully move back to Wentz Hall next year, and thanked everyone for their support. Marcia thanked Karol Sue for her leadership as Director of the competition and stressed that the performance levels of the winners were very high.

Announcements:

The May Board Meeting will be held Thursday, May 11 at Liz Mackenzie's home at 9:30 am. The minutes from last fall will be sent prior to the meeting. Board members should send their reports to Marcia electronically and bring a copy to read at the meeting. Important issues will be discussed, and Board Members need to be there.

The May Luncheon is all set up and ready to go after today's meeting. Even if you have not yet signed up to attend, you are still welcome to do so.

Karol Sue announced that Steinway has opened a new warehouse and recital venue in Naperville. Kathy Sbarboro said she attended their open house last week and that the recital space is very nice and larger than the Hinsdale location. She said that all the teachers who attended the open house received a gift certificate for a free piano tuning in their studios, and encouraged members to attend future Steinway events.

Debi Inch read a thank you letter from Hanford Linhardt with an update on his health.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43.

Motion to adjourn: Adrienne Rose; Second: Karol Sue Reddington

The meeting was followed by a presentation by Ludmilla Lazar: 'Beyond the Notes: Music Not in the Score.'

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sbarboro, filling in for Linda Krueger, Secretary



AiM Theory Exam Information

The WSISMTA AIM Theory Exam is November 11, 2017 at Wheaton College - Levels 3-12.

New Teachers - Any teacher new to the AIM exam will have a mentor assigned to them by **September 1**. Please contact Linda Krueger if this is your first time participating in the exam with our chapter. Contact Diane Lindsay to have your name added to the list of participating teachers.

Enrollment Deadlines - Student enrollment will begin on **September 1** and must be completed by midnight **October 1**. There will be no exceptions to the October 1 deadline.

Student Enrollment Form - All teachers must fill out a student enrollment form for each participating student. The link for the enrollment form will be sent by email in September and can be accessed through our chapter's website. When selecting time preferences please reserve the request of morning or afternoon only for students with existing conflicts. More specific time requests than morning or afternoon cannot be accommodated. Please double-check all student information before submitting the form. Be sure to click on "submit" only once. If an error is discovered after submission contact Diane Lindsay with the correction rather than resubmitting the form.

Judge's Form - Each teacher must sign up to judge by October 1. This form may be found on the website. All teachers must judge or work the required hours on the AIM Theory Exam Day: 1-10 students=4 hours, 11-15 students=4 1/2 hours, 16-20 students=5 hours, 21-25 students=5 1/2 hours, 26 or more students=6 hours.

AIM Judges Meeting - There is a mandatory AIM judges meeting on **Thursday, October 5 at 9:45 am**. Anyone entering students in AIM Theory Level 3 or above must attend the entire meeting.

Student Enrollment Fee - The \$25 per student enrollment fee is due by October 5. Please submit one check for all students entered made payable to ISMTA. The check can be given to Diane Lindsay or Kathy Sbarboro at the October 5 meeting or mailed to one of their homes.

****Please note that the AiM Exam fee has been raised to \$25.00 this year.**

Scheduling Details - Teachers will be given the exact times for their students' exams 2-3 weeks prior to the exam date. Once the times are set, changes cannot be made to the schedule.

Make-up Exams – Any student with a conflict on exam day can do a make-up exam with a participating teacher. Students who need a makeup exam will be required to pay a \$20 makeup fee directly to the teacher who judges the makeup exam. The deadline for completing the make-up exam is **November 25**.

Any questions regarding the AIM Theory Exam may be directed to Diane Lindsay or Kathy Sbarboro.



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