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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thurs., Sept. 28, 2017.....10:00 am-noon: Joint Chapters Board Meeting* at Trinity Church in Wheaton.
- Thurs., Oct. 5, 2017.....9:30 am: Monthly Meeting and Program* at Trinity Church in Wheaton.
9:45 am: Mandatory AIM Theory Judges Meeting.
**Program: Dr. Janice Razaq: "Frederic Mompou's Piano Miniatures:
Economical, Elegant, and Intimate."**
- Thurs., Oct. 12, 2017.....9:30 am: TIE Meeting* at the home of Liz Mackenzie.
- Thurs., Oct. 19, 2017.....9:30 am: Teacher Performance Group* at the home of Liz Mackenzie.
- Thurs., Nov. 2, 2017.....9:30 am: Monthly Meeting and Program* at Trinity Church in Wheaton. **Dr. Karin Edwards: "The Delights and Challenges of Chopin: Selections from Early to Advanced Levels."**
- Fri.-Sun., Nov. 3-5, 2017....ISMTA Convention* at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, IL.
- Wed., Nov. 8, 2017.....9:30 AiM Theory Packet Stuffing* at Diane Lindsay's house. This is rescheduled from Thurs. Oct. 26th! Come help us prepare the exam packets--many hands make light work!
- Sat., Nov. 11, 2017.....AIM Theory exams* at Wheaton College.
- Sun. Nov. 19, 2017.....Sonata-Sonatina Festival* at Naperville School of Performing Arts in Naperville. Entry deadline Sat. Oct. 7, 2017. Open to students of all ISMTA members.
- 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.

Sat., March 10, 2018.....**AIM Performance exams** at Wheaton College.

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 2:30 pm.

DEADLINES

Sun., Oct. 1, 2017.....**12:00 Midnight 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.

Sun., Oct. 15, 2017.....**DEADLINE** for November 2017 newsletter. Please send camera-ready articles and information to Bonnie Brewster via email: bonniebrewster1954@gmail.com

Mon., Nov. 20, 2017.....**DEADLINE** for Jan. 7, 2018 student recital registration.

Sat., Dec. 2, 2017.....**DEADLINE** for AiM Make Up Exams.



MONTHLY PROGRAM

"Frederic Mompou's Piano Miniatures: Economical, Elegant and Intimate"

Often unacknowledged as tantalizing impressionist literature, Mompou's compositional delicacy is presented by Janice Razaq, who is also a current East Central Division Director of MTNA



Janice Larson Razaq is Director of Keyboard Studies at William Rainey Harper College in Palatine, Illinois. She received her Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Piano Performance from [Texas Tech University](#), a Master of Music Degree from the University of Illinois, and a Bachelor of Music Degree with Distinction from the Eastman School of Music. A Fulbright Grant enabled her to study for three years at the Royal Academy of Music in London. Her London debut recital at Wigmore Hall received excellent reviews. Dr. Razaq has concertized extensively in the Midwest, including performances on the “Live from Landmark” series on Minnesota Public Radio, and on the Dame Myra Hess Concert Series from the [Chicago Public Library](#), broadcast live on WFMT radio.



President's Notes

The year has begun with a very successful meeting with incoming ISMTA President, Chris Goldston who shared some tips and new ideas that were helpful for techies and for the rest of us. If you missed the meeting, ask someone who was there for a synopsis.

Directory Updates - Please update the directory page for West Suburban Chapter Members of the Year. Rita Brown was our member of the year in 1997. Her name was omitted from our directory for two years. Our sincere apologies!! Rita is a very valuable member of our group and we really appreciate the contributions she makes.

Please update the Board Members list on the first directory page. The name of the TIP Coordinator should be **Liz Mackenzie**.

Calendar – There are some changes to dates such as the Theory Packet Stuffing meeting because of the Wheaton Conservatory move into Armerding Hall in mid-October.

Feel free to invite new members to our meetings. You are also welcome to attend any board meetings if you want to see what goes on there. You can just sit and observe or chime in if you have something to contribute. Minutes from our West Suburban Board meetings will be available to members in our Yahoo group.

Yahoo - If you are a new member or haven't had time to sign up for our Yahoo members group, please do it as soon as possible. That is the best way to stay up to date and communicate with other members between meetings. To sign up, simply send an email from your preferred, regular email account, to wsismta-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Meeting - Finally, remember that our next meeting will begin with a mandatory judging session for teachers who enter students in AIM Theory Exams. Following the AIM information Dr. Janice Razaq will treat us to the piano miniatures of Frederic Mompou. They can be a wonderful addition to your usual repertoire so please stay for the program.

Carol Ishman, West Suburban ISMTA President





Thank You

My heartfelt thanks to all my wonderful WS friends and colleagues for your sympathy, thoughtfulness and support following my husband's death. It means so much to me to know that you care!

Kathy Sbarboro



Kawai 5'10" for sale

Model G-3, manufactured in 1999
Polished ebony finish, absolutely like new condition
Purchased in 2003 for \$13,000
Asking \$10,500.

Contact: Jack Schrader [\(630\) 408-0561](tel:6304080561)



AiM Theory Exam Information

AiM Theory Info

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

New Teachers - Were assigned mentors by the September 1 deadline. *Contact Linda Krueger if you are new to AiM and wish to participate in the AiM Performance Exams Levels 1-2 in March.*

Enrollment Deadlines - Student enrollment began 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, levels 3-12. The link for the enrollment form was sent by email in September, it *cannot currently 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 cannot be accommodated. Please double-check all student information before submitting the form. Be sure to click on "submit" only once per student. You should immediately check your registrations by clicking on the updated response form spreadsheet link sent recently to participating teachers. If an error is discovered after submission, contact Diane Lindsay with the correction. Give student's name and the spreadsheet line number. Do not resubmit the form.

Judge's Form - Each teacher must sign up to judge by **October 1**. The link for the Judge's form was sent by email in September, it *cannot currently be accessed through our chapter's 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 'Illinois State Music Teachers Association.' The check can be given to Diane Lindsay or Kathy Sbarboro at the October 5 meeting or mailed to their homes.

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

We will have iPODS for the listening portion of the exam Levels 3-12. Levels 1-2 judges will be giving exams and makeups.

Scheduling Details - Due to Wheaton College's new Science Building construction and mid-October Music Department move into Science's old building, teachers will be sent the exact times for their students' exams around Nov. 1. *This is later than usual, please inform your families*. 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 **December 2**.

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



West Suburban Illinois Music Teachers Association
September 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:31.

President Carol Ishman welcomed everyone and invited the sharing of thoughts and suggestions. She sent around a signup sheet for people to bring hospitality treats.

Email distribution: Since no one has volunteered to take over the email distribution position, Carol asked Janna Williamson to present her solution to the problem. Janna handed out an information sheet for creating a yahoo id so that we can share emails. She spoke about the invitation to join that she sent to all members today. Janna also asked us to check the new directory to make sure our information is accurate. As a bonus she announced the births of Jennifer Allor's twins and Julie Crull's baby, who was born in her car!

Membership: Debi Inch announced there are no new members or visitors.

Minutes: May meeting minutes were read with no additions or corrections.

Motion to accept: Karol Sue Reddington Second: Lynne LaForge

Treasurer: Janel Greaves reported a balance of \$7086.80.

Announcements:

Carol encouraged us to support the MTNA benevolence fund which helps teachers affected by disasters such as hurricane Harvey.

The fall Board meeting is Thursday, September 14 at Carol's house.

The Joint board meeting is Thursday, September 28, 10:00 at Trinity Episcopal Church.

The State Conference is November 3-4 at Olivet Nazarene University.

Janna reminded us that all of the above dates are included in our new directory.

TIP - Rita Brown highly praised this summer's NCKP. She felt the biggest benefit was the availability of music in the exhibits. They offered 30% off, and 50% off on Saturday afternoon. She shared the titles of some music she bought. She was excited to meet Catherine Rollin and play her duets with her (which ended up on YouTube). Helpful tips she came away with included using an elastic band under a student's wrist for lifting the wrist; using words to express phrasing; having a student tap the beat with one hand while other taps the rhythm; using a kazoo when a student is hesitant to sing.

Website: Lynne LaForge announced that a sample new website is available for our viewing. She will need a board vote to go forward with completing the new website.

Membership: Debi Inch announced that new member Nancy Hueber had arrived. Nancy is Debi's sister.

Student performer: Rita Brown sent around a signup list for student performers.

Berkley-Pendell: Karol Sue Reddington encouraged teachers to prepare and enter our students. This year's celebratory concert following the competition will be at the Steinway studio in Hinsdale. She might be calling for more help on organizing the event.

AIM Theory exam: Diane Lindsay made several announcements. The exams tentatively will be moving to Armerding Hall, which will be the new music building. The enrollment fee has increased to \$25. Teachers new to the AIM program need to see Linda Krueger for a mentor. The deadline for enrollment is Sunday October 1, the mandatory judging session is Oct 5, the packet stuffing meeting is Oct. 26, and Dec 2 is the deadline for makeups (extra time allowed due to Thanksgiving).

Joint Chapters Workshop: Marcia Lehe announced the presenter will be Dr. William Kinderman, speaking about performing Beethoven sonatas at the piano. He will be presenting at 1/5 of his normal speaking fee.

Recitals: Carol thanked Bill Phemister for his assistance in scheduling recitals at Windsor Park. Joanne King sent around signup for recital coordinators.

Karol Sue Reddington asked for support for Kathy Sbarboro in her recent loss.

Diane Lindsay announced Mark and Karin Edwards will be presenting a recital. It will be posted on our Facebook page.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20. Motion to adjourn: Debi Inch Second: Rita Brown

The meeting was followed by a presentation by Chris Goldston, "Ideas for the 21st Century Piano Studio.

Linda Krueger, secretary

**ISMTA JOINT WEST SUBURBAN CHAPTERS
BERKLEY-PENDELL PIANO COMPETITION
Sunday, 8th April, 2018**

**North Central College, Wentz Concert Hall & Fine Arts Centre
Winners' Celebratory Recital, Saturday, 14th April 2018**

GENERAL INFORMATION

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

In 1986, a committee of *ISMTA* members representing each of four West Suburban Area Groups established the Berkley-Pendell Scholarship Fund in honor of Helen Berkley and Verona Pendell, two of the founders of the original West Suburban Area Group. The purpose of the Fund is to promote the cause of good music and to encourage, via its sponsorship of an annual competition, student performance which demonstrates artistry and excellence in music-making at the piano. The Berkley-Pendell Scholarship Competition is supported by this Fund, and is open to all students in grades 12 or below who are studying piano with an active *ISMTA* member of the Naperville, Salt Creek, Waubonsie Valley, or West Suburban participating Chapters.

TEACHER INFORMATION & ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for student Competition entries, a teacher must be an active member of *MTNA*, *ISMTA*, and of one of the four West Suburban area groups listed above. Eligibility is also dependent upon the teacher's participation in chapter activities which will be documented and submitted on the appropriate form, including the chapter meeting attendance records sent to the Director, immediately following. (For further details, please see the *Teacher Information Form AND the Teacher Eligibility Form*.) Entering student's teachers are expected to assist at the competition for the competition day's duration, excluding an unavoidable emergency.

ENTRY APPLICATIONS

Application materials must be postmarked no later than **5th March 2018**. The entry fee is \$40.00 per student. The teacher will send one check covering the combined total of all entry fees and made payable to West Suburban *ISMTA* Joint Fund. *Entry fees are not refundable after the above application deadline.*

Only one (1) Teacher Information Form is to be submitted with the Student Entry Form(s) and related materials. Teachers must include a copy of the student recital program(s) or other documentation which verifies student participation in an *ISMTA* Chapter-sponsored event, i.e., a Student Recital, a Master Class, **the 2017 Sonata-Sonatina Festival, or the AiM Auditions**. The **Sonata-Sonatina Festival and the AiM** participation should be accompanied with the student's score sheets. Participation in these events must have taken place prior to the application deadline of the current school year. (For further details, please see the *Student Eligibility Form*.)

All forms, documentation, and entry fee checks should be sent to B/P Applications Coordinator:
Ms. Nancy Sen, 424 Ellen Ln, Batavia IL 60506.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

One or more prizes may be awarded in each division category. However, the judges reserve the right to withhold any place award in any Division, if appropriate. Although no ties will be awarded, Honourable Mentions (without monetary awards) may be designated by the judges. All performers in the competition will receive a certificate of participation. All competition winners will appear in the **Winner's Celebratory Concert – Saturday, 7P, 14th April, Steinway Gallery, Naperville.**



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