

MTASN Newsletter

February 25, 2020

Dreaming of Spring...

Hello everyone! Welcome to the Music Teachers Association Suburban Northwest! Hope you are staying well and warm with the recent episodes of colds and snow. Whether you are a seasoned member or a new member, we are so glad you are with us. Check out our programs in the "Upcoming Events" section below or on our website at: <http://www.comta-sn.org/>

February 2020 Program

The group enjoyed a roundtable discussion that covered a number of topics. Betty Witt shared photos of her trip to Austria and some unknown tidbits about Haydn. (Did you know that gravediggers were paid to remove Haydn's head so it could be researched for science?) The group also discussed classical piano literature available for all ages of students in preparation for next year's Fall Festival, as well as literature for duets.

Upcoming Events

Our Local Chapter

March Program and Business meeting

Wednesday, March 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Community in Christ Church
12229 West 80th Avenue, Arvada, CO

Program:

9:30 am Reception

10:00 am Program, "Articulation in the Late Eighteenth Century Keyboard Music with a Focus on Approaches to Mozart Sonatas," with CU Professor Dr. David Korevaar

11:00 am Regular meeting

We hope to see you there!

Achievement Day

Saturday, March 7, 2020

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm

Location: Arvada United Methodist Church (AUMC), 6750 Carr Street, Arvada 80004

Contact: Elisabeth Kern

This annual non-competitive event focuses on musical performance, knowledge, and creativity. We have four teachers with 20 students participating. Students' creative projects will be judged on Feb. 26 and are displayed at the event as well as later at the public library for all to enjoy! The deadline to enter has passed, but the event is open to the public if you are considering this event next year.

Here is a link to the Colorado State Music Teachers Association where practice tests for theory, terms & signs, ear training and history can be found:

<https://www.comusicteachers.net/achievementday>

MTNA Programs

Rising Stars Festival

Front Range Preliminaries and Finals: Saturday, April 18, 2020

Lamont School of Music, University of Denver

2020 Registration deadline: March 7, 2020 (all participants)

Registration information: <http://rs.comusicteachers.com/>

This event is open to students of CSMTA member and non-member teachers, with two categories (Competitive Stars & Non-Competitive Stars) and four divisions: Solo Piano, Solo Voice, Solo Instrument & Ensemble.

Colorado State Music Teachers Association (CSMTA) Conference

May 28-30, 2020 at Saint Andrew Methodist Church, Highlands Ranch

CU Boulder Piano Camp

CU Boulder is currently accepting applications for the piano program at the CU Boulder High School Summer Music Academy! The piano program at the High School Summer Music Academy will include daily private lessons and ensemble coaching with CU faculty members, workshops, and opportunities to meet and have fun with other music academy participants.

Date: June 14-19, 2020

Location: Imig Music Building on the beautiful CU Boulder campus

Due date for applications: May 7, 2020

Contact: Jennifer Hayghe, Jennifer.Hayghe@Colorado.edu.

Further information and application instructions can be found here:

<http://www.colorado.edu/music/summer-college-music/summer-music-academy/high-school-summer-music-academy/high-school-summer-music>

Do You Have Website or Publicity Information? Let Us Know!

If you are chairing an event or just have something to share with the group, please let Betty Witt (website) or Tami Meise (newsletter) know. Our website, Facebook page, and internal emails are our primary ways to communicate upcoming events and important dates. Thanks for your help!

MTASN Minutes of Meetings

February 5, 2020

The president, Dhita Pettit, called the meeting to order at 11:03 am. Edie Dieter, Sylvia White, Jean Carter, Linda Enright, Betty Witt, Elisabeth Kern and Tami Meise were in attendance. The November minutes were approved, with this correction: Sylvia White noted that “Vicki Duckworth is the Fall Festival committee chair, not Sylvia White.”

Officer & Committee Reports

President’s report: Dhita reported that MTASN donated \$50 to this year’s MTNA fellow, Kathy Hammer. Also, the nominating committee will present a new slate of officers in March who will be voted on in April.

VP Programs: Edie Dieter announced the March 4 program, “Articulation in the Late Eighteenth Century Keyboard Music with a Focus on Approaches to Mozart Sonatas,” with CU Professor Dr. David Korevaar.

VP Membership: No new members.

VP Publicity: Betty Witt announced that a group photo was taken at the Collaborative Recital and posted on the website. Also, all forms for Achievement Day had been posted.

VP Activities: Achievement Day will be held Saturday, March 7, 2020. Elisabeth Kern noted that links to all theory practice tests and ear training tests are available on the website.

Treasurer: The checking account balance as of February 1, 2020 is \$3028.36.

Secretary: No announcements.

Hospitality: Thanks to Tami Meise for providing refreshments.

Unfinished business: Dhita is checking with MTNA and CSMTA to see how they define “non-member” to get clarity for how we want to include teachers that are not part of MTASN in our activities. **New business:** Dhita assembled the nominating committee for slate of officers for 2020-2021.

Dhita adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am.

Tami Meise, Secretary.