

# MTASN Newsletter

March 25, 2019

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## March Greetings!

Welcome to the Music Teachers Association Suburban Northwest! 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/>

## March 2019 Program

Dr. Zahari Metchkov addressed the gifts and challenges of ensemble work, and how to create effective balance among ensemble participants. Please see minutes from the business meeting at the end of this newsletter.

## Upcoming Events

### Our Local Chapter

#### April Program and Business meeting

##### Wednesday, April 3

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

##### Program:

9:30 am Reception

10:00 am Program, "Rediscovering Grieg's Lyric Pieces" with Dr. Jennifer Hayghe

11:00 am Business meeting

We hope to see you there!

## MTASN Outreach Recital

**April 6, 2019 at Covenant Village**

**Registration deadline has been extended! Postmark by Saturday, March 30 or hand-delivered to Betty Witt by April 3**

Location: Covenant Village, 9153 Yarrow St., Westminster

## MTNA Programs

**Rising Stars Festival**

**Front Range Preliminaries and Finals: Saturday, April 13, 2019**

Lamont School of Music, University of Denver

**2019 Registration deadline was March 2, 2019**

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.

## 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 16-21, 2019

Location: Imig Music Building on the beautiful CU Boulder campus

Cost: \$775 for residential participants, \$550 for commuters – scholarships available

Due date for applications: Scholarship applications due March 1, all others due May 10

Contact: Jennifer Hayghe, [Jennifer.Hayghe@Colorado.edu](mailto: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>

## Regis Scholarship Available

Regis University, a small Jesuit, liberal arts college is offering its first piano scholarship competition on November 1-3, 2019. Entrants must be high school seniors as of Fall 2019. Finalists will compete for a full-tuition scholarship at Regis in the liberal arts or science degree program of their choice.

If you have any students who may be interested, please email [musiccompetition@regis.edu](mailto:musiccompetition@regis.edu) or visit [www.regis.edu/pianocompetition](http://www.regis.edu/pianocompetition) for info and application.

## 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

March 6, 2019

The president, Dhita Pettit, called the meeting to order.

Corrections and additions to minutes: Betty Witt corrected the word “judges” to “evaluators” under the Collaborative recital report. Sylvia White said that the word “Keyboard” needs to be added between “International “ and “Odysiad & Festival”. She also mentioned that the word Odysiad was misspelled in the Nov. minutes.

Zahari Metchkov, CSMTA president, was present.

A Treasurer’s report was given by Dhita for Vicki Duckworth who was not in attendance. Two questions, one by Lynd’s Pickett regarding use of Memorial Fund: Sylvia white explained that funds are used for student winners’ travel expense to the National Conference, rare but does happen. Zahari Metchkov asked about use of the Piano Fund, it was explained that our association owns the grand piano in the church and funds are used for maintaining it.

The Secretary will be elected for the April meeting, Betty Witt was elected for the office today.

Dhita passed around the letter from MTNA, thanking us for our donation for nomination of Foundation Fellow, Grace Asquith.

## **Officer & Committee Reports**

A By-laws Amendment committee (Dhita, Sylvia and Betty) report was given by Dhita. Following some of Kathy Hammer’s suggestions, the committee did some corrections and additions. The amendment list (additions and corrections) will be sent by e-mail to the membership.

Nominating committee (Betty, Elisabeth and Sylvia): Betty announced that the officer slate has been filled except for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president, Programs.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice president, Edie Dieter announced today’s program by Zahari Metchkov and that the next program in April, is Jennifer Hayghe from C.U., presenting “Grieg’s Lyric Pieces”.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president, Membership, Laura Klein, was absent.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice president, Publicity, Tami Meise, was absent.

4<sup>th</sup> Vice president, Student Activities, Jean Carter, announced an outreach recital organized by Betty Witt, for Saturday, April 6 at Covenant Village in Westminster. Betty passed around entry forms to those interested.

Sylvia White announced the Fall Festival will take place on November 2 & 3, 2019. The required style will be Baroque this year.

Elisabeth Kern gave the Achievement Day report. The event ran very smoothly. She gave back tests and evaluation sheets to participating teachers. One evaluation sheet for student Aileen Le, a student of Laura Heagle was missing. 36 students and 7 teachers participated in the event. Income was approximately \$519 and expenses \$198 leaving a profit of \$320.41. Projects will be displayed at the Standley Lake library in April. Betty Witt mentioned that projects are being stored at her house.

Elisabeth also mentioned that it would be a good idea to have training for teachers on filling out all the Achievement Day forms. Sylvia White recommended that the chairman insist that only teachers should fill out the forms as they are more likely to get the right piece. It should say “Teacher Only fill out” on the forms. The Achievement Day party to evaluate projects took place on Feb. 20.

Sylvia White, Hospitality, thanked our hostesses today for providing refreshments, Linda Enright and Jean Carter.

## **New business:**

Elisabeth Kern has posted photos of Achievement Day projects on our Facebook page.

Linda Enright had a problem with AD forms and questions about them. Dhita suggested a possible program on our student activities.

Elisabeth Kern has a concern of the membership being unable to attend meetings. Zahari Metchkov said this is a common problem in the local MTAs. Elisabeth wants to involve strong new members and consider a different meeting time. It was suggested to have even one meeting each year be a different time when others can attend.

**Announcements:**

Lynds Pickett inquired if anyone is interested in an "Adult Performance Party" for students. She is also doing a masterclass in late April for strings.

The CSMTA Concerto competition was announced, the deadline is March 8, concert is May 19. Sylvia added that the competition originated with MTASN in the 1960s and was held in various locations. College, high school and local orchestras were used.

Zahari Metchkov mentioned that several Summer Camps for students are available, including one at CSU Pueblo which he organizes.

He also announced the CSMTA Conference, May 30-June 1, at Regis University in Denver.

Betty Witt mentioned the early registration deadline for the conference is May 1 for a discounted rate.