

# MTASN Newsletter

September 12, 2019

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## Welcome back!

Whether you are a seasoned member or a new member, we are so glad you are back with us! Preparations are well underway for our fall Festival and other student activities, as well as our membership meetings and programs. See details below!

**We encourage everyone to explore our beautiful, newly-designed website at [www.comta-sn.org](http://www.comta-sn.org).** For programs, information on scheduling recitals, etc., click on “Membership.” For information on student activities including entry forms and rules, please click on “More” in the upper right-hand corner of the home page.

## September 2019 Program

At our September 4 meeting, Jean Carter (Activities Chair) provided an overview of our 2019-2020 student activities: Festival (November 2 and 3), Collaborative Recital (January 25) and Achievement Day (March 7). Edie Dieter (Programs Chair) provided an overview of this year’s monthly meeting programs. Details are included in this newsletter and in our annual 2019-2020 MTASN Yearbook. Please also see the MTASN minutes at the end of this newsletter.

## Upcoming Events

### Our Local Chapter

#### October 2019 Business Meeting

**Wednesday, October 2, 2019**

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

Program:

9:30 am Reception

10:00 am Program, “Preparing Students for Successful Auditions” with Sylvia White.

11:00 am Regular meeting

#### MTASN Fall Festival

**Auditions: Saturday, November 2, 2019**  
**Winner's Recital: Sunday, November 3, 2019, at 3 PM**  
Community in Christ Church  
12229 West 80th Avenue, Arvada, CO

Required Period: Baroque  
Contrasting Periods: Classical, Romantic, Impressionist, 20/21<sup>st</sup> century  
*Note from Vicki Duckworth: There is no minimum age limit for this event as long as the pieces are original literature. If you are looking for Baroque literature for less experienced students, many shorter, simpler pieces are available.*

**Entry Fee: \$25-Advanced, \$20-Intermediate**  
**Entry Deadline: October 2, 2019 to Vicki Duckworth. Teachers must complete entry forms.**

Guidelines: Memorized solo literature only. Avoid method book-style solos or contemporary pieces written to demonstrate a particular historical period.

Contact Person: Vicki Duckworth (vjdpiano@gmail.com or 303-238-7186)

Festival is a great way to jump start learning in the Fall! Please consider participating or just coming to listen in.

## MTNA Programs

**Colorado State - MTNA Competition**  
**Saturday, October 20, 2018**  
University of Colorado at Boulder

Application deadline: September 11, 2019  
Chair: Dr. Margaret Miller [margaret.j.miller@colostate.edu](mailto:margaret.j.miller@colostate.edu)

**Volunteers needed!** On the day of the competition, staff are needed to help with Inside Monitors, Outside Monitors, Registration, and Hospitality. If you can help, please contact Laura Rogers, [laurarogers88@gmail.com](mailto:laurarogers88@gmail.com), 303-706-9079.

## Regis University Piano Scholarship

**Regis University Piano Scholarship**  
Competition held November 1-3, 2019  
Application deadline: October 25

Open to: High school juniors AND seniors  
Contact: Dr. Adriana Teodoro-Dier, DMA

From Regis: "The first prize is an up-to-full-tuition University scholarship. Second and third place will also receive scholarship prizes. All awards are received the year the students enter the university.

“This is our first time holding the competition and we'd love to see your students participate. We strongly encourage your high school juniors and seniors to apply for a spot in the competition, held Nov 1-3, 2019 at Regis University at the Denver campus.

“Due to a recent cyber attack, our competition website is currently offline. However, students may still submit materials to Dr. Adriana Teodoro-Dier at [adriana.collab@gmail.com](mailto:adriana.collab@gmail.com). We are currently accepting applications, and will continue until the Oct 25, 2019 deadline.”

## Baby Grand Needs A Home

A former student of Betsy Nelms is moving and is looking to donate their baby grand piano. If you or your students are interested, please contact Betsy at [bnelmflute@aol.com](mailto:bnelmflute@aol.com).

## 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

**September 4, 2019**

The president, Dhita Pettit, called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. Edie Dieter, Linda Enright, Vicki Duckworth, Sylvia White, Jean Carter, Sandi Greer, Elizabeth Kern, Betty Witt, and Tami Meise were in attendance. The April minutes were accepted in May, so no minutes were reviewed.

### **Officer & Committee Reports**

**President's report:** On July 23, Dhita Pettit met with our Board to discuss the year ahead. This year's Colorado MTNA Fellow is Kathy Hammer. Last year our local association donated \$50 toward this award for Grace Asquith, and those in attendance agreed to donate \$50 again toward Kathy Hammer's award. The bylaws have been updated by Tami Meise and will be sent to CSMTA and put in the MTASN yearbook. In new business, this year's outreach recital has been canceled. We are open to other ideas for recitals and outreach events.

**VP Programs:** Edie Dieter announced the following programs have been scheduled:

September 4: Welcome back!! Review of programs and events for the year

October 2: "Preparing Students for Successful Auditions" with Sylvia White

November 6: "Dealing with Problems in the Studio" – Roundtable discussion

December 4: Holiday luncheon

January 1: No meeting

February 5: "Creative Improvisation for Increasing Students' Confidence and Expressiveness" with Sara Flores

March 4: "Articulation in the Late Eighteen Century Keyboard Music with a Focus on Approaches to Mozart Sonatas" with Dr. David Korevaar

April 1: "When Sideways Is Forwards – Helping Students with Reading Issues" with Lynn Meloy

May 6: Member Musicale and Luncheon

**VP Membership:** Laura Klein is moving, leaving a need for a new Membership chair. While that position is being filled, Tami Meise agreed to put together this year's yearbook.

**VP Publicity:** Per Betty Witt, there is nothing new to report.

**VP Activities:** Per Jean Carter, today's program was a detailed presentation from the committee chairs for Festival, the Collaborative Recital, and Achievement Day. *If you have a student participating in any activity, registration forms should be completed by teachers, not parents.* A summary of activities will be provided in the monthly newsletter, and details provided below. If you have any suggestions or ideas for improvement to student activities, please contact Jean or Dhita.

To find entry forms on the website, go to [www.comta-sn.org](http://www.comta-sn.org). In the upper right-hand corner, click on "More" and then "Student Activities." Scroll to the bottom for Activity Entry forms.

**Treasurer:** Vicki Duckworth presented this year's report and budget. Last fiscal year (July 2018 to June 2019), we had an income of \$1000 and expenses of \$1200. Balances (as of Sept 1) are as follows:

Checking account, \$3435.45

General fund, \$815.06

Memorial fund, \$1370.94

Piano fund, \$2818.40

A copy of the treasurer's report will be provided in the September newsletter.

**Secretary:** Per Tami Meise, she will put together and distribute this year's MTASN Yearbook.

**Festival Committee Chair:** Vicki Duckworth and Sylvia White distributed Festival 2019 application forms. Festival will be held at Community in Christ, auditions on November 2, winner's recital on November 3. Please find details such as time limits and fees on the entry forms at [comta-sn.org](http://comta-sn.org).

**Background:** Festival has been held for more than 30 years as an event to kick-start students' learning in the fall. Although this activity is for intermediate and advanced students, early repertoire is available in all the required periods. There is no lower age limit, as long as original repertoire is chosen. Upper age limit is 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This year's judges for auditions are Grace Asquith and Susan Cable.

**Required Period for 2019:** Baroque. Contrasting Period can be from Classical, Romantic, Impressionist or 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Century. Both pieces must be original solo literature and memorized.

**Entry Deadline** is October 2. Teachers must complete entry forms.

Festival (both auditions and winner's concert) is open to everyone. If you think you might be interested in entering students next year, please come check it out.

**Collaborative Recital Committee Chair:** Betty Witt announced that this year's Collaborative Recital will be held January 25 at 3 pm (or at 2 pm and 3:30 if we have enough entrants). This recital is open to any ensemble, including soloist with accompanist, and will be held at Rockley Recital Hall. Time limit is 8 minutes, as many pieces as you want as long as under 8 minutes.

Everyone receives an evaluation and a participation ribbon. Participants are expected to stay for the entire event.

**Entry Deadline** is postmarked by January 4 or hand-delivered by January 7 to Betty Witt. Entry forms and evaluation forms must be completed by the teacher.

**Achievement Day Committee Chair:** Achievement Day will be held March 7 at Arvada United Methodist Church. We will be using the foyer, the Steinway piano in the sanctuary, and classrooms for adjudication and theory.

The purpose of Achievement Day is to recognize and encourage students' musical achievement and provide a venue for music-related projects. All students must play (1 piece memorized, 1 with music) for an MTASN judge. Parents are allowed to come into the room to listen. Students then select two more events of their choosing, such as art or theory or playing on the Steinway in the sanctuary. All art projects will be displayed at the Standley Lake Library for the month of April. All participants receive evaluations and ribbons/certificate for participating.

**Entry deadline** is February 5, 2020. Entry forms are available at [comta-sn.org](http://comta-sn.org). Elisabeth Kern announced that her email is [kernroos78@gmail.com](mailto:kernroos78@gmail.com), (not the comcast email that some of us have been using.) *If you are a teacher with a participating student, you must volunteer as a judge or help at the event.*

**Hospitality Chair:** Thanks to Sylvia White and Edie Dieter who provided snacks for the September 4 meeting. A sign-up form was distributed for upcoming meetings.

**Dhita adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Tami Meise, Secretary.