

MTASN Newsletter

October 23, 2019

Happy Fall!

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.comtasn.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.

October 2019 Program

At our October 2 meeting, Sylvia White (NCTM) presented "Preparing Students for Successful Auditions." Sylvia defined an "audition" as any performance for someone other than your teacher. Her presentation covered all elements of such performances, including artistry, interpretation, technical aspects and memorization. She offered novel tips, such as memorizing back to front and in sections that can be started discretely if memory fails in performance. Above all, Sylvia emphasized the importance of knowing your student when deciding whether to participate in an event and selecting repertoire. Thank you, Sylvia, for sharing your gifts with us!

Thanks also to Sandi Greer and Betty Witt for providing refreshments!

Upcoming Events

Our Local Chapter

November 2019 Business Meeting

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

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

Program:

9:30 am Reception

10:00 am Program, "Dealing With Problems in the Studio," A Roundtable Discussion

11:00 am Regular business 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

Whether you have students participating or are just curious, we hope you can join us at this year's Fall Festival! This event is open to the public. If you have questions, please contact: Vicki Duckworth (vjdpiano@gmail.com or 303-238-7186)

CSMTA Directory

You may have noticed that MTNA is not listed on the printed directory's Local Association Listings of CSMTA Members 2019-2020. CSMTA has taken steps to prevent this happening in the future. They have updated the online directory to include MTASN and will also add MTASN in the January Notes and News.

Regis University Piano Scholarship

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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. We are currently accepting applications, and will continue until the Oct 25, 2019 deadline."

Invitation from Fort Collins Music Teachers Association (FCMTA)

FCMTA is inviting us to join them for their November program. Details are included below.

Date: Monday, November 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Collins, 301 E Stuart St.

Program: "Beethoven's Legacy: What Piano Pieces Were Pedagogical Purposes?" with Musicologist William (Bill) Runyan.

Bill holds the MA and PhD degrees in Musicology from the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester. He retired in 2003 after thirty years of college teaching. As an administrator he served as a Department Chair, as well as an Assistant Dean and Acting Associate Dean. In addition to his experience as a conductor of symphony, ballet, opera, and wind ensemble, he has spent over forty years as an active orchestral trombonist. He has published articles on orchestration, edited historical editions of music, and been honored as an author of the most significant annual article on opera by the National Opera Association. Recently, he delivered the Fall Convocation annual keynote address to the students and faculty of the Eastman School of Music. At that event the stage of the school's famous Kilbourn Hall was named after him.

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

October 2, 2019

The president, Dhita Pettit, called the meeting to order at 11:02 am. Edie Dieter, Linda Enright, Sara Flores, Sylvia White, Jean Carter, Sandi Greer, Betty Witt, and Tami Meise were in attendance. The September minutes were approved.

Officer & Committee Reports

President's report: Dhita asked Linda Enright to serve as VP of Membership and Linda accepted. Dhita also submitted MTASN's recently changed and approved Bylaws to the state organization, CSMTA.

VP Programs: Edie Dieter announced the November 6 program, "Dealing with Problems in the Studio," a roundtable discussion

VP Membership: No new members have been added to our organization.

VP Publicity: Betty Witt announced that she has posted the Yearbook and September newsletter to the website. Our website has been visited 37 times in the last month.

VP Activities: No new announcements.

Treasurer: Vicki Duckworth submitted this month's report. Our ending checking account balance as of Oct. 1 is \$3297.45. A copy of the treasurer's report will be provided in the October newsletter.

Secretary: No announcements.

Festival Committee Chair: The Festival committee will set the schedule for Nov. 2 auditions this weekend and let participants know what time they'll be playing. Both the Nov. 2 auditions and Nov. 3 winner's concert are open to the public.

Hospitality: Thanks to Sandi Greer and Betty Witt for providing snacks for the October 2 meeting.

New business: Per Betty Witt, Rockley Music will be moving, and they don't anticipate having a recital hall in their new space. They will honor their commitment for January 2020 Collaborative Recital, but we will need to find a new space for the following year. Options discussed: Trinity Methodist, Schmitt Music, or renting another piano for Community in Christ. Also, Laura Heagle will be holding a recital on October 19 at her retirement community. If your students are interested in participating, please contact Laura.

Dhita concluded the meeting at 11:30 am.

Tami Meise, Secretary.