

LMTA Fall 2010 Newsletter

From the President's Pen

Submitted by Carolyn North

At the start of each teaching year, I find myself eagerly anticipating a new, fresh beginning. Whether it's seeing the excitement of a new student or trying out a recently discovered teaching tool, I feel motivated to find creative ways of opening the world of music to each of my students. I am filled with a sense of optimism for the musical growth that will take place in each student.

As I think about our organization, I am excited about the teacher and student events that are planned for this year. Many teachers have stepped forward to volunteer as coordinators of these activities. When I see teachers giving their time and energy to our organization, I am again filled with a sense of optimism: optimism in the 2010-11 student and teacher activities and learning opportunities that await us and our students; optimism for the inspiration we will gain from interacting with each other; optimism for Lancaster Music Teachers Association and for each teacher who is a part of this organization.

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LMTA Mission

Lancaster Music Teachers

Association serves its membership and the community by:

- Assisting the professional growth and musical development of its members through programming that encourages and supports teaching, music making, learning, and creativity
- Providing learning and performance opportunities for students of LMTA members
- Promoting local awareness of the value of music education for all
- Advocating for local music education and local performing arts
- Encouraging teachers and students to enthusiastically continue development of their musical skills
- Creating networking possibilities between musicians, teachers, and music merchants in the Lancaster area

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Lancaster Music Teachers Association Teacher Enrichment Events 2010

We have an exciting calendar of workshops, masterclasses and concerts to enliven our teaching and inspire our students. Plan now to take advantage of these opportunities. These are just in the fall; spring 2011 events will be listed in a later article. Please see the e-mail regarding the September sessions with Maurice Hinson. Articles for each of the guests artists will be on the LMTA website.

Have a wonderful teaching year!
Anita Renfroe, VP for Teacher Enrichment

WORKSHOPS/MASTERCLASSES/CONCERTS:

Sept. 12 Dr. Anita Renfroe & Dr. Ioannis Potamouisis (Yanni), 4:00 pm
Concert of duo, duet literature, Steinman Hall, Millersville University's
Downtown facility, 42 N. Prince St., admission is free, but the public is
encouraged to donate to *Manos Unidas*, a Central-PA Hispanic American
center that promotes cross-cultural appreciation

Sept. 20-21 Dr. Maurice Hinson –*American Piano Music – Roots & Branches:*
Monday 3:00 –4:00 pm, Masterclass, Ford Atrium, Millersville
University, *free admission*
6:00-8:00 pm Piano Pedagogy Workshop “*The Legacy of Olga
Samaroff*” & “*Pedagogues from CPE Bach to Tobias Matthay.*” Ford Atrium, MU *free*
Tuesday 9:00 am-noon, *Anthology of American Piano Music-* Teacher workshop
42 N PRINCE ST *workshop fee*

Oct. 15, 7:30 pm Guest Artist, Dan Tepfer (American Pianists Association Fellow)
42 N. Prince St. *fee*

Oct. 25 Jackie Herbein, (PMTA president) – two sessions Ford Atrium, MU, free
3:00 – 4:00 pm *Performance Anxiety...exploring the physical connection*

While there are many aspects to performance anxiety, this interactive workshop will explore the physical side. By borrowing exercises from the Alexander Technique, Feldenkrais Method and Yoga, participants will experience different sensations and connections in their bodies which, with practice, can help bring some of the fundamentals of physical flow to all stages of learning and performing

Masterclass/workshop, Ford Atrium, MU *free admission*
6:00-8:00 pm Pedagogy Workshop - *I Can Do It...Why Can't They?*

The collegiate music student embarking on a teaching career is most likely a very intuitive music learner and being faced with a 6 year-old (or 60 year-old!) who just doesn't "get it" can be a most frustrating experience. This workshop will explore

Teacher Enrichment (Continued)

creative images, toys and tools to tap into each student's body wisdom, allowing the teacher to move quickly beyond words to the physical movements and gestures of basic piano technique.

Nov. 21, 2:30 pm Joel Behrens, flute & Anita Renfroe, harpsichord/piano
Ford Atrium, MU *free*

Dec. 3-5 MacDowell Seminar Weekend -
Friday- 2:00-3:00 pm Marvin Blickenstaff - "*Teaching the Piano Music of MacDowell*" Zug Recital Hall, Elizabethtown College (see www2.etown/fapa/music/macdowell for more information.)

Dec. 4, 7:30 James Tocco, pianist, solo music of MacDowell, Leffler Chapel

Dec. 5, 2:00 pm Justin Badgerow, pianist, MacDowell Piano Concerto, Leffler Chapel

Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival October 10

The local Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival (DSPF) will be held on October 10 at Lancaster Bible College from 12:30pm-5:00pm.

The Festival is a terrific opportunity for teachers to encourage motivated music students to develop performance skills and receive level-appropriate constructive criticism. Judges are provided in the areas of piano, voice and woodwinds. Each student performs two contrasting pieces and takes a graded theory test. Students receive written feedback from the judge and recognition for participation. Teachers must be current members of LMTA in good standing to enter students in the Festival.

The registration deadline is September 27.

Loine Bert and Carolyn Englert are co-chairing this event.

Further information including Festival guidelines, registration forms, contact information, and directions are available at www.lancastermusicteachers.org under the "news" tab.

DSPF Local Honors Recital and DSPF State Showcase Recitals

The DSPF Local Honors Recital will be held on October 17 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at Pleasantview Retirement Community. Students receiving a rating of 4 superiors and a 75% or higher on the theory test will be invited to perform. Teachers, friends, family and the community are encouraged to attend what promises to be an exemplary performance.

The DSPF State Showcase Recitals are the next phase of the festival and are held November 20 at Penn State University Park. Students receiving a rating of 4 superiors and an 85% or

higher on the theory test are invited to perform.

The State Showcase Recitals are sponsored by the Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association (PMTA) and require a separate registration fee and electronic registration via the PMTA website.

Halloween Recital October 30 at Pleasant View

The Annual Halloween Recital will be held on October 30 at Pleasant View Retirement Community at 2pm. Spooks and goblins, fairies and princesses alike will grace the stage as students (and teachers!) are encouraged to come in costume.

Candy Tame will be coordinating this event.

Registration deadline is October 18.

Additional information including directions and recital forms are available at the LMTA website.

Save the Date Spring Festival Featuring George Gershwin

The Spring Festival will be on March 19 at Lancaster Country Day School with Dennis Kobray returning as George Gershwin. The theme of the day will revolve around rhythm in music. Be sure to plan now to participate.

Remember to Check the Lancaster Music Teachers website (www.lancasterteachersmusic.org) And your personal LMTA e-mail address regularly!!!

LMTA Student Activities Summary List

Oct 10	Local DSPF
Oct 17	Honors Recital
Oct 30	Halloween Recital
Nov 20	State DSPF
Feb 5	Jazz, Rags and Blues Recital
Mar 19	Spring Festival
May 2	Adult Piano Party

Piano Competition Slated October 1-2 at PSU

As summer winds down, the piano faculty at Penn State would like to take this opportunity to remind you to consider making room for the return of the Marian Garcia Piano Competition and Piano Teacher's Workshop to be held October 1-2. The workshop will begin early on Friday afternoon at the School of Music on the University Park Campus, and finish late Saturday afternoon, well in time for you to return home on Saturday night. This two-day event features workshops for piano teachers conducted by Penn State piano faculty Enrico Elisi, Timothy Shafer, and Steve Smith, as well as our special guest Dr. Nelita True, from the Eastman School of Music. Also, there is a performance competition for talented high school seniors. Please check the following website for more information. <http://pennstatepiano.com/garcia.php>

**Save the Date Part 2
PMTA 2011 Conference June
10-12 at the Inn at Pocono
Manor**