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Monthly Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thurs. April 5, 2012..... 9:30 a.m. Monthly Meeting and Presentation:* Joshua Russell: Valses to Voodoo: The Piano Music of Haitian Composer Ludovic Lamothe.
- Thurs, April 9, 2012..... 9:30 a.m. Teacher Performance Group* at the Home of Jane Cole. Call Jane at 630-462-1001 if you plan to attend.
- Sun. April 15, 2012 2:00 p.m. Student Recital* will be held in Millet Hall at TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WHEATON. **Coordinator: Joanne King at 630-690-1759.** Fee is \$7.00. Information Deadline is Sat. March 31, 2012.
- Sun. April 15, 2012 4:00 p.m. West Suburban Chapter AiM Honors Recital* will be held in Millet Hall at TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WHEATON. The coordinator is Kathy Sbarboro.
- Thurs. May 3, 2012..... 9:30 a.m. Monthly Meeting and Presentation:* Annie Sherter: Master Class on Composers of the Impressionistic Period. A luncheon will follow.

DEADLINES

- Sun. April 15, 2012 DEADLINE for May 2012 Newsletter.* Please send articles and information to Diane Lindsay via email dmlindsay@ameritech.net or 630-363-7513. YOU MAY ALSO TEXT INFORMATION TO 630-363-7513.
- Sat. March 24, 2012 AiM Performance Makeup Exams DEADLINE.* Report makeup scores to Linda Krueger.
- Sat. March 24, 2012..... DEADLINE for Sun. April 15th Student Recital.* NEW COORDINATOR: Joanne King at 630-690-1759.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Joshua Russell has performed as a pianist, organist, and conductor throughout the United States, Europe, and Haiti. Widely regarded as an expert on the piano music of Haiti, Dr. Russell recently performed an encore recital of Haitian piano music at the Haitian Embassy in Washington, D.C., after which Haitian Ambassador Raymond Joseph stated:

“As an interpreter of Haitian music, you could not find a better person. He was an inspiration to everyone who heard him. He is an inspiration to me.”

Deeply committed to helping improve the lives of Haitians through music-related activities, Dr. Russell recently recorded a CD of Haitian piano music, with half of the proceeds going toward the rebuilding of Haiti’s primary music school that was completely destroyed in the earthquake.

In addition to his involvement with Haitian music, Dr. Russell has appeared as an orchestral soloist and in recitals at nationally visible venues such as the American Liszt Society National Festival, the San Genarro Festival of Los Angeles, and the Lasker (North Carolina) Summer Music Festival and was recently invited to perform at the World Piano Conference in Novi Sad, Serbia. After his performance as a guest artist at the 2009 Liszt-Garrison International Piano Competition in Baltimore, he was asked to serve as the Guest Co-Chair for the 2011 Liszt-Garrison Competition.

Dr. Russell is in demand throughout the United States for his entertaining and educational workshops for music students and teachers and has been a speaker at national conferences of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) and the College Music Society.

Joshua maintains an active teaching schedule as a member of the piano faculty at Illinois State University and Bradley University. He has served on the piano faculty for the *École Sainte Trinite* Summer Music Camp for Haitian Youth in Leogane, Haiti where he also conducted the *Petits Chanteurs* Haitian Boys choir.

You can find out more about Joshua Russell at: www.joshuarussellpianist.com.

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May 3rd Annie Sherter Master-Class & Speaker Suggestions for New Year

One more student is still needed for the upcoming master-class on 18th and 19th century French repertoire. Please contact Carol Beilke with student's name, piece and age.

carol.beilke@wheaton.edu.

Carol is also asking us to contact her with names and suggestions for programs and/or speakers for next year’s monthly meetings.

Directory Changes

Karen Lilly's email has changed to:

lillypad4@wowway.com

Congratulations to our New Officers for next year!

2nd VP/Historian – Kathy Christian
Secretary – Karen Lilly
Treasurer – Kathy Micheli

A NOTE FROM RUTH DAUBE

Thank you to the ISMTA members for your many well-wishes after my hip surgery. I hope to be back at ISMTA in April.

Ruth Daube

WSISMTA April 15 Recital – DEADLINE CHANGE!

Because of Spring Break, the deadline for the West Suburban April 15 Recital has been moved to March 24.

Here are all the important details:

Date: April 15, registration deadline is March 24

Location: Trinity Episcopal Church, 130 N West Street in Wheaton

Time: 2:00 pm

Coordinator: Joanne King 630-690-1759

Connie Gerig, long term member of ISMTA and wife of Reginald Gerig, passed away Saturday, March 10 at the age of 91. A visitation will be held on Friday, March 16 from 10:00 am until the time of a funeral service to be held at 11:00 am at College Church in Wheaton. For further information see:

http://www.hultgrenfh.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=1421054&fh_id=10184

Thanks,
Karin Edwards

ADRIENNE ROSE ILLNESS

In early March, Adrienne Rose fell and broke her hip. She is currently receiving therapy at Marionjoy and will be coming home sometime during the week of March 19th. She is working very hard to get well. She is a trooper and seems to be taking this incident as best she can.

Joanne King

Congratulations to 17-year-old Alex Yuill, student of Alexander Djordjevic, on two recent competition honors. He is the 1st Place Winner of the DuPage Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition and will perform the first movement from Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 2 with the Symphony on March 18, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at Wentz Concert Hall on the campus of North Central College in Naperville. In addition, he is also the 2nd Place Winner of the Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Musicians Club competition. Alex Yuill was our student performer at our March 2011 monthly meeting.

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