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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thurs., April 6, 2017.....* **9:30 am: Monthly Meeting and Program** at Trinity Church in Wheaton. **Kathy Sbarboro: "Before, During, and Beyond: Musical Experiences for the Young Piano Student."** See program information on p. 2.
- Sun., April 9, 2017.....* **2:30 pm: Student Recital** at Gary Methodist Church in Wheaton. Information deadline is March 26, 2017. Fee \$7 for WSISMTA members and \$15 for non members. Coordinator: Joanne King.
4:00 pm: AIM Honors Recital at Gary Methodist Church in Wheaton. Open only to West Suburban chapter AIM students by judge's nomination. Coordinator: Liz Mackenzie.
- Thurs., April 13, 2017.....* **Teacher Performance Group** at the home of Carol Ishman. Please call Carol if you plan to attend.
- Sun., April 23, 2017.....* **1:00-7:00 pm: Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition** at North Central College. Info at www.berkley-pendell.org. Application deadline March 27, 2017.
- Sat., April 29, 2017.....* **7:00 pm: Berkley-Pendell Competition Winners' Celebratory Recital** at Gary United Methodist Church in Wheaton.
- Thurs., May 4, 2017.....* **9:30 am: Monthly Meeting and Program** at Trinity Church in Wheaton. **Ludmilla Lazar: "Beyond the Notes: Music Not in the Score."** Followed by catered salad luncheon—see sign-up and menu info from Debi Inch inside.
- Sun., May 7, 2017.....* **3:00 pm: Student Recital** at Windsor Park Manor in Carol Stream. Information deadline is April 23, 2017. Fee \$7 for WSISMTA members and \$15 for non members. Coordinator: Marcelyn Peterson.
- Thurs., May 11, 2017.....* **9:30 am: Board Meeting** at the home of Liz Mackenzie. Please email your annual report to Marcia Lehe in advance, and bring a copy to read at the meeting.

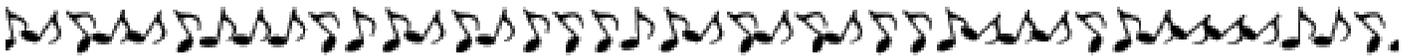
DEADLINES

Sun., March 26, 2017.....**DEADLINE** for April 9 student recital registration. Coordinator Joanne King.

Mon., March 27, 2017....**DEADLINE** to enter your students in the Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition. All information is available at www.Berkley-Pendell.org. Please direct questions to Karol Sue Reddington at 630.510.8475 or karolsue7@gmail.com.

Sat., April 15, 2017.....**DEADLINE** for May 2017 newsletter. Please send camera-ready articles and information to Bonnie Brewster via email: bonniebrewster1954@gmail.com

Sun., April 23, 2017.....**DEADLINE** for May 7 student recital registration. Coordinator Marcelyn Peterson.



MONTHLY PROGRAM

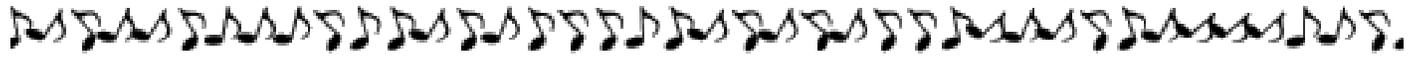
On April 6, our program will be “Before, During, and Beyond: Musical Experiences for the Young Piano Student” presented by Kathlyn Sbarboro.

Wouldn't you love it if all new piano students came to you with a solid rhythmic and tonal foundation *before* they begin lessons? A strong musical foundation that can (and should!) be laid in the early years is such a benefit to the success and enjoyment of beginning piano lessons, but if a student never received that foundation, it's up to us to fill it in with a wealth of basic musicianship activities along the way. We will explore optimal musical experiences for young children before they begin lessons, strategies for working with young beginning piano students and how to continue these types of activities into the intermediate years, as well as tips for assessing readiness and working with parents.



Kathlyn Sbarboro, NCTM, Piano Coordinator for the Community Music & Arts Center at Harper College, teaches group and private lessons to students of all levels and piano pedagogy, and oversees all piano performance festivals, recitals, and student placement. Ms. Sbarboro has earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education, and a Master of Arts degree in Piano Pedagogy. She is recognized as a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music by the Music Teacher's National Association, through which she has held numerous

committee and officer positions at the state and local chapter levels, including President and Member of the Year for the West Suburban Illinois State Music Teachers Association. Ms. Sbarboro teaches Music Together® and Early Childhood Music classes throughout the suburbs and has earned the Certification 1 and Workshop Song Presenter status through Music Together® Inc. She also maintains an independent piano studio, and is active in the Chicago area as a workshop clinician and festival/competition judge.



AIM Performance News

Diane Jankiewicz and Peggy Liu wish to thank all who participated in the March 4 AIM Performance exams at Wheaton College. Thank you to Carol Beilke who coordinated the office on the day of the exam. Most everything went as planned and it was a very successful day. All AIM Performance makeup Exams must be completed by March 18. Makeup judges need to report the score, teacher code, Level and name of student to Diane Jankiewicz at djankiewicz@hotmail.com.

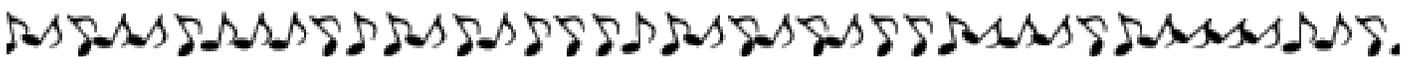
AIM HONORS RECITAL

We are delighted to announce that 22 students have been nominated for the honors recital to be held Sunday, April 9 at 4 p.m. at Gary Methodist Church. These represent 10 different studios and the music ranges from Level 5 to Level 12. Please join us and invite other students to hear these exceptional performances chosen from students Level 5 and above at the AIM exams. Past recitals have been wonderful. Congratulations to the teachers and to the students! --Liz Mackenzie



End of Year Luncheon

Following our last meeting of the school year on May 4, we will have a catered luncheon held at Trinity Episcopal Church to make it easy for many to attend. A salad luncheon will be catered from Mariano's and include a pasta salad with meat and cheese, a green vegetable salad with side dressings, a slaw salad with cranberries and nuts, and a fruit salad. We will have assorted rolls and a delicious dessert. The cost is \$10 per person. Submit your name along with \$10 (cash only please!) to Debi Inch, 308 Arbor Ave, West Chicago, IL 60185 by May 1st. Latecomers may also pay at the door. We hope that all will plan to attend this special time together. The luncheon will include a short program to include recognizing the Member of the Year. If anyone has food allergies or preferences and would prefer to bring their own food, they are most welcome to do so! We are looking forward to celebrating a wonderful year of musical milestones in all our studios and communities.



West Suburban Illinois Music Teachers Association
March 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 am.

Membership: Kathy Sbarboro reported no visitors or new members.

The minutes from the February meeting were read with no additions and one correction: the title of the Berkley Pendell Fund. Motion to accept: Karol Sue Reddington Second: Adrienne Rose

Treasurer: Janel Greaves reported a balance of \$8206.49.

AIM Performance: Diane Jankiewicz asked for notification of any withdrawals. She asked teachers to return the Honors recital form in their packet whether or not they recommended a student. She provided some other last minute reminders, including a request for teachers to write a Thank You note if one was included in their packet. Debi Inch passed a sign up sheet to bring food to share for exam day.

Debi Inch also announced there will be a salad luncheon this May following the meeting. The cost is \$10, and she sent around a sign up list. At the luncheon we will honor the new Member of the Year and celebrate highlights of the past year.

Joint Chapter Workshop: The report was read by Marcia Lehe. The conference was successful with 35 attendees, and brought in registration fees of \$900.

Berkley Pendell Piano Competition: Karol Sue Reddington reminded us that Steinway is providing a piano for the competition. The deadline for application is March 27.

Announcements: Marcia Lehe announced that 9 students will be performing on the March 5 Student Recital, 3:00 pm at Windsor Park Manor. Then on April 9, the regular student recital will be at 2:30 pm (Joanne King coordinator) and the AIM honors recital at 4:00 pm at GUMC (Liz Mackenzie coordinator). The deadline to register for the student recital is March 26.

The next TIE meeting is March 9, 9:30 am, at home of Linda Krueger. Suggested themes include summer lessons, how do we make them special, and duets.

Kathy Sbarboro announced the new slate of officers: Carol Ishman for president, Karol Sue Reddington for first vice president of programs, Debi Inch for second vice president for membership. The nominees were confirmed by vote.

Debi Inch spoke about Member of the Year. The nominating committee of Debi, Karol Sue Reddington and Elinor Lee has nominated Diane Lindsay to be our new Member of the Year.

April meeting: our own Kathy Sbarboro will be presenting the program about Musical Experiences for the Young Piano Student.

Carol Beilke sent around a sign up sheet for office help on AIM day.

Carol Ishman announced the Teacher's Performance group will meet at her house on April 13 at 9:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49. The meeting was followed by a master class with Heidi Mayer.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Krueger, Secretary



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OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER IS THE MAY ISSUE with a deadline of April 15th

GREETINGS TO THE SUPERB ISMTA TEACHERS AND WONDERFUL STUDENTS

VISION, SUPPORT AND NEWS

OUR APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DRAWING NEAR

BERKLEY-PENDELL PIANO COMPETITION

Sunday, April 23, 2017

North Central College, Wentz Fine Arts Center & Koten Chapel
Naperville

Winners' Celebratory Recital ~ Saturday Evening, April 29, 7p.m.
Gary United Methodist Church
224 N. Main, Wheaton

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 27, 2017

Complete Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition guidelines, eligibility requirements and application forms are available at:

www.Berkley-Pendell.org

GREAT APPRECIATION TO

STEINWAY PIANO GALLERY

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