



Illinois State Music Teachers Association Newsletter West Suburban Chicago Area Chapter

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This Month's Events

- Feb. 1 MONTHLY MEETING: Trinity Episcopal Church, West/Wesley Sts., Wheaton. 9:00 Coffee & Conversation; 9:30 Business meeting/program. Program: WILLIAM PHEMISTER: *"Catalonian Music: Albeniz and Mompou."*
- Feb. 4 STUDENT RECITAL: 3:00 P.M. Pierce Chapel 104, Wheaton College. Liz Mackenzie, coordinator
- Feb. 22 JOINT CHAPTER WORKSHOP 9:30-12:30: MARY JEAN ALLEN: *What Every Musician Needs to Know about the Body and Teaching Demonstration.* Registration deadline Feb. 15—form was in January newsletter.
- Feb. 27 AIM PERFORMANCE TEST ASSEMBLY: 9:30 A.M. Kathy Micheli's Tuesday home, 2S145 Sheffield Rd., Glen Ellyn.



Deadlines

- Feb. 2 DEADLINE: AIM Performance Exam Registration. See details inside.
- Feb. 15 DEADLINE: March newsletter. Please send items to Bonnie Brewster, 1220 N. Main St. Wheaton, or email to Bonnie@extremespin.com.
- Feb. 16 DEADLINE: March 4th STUDENT RECITAL, Elinor Lee, coordinator.
- Feb. 23 DEADLINE FOR ANY AIM SCHEDULE CHANGES

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 1 MONTHLY MEETING: JOHN ZIMMERMAN: *"Mental Practice: Visual, Aural and Physical Imaging."* Also AIM Judging Session.
- Mar. 3 AIM PERFORMANCE EXAMINATIONS - Wheaton College, McAllister Hall
- Mar. 4 STUDENT RECITAL: Wheaton College, Pierce Chapel 104



This Month's Program



William Phemister, NCTM, pianist, composer, and editor, has also enjoyed his role as professor of piano at the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music since 1972. A graduate of Juilliard (BS) and the Peabody Conservatory (MM, DMA with Leon Fleisher), and a Fulbright Grantee, he is also the winner of significant piano competitions and a performer/clinician in the United States and around the world. In recent years, he has appeared in Taiwan, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, North Korea, and China.

As a longtime member of MTNA, he has entered winning students in more competitions than he can count; he has also given presentations at many MTNA local chapters and at the national convention.

The topic, "Catalonian Music: Albeniz and Mompou," inspired by a recent visit to Barcelona while on sabbatical leave, provided Phemister with the opportunity to research in the beautiful Catalonian National Library. His presentation offers a snapshot into the wondrous world of Spanish music—a glimpse into literature that ought to be included in everyone's repertoire.

Students Needed for April Master Class

We have room for more participants in the Master Class by Bill Koehler scheduled for our April 5 meeting. Students should be performing at the sonatina level or above. Please call Jane Cole if you have a student that you would like to have participate in the master class.

News of our Members

Pianist Alexander Djordjevic and his brother, violist Mark Djordjevic will perform Schubert's Arpeggione Sonata at PianoForte Chicago on Saturday, February 3rd at approximately 6:00 p.m. The PianoForte Foundation is proud to present the 3rd annual Schubertiade Chicago, a FREE two-day festival celebrating the music of Franz Schubert. On February 3 & 4 the music will begin at 3 pm each day with approximately twelve hours of music planned all together. The PianoForte studio in the historic Fine Arts Building is the perfect environment to recreate the atmosphere of Schubert's music parties where many artists can participate and mingle.



PianoForte Chicago is located at 410 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 825, Chicago, IL 60605. Admission is FREE. For more information, please call (312) 291-0000 or visit www.pianofortechicago.com.



AIM Performance Exam Information

IMPORTANT DATES: The mandatory judging session will be held following the monthly program at about 11:00 on March 1. **Remember that to be eligible, teachers must have attended 2 complete business meetings before the AIM date March 3.**

ENROLLMENT SHEETS: Please duplicate your enrollment sheets and return 3 copies with students' names and levels filled in. **(NO Roman numerals, please)** The first 2 columns should remain blank.

REPERTOIRE SHEETS: Only one sheet per student need to be submitted.

DEADLINE: Deliver enrollment and repertoire sheets, and one check covering fee payment, by Feb. 2 to one of the following co-chairs: Kathy Micheli, 2S145 Sheffield Rd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 or Joanne King, 893 Shenandoah Dr. Carol Stream, IL 60188..

TEST ASSEMBLY FOR AIM PERFORMANCE EXAMS - Please mark Tuesday, February 27th on your calendar. AIM Performance Exams will be assembled at 9:30 A.M. at Kathy Micheli's house, 2S145 Sheffield Rd., Glen Ellyn. Many hands are needed to make this job go quickly.



Seeking Your Reminiscences of Helen Berkley

In November, we celebrated the 90th birthday of Helen Berkley, one of our chapter's co-founders. At that meeting, we also enjoyed a retrospective look back at Helen's remarkable life and career. The memories that our members and Helen's friends shared are priceless, and we would like to compile them into a booklet to distribute to the membership. If you know Helen, please record your memories to share with us all. Carol Ishman will be collecting the writings, and you can send them or email them to her. Thank you!