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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thurs., Jan. 8, 2015..... 9:30 am: Monthly Meeting and Program.* Dr. Michael Fritsch: Am I Out of My Tree, Or Is This a Thorny Passage? at Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton.
- Thurs., Jan. 15, 2015..... 9:30 a.m. Teacher Information Exchange (TIE) Meeting* at the home of Karen Lilly.
- Sun., Feb. 1, 2015..... 4:30 p.m. Student Recital* at Gary United Methodist Church, Wheaton, IL. Fee \$7 for West Suburban Members, \$15 for non-WS members. Deadline: January 18, 2015. **At present there is no coordinator for this recital. It is at risk of being cancelled unless a coordinator steps forward.**
- Thurs., Feb. 5, 2015..... 9:45 – 10:30 am: Mandatory AIM Judges session.* Followed by a panel on Inspiring Achievement.
- Sat. March 7, 2015..... AIM PERFORMANCE EXAMS* at Wheaton College.
- Sun. April 19, 2015..... Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition* at North Central College. For complete information see www.berkley-pendell.org

DEADLINES

- Thurs., Jan. 1, 2015..... DEADLINE* for newly participating teachers to notify AIM Performance Chair and Mentoring Coordinator, Linda Krueger of intent to enroll Level 1A-2 students in the AIM Performance Exams.
- Thurs., Jan. 15, 2015..... DEADLINE* to request substitution of repertoire for AIM Performance exams. Send requests to Stephanie Myers at hisamimyrs@gmail.com.
- Thurs., Jan. 15, 2015..... DEADLINE* for February 2015 Newsletter. Please send articles and information to Linda Krueger via email: lkruegerpno@comcast.net.

Sun., Jan. 18, 2015.....**DEADLINE** for entering students in Feb. 2 Student Recital. **We have no coordinator for this recital! Please contact Marcelyn Peterson or Debi Inch immediately if you are able to help out. There will be no recital without a coordinator.**

Sun., Feb. 1, 2015..... **DEADLINE** to enroll students in the AIM Performance Exam, complete judging forms, and submit fees. See this newsletter and December 2014 newsletter for additional information.

MONTHLY PROGRAM

Dr. Michael Fritsch: Am I Out of My Tree, Or Is This a Thorny Passage? A Lecture Demonstration

Dr. Michael Fritsch has been a member of WSMTA since 1980. His degrees in piano performance are from Wheaton College, the University of Cincinnati, and Northwestern University, from which he received the Doctor of Music degree. At Northwestern he was elected to the music honor society, Pi Kappa Lambda, and also studied piano pedagogy with Frances Larimer.

Dr. Fritsch will discuss and illustrate how to conquer those pesky passages that create roadblocks for most students. Examples will be from a variety of levels on the AIM lists, and will include among others, Musette by J S Bach, Solfeggietto by C P E Bach, Fur Elise by Beethoven, and Sonata K545 (Allegro) and Fantasy in d minor by Mozart.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please add the following additions and corrections to your directory:

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AIM PERFORMANCE EXAMS – MARCH 7, 2015 IMPORTANT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION!!!

**First of all, we are happy to welcome Jennifer Allor as our new AIM Performance Co-coordinator.
Thank you Jennifer!**

The on-line enrollment form is ready to receive enrollments. **Please read these instructions carefully** to help you prepare for entering your students' repertoire information when you enroll them. It is advised to have all information ready before you start to fill out the form on your computer. You may want to check out the form online before you actually begin.

You will find 4 entries to complete for each piece of repertoire:

1. **Composer** – last name only unless first name or initial is needed for clarification.
2. **Repertoire** – name of piece plus opus number or other classifying information as listed in the syllabus. "Minuet" or "Sonatina" is not enough information.
3. **Level/page #** - Please use the following format: if the piece is listed at Level 6 on page 24 of the syllabus, enter **6-p24**. DO include the letter "p" for the page #. If you are using the old 2003 repertoire list, also add "old" after the page #. If you are substituting an approved piece, enter "approved" instead of page #, and be sure to email the letter of approval to Linda Krueger. For Level 1A, 1B or 1C enter "NA".
4. **Collection** – complete this entry if you are using a piece from one of the COLLECTIONS pages (4-p17, 5-p17, 6-p21, etc.) and the piece is not listed individually on one of the regular lists, or if a composer's entire book is listed rather than individual pieces. This will help Rita (and the judges) find the piece. You are asked to abbreviate the book title and include the page of the book on which the song appears. Also use this entry to indicate the book/page used for Levels 1A, 1B or 1C.

The deadline for completing the enrollment form, judging form and enrollment fees is February 1, 2015. See the December newsletter for additional information.

Enrollment form link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1b7lrL26TYi5mbf03jd2BRmU7LrMX0rcS1e3NW-zmwYM/viewform>

Judging form link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14qGG0sq6AY2pslkkcTxYgmNK-CxgVbqCB8EYMN2hxLU/viewform>

The link for viewing the enrollment spreadsheet in order to double check your enrollment will be emailed to individual teachers. If your name is not on the enrollment form, contact Linda Krueger at wsismta@gmail.com.

Please mark your calendar for the Packet Stuffing meeting on Feb. 19 at 9:30 at Linda Krueger's house.



TEACHER INFORMATION EXCHANGE MEETING

The TIE meeting this month will be January 15th at 9:30 at Karen Lilly's house, 130 N. Park Blvd. Glen Ellyn. Please come and enjoy a cup of coffee, breakfast, and interesting conversation with your fellow teachers. Please rsvp to Karen at 630-942-1185 by January 13th.



DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

West Suburban Illinois Music Teachers Association

December 4th meeting, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:35.

There was no student performer of the month.

The TIP of the day was given by Karen Lilly who shared a consolidated student notebook. She has students keep a notebook of the repertoire they have studied, with a repertoire list divided into style periods. The notebook contains information about the style periods and a 'wish list' of pieces the student might want play in the future.

The minutes from the November meeting were read with no corrections or additions. Adrienne Rose moved to approve the minutes as read, Karol Sure Reddington seconded.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$7448.38

Membership – Joanne King announced that there are no visitors today.

AiM Performance – Linda Krueger explained the new Performance Enrollment Form. Repertoire pieces will be listed *on the enrollment form* this year, so teachers will need to have that information ready when signing-up students. Repertoire may be no higher than 3 levels above the level the student is entering. Please type in the level and the *syllabus* page the piece is listed on using a ‘p.’ (example – 5, p. 25). The ‘p.’ is needed so the computer won’t read it as a date (5/25). Be sure to indicate ‘old’ if using repertoire and page numbers for the old syllabus. If submitting a piece from a ‘collection’ listed at the beginning of the level, please write the name of the book (use abbreviations) and the page number it can be found on. When entering level 2 repertoire, fill in the pieces under ‘list A’ and ‘list B’ regardless of what period the pieces are from. Enrollment is now open, and the deadline is Feb. 1. Jennifer Allor is stepping up to fill the AiM Performance co-coordinator position. Many thanks to Jennifer!

Recitals – The Dec. 7 recital will be held at 5:30 at Gary United. Coordinator Anna Buckley was absent, but Marcia Lehe announced that 5 students will be performing. The next recital will be held on Feb. 1, with a deadline of Jan. 19.

Announcements

Debi announced that the MTNA National Conference will be held on March 22-26 in Las Vegas. Lynette Zelis will be attending as the ISMTA President.

Our next meeting will be held on Jan 8 (**not the first Thursday of the month**) with a program by Dr. Michael Fritsch: ‘Am I Out of My Tree, Or Is This a Thorny Passage?’

The next TIE meeting will be held on January 15, 9:30am, at the home of Karen Lilly. Please RSVP to Karen if you plan to attend.

Joanne King announced a Cantata Concert at St. John the Baptist Church on Dec. 18 at 7:30.

Debi announced that the AiM level 11 and 12 workbooks are now available, and can be purchased through the ISMTA website.

Lynette Zelis encouraged all to complete the state conference survey that was sent out by ISMTA to help give feedback and plan the next conference.

Diane Lindsay announced that her piano and voice studio raised \$1,202.85 for the DuPage PADS this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55.

A program by Joe Cisar: ‘Jazzing Up Your Studio’ and our Holiday Cookie Exchange followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
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