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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed. Feb. 20.....9:30 a.m. AIM Packet Meeting at Linda Krueger's Home, 1N086 Fanchon St., Carol Stream. Members are encouraged to help even for a short period of time.
- Thurs. Feb. 289:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **“Programming Success in Practice and Performance”** Joint Chapter West Suburban ISMTA Workshop with Elvina Truman Pearce at Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton. Registration begins at 8:40 a.m.
- Sun. March 23:00 p.m. **Student Recital**, Pierce Chapel Room 104, Wheaton College. Coordinator: Ruth Daube. Information deadline is Sunday, February 17th.
- Thurs. Mar. 69:30 a.m. Monthly Meeting and **Robert Sacks** presentation, “Chamber Music: Student Duets”, Trinity Episcopal, Wheaton.
- Sat. Mar. 8New AIM Performance Exam Date, Wheaton College.
- Sat. Mar 29 - Apr 22008 MTNA National Conference, Hyatt Regency Denver & the Colorado Convention Center; Denver, Colorado.
- Sat. April 26Berkley/Pendell Piano Competition at McAninch Arts Center, College of DuPage. See article in this issue.
- Fri Nov. 14 -15.....State Fall ISMTA Conference, Wheaton College. See more information in this issue.

DEADLINES

- Sun. Feb. 17INFORMATION DEADLINE for **Sunday, March 2nd Student Recital**. Coordinator: Ruth Daube.
- Sat. March 15.....*DEADLINE* for April newsletter. Please send articles and information to Diane Lindsay, 242 S. Edgewood Ave., Lombard. Telephone 630-916-8001 or email to dmlindsay@ameritech.net.
- Fri, Mar. 21*POSTMARK DEADLINE* to apply for 2008 Berkley/Pendell Piano Competition. Read the information in this newsletter.

LOCAL CHAPTER NEWS

- * Directory Update! **Peggy Liu's** telephone number has change to 630-851-2579. Please update your copy.

Our March meeting will be presented by The Spectrum Duo.
They will focus on Chamber music, including piano duets.
The Spectrum Duo members are Violinist Vivienne Venderley and Pianist Robert Sacks.

Violinist **Vivienne Venderley** has been a member of the OPUS Master Strings Chamber Music Workshop faculty since 2004, as chamber music coach, clinician, and Camp Librarian. In addition, she has taught violin and viola lessons privately in Naperville since 1987. After earning her Bachelor of Music degree at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, where she studied with Stephen Clapp, Ms. Venderley received a graduate fellowship from Syracuse University, where she studied with Andrew Zaplatynsky. As a member of the Spectrum Duo (with pianist Robert Sacks) and the Spectrum Trio (with Sacks and cellist Edward Moore), she has performed chamber music at recitals and social functions throughout the Chicago area and beyond. The Trio performed on WFMT's Dame Myra Hess concert series in 1993, and has been featured on local cable television.

Pianist **Robert Sacks** has been active in Naperville's musical community since 1987. In August 2004 he joined the faculty of the OPUS Master Strings Chamber Music Workshop, as chamber music coach and clinician. He operates a private piano teaching studio in Naperville. Mr. Sacks holds degrees in piano performance from the Peabody Conservatory, where he studied piano with Walter Hautzig, and Syracuse University. He has taught piano on the faculties of Syracuse University and North Central College's CommunityMusic program. In addition to his teaching and coaching pursuits, Mr. Sacks is also active as a soloist, accompanist, chamber musician, contest adjudicator, lecturer, and has written for *Clavier Magazine* on several occasions.

**BERKLEY/PENDELL PIANO
COMPETITION**

This year's competition April 26 is fast approaching. Please be reminded of the March 21st application (postmark) deadline. Also, all teacher and student requirements need to be completed by that date. Students may perform on any chapter's recital or participate in the AIM exam to fulfill letter "d" of student eligibility. Competition information and application forms can be found on the West Suburban and Naperville websites. If you have questions please contact Marilyn Anderson, our chapter scholarship chairman.

Please mail applications to: Deb Bridenbaugh,
Competition Chairman, 346 Normandie Drive
Sugar Grove, IL. 60554

UPCOMING PIANO DUET RECITAL

Svetlana Belsky and Jennifer Maxwell will perform a piano duet recital in Pierce Chapel, Wheaton College, on Friday, February 29 at 3:15 pm. This concert is free and open to the public. Included will be works by Rachmaninoff, White, and Stravinsky. This is an exchange with Mark and Karin Edwards, who will be performing at the University of Chicago next season.

ISMTA MEMBERS

The ISMTA Winter Newsletter is now available for download. This edition and past issues are archived on the Newsletter page at www.ismta.org.

WHEATON COLLEGE MONSTER CONCERT

The Community School of the Arts at Wheaton College is presenting its second annual Monster Concert on March 15, 2008 at 4:30pm & 7pm in Edman Chapel. Two hundred twenty CSA students, ranging in age from 6-18, will play progressively on 8 grand pianos. Students will present a variety of music from classical to folk to jazz. The performance includes the favorite Balloon Pop Polka where the students pop 40 balloons at intervals during the piece. CSA teachers will also perform. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5. For more information contact the CSA office at 630-752-5518 or visit www.wheaton.edu/csa

UPCOMING BRAHMS TRIO RECITAL

There will be a recital featuring music by Berlioz, Brahms, Debussy, Handel, Koechlin, and Nero performed by the **Brahms Trio**. Members of the trio are Jean Erickson, Barb Farley, and Lisa von Pechmann. Carol Beilke and Barb Farley will also perform mvt. 2 - Mother and Child and mvt. 3 - Gamin from William Grant Still's Suite for Violin and Piano. The recital is free and will be held at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 250 N. Gary in Carol Stream on **Sunday, February 24, 3:00 p.m.**

NWSMTA Concert and Workshop – March 2 & 3, 2008

The 2008 Workshop Committee is pleased to present **Tony Caramia**, Professor of Piano at the Eastman School of Music. On Sunday, March 2, 2008, 3:00-4:30 p.m., **Mr. Caramia** will give a multi-media solo recital for students, parents, teachers and the general public. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at NWSMTA meetings, by contacting Denise Dolins at (847)215-2262 or e-mail: dolins@msn.com, or at the door. Limited seating is available.

On Monday, March 3, 2008, 9:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., **Professor Caramia** will conduct a traditional style workshop for teachers only. He will present strategies for teaching the Gershwin Preludes, for teaching the jazz idioms from late elementary to late intermediate levels and for using modes to aid expressive playing at any level. The \$55 Registration Fee includes one ticket to the Sunday Recital. A Lunch Option and Discounts for Early Registration, New NWSMTA Members and Full-Time Students will be available!

Both events will take place at Karnes Music Northwest Showroom, 926 W. Dundee Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60060 (phone 847-222-8077). Contact Denise Dolins at 847-215-2262 or e-mail: dolins@msn.com for more information and a Registration Form.

UPCOMING RECITAL

Our member **John Zimmerman**, Associate Professor of Music at **Wheaton College Conservatory**, is presenting a recital, "Piano Through the Years," on **Monday, March 31 at 8:00 PM in Pierce Chapel**. The program includes pieces of widely varying levels of difficulty by many composers, beginning with John Thompson's "Teaching Little Fingers to Play" and proceeding to Bach's Prelude and Fugue in C Major (WTC I) and Two-Part Invention No. 8, sonata movements by Haydn, Mozart, Clementi and Beethoven, several Chopin etudes, Ravel's Jeux d'eau, Liszt Consolation No. 1, Gershwin Prelude No. 1, a Chinese piece, Clair de Lune, and pieces by Brahms, Schumann, et cetera.

ISMTA Conference 2008

Save the date for the 2008 ISMTA Conference!

The Wheaton College Conservatory of Music in Wheaton, Illinois, will host our State Conference on Friday and Saturday, November 14-15, 2008.

Spread the word about the conference to fellow colleagues and friends. Featured guests will include Conference Artist Marc-André Hamelin, who will additionally present a discussion/Q&A session. We also welcome Master Teacher Alan Chow and Pedagogy Clinician Robert Duke. Mark your calendars today and plan to attend!

For more information and continuing updates about the conference, please visit our "Conference" page at www.ismta.org.

Linda Barker, ISMTA President, lbarkerpiano@rcn.com & Matt Talbott, ISMTA Exec.Asst, matt@ismta.org

You're invited to experience



International fiddlers perform at Downers Grove North High School April 14, 2008

Barrage – A high-octane fiddle-fest that features an international, multi-talented cast performing an eclectic mix of music, song and dance. The cast of Barrage features: six violinists/vocalists, one drummer, one bass player, and a guitarist. These shows are part of the Barrage Educational Outreach Program to inspire and excite young string players (and future string players) particularly in the school system.

Barrage performances offer up a diverse fusion of cultures, musical styles and incredible performance vitality. The music of Barrage continues to evolve - combining contemporary world music influences, layered vocal arrangements and pulsating modern beats and rhythms. The cast delivers the show with amazing energy and musical virtuosity that will take your breath away.

Since its creation in Calgary, Canada in 1996, Barrage has been featured many times at events worldwide having played for many Presidents, Prime Ministers and Princes. Barrage has also had their television productions aired on several international TV networks including the PBS network in the USA, the BBC in the UK and CBC in Canada and has performed live shows in New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, China, Canada, Finland, Sweden, Ireland, Denmark, Poland, Germany, Norway, Monaco, the USA and the UK.

If you would like to learn more about this unique musical group, check out their website at www.barrage.org

Barrage will be appearing at the

**Clarence Johnson Auditorium • Downers Grove North High School
4436 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL
Monday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m.**

Tickets: \$15.00 Adults and \$10.00 Students/Seniors

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