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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Sun., April 23, 2017.....***1:00-7:00 pm: Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition** at North Central College. Info at [www.berkley-pendell.org](http://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., April 23, 2017.....***DEADLINE** for May 7 student recital registration. Coordinator Marcelyn Peterson.

*Thurs., June 15, 2017.....***DEADLINE** for Summer 2017 newsletter. Please send camera-ready articles and information to Bonnie Brewster via email: [bonniebrewster1954@gmail.com](mailto:bonniebrewster1954@gmail.com)

**Reminder to renew your membership either online or with the form that comes in the mail. Double check your information for accuracy.**



# MONTHLY PROGRAM

May 4, 2017 Program with Ludmilla Lazar

“Beyond the Notes: Music not in the Score”

In our culture of speed and accuracy, we will explore the making of music that goes beyond this drive, look beyond the note symbols to connect to its meaning and spirit.

Through rhythm, meter, rhetorical gesture, dance, opera, and above all, an evocation of an image, we should arrive to a better understanding of the content and style.



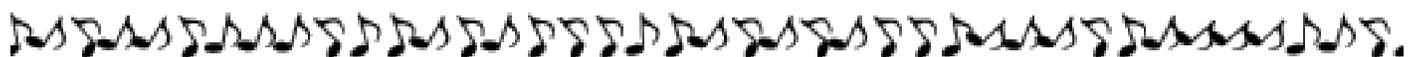
Illustrations will include accessible repertoire from different stylistic periods, from J.S. Bach to Bela Bartok.

Pianist and master teacher Ludmilla Lazar is acknowledged internationally for her stylistic versatility and musicality. Acclaimed in Europe and the United States for her commitment to a diverse and challenging repertoire, Dr. Lazar’s recitals and workshops reflect her involvement with multi-cultural music and authentic performance practice. Critics describe her performances as “inspirational and informative.”

Her students have been winners in local, regional, national, and international competitions. In recognition of her teaching, she received the Master Teacher Certificate from MTNA and was awarded the title of Master Teacher by the American Music Scholarship Association. She was also elected by the Roosevelt University community as “The Outstanding Teacher of the Year.” A graduate of Ljubljana Central Music School of Slovenia, she later advanced her studies as scholarship student of the legendary pianist Rudolph Ganz at the Chicago Musical College (now the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University) where she received a master’s degree, and at Northwestern University where she earned a D.M.A.. For 20 years she held the position of Chairperson of the Keyboard Department and currently holds the position of Professor of Piano.

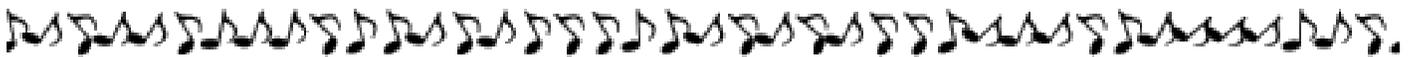
Dr. Lazar is a member of numerous professional organizations and is past President of the Society of American Musicians and of the Mu Phi Epsilon Fraternity, and is a member of the Artists, Composers, Musicologists, and Educators of the Mu Phi Epsilon.

Dr. Lazar’s notable achievements have secured her a place of recognition with the American Keyboard Artists and the Who’s Who in the American Music World.



## **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.



### **AIM Honors Recital**

**Twenty two students performed on Sunday, April 9 at an Honors Recital. They were chosen by judges at the AIM exams in March for their outstanding performances Levels 5 and above. They represent 10 different studios and performed a variety of music from Bach to Oscar Peterson. Kudos to the students and their teachers!**



### **West Suburban Illinois Music Teachers Association April 6, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

Student performer: Bradley Smidesang, a student of Rita Brown's, played Kabalevsky Sonatina, Opus 27, No. 11.

Membership: Kathy Sbarboro reminded members that it is time to renew our memberships, and to please double check our contact information to make sure it is correct for the directory.

The minutes from the March meeting were read with no additions or corrections.

Motion to accept: Karol Sue Reddington    Second: Liz Mackenzie

Treasurer: Janel Greaves reported a balance of \$7404.43.

TIP: Stephanie Myers shared how she has encouraged her mildly autistic student to write a poem about her music to help her in memorizing the piece for recital.

Announcements:

Student Recitals: Joanne King announced our next Student Recital is Sunday, April 9 at 2:30 pm at Gary United Methodist Church, and will have 12 students. Following that at 4:00 will be the AIM Honors Recital. We're able to take all 22 students who were nominated, representing 10 teachers. The final Student Recital will be May 7 at 3:00 at Windsor Park Manor.

Teacher Performance Group: Will be at the home of Carol Ishman on Thursday, April 13.

May luncheon: Debi Inch sent around the sign up list for the luncheon following our May meeting. There will be salads from Mariano's. We will celebrate Member of the Year Diane Lindsay and remember the year together. Guest speaker Ludmilla Lazar has been invited and will attend.

Marcelyn Peterson shared that Hanford Linhardt, husband of retired member Judy Linhardt, had a heart attack. Debi will send a card.

Board meeting: Marcia Lehe announced that our May 11 meeting has some very important issues for us to discuss, so attendance is important. She will send information out ahead of the meeting for members to think about and prepare for discussion. She would like those unable to attend to share their ideas. The meeting is at Liz Mackenzie's home at 9:30 am.

Berkley-Pendell Competition: The competition is Saturday, April 23. The winners recital will be the following Saturday at 7:00 pm at Gary United Methodist Church. Steinway will present the first place prize to the winner.

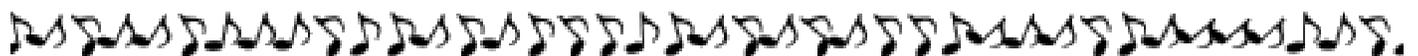
Karol Sue Reddington sent around a form requesting ideas for programming for next year.

Marcia Lehe announced the Concert of Hope in support of the South Sudan Medical Clinic, April 22, with a silent auction at 6:30 pm, concert at 7:15 pm. Marcia shared the great variety of artists and music that will be presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53. Motion to adjourn: Carol Ishman Second: Rita Brown

The meeting was followed by a presentation by member Kathy Sbarboro: "Before, During, and Beyond: Musical Experiences for the Young Piano Student."

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Krueger, Secretary





# Illinois State Music Teachers Association

**OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER IS THE SUMMER ISSUE**  
**with a deadline of June 15<sup>th</sup>**

## **Time to Renew your Membership in WSISMTA!**

**We've had an awesome year of meetings, programs, exams, performances, camaraderie and fun! Renew your membership now for next year.....**

<http://mtna.org/membership-information/renew-membership>

**Please check your contact information for accuracy and make any corrections when you renew.**

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