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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs. Sept. 20, 2012 **9:15 a.m. BOARD MEETING** at the Home of Kathy Sbarboro.

Thurs. Sept. 27, 2012 **10:00 a.m. JOINT CHAPTERS BOARD MEETING.** Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton.

Thurs. Oct. 4, 2012 **9:30 a.m. MONTHLY MEETING and 9:45 a.m. MANDATORY AiM JUDGING SESSION.** Panel on “Duet Repertoire”. Rita Brown and Lynette Zelis. AiM Theory fees are due: Bring one check for all students entered. Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton.

Thurs. Oct. 11, 2012 **9:30 a.m. TEACHER PERFORMANCE GROUP** at the Home of Kathy Christian.

Thurs. Oct. 18, 2012 **9:30 a.m. TEACHER INFORMATION EXCHANGE (TIE) MEETING** at the Home of William Phemister.

Thurs. Nov. 8, 2012 **9:15 a.m. AiM PACKET MEETING** at the Home of Stephanie Myers.

Sat. Nov. 17, 2012 **8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. AiM THEORY EXAMS.** Wheaton College, McAlister Hall.

Sun. April 21, 2013 **1:00-7:00 p.m. BERKLEY-PENDELL COMPETITION** at Wentz Fine Arts Center (Rooms 114 & 138), North Central College. Awards Presentation Following. Application Due Date is March 21, 2013.

Sat. Mar.9, 2013 **8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. AiM PERFORMANCE EXAMS.** Wheaton College, McAlister Hall.



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Make plans to attend the 2012 Annual ISMTA Conference!

This year’s conference will be November 2-4 2012 at the University of Illinois in Urbana, IL. Postcards will be sent containing registration details. Additional information will also be published on the Conference page of the website.

DEADLINES

- Mon. Oct. 1, 2012..... **DEADLINE** for AiM Theory Enrollment and Judge's Enrollment. There are no exceptions.
- Thurs. Oct. 4, 2012..... **AiM THEORY FEES ARE DUE.** Bring your one check to the mandatory monthly meeting for all students entered.
- Mon. Oct. 15, 2012 **DEADLINE for November 2012 Newsletter.** Please send articles and information to Diane Lindsay via email dmlindsay@ameritech.net or call 630-363-7513.
- Thurs. Mar. 21, 2013.....**APPLICATION DEADLINE for April 21 Berkley-Pendell Competition.**

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

There is no outside speaker scheduled for the October 4th Monthly Meeting.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Bruce Berr will be giving a seminar on requested topics at the March 7, 2013 monthly meeting. Bruce is asking for members to submit answers to the following questions to carol.beilke@wheaton.edu by November 1, 2012.

- * A specific question that you would like Bruce Berr to answer.
- * A specific topic that you would like for him to discuss. Since he'll be fielding about 6 or 7 specific inquiries from members, the topic you request should not be broad and general, but rather a sub-topic so that is something that can be covered reasonably well in about 10 minutes. It could be pedagogical, practical, whatever, on any topic relevant to a pre-college piano teacher.
- * A specific piece (1 movement if part of a larger piece) you would like for him to discuss from the perspective of teaching expression, ease, and accuracy. Also, if possible, include specific questions along with suggesting the piece. The piece could range anywhere from late elementary to early advanced.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

This monthly column is to share changes and/or additions to our 2012-2013 West Suburban Chapter Directory. (Thanks, Bonnie for your amazing work!) Please update your copy of the directory with the following information. **IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES PLEASE CONTACT RUTH TREMPER, 3rd VP for Membership, at 630-653-4380, will forward them to Diane Lindsay for newsletter publication.**

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AIM THEORY

There is a mandatory AIM judges meeting on Thursday, October 4 at 9:45 am. Anyone entering students in Level 3 or above must attend the entire meeting. Student enrollment must be done online by October 1. This process may be completed by each teacher or the parent. Please go to the www.ismta.org enrollment link and fill out the required information. If you have entered students in AIM in previous years your name will appear. If you are new to AIM and have been mentored but your name does not appear please contact Stephanie Myers. Select “no preference” for time unless a student has discussed with you a legitimate conflict and needs a morning or afternoon time.

Each teacher entering students must also complete a judging form by October 1. This form is also on the website and must be done online. All teachers must judge or work the required hours on the AIM Theory Exam Day. (4 hours=1-10 students, 4 ½ hours=11-15 students, 5 hours=16-20 students, 5 ½ hours=21-25 students, 6 hours=26 or more students)

Teachers are expected to double check the online student enrollment form to see that all their students have been properly enrolled (check for name and level). There will be no exceptions to the October 1 deadline.

The \$15 per student enrollment fee is due October 4. This is the same day as the judges meeting. Please submit one check for all students entered made payable to West Suburban ISMTA.

Teachers will be given the exact time for their students 2-3 weeks prior to the exam date. No requests for changes will be accepted. Teachers are encouraged to review their AIM syllabus manual for the specific requirements for each level they are entering students. If you have any questions regarding the AIM Theory Exam you may contact Stephanie Myers or Diane Jankiewicz.

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