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**An Affiliate of the Illinois State
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thurs., Oct. 6, 2016 9:30 am: Monthly Meeting and Program* at Trinity Church in Wheaton. 9:45 am: Mandatory AIM Theory Judges Meeting followed by panel discussion with Karol Sue Reddington, Jennifer Allor, and Marcelyn Peterson: "Double the Effort!! Triple the Fun!!! Accompanying and Collaborative Music."
- Thurs., Oct. 13, 2016..... 9:30 am: Teacher Performance Group* at the home of Karol Sue Reddington. Please call Karol Sue if you are planning to attend.
- Thurs., Oct. 20, 2016..... 9:30 am: Teacher Information Exchange (TIE) Meeting* at the home of Diane Lindsay. Please call Diane if you plan to attend.
- Thurs., Oct. 27, 2016..... AIM Theory Packet Stuffing Meeting* at the home of Diane Lindsay. Many hands make light work, so please come and help with this important task!
- Thurs., Nov. 3, 2016..... 9:30 am: Monthly Meeting and Program* at Trinity Church in Wheaton. Aaron Stampfl: "Chopin's Polonaise-Fantasia: A Study of Genre Integration."
- Nov. 4-6, 2016..... ISMTA State Conference* at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, IL. Conference artist and pedagogy clinician is Tony Caramia.
- Sat., Nov. 12, 2016..... AIM Theory Exam* at Wheaton College.
- Sat., March 4, 2017..... AIM Performance Exam. (Note date change from directory calendar.)*

DEADLINES

- Sat., Oct. 1, 2016..... DEADLINE* for enrolling students in AIM Theory Exam (Level 3 and up) and completion of AIM Judges Form.

Thurs., Oct. 6, 2016.....**DEADLINE** for AIM Theory Enrollment Fees (\$20.00 per student) due at judges meeting.

Sat., Oct. 15, 2016.....**DEADLINE** for November 2016 newsletter. Please send camera-ready articles and information to Bonnie Brewster via email: bonniebrewster1954@gmail.com

MONTHLY PROGRAM



Our program on Thursday, November 3 will feature Aaron Stampfl presenting a lecture-recital. The subject of his program will be “Chopin’s Polonaise-Fantaisie: A Study of Genre Integration.” This will be at Trinity Episcopal Church in Wheaton and begin following the business program at 9:30.



The fantasia liberated composers from structural conventions and allowed them to test the limits of their musical imagination.

Chopin’s Polonaise-Fantaisie in A-flat, Op. 61 represents a unique fusion of the fantasia. While the fantasia instills the piece with formal freedom, harmonic ambiguity and an aura of mystery, the polonaise surfaces through the militaristic rhythms and virtuosic brilliance that characterize the genre. This lecture-recital will explore the formal and aesthetic elements which Chopin utilized from two distinct genres in his Polonaise-Fantaisie, providing the listener a deeper understanding of this complex masterpiece.

Dr. Aaron Stampfl recently received a doctorate from Northwestern University studying under Alan Chow. He currently serves as Guest Lecturer of Piano at the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music. He will also be performing a solo faculty recital at Wheaton College’s Pierce Chapel on Tuesday, October 25th at 7:30pm. The program will feature Hilary Tann’s *Light from the Cliffs* (2005), George Rochberg’s *Carnival Music* (1977), Chopin’s Polonaise-Fantaisie, and Beethoven’s Sonata in F minor, Op. 57 “Appassionata”.





The ISMTA AIM Theory Exam is November 12, 2016 at Wheaton College

Student Enrollment Form

All teachers entering students must use the online forms. Direct links to the forms are provided below or you may access them through our website at wsismta.org. If you have entered students in AIM in previous years, your name will appear in the judges list. If you are new to AIM and have been mentored but your name does not appear please contact Julie Crull for corrections. Select "no preference" for time unless a student has discussed with you a legitimate conflict and needs a morning or afternoon time. Be sure to click on "submit" only once. 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. Find a direct link to the form here - [Theory Examination Student Enrollment Form](#). After submitting all student forms please double check that the information was submitted successfully and correctly by checking the [Student Enrollment Responses form](#).

Judging Form

All teachers must judge or work a specified amount of hours on the day of the exam. Details are specified on the form. Find a direct link to the form here - [Judging Form](#)

Enrollment Deadline

Each teacher must submit the Student Enrollment forms and the Judging form online by midnight on **October 1**. There will be no exceptions to the October 1 deadline.

Enrollment Fee

The \$20 per student enrollment fee is due **October 6**. This is the same day as the judges meeting. Please submit one check for all students entered made payable to West Suburban ISMTA. You may mail your check to Julie Crull or Diane Lindsay or bring it to the October 6 meeting.

Make-up Exams

Students needing a make-up exam will be required to pay a \$20 make-up fee directly to the teacher who does the make-up exam. The deadline for make-up exams is **November 26**.

AIM Judges Meeting

The mandatory AIM judges meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 6 at 9:45am**. Anyone entering students in AIM Theory Level 3 or above must attend the entire meeting.

Packet Stuffing Meeting

Please help us assemble the tests and prepare the judges packets on **October 27, 9:30am** at the home of Diane Lindsay.

If you have any questions regarding the AIM Theory Exam, you may contact Julie Crull or Diane Lindsay.



Mark Your Calendars and Build Your Student's Excitement
BERKLEY-PENDELL PIANO COMPETITION
Sunday, April 23, 2017

North Central College, Wentz Fine Arts Center & Kotten Chapel
Naperville
Winners' Celebratory Recital ~ Saturday Evening, April 29, 7p.m.
Gary United Methodist Church
224 N. Main, Wheaton

Complete Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition guidelines, eligibility requirements and application forms are available at:

www.Berkley-Pendell.org
2017 Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition
April 23, 2017
Applications must be postmarked no later than March 27, 2017
Please direct all questions to:
Dr. Karol Sue Reddington, Director
630.510.8475, or karolsue7@gmail.com





**Mark your calendar for the State Conference: November 4-6, 2016
hosted by Illinois Wesleyan University.**

Please note that several members of our West Suburban group will be presenting at this year's fall conference for ISMTA. This includes Liszt's music for two pianos by Daniel Horn and Alexander Djordjevic and a session "Before, During and Beyond: Musical Experiences for the Young Piano Student" by Kathy Sbarboro!



**West Suburban Illinois Music Teachers Association
Minutes of September 8, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

The student performer was Isaac Lee, a student of Michael Fritsch, who played Prelude in C from Well Tempered Clavier Book 1, and Gypsy Legend by Kalman Chevan.

The TIP of the Day was given by Diane Lindsay. She shared a lady bug stress ball, an idea from Diane Hidy, used as a manipulative for developing hand shape. She also shared her resource binder for her students, a Susan Paradis idea - cover with schedule, assignment pages, tabs for music, theory, AIM workbook, favorites list, how to practice at home, grand staff on back. She sent around a sign up list for anyone who would like to have these materials. Her fall registration fee covers the expense.

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

Motion to accept: Adrienne Rose Second: Liz Mackenzie

Treasurer - Janel Greaves reported a balance of \$6,911.94.

Membership - Kathy Sbarboro introduced new members Julia Hall, Alena Sutterlin, and Judit Mohai. She announced our directories are on the back table for pick up, called attention to the AIM Performance date change and recommended we notice the directory advertisers.

Announcements:

The board meeting is September 15, 9:30 at Liz Mackenzie's home.

The Joint Chapters Board will be held at Trinity Episcopal at 10:00, September 23.

Our October 6 meeting includes the mandatory AIM Theory judges meeting at 9:45, followed by a panel of our own teachers about collaborative artists. Karol Sue talked briefly about the topic, and invited questions from our members to be addressed by the panel.

A sign up list for student performers was sent around by coordinator Marcelyn Peterson.

Teacher Performance Group is October 13 and TIE is October 20. Please let each host know by the day before if you plan to attend.

The State Conference is November 4-6 at Illinois Wesleyan. Lynette encouraged our attendance, and invited us to put our names on the new state website "Find a Teacher" page. We can find a wealth of information on website about conference. Lynette also offered some free music in the back of the room.

The Berkley-Pendell Competition is April 23, 2017.

The Joint Chapter Workshop with Dr. Paul Kenyon is Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017 titled "Performing with Poise".

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

Motion: Carol Ishman Second: Lynne LaForge

A program by Stephen Alltop: "What a Conductor/Harpsichordist Would Like to Share with Piano Teachers" followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Krueger



Announcement: The opening night of the Wheaton College Artist Series is on Friday, September 30, 2016 with The 5 Browns: 5 siblings, 10 hands, and 50 fingers playing 5 Steinway Grand pianos on Edman Chapel stage! Opening night festivities and food begin at 6pm on the Edman Plaza. Adult tickets and \$10 student tickets are available online or at 630-752-5010. This should be very exciting for all ages!!

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER IS
THE NOVEMBER ISSUE
with a deadline of October
15th

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**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**

**Directory updates will be printed in each
newsletter.**

Please welcome these new members:

Julia Hall
Helen Lobosco
Heather Messer
Judit Mohai
Cameron Ryan
Alina Sutterlin





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