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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs. Sept. 8, 2011..... 9:30 a.m. **Monthly Meeting and Presentation: Dr. Curtis Funk: Adaptations of Orff Schulwerk for the Private Studio.** Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton.

Thurs. Sept. 22, 2011..... **9:15 a.m. Board Meeting at Home of Kathy Sbarboro.**

Thurs. Sept. 29, 2011..... **10:00 a.m. Joint Chapters Board Meeting.** Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton.

Thurs. Oct. 6, 2011..... 9:30 a.m. **Monthly Meeting and AIM Theory Meeting.** Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton.

Sat. Nov. 19, 2011..... **AiM Theory Exams.** McAlister Hall, Wheaton College.

Sat. March 10, 2012..... **AiM Performance Exams.** McAlister hall, Wheaton College.

DEADLINES

Thurs., September 15..... **DEADLINE for October Newsletter.** Please send articles and information to Diane Lindsay via email dmlindsay@ameritech.net or 630-363-7513. Issue will be sent out Tuesday, August 16th.



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

DR. CURTIS FUNK

Dr. Curtis Funk is emeritus professor of music education, having served twenty-four year as the Chair of the Music Education Program of the Conservatory of Music at Wheaton College. A native of Canada, he has taught music education and music theory courses, and has supervised student teachers at Wheaton College since 1984. Dr. Funk holds a Doctor of Music Education degree from Indiana University (Bloomington), a Masters of Music Education from the University of North Texas (Denton), and a Bachelor of Music Education from Tabor College (Hillsboro, KS). Dr. Funk has complete Orff Schulwerk Certification through Level Three and has a Special Course Certificate from the Orff Institute in Salzburg, Austria.

A past clinician in local, state, and national conferences, Dr. Funk brings an avid interest in world music, having visited many countries in South America, Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe in his travels. Dr. Funk maintains an active involvement in the music of a local church through a variety of media – as pianist, choir director, singer, and instrumentalist.

ENJOY YOUR MORNING COFFEE?

Someone has to make it!

We are looking for 1 or 2 members to take on the Hospitality Coordinator position for our group. Duties involve setting up refreshments for our monthly meetings and AIM Exams. Please consider helping to wake us up and make our meetings more enjoyable. Contact Kathlyn Sbarboro for more information.



UPCOMING NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Please add these deadlines to your calendars. If a deadline is missed information can still be sent to Diane Lindsay at dmlindsay@ameritech.net, who will forward your email to most of our members, or appear in the next issue.

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline Date</u>
September 2011	August 15
October 2011	September 15
November 2011	October 15
December 2011	November 15
January 2012	December 15
February 2012	January 15
March 2012	February 15
April 2012	March 15
May 2012	April 15
Summer2012	June 15

NEED MORE STUDENTS?

Starting in late September, our Website will include teacher listings in the 'Find a music Teacher' section! If you have openings for new students, you can list your name and contact information (name, city, phone or email) on the web page. We will have a sign-up for those who wish to have their information posted at our September meeting, or you can email the information to ADMIN@WSISMTA.org.

Achievement In Music

AIM ENROLLMENT REVISIONS COMMITTEE RESULTS

At the May 19, 2011 board meeting a committee was formed to address the issue of the redundant and time consuming work AIM coordinators have been dealing with when processing the enrollment paperwork, then entering data multiple times into the computer. We are very excited to present the results of our meetings. In consultation with IT expert Silvester Bernhardt (who teaches strings at Lynette's studio) the committee is delighted to have developed a new, timesaving, paper-saving, easy to use on-line enrollment process, which we will begin using this fall for the Theory Exams. Most teachers will welcome this new system with open arms, while some may be reluctant to try something new. We ask that everyone be patient and open-minded as we all learn the new process.

Teachers will no longer fill out enrollment forms on paper. This completely replaces the old system. Instead, we will be providing a revised AIM letter for teachers to send home to parents instructing the parents how to enroll their own child on-line via a link which will be on our WSMTA website. The simple on-line enrollment form will include all of the information the previous form provided, plus a bit more contact info. The process will result in a master enrollment spreadsheet which will be able to generate any of the lists required for the exams: sorted information for the schedulers – who will enter the rooms and times directly onto the spreadsheet, judge's schedules, student lists for each teacher, labels for the exams, lists for certificates, etc. Teachers will still need to collect fees themselves and turn in a check for the total by the enrollment deadline.

In addition, each teacher enrolling students will be required to fill out a judging information form - also on-line – by the enrollment deadline. This form will generate a spreadsheet list which will provide schedulers and coordinators the information they need about the number of students you enrolled, required judging hours and preferred judging shift, replacing the job of having someone collect all of this information at meetings.

Additional information and instructions will be forthcoming in newsletters, at meetings, on the web site and via letters. If you are planning on entering students in the AIM exams, please read all information carefully and attend meetings to have questions or concerns addressed. Revisions Committee members: Debi Inch, Linda Krueger, Diane Jankiewicz, Stephanie Myers, and Kathy Sbarboro.

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