



# Illinois State Music Teachers Association Newsletter West Suburban Chicago Area Chapter

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## This Month's Events

- Sept. 7      MONTHLY MEETING: Trinity Episcopal Church, West/Wesley St. Wheaton.  
Thursday    9:00 Coffee & Conversation; 9:30 Business meeting/program.  
Program: ELVINA TRUMAN PEARCE: "Self-Directed Practice: A Key to Student  
Success and Motivation." Please pick up your directories at the meeting.
- Sept. 14     T.I.E. MEETING: 9:30 at the home of Ruth Daube. AIM Exams.
- Sept. 21     BOARD MEETING: 9:30 at the home of Jane Cole.

## Deadlines

*Mark  
Your  
Calendar*

- Sept. 15     DEADLINE: October newsletter. Please send items to: Bonnie Brewster,  
1220 N. Main St. Wheaton, IL 60187 OR e-mail to: [Bonnie@extremespin.com](mailto:Bonnie@extremespin.com)
- Sept. 15     DEADLINE: Entries for Oct. 1 student recital. Send to Elinor Lee, coordinator.

## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 1        STUDENT RECITAL: 3:00 P.M. Pierce Chapel 104, Wheaton College.  
Elinor Lee, Coordinator. (Deadline: Sept. 15th)
- Oct. 5        MONTHLY MEETING: Annie Sherter
- Oct. 19       TEACHER PERFORMANCE GROUP: 9:30 at the home of Judy Linhardt.
- Nov. 3 & 4   ISMTA STATE CONVENTION: Milliken University, Decatur, IL.



### This month's program



Elvina Truman Pearce will present a program on "Self-Directed Practice: A Key to Student Success and Motivation" at our September 7th meeting. The session will be based on the premise that in order for students to find practice rewarding and productive, they must learn how to self-direct it. The presentation will focus on what must happen at the lesson in order to facilitate this outcome.

Elvina Pearce studied in New York City with Russian artist-teacher Isabelle Vangerova. She was a pedagogy student of Frances Clark in Princeton, NJ, taught piano and pedagogy at Westminster Choir College, and helped found the New School for Music Study. She taught pedagogy and directed the Preparatory Piano Division at Northwestern University for 14 years. She now resides in Naperville, where she is a teacher and founder and director of the Division of Preparatory and Community Music at North Central College.

Ms. Pearce's concert career included a solo appearance with the Chicago Symphony in Orchestra Hall, a broadcast over *The Chicago Theater of the Air*, and recitals in Carnegie Recital Hall in New York, and the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

Elvina Pearce has presented workshops, recitals, and master classes in more than 40 states as well as in Canada, China, and Australia, where she was a keynote speaker and recitalist at the 1999 Australian National Piano Pedagogy Conference at Western Australia University in Perth. In 2000, she presented workshops sponsored by the Western Australia MTA and the Suzuki Talent Education Association. She has been a frequent headliner at MTNA national conferences as well as at MTA state and division meetings throughout the U.S.

In addition to her ongoing career as a pianist, lecturer, adjudicator, and nationally acclaimed composer of educational piano music, Elvina Pearce is one of the founders of the *Frances Clark Center for Keyboard Pedagogy*, and serves as Vice President on its Board of Trustees. In 2000, she was appointed Editor-in-Chief of *KEYBOARD COMPANION Magazine* with which she has been associated since its inaugural issue in 1990.

### Student News

Samuktha Gumidyala won second place in the Southwest Suburban Piano Competition held on May 5, 2006 at Bolingbrook High School. She performed Fantasy in d minor K. 397 by Mozart. Total points were based on performance and sight-reading. This has been a rewarding year for Samyuktha. Ruth Mulvihill won first place at the Granquist Geneva Music Competition on June 24, 2006. She performed the first movement of Khatchaturian's piano sonatina. Both are students of Carol Beilke.

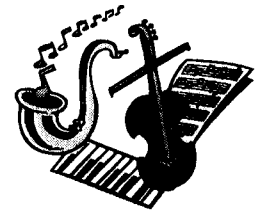
## **AIM Theory Examinations Information**

AIM Theory Examinations will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2006 at Wheaton College. The enrollment deadline is October 14. Levels three and above must participate in these exams in order to be eligible for the Performance Exams which will be held in March. As you prepare your students, be sure you are using the latest AIM Syllabus (July 2003)

In order to enter students, all teachers must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Attend two complete business meetings and programs before the performance exams.
2. Serve as judge or work in the office a specific number of hours (based on the number of students entered)
3. Attend the mandatory judging sessions for both theory and performance examinations. The theory session will be incorporated in the November meeting.

More detailed information will be included in the October newsletter. If you have any questions please call Melissa Dalley (665-4635) or Debi Inch (231-0265).



### **Message from the President**

Hi! Hope you all had a fun and relaxing summer. Our chapter will be hosting a joint chapter celebration of Helen Berkley's Life and Legacy on Thursday, November 9, 2006 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church in Wheaton. This meeting will include performances of first place scholarship competition winners, a presentation of Helen Berkley's life and legacy, and a panel discussion of the scholarship competition followed by a salad luncheon. Our monthly meeting will start at 9:15 am, with the AIM judging session starting at 9:30 am and ending at 10:15 am. Please keep the following dates open for the AIM Theory and Performance Exams: Saturday, November 11, 2006, and Saturday March 3, 2007. Looking forward to seeing you at the first fall meeting, Thursday, September 7, 2006.