

# WSMTA NEWSLETTER



May 2021

## Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Thursday, April 29, 9:30am  
**Teacher Performance Group**  
Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, May 6, 9:30am  
**Meeting & Program:**  
**Dr. Geoff Duce, 'Advanced Level Masterclass'**  
Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, May 13, 9:30am  
**West Suburban Board Meeting**  
Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, May 27, 10:00am  
**Joint Chapter Meeting**  
Location TBD

## *From the President...*



Dear Members,

Our next monthly meeting is Thursday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m. Members will receive a Zoom invitation at least one day prior to the scheduled meeting with the link to connect to the meeting. Coffee and conversation begin at 9:00 a.m. The Business Meeting is at 9:30 a.m. followed by our Program. Dr. Geoff Duce from Illinois State University will be conducting an Advanced Level Masterclass. Please see details in this newsletter.

The three previous Members of the Year serve on the committee to select the 2021 Member of the Year. Marcia Lehe, Peggy Liu, and Carol Ishman comprise the MOY committee. Please feel free to contact committee members to offer suggestions for MOY. This year's Member of the Year will be announced at the May 6 Meeting.

The West Suburban Board Meeting is Thursday, May 13 at 9:30 a.m. All outgoing and new board members should attend. A Zoom invitation will be sent out to board members prior to the meeting. All present board members need to submit a written year-end report about the job they have held during the past year. Reports need to be sent to me in a pdf file by May 7. I will send all members copies of the reports before the May 13 Board Meeting. Board members can read reports prior to the meeting. All board members will give a brief overview at the board meeting and answer any questions from other members.

I am completing my two-year term as President. I am grateful to be a part of an active organization. Our chapter is successful because of the combined efforts of many members willing to take on positions and responsibilities for various jobs. Little did we know we would be dealing with a pandemic. The past year has been a challenge for everyone. Thank you for your support you have given me during these past two years. It has been a pleasure to serve as your President.

Diane Jankiewicz

**May Meeting & Program – May 6, 9:30am**  
**Dr. Geoff Duce, ‘Advanced Level Masterclass’**



Our May 6 program will be a (virtual) master class with Dr. Geoffrey Duce from Illinois State University. Here are the students and repertoire that will be performed.

- Sophie Cho, student of Janna Williamson, will perform Beethoven’s Op. 10 # 1, last movement, Finale-Prestissimo.
- Andrew Lamb, student of Rita Brown, will perform Mozart’s Sonata K. 310, 1st movement, Allegro Maestoso.
- Evie Grinter, student of Lynette Zelis, will perform Beethoven’s Pathetique #8 in c minor, Op. 13, 2nd movement, Adagio Cantabile.

Geoffrey Duce is Associate Professor of Piano at Illinois State University, and Coordinator of the Piano Area. He has performed in Carnegie Hall, Berlin’s Philharmonie and Konzerthaus, London’s Wigmore Hall, Manchester’s Bridgewater Hall and Edinburgh’s Queen’s Hall, as well as across Europe, and in Japan, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

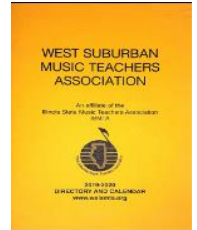
His career has featured both solo and collaborative performances: As a concerto soloist he has appeared with the Sinfonie Orchester Berlin, the Chattanooga and Olympia Symphony Orchestras, the Scottish Sinfonia, Edinburgh Philharmonic, New York Sinfonietta, and the Dundee Symphony Orchestra. He was the Peoria Symphony Orchestra’s first Artist in Residence for the 2018-19 season, including performances of concertos by Mendelssohn, MacDowell, and Duke Ellington. As a chamber musician and accompanist he has recorded for BBC Radio 3 and performed at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. He won the Young Artists Award from Britain’s National Federation of Music Societies, and was awarded the Prix de Piano at the American Conservatory in Fontainebleau, France.

He has given masterclasses at institutions including Hawaii University, St. Thomas University in New Brunswick, Canada, Shorter and Darton Colleges, Georgia, for the Orquesta Filharmónica in Bogota, Colombia, at the City of Edinburgh Music School, the Academy of Music Northwest in Seattle, and in the Middle East. During the summer of 2016 he was an International Visiting Faculty member in residence at the University of Taipei, and has taught at Tunghai University in Taichung, Taiwan. In 2019, he was a faculty member of the inaugural Global Immersion Program at SouthWest University in Chongqing, China, and judged the American Classical Pianist International Competition in Hangzhou. He has also taught at the Chicago Chamber Music Festival.

Originally from Edinburgh, Scotland, Geoffrey initially studied at the Royal Northern College of Music and Manchester University before receiving a DAAD scholarship to the Universität der Künste, Berlin. He received his doctorate from the Manhattan School of Music, where he was also a faculty member, and has previously held positions at the State University of New York (Westchester Community College) and at Indiana University South Bend. His major teachers have included Renna Kellaway, Klaus Hellwig, Ferenc Rados, and Phillip Kavin.

## New Members & Directory Updates

Please welcome new members *Stacey DeGaris* and *Robert Parlier* to our chapter!  
Be sure to update your directory with the following:



DeGaris, Stacey

Piano, Voice, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Percussion, Violin

Parlier, Robert

### ***Membership Renewal Now Open on the MTNA Website!***

Current members may now go to the MTNA website and renew their membership for next year. If you choose to renew online, please be sure to also double check all of your contact information on the "About Me" tab that appears when you first log in. This is the information that will be used for next year's directory. If you need to make any changes, simply click on the pencil icon in the upper right-hand corner of each section, and you will be able to edit and save your information.

Members will also be receiving renewal forms in the mail in the coming weeks if you prefer to renew by mail. Any changes to your contact information can be indicated on the renewal form. Please contact Janel Greaves with any questions regarding membership or renewals.

Janel Greaves, Membership Coordinator

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## AIM Honors Recital

Congratulations to the 18 students representing 9 West Suburban teachers who were nominated for the 2021 AIM Honors Recital! The video will premiere at 7:00pm on Friday, April 16; it will continue to be available after that live premiere. You can watch at this link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41mD\\_0ra5AA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41mD_0ra5AA)



Janna Williamson, AIM Honors Recital Coordinator

## WSMTA Business Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2021



The Zoom meeting was called to order by President, Diane Jankiewicz at 9:30 AM.

Monthly music was presented by Simeon Turner, soph at Wheaton North who is a student of Rita Brown. He played a Viennese Waltz by Beethoven from *Essential Keyboard Repertoire*.

Minutes – The minutes of the March 4th meeting were read by Carol Ishman. Since there were no additions or corrections to the minutes, a motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Lynette Zelis and seconded by Karol Sue Reddington.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Linda Krueger.

A TIP was presented by Anne Marie Kuhny about The Needs and Benefits of Urtext Editions for Intermediate students and beyond. Notable editions are Henle At the Piano series and Barenreiter Verlag, Durand piano facile editions and Wiener Urtext. These editions can last a lifetime.

Membership - Janel Greaves announced that we have two new members, Robert Parlier and Stacey Degaris group.

AIM Performance Recap – Janna Williamson mentioned that the Honors Recital will take place on April 16. The video will be available after then for people to watch at their leisure.

Member of the Year – Carol Ishman, Marcia Lehe and Peggy Liu make up the committee to select the Member of the Year. They will meet on May 3. Please contact one of them if you have a suggestion for a member of the year. The MOY will be announced at the May meeting.

West Suburban Board Meeting – A Zoom meeting of the WSMTA Board is scheduled for May 13. Please send reports to Diane by May 7. Please send as .pdf format. Diane will send out reports prior to the meeting.

Berkley Pendell – Karol Sue Reddington announced that members will receive a short survey to list observations and suggestions. They are hoping to have the competition again next year.

### Announcements:

- April 15 – TIE meeting will be hosted on Zoom by Linda Krueger. Please contact Linda if you are able to attend.
- The ISMTA State Conference 2021 will be remote on November 5 – 6, 2021. There may be some live events and well as recorded sessions. It may be possible for an in-person conference in 2022.
- Please contact Diane if there are items that should be included in the agenda for discussion at the WSMTA board meeting.
- The next WSMTA Meeting and Program will be on Thursday, May 6. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Karol Sue Reddington and seconded by Janel Greaves. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM.
- The meeting was followed by a presentation by Janna Williamson

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Ann Ishman, Recording Secretary, pro tem

## Quote of the Month

'Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness.' — Maya Angelou



## From the Editor

The WSMTA Newsletter is published monthly September through May, with one summer issue in July. The deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication. For example: the September newsletter deadline is August 15 and is published by Aug. 20. Articles must be 'print ready' when submitted.



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Kathlyn Sbarboro, WSMTA Newsletter Editor

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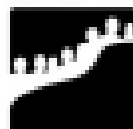
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