

WSMTA NEWSLETTER



July 2022

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Thursday September 1, 9:30 AM
Meeting & Program
Christina Tio – ‘The Happy Birthday Song as Bait: Strategies for Ear Training’

Thursday September 15
Deadline: AIM Theory Enrollment

Thursday October 6, 9:30 AM
Meeting & Program
AIM Theory Judging Session

Saturday October 15
AIM Theory Exams
Wheaton College

November 4-5
ISMTA State Conference
Eastern Illinois University

From the President...

Dear Members,

It's hard to believe that another school year has come and gone! For our chapter, it was a full year with wonderful presentations, a fascinating workshop, AIM exams, the Berkley-Pendell Competition, and much more. I hope you were able to take advantage of these opportunities!

As we look ahead to the summer months and to the new school year, please be sure to renew your membership as soon as possible. Judit Mohai will again be creating our membership directory and will begin work this summer. To be listed in the directory, members should renew by July 25. As you renew, please also take the time to double check your contact information on file with MTNA. We receive data for the directory from MTNA, so it is helpful to start off with accurate information.

The most exciting news for our chapter this summer is that the Wheaton College Conservatory will be hosting us for our AIM exams again this coming school year! After dealing with two years of virtual and hybrid exams and in-person exams spread out over multiple sites, I think we are all breathing a huge sigh of relief to not only be back in one location but to also have access to the beautiful new facilities at Armerding Center for Music and Arts. Janna Williamson deserves a lot of credit for her persistent work in advocating for our chapter with the Conservatory. As announced previously, the theory exam will be held on October 15th. This is a few weeks earlier than usual, so please mark your calendars and let your students know!

Throughout the summer, board members will be working hard to get our programs and events ready for the fall. We do currently have one opening on the board - the Hospitality Coordinator. This coordinator's main responsibility is to set up light refreshments at our monthly chapter meetings, so it is not a very time-consuming job. If you have any questions about this or would be interested in taking the position of Hospitality Coordinator, please let me know.

Have a wonderful summer! I will be looking forward to seeing everyone again at our September chapter meeting.

Janel Greaves



Mark Your Calendars!

AIM Theory - October 15, Wheaton College Conservatory
ISMTA Conference - Nov. 4-5, Eastern Illinois University
AIM Performance - March 4, Wheaton College Conservatory



Congratulations to our Member of the Year – Janel Greaves!

Janel Greaves began her piano studies at a Yamaha Music School in Japan when she was four years old. She continued lessons with various teachers in Japan until she returned to the United States to study at Wheaton College. She graduated from Wheaton College with a Bachelor of Arts in Music in 2000. While there, she was the accompanist for individual instrumentalists and vocalists and for the Wheaton College Chapel Choir. From 2007-2011, she was the Treble Chorus Accompanist for Anima - Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus. She has accompanied both instrumentalists and vocalists in area competitions and also plays for weddings, receptions, and other events.



Janel currently teaches private piano lessons out of her home to students of all ages. She loves working with students to figure out what motivates them. She is an active member of the Illinois State Music Teachers Association and has held numerous executive board positions at her local West Suburban chapter, including Treasurer, VP of Membership, and her current role as president of the chapter.

She loves working with children and has been involved in many different children's programs through her church and other organizations. In her free time, she enjoys hiking or sitting down with a good book and a cup of tea. She and her husband Keith live in Wheaton with their twin boys.

Membership Renewal Open on the MTNA Website!

Current members may 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.

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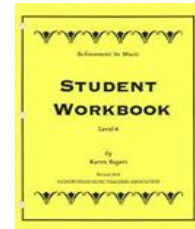


Members will also be receiving renewal forms in the mail in the coming weeks if you prefer to renew by mail. Any changes to your contact information can be indicated on the renewal form. Please contact Linda Krueger with any questions regarding membership or renewals.

Linda Krueger, Membership Coordinator

AIM Theory News

AIM Theory participants -



Good news - we'll have the entire Theory exam this year IN PERSON at Wheaton College! The exams will take place on Saturday Oct 15th!! This is very early so we need your enrollment by midnight *September 15th*. Payment can be brought in at the October Judges session, dropped off at Noteable Notes or mailed to my address - 203 E. Hawthorne Blvd., Wheaton 60187. More details will follow soon.

Please let me know what topics you'd like to cover at our AIM meeting in October. This is a required judges session for all teachers entering students in the November AIM theory exams.

If you are new to AIM and entering students for the first time, you need to contact Linda Krueger, lkruegermusicstudio@gmail.com, to have a mentor assigned to you.

Are there areas of AIM theory you'd like to discuss or judging questions you have in mind? I'd be happy to address them. Email me with ideas or topics for this session by July 1.

Thank you,
Lynette Zelis - lynettezelis@gmail.com

WSMTA Meeting Minutes, May 5, 2022



Janel Greaves called the meeting to order at 9:40.

The internet system at Trinity was again unusable, which meant the meeting could not be attended virtually.

Brendan Robben, student of Marcia Lehe, provided “monthly music” with a performance of Mozart’s “Fantasy in d minor, K. 397”.

The minutes of the April business meeting were read by Marcia Lehe. No additions or corrections were made. Lynette Zelis made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Mary McGinty.

Linda Krueger reported that we have \$ 8,780.79 in our account.

A TIP was offered by Lynette Zelis about the National Conference still available online, and she distributed a sheet of various sessions which she described and recommended, and which can still be viewed online.

Linda Krueger welcomed five visitors: Kenneth Drake, Corrie Barrie, Evan Barrie, Hyejin Cho and Lora Koch.

Upcoming Events/Reminders:

May 12 – Board meeting, 9:30 at Liz Mackenzie’s home

May 26 – Joint Chapter Board Meeting, 10:00 AM Trinity

New Items:

Marcelyn Peterson is looking for someone who can add her 9th grade student to the teacher's recital. He will play the 1st movement of Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata". Two teachers volunteered to be contacted by Marcelyn.

Karol Sue Reddington gave a Berkley-Pendell update, thanking the B-P Committee members and acknowledging the teachers who prepared and entered their students, and the performances of the students. It was a wonderful that the event could be "re-launched" this year, and Janel Greaves extended our thanks to Karol Sue for all her work. One of the judges for B-P was present, and she noted that the event was well organized.

Carol Ishman announced that Janel Greaves is the new "Member of the Year," and Carol lauded her wonderful work in all the jobs she has held at WSM TA, including her present role this year as President.

Linda Krueger reminded us to renew our Chapter memberships early, in time to have our information included in the Directory.

There were no additional announcements, and a motion was made to adjourn by Mary McGinty, and Peggy Liu seconded the motion.

Liz Mackenzie introduced the speaker of the day, Dr Jun-Hee Han, whose presentation was titled, "Finding Directions from Beethoven's Maps".

Quote of the Month

'Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without.'
— Confucius



From the Editor

The WSM TA Newsletter is published monthly September through May, with one summer issue in July. The deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th 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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