

WSMTA NEWSLETTER



October 2022

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Thursday Oct. 6, 9:30 AM
Meeting & Program:
'AIM Theory Judging Session,' Lynette Zelis and Carol Beilke
Trinity Episcopal Church

Thursday Oct. 13, 9:30 AM
TIE Meeting
Home of Carol Ishman

Thursday Oct. 20, 9:30 AM
Teacher Performance Group
Home of Karol Sue Reddington

Sunday Oct. 30, 1:30 PM
Student Recital
Windsor Park

Thursday Nov. 3, 9:30 AM
Meeting & Program:
'Introduction to the Dalcroze Method for Music Teachers,' Fumi Nakayama
Trinity Episcopal Church

Fri-Sat Nov. 4-5
ISMTA Conference
Eastern Illinois University
Charleston, IL

Thursday Dec. 1, 9:30 AM
Meeting & Program:
'Imagery and Artistry,' Susan Osborn
Trinity Episcopal Church

Thursday Jan. 12, 9:30 AM
Meeting & Program:
'Refresh and Renew your Students and Recitals with these Favorite Duets,' Rita Brown and Lynette Zelis
Trinity Episcopal Church

Thursday Jan. 19, 9:30 AM
TIE Meeting
Home of Linda Krueger

From the President...

Dear Members,



As you know, our AIM Theory Exam date is coming quickly. If you have registered any students for the fall exam, you are required to attend the judges meeting on October 6 at Trinity. Lynette and Carol will be giving us final instructions and going over judging procedures. If you have never entered students and are interested in learning more about the AIM program, please join us. The presentation will be a great opportunity to see what AIM is all about.

We have a number of additional events coming up in October. Carol Ishman will be hosting our first TIE (Teacher Information Exchange) meeting on October 13. TIE meetings give teachers a chance to come together, share ideas, and get input on teaching challenges. Later in the month, Karol Sue will be hosting the first Teacher Performance Group on October 20. Feel free to come with a piece to play (even if it's a work in progress!) or just come and enjoy the music.

At the end of October, we will have our first student recital. The board has decided to waive the registration fee for members' students this year, so there is no reason not to sign your students up! We are also hoping to have some Wheaton College students perform at the end of the recital as inspiration for our pre-college students. Registration forms can be sent to Karol Sue. We would love to see many students perform at this recital!

The ISMTA Conference will be in person again this year on November 4-5 at Eastern Illinois University. Be sure to sign up by October 23 to get the early bird discount. Five of the presenters are members of our chapter! I hope to see many of you there!

Lastly, as you know, we were all saddened by the passing of Elvina Pearce earlier this summer. At our recent board meeting, teachers spoke passionately about her legacy and how she personally impacted their teaching styles. In honor of her memory, our chapter will be making a donation to the Elvina Pearce Teacher Education Fund. This fund follows in her footsteps by promoting excellence in piano teaching by providing training and resources for teachers.

I wish all of you the best as we take on another year of musical endeavors!
Janel Greaves

October Meeting & Program – October 6, 9:30am

‘AIM Theory Judging Session,’ Lynette Zelis and Carol Beilke

Presentation highlights:

Level 3 exam-

Student will make mistakes

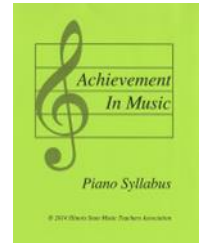
Judge will be accurate and timely with pacing

Level 6 exam-

Student almost perfect

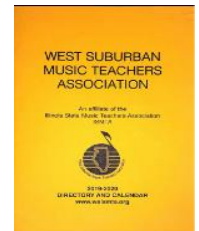
Judge will make mistakes, pacing off

Overall discussion - highlighting any concerns or questions about any levels in keyboard skills or written work.



Membership News, Directory Supplement

Please welcome our newest member Kirstin Erickson, and add her, as well as these other recently renewed members to your directory.



Erickson, Kirstin

Molina, Jim

Piano

Piano

Kroeze, Linda

Munaretto, Gretchen

Piano, Elementary Music

Piano, Theory, Voice

Linda Krueger, 3rd VP for Membership

West Suburban ISMTA Theory Exams, Fall 2022



The exams will take place on October 15th - at Wheaton College Conservatory, Armerding Hall.

For all participating AIM teachers - it's required to judge or help in the office a minimum of 4 hours. This amount increases with the amount of students you are entering.

The cost is \$30 per student - check accepted only, made out to WSMTA. (one check per teacher for all students). Payment can be:

- . mailed to Lynette Zelis
- . dropped off in the mailbox at Noteable Notes - 406 S. Main St. Wheaton
- . or brought to the meeting on Oct. 6.

The October 6th meeting is a required judges session for all teachers entering students in the October AIM theory exams. One change from last year - judges will be administrating the aural skills- no ipods. This is due to a few factors we will discuss at the meeting in October. Lynette Zelis and Carol Beilke will present practice test portions of levels 3, 6 and 10.

AIM make-up exams are due by October 29.

Our policy will be as follows for out of state students:

These students will pay the usual AIM fee, plus the \$25 fee for the makeup judges for both Theory and Performance exams. These exams will be in real time and judged online. Students must make arrangements with a judge willing to give the exams on zoom or facetime. The judge has to be a member of our Chapter. The written portion will be emailed to the student prior to the playing portion of the exam, then the student must send the completed work directly to the judge for grading along with the aural portion. The administering of the written portion will be completed and monitored by the parents of the student. Sight reading and harmonizations will need to be emailed to the student the day of the exam and not visible to the student until the exam is given.

Carol Bielke & Lynette Zelis, Theory Coordinators

The Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition



The Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition and Festival is scheduled for Sunday, 23rd April, 2023, 12:30-7P, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn. All requirements, repertoire, application materials and deadline are available on the Berkley-Pendell website. Selection of all repertoire is to be correlated with the AiM stipulated listings and levels; however, alternatively suggested repertoire is acceptable with further Berkley-Pendell approval. The breadth of all young pianists' musical experience and opportunity remains paramount.

Karol Sue Reddington, BPC Coordinator

West Suburban Music Teachers Association Minutes - September 1, 2022



President Janel Greaves called the meeting to order at 9:32am. There was no monthly music this meeting.

Secretary Dr. Anne Marie Kuhny read the minutes for the May 5, 2022 meeting. No additions or edits were offered. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read by Karol Sue Reddington and seconded by Linda Krueger and passed.

The treasurer's report was read by Linda Krueger after being sent from treasurer Diane Lindsay.

A TIP was offered by Dr. Anne Marie Kuhny about the ISMTA North Competition. It will be held October 22, 2022 and is available to students grades 1-collegiate. The event should be primarily considered a performance opportunity as it will be held and open for students, parents and teachers to enjoy publicly at North Park University.

Linda Krueger reported there were no new members or guests in attendance at the meeting

Upcoming Events/Reminders:

- September 8 – WSMTA board meeting (Lynette's home)
- September 22 – Joint Board Meeting (Trinity), 10:00 AM
- September 29 – AIM Theory Packet Stuffing Meeting (Lynette's home)
- October 6 – AIM Theory Judging session
- October 13 – TIE meeting (Carol Ishman)
- October 15 – AIM Theory (Wheaton College)
- October 20 – Teacher Performance Group (Karol Sue Reddington)
- October 22- ISMTA North Piano Competition (North Park University)
- October 30 – Student Recital (Windsor) – no fees, Wheaton College Students
- November 4-5 – ISMTA Conference (Eastern Illinois University)

New Items:

Janel reported that all should have received a link to the online directory. She also mentioned that if people are not receiving emails from the google group they should contact her to be added to the list.

Carol Beilke reported that the AIM signup deadline is September 15, 2022 with no exceptions. Students will not be able to exchange or adjust times. Please only request morning or afternoon times if absolutely necessary. In order for students to participate in AIM, please attend the required teachers meeting on October 6. If students need a make up exam, please relay the information ASAP.

Teachers can bring their required payment in a check to the meeting or mail it to Lynette. This year's aural skills will be conducted in person, we will not be using ipods and headphones. It is highly recommended that students do their live judging session first at the exam and the written portion after as they will not be able to stop and restart the exam. Judges- please try to come about 30 minutes early set up and prepare.

Debi Inch announced that the state ISMTA conference will be held in person this year at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston November 4-5. Please check online to signup and also look on the ISMTA website for hotel information as well.

No additional announcements were made and a motion to adjourn was made by Diane J and seconded by Linda Krueger.

Our guest speaker Christina Tio was introduced by Liz Mackenzie and presented her program “The Happy Birthday Song as Bait – Strategies for Ear Training.

Anne Marie Kuhny, WSM TA Secretary

Quote of the Month

‘Never discourage anyone...who continually makes progress, no matter how slow’
— Plato



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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