

WSMTA NEWSLETTER



February 2023

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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

Thursday Feb. 2, 9:30 AM
Meeting & Program:
'AIM Performance Judging Session,' Janna Williamson and Debi Inch
Trinity Episcopal Church

Thursday Feb. 9, 9:30 AM
Teacher Performance Group
Home of Mark & Karin Edwards

Thursday Feb. 23, 9:30AM
West Suburban Joint Chapters Workshop
'How to Build Technique and Musicality from Scratch and Practical Teaching'
Dr. Jeff Kleinsorge

Thursday Mar. 2, 9:30 AM
Meeting & Program:
'Lecture Recital on the Music of Florence Price,' Lia Jensen-Abbott
Trinity Episcopal Church

Saturday Mar. 4, all day
AIM Performance Exam
Wheaton Conservatory

Friday Mar. 10, 6:30 PM
AIM Honors Recital
Windsor Park

March 25-29
MTNA National Conference
Reno, Nevada

Thursday Apr. 6, 9:30 AM
Meeting & Program:
'Intermediate Master Class,' Janna Williamson
Trinity Episcopal Church

Thursday Apr. 13, 9:30 AM
TIE Meeting
Home of Debi Inch

From the President...

Dear Members,



We have a busy month ahead! At our next chapter meeting, Janna Williamson and Debi Inch will be going over this year's AIM procedures and judging guidelines. All teachers entering students in the March 4th AIM Performance Exam are required to attend this meeting. If you are thinking about doing the AIM program with your students in the future, this meeting is a great chance to learn more about AIM.

The next Teacher Performance Group will be hosted by Mark and Karin Edwards on February 9th. Please come and enjoy this opportunity to listen to or play on their beautiful organ!

Registration is now open for the Joint Chapters Workshop on February 23rd. Dr. Jeffrey Kleinsorge will be presenting some very practical ideas for teaching technique and getting the most out of our lesson time. Details are included in this newsletter.

Diane Jankiewicz, Linda Krueger, and Kathy Sbarboro have agreed to serve as the nominating committee for this year's slate of officers. They will be finding nominees to fill three positions: President, 1st VP for Programs, and 3rd VP for Membership. Please feel free to contact one of them if you have a suggestion or might be interested in serving in one of these positions.

Happy teaching!
Janel Greaves

April 6 Masterclass

On April 6, we will have an intermediate master class with Janna Williamson. She will hear 3 or 4 students each playing one piece, AIM levels 5-9 or equivalent. Each piece should be polished with memorization encouraged but not required. If you have a student you'd like to have participate, please contact me. Let me know the student's age, repertoire, and level.



Thanks, Liz Mackenzie, 1st VP for Programs

February Meeting & Program – February 2, 9:30am

'AIM Performance Judging Session' **- Janna Williamson and Debi Inch**



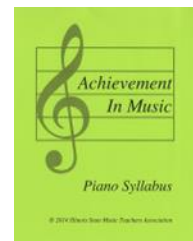
Our program on February 2 will be our AIM Performance Judging session, presented by AIM Performance Coordinators Janna Williamson and Debi Inch.

This session is mandatory for all AIM teachers, but all are invited and encouraged to attend.

In addition to covering exam-day judging procedures, the coordinators will give helpful tips for effective judging. Volunteers from the chapter will offer tips on preparing students of all levels for performance exams, and Janna will share thoughts on practice techniques for memorization and preparing for "performance anxiety" or "nervousness," applicable for any student performance.

AIM Performance News

Our chapter's AIM Performance Exams will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Armerding Hall at Wheaton College. WSM TA is so grateful to Wheaton College Conservatory for hosting us once again.



Teachers who have never entered students in exams: you are welcome to come see what it's all about on March 4! We can always use an extra pair of hands in the office for an hour, and there's no better way to gain understanding than to actually be present on exam day.

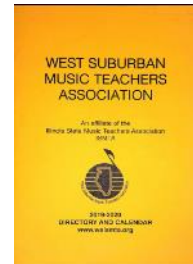
AIM teachers: you should have received everything you need in your email. If you are missing anything or have any questions, please reach out to Janna or Debi.

Janna Williamson
Debi Inch
AIM Performance Coordinators

Directory Supplement – January 2023

Please welcome our newest member, Connie Lyda and add her to your directory. We hope to see you soon at our meetings, Connie!

Lyda, Connie



Piano, Accompanying, Choral

West Suburban Music Teachers Association Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2023



Janel Greaves called the meeting to order at 9:32am at Trinity Episcopal Church.

No monthly music was heard. The minutes of the December 8, 2022 meeting were read by Dr. Anne Marie Kuhny. A motion was made to accept them as read by Debi Inch and seconded by Linda Krueger.

Treasurer Diane Lindsay reported the account balance

A TIP was given by Dr. Karol Sue Reddington about teaching scales to students. She covered starting with understanding half steps vs. whole steps and their respective patterns first and continuing on to working with 5 finger patterns and mapping out various keys, starting with C major and finding matching fingers and notes between the two hands. Excellent details were provided in her handout.

Linda Krueger reported one guest, Marlene, was present and 3 members were on Zoom.

Upcoming Events/Reminders:

January 19 – TIE meeting – Linda Krueger
February 2 – AIM Judges Meeting- mandatory
February 9 – Teacher Performance Group – Karin Edwards
February 23 – Joint Chapters Workshop- Dr. Jeff Kleinsorge
March 2 – Lia Jensen-Abbott: Lecture Recital on the Music of Florence Price
March 4 – AIM Performance Exam – Janna Williamson
March 10 – AIM Honors Recital, 6:30 PM at Windsor
March 25-29 – MTNA Conference in Reno, Nevada
April 16 – Student Recital- Dr. Anne Marie Kuhny coordinating at Windsor
April 23 – Berkley-Pendell Competition – Dr. Karol Sue Reddington

New Items:

A committee has been appointed to nominate a new President, 1st VP for Programs, and 3rd VP for Membership. Committee members are Diane Jankiewicz, Linda Krueger and Kathy Sbarboro.

No additional announcements were made

A motion to adjourn was made by Carol Ishman and seconded Lynette Zelis.

The monthly program was given by Rita Brown and Lynette Zelis – ‘Refresh and Renew Your Students with these Favorite Duets.’

Anne Marie Kuhny, WSMTA Secretary

Quote of the Month

'Music is a language that doesn't speak in particular words. It speaks in emotions, and if it's in the bones, it's in the bones.' — Keith Richards



From the Editor

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