

WSMTA NEWSLETTER



April 2023

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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

Sunday Apr. 16, 1:30 PM
Student Recital
Windsor Park

Thursday Apr. 20, 9:30 AM
Teacher Performance Group
Home of Anne Marie Kuhny

Sunday Apr. 23, all day
Berkley-Pendell Competition
College of DuPage

Thursday May 4, 9:30 AM
Meeting & Program:
'Rhythm and Meter in the
Keyboard Music of J.S. Bach,'
Kate Boyd
Trinity Episcopal Church

Thursday May 11, 9:30 AM
WSMTA Board Meeting
Home of Lynette Zelis

From the President...



Dear Members,

We did it! Another AIM exam is completed! I am grateful for everyone who worked so hard to make AIM day run smoothly! In my studio, all of my AIM students are excited by their experiences on AIM day and motivated to move on to the next level. I am so grateful that we have this program available to us. Thank you to Janna, Debi, Peggy, Rita, and Diane J. for all you did to make the tests run smoothly and to all the judges for your time and thoughtful comments on the score sheets.

Our next Student Recital is coming up on April 16th at Windsor Park. Don't forget that we have waived the enrollment fee for WSMTA members this year, so there is no cost to enter your students! Be sure to get your enrollment form to Anne Marie Kuhny by April 1st. We will again be inviting students from the Wheaton College Conservatory to perform at the recital, so we expect to have a full and inspiring recital!

The Berkley-Pendell Competition will be held at College of DuPage on Sunday April 23rd. The new Festival Level that was launched last year adds another wonderful option for students to perform and get feedback without all the pressure of a competition, and this option opens Berkley-Pendell up to a wider group of students. Please consider entering your students! The registration deadline is April 3rd.

Other events coming up in April include our next chapter meeting which will be an intermediate masterclass with Janna Williamson, a TIE meeting (Teacher Information Exchange) coordinated by Debi Inch, and a Teacher Performance Group coordinated by Anne Marie Kuhny. Please see the directory for more details.

I hope to see you at our May chapter meeting! Happy Spring!

Janel Greaves

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

'Intermediate Master Class,' - Janna Williamson

Our April 6 program will be a masterclass of intermediate repertoire (~AIM levels 5-9) presented by Janna Williamson.



Pianist Janna Williamson, NCTM, maintains an independent piano studio in her home in West Chicago, Illinois. She previously taught at the Wheaton Yamaha Music School from 2001-2020 where she also served as Supervisor of Private Lessons. A teacher of teachers, Janna is a Content Creator for TopMusicPro and coaches piano teachers around the world through her online Teacher Consultation service. She regularly presents to local music teacher associations around the country and has presented at state conferences including Illinois, Indiana, and Minnesota. Her YouTube channel features free pedagogical content, particularly focused on how to teach intermediate historical repertoire.

Janna holds masters and bachelors degrees in piano performance from the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University and the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music (both summa cum laude). Janna is a member of the Music Teachers National Association, the Musicians Club of Women, and the Wheaton College Scholastic Honor Society. She previously was Guest Lecturer in Opera at Wheaton College. In addition to working as a collaborative pianist with singers and instrumentalists around Chicago, Janna is an active church musician playing and singing in both traditional and contemporary styles and has experience directing her church's children's choir. When she is not seated at the piano, Janna loves spending her time with her husband and their four children.

She will work with students performing the following music:

Taking it Easy by Martha Meier

Sonata Op. 49 #2, Allegro ma non troppo by Ludwig Von Beethoven

Nocturne in c# minor, Op. Posthumous, by Frederic Chopin

Students of Carol Beilke Receive Honors

Marilyn Gans competed in the Western Springs Music Club Parello and Veverka Competition on Feb.4, 2023. She received Honorable mention and performed Golliwogg's Cakewalk by Debussy on the Honors recital.



The Community School of the Arts at Wheaton College held their annual Preparatory scholarship competition on February 10, 2023. The following students received scholarships:

- Zoe Kramer, 6th grade won 1st place in the junior division. She performed Red Rose Rendezvous by M. Mier
- Tien Nghiem, 8th grade won 2nd place in the junior division. He performed Sonata in D Minor by D. Scarlatti Longo 58, mvt.I. Allegro maestoso
- Ian Dimler, 9th grade won 2nd place in the senior division. He performed Tuxedo Jazz by M. Mier.

Student Recital

Just a reminder that the deadline for enrolling your students in the April Student Recital is April 1. The recital will be on Sunday, April 16, at 1:30 PM at Windsor Park. There is no enrollment fee for WSMTA members! Simply fill out the registration form which can be found on our website at <http://wsismta.org/recitals/> and mail or email the completed form to Anne Marie Kuhny (recital coordinator).



Sincerely,
Anne Marie Kuhny

Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition and Festival

Your support and energy for the 2023 Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition and Festival is highly valued and appreciated. Dedicated to the emerging artistry and excellence of our area's young pianists, it is greatly valued as a full reward of musical experience. The Competition and Festival takes place Sunday afternoon, 23rd April, at the MAC Performance Center of the College of DuPage, Rm 140. All chapter members and friends of the young pianists and families are sincerely invited to the following Celebratory Concert, honoring each Level's winners on Saturday, 29th April, 6:30P, at Windsor Manor Covenant Hall.



Karol Sue Reddington, Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition, Director

Thank You

Sincere thanks to everyone who have expressed condolences for the recent losses of both my parents, Dave and Gerry Miller from Monroe, Wisconsin. Mom passed on August 25, 2022, and Dad on November 25, 2022 - exactly three months apart. It was an honor to be their caregiver for over 20 years. Your kind wishes have been encouraging and comforting.



Warm regards and thanks,
Diane Lindsay

West Suburban Music Teachers Association Meeting Minutes- March 2, 2023



Janel Greaves called the meeting to order at 9:33am at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Monthly music was introduced by Rita Brown and played by Steven Turner, a student at Wheaton North High School. His selection was by Sibelius.

The minutes of February 2 meeting were read by Dr. Anne Marie Kuhny. A motion was made to accept them as read by Liz Mackenzie and seconded by Lynette Zelis. Treasurer Diane Lindsay reported that the account balance.

A TIP was given by Dr. Anne Marie Kuhny about teaching Chopin Etudes to students, particularly the order they can be taught in as well as each of their particular challenges, levels and benefits. Attention was given to starting the etudes early if a student is considering pursuing music long term.

Janel Greaves did not report any new members or guests.

Upcoming Events/Reminders:

March 4 – AIM Performance Exam

March 10 – AIM Honors Recital, 6:30 PM at Windsor

March 25-29 – MTNA Conference in Reno, Nevada

April 6 – April Chapter Meeting: Janna Williamson masterclass

April 16 – Student Recital (Entry deadline 4/1)- coordinated by Dr. Anne Marie Kuhny

April 23 – Berkley-Pendell Competition – Dr. Karol Sue Reddington

New Items:

Vote on new officers – Nominations as follows were approved by vote:

President: Janna Williamson

1st VP for Programs: Carol Beilke

3 VP for Membership: Linda Krueger

Program suggestions for next year were asked to be emailed to Carol Beilke. No additional announcements were made. A motion to adjourn was made by Diane Jankiewicz and seconded by Karin Edwards.

The Monthly program was given by Lia Jenson-Abbott on the music of Florence Price.

Quote of the Month

‘You teach the most beautiful language in the world to the most beautiful of all creatures’

– Wendy Stevens



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 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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