

WSMTA NEWSLETTER



February 2024

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Thursday, Jan. 18, 9:30 AM
Teacher Information Exchange (TIE) Meeting
Coordinator: Linda Krueger

Thursday, Feb. 1, 9:00 AM
Meeting & Program
"AIM Performance Judging Session," Debbie Gillette and Debi Inch
Mandatory for all AIM teachers
Windsor Park Auditorium

Thursday, Feb. 8, 9:30 AM
Teacher Performance Group
Home of Janna Williamson

Thursday, Feb. 22, 9:30 AM
Joint Chapters Workshop
Trinity Episcopal Church
130 N. West, Wheaton

Sunday, Feb. 25, 1:30 PM
Student Recital
Entry deadline February 15
Windsor Park Auditorium

Thursday, Mar. 7, 9:00 AM
Meeting & Program
"Celebrating Rachmaninoff,"
Karin and Mark Edwards
Windsor Park Auditorium

Saturday, Mar. 9
AIM Performance Exams
Wheaton College
Conservatory

Sat. -Wed., Mar. 16-20
MTNA National Conference
Atlanta, Georgia

Sunday, Mar. 17, 1:30 PM
AIM Honors Recital
Windsor Park Auditorium

Thursday, Apr. 4, 9:00 AM
Meeting & Program
"Key, not Key! Why Does the Language of Music Educators Have to be so Confusing?"
Nicole Douglas
Windsor Park Auditorium

From the President...

Dear members,



The New Year is off and running, and we have several activities for members in the next couple of months. Be sure to read all of the announcements in the newsletter carefully so you don't miss anything!

I'm looking forward to our AIM Performance Exams on March 9 - what a great goal for so many of our students to work towards. Debbie Gillette and Debi Inch are our coordinators, so reach out to them or an AIM mentor if you have questions in the enrollment process.

Please encourage your students to enroll in our February 25 chapter recital, either as preparation for AIM or our future Berkley-Pendell competition, or as a substitute for one of these performance opportunities if they are not doing AIM or interested in the competition.

I'll see you on February 1 at our next meeting at Windsor Park!
AIM judges - don't forget that your attendance is required.

Janna Williamson

February Meeting & Program – February 1, 9:00am



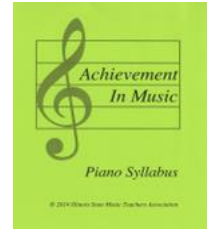
"AIM Performance Judging Session," Debbie Gillette and Debi Inch

Feb 1 is not only the deadline for entering students in the Performance Exam on March 9, but it is also our mandatory judge's meeting. It is always our goal to provide consistent positive judging to each other's students. This session will encompass professional, friendly, judging tips for the AIM exam day. We will include teaching tips and mock judging. If not entering AIM this year, it is still a wonderful session to introduce the art of judging, understand AIM better, and see how to use AIM as a teaching tool.

Debbie Gillette & Debi Inch, WSMTA AIM Performance Coordinators

AIM Performance News

Our chapter's AIM Performance Exams will be held on Saturday, **March 9, 2024**, at Armerding Hall, 520 E. Kenilworth Ave., Wheaton, 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 9! 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 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 Debbie or Debi. **February 1** is the entrance deadline for both the student enrollment form and the judging form. AIM enrollment fees (\$30 a student) are only applicable for Levels 1-2 and are also due on February 1.

AIM Judges Meeting: February 1, 2024, mandatory, informative, and led by Debi and Debbie!

AIM Packet Stuffing Day: We will be stuffing AIM Packets on Thursday, **February 29** at Lynette Zelis' home, 203 E. Hawthorne Blvd, Wheaton. Plan on meeting at 9:00 am. Many hands-on-deck will complete this task quickly. Thank you, Lynette, for providing this space and thank you teachers in advance for volunteering to help.

Debbie Gillette and Debi Inch, WSM TA AIM Performance Coordinators

WSM TA Student Recital

Please consider registering your students for our next chapter recital on Sunday, February 25, 1:30pm at Windsor Park Auditorium. There is no fee for entry for WSM TA members. For more information about recital guidelines, please consult the WSM TA Handbook or contact recital coordinator Diane Jankiewicz.

To enter your student, please fill out this form by the deadline of 11:59pm on February 15: <https://forms.gle/XivjVxhSsad2gta48> The form is also on the WSM TA website.

Diane Janiewicz, February Recital Coordinator

Directory Supplement for January 2024

Please welcome our newest collegiate member and add her information to your directory.

Alethea Katherine Love, Piano, Organ

West Suburban Joint Chapter Workshop



Musical Success for Students with Disabilities

Presenter: Dr. Beth Bauer

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Location: Trinity Episcopal Church (Wheaton) and Zoom

Sponsored by:

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Proceeds from this
workshop benefit the
Berkeley-Pendell
Piano Competition

Musical Success for Students with Disabilities

The presentation will begin with basic terminology regarding teaching students with disabilities in the piano studio. The purpose of the presentation is to discuss adjudication and recital preparation of persons with disabilities.

The workshop will talk about the responsibilities of the various people involved in recital and competition settings: teacher, parents, students, judges, and hosting venue. If time permits, we will watch some videos of performances and do some practice critiquing of the students. This exercise will help prepare both teachers and adjudicators the judging experience.

Dr. Beth A. Bauer received her doctorate of music education from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. Her dissertation is titled "What is an appropriate approach to piano instruction for students with Down syndrome?" Additional degree work includes a Master of Music from Northern Illinois University where she studied with Bill Koehler, and a Bachelor of Arts in Music from the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music where she was a student of Daniel P. Horn. Additional pedagogy instruction occurred with Karin Edwards, Larry Rast, and Karen Taylor. Currently, she is the academic advisor and instructor for the pedagogy degree program at the Wheaton College Conservatory where she also teaches Music to Special Learners and oversees pedagogy student teachers and music internships.

In addition to her faculty work in the Conservatory, Dr. Bauer is the creator of Beethoven's Buddies, a music program for children with developmental delays at the Community School of the Arts, Wheaton College and teaches precollege piano to beginning to advanced students in the Community School of the Arts. Beth has worked in arts administration in the Chicago area and at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. Her work with students with special needs has been featured in The Chicago Tribune, NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, the Indiana University Alumni Magazine, The Daily Herald, Clavier Companion, and the Wheaton College Alumni Magazine. Dr. Bauer is a sought after clinician and speaker to professional teacher's organizations and parent groups. She has been teaching piano for 25-years and working with students with special needs for 20-years.

Register by Mail or Online: Register by mail using form below. Or pay online by visiting the Joint West Suburban Chapter Workshop Website: <https://jointwestsuburbanchapter.wordpress.com/> When payment has been received, you will receive an email with the Zoom link for the workshop.

PLEASE RETURN WITH PAYMENT BY FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Yes, I will attend the workshop _____ via Zoom _____ In-Person on **Thursday, February 22, 2024.**

Make checks payable to the WSISMTA Joint Fund. Pre-Registration (by Feb. 19, 2023)- Adults \$30 and Students \$5. Last minute adult registration \$35 at the door. Mail this form and your check (postmarked by Feb. 17, 2024) to the address below. Mail to:

Name _____ Kelly Larkin
Address _____ 1828 Robert Lane
_____ Naperville, IL 60564
Email _____ Phone: _____
Local ISMTA Chapter (if applicable) _____

West Suburban Music Teachers Association January 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes



Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am on Zoom by President Janna Williamson.

The TIP was given by Stephanie Meyers about teaching music online. She provided information about teaching online, suggestions for certification and resources including valuable portals that help with technology, much of which is free.

Minutes of the December 7 meeting were read by secretary Dr. Anne Marie Kuhny. A motion was made to approve them as read by Lynette Zelis and seconded by Carol Ishman. The financial report provided our current balance.

Membership chair Linda Krueger was not present, but no guests were in attendance.

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

- January 18: TIE meeting will be at the home of and coordinated by Linda Krueger
- February 1: meeting will be as normal at Windsor. This meeting is required for AIM judges.
- February 8: Teacher Performance Group will be at the home of Janna Williamson
- February 22: Joint Workshop will be “Musical Success for Students with Disabilities” and given by Dr. Beth Bauer. The workshop will be held at Trinity in Wheaton. See the website and newsletter for registration. <https://jointwestsuburbanchapter.wordpress.com/>
- February 25: 1:30 Student Recital - Diane Jankiewicz is coordinating.
- March 9: AIM exams at Wheaton College
- March 16-20: MTNA Conference in Atlanta
- BP - Karol Sue was not in attendance but reports that all is on track for the April competition.

New Items:

- AIM- teacher and student registration forms are due by February 1
- Repertoire exceptions due to Stephanie Meyers by January 15
- Plaques need a minimum score of 80 so won't be available at end of the competition.

A motion was made to close the meeting at 9:25 by Diane Lindsay and seconded by Carol Beilke.

Program: Christina Whitlock - Busy Teens, Should They Stay or Go

Quote of the Month

“Music . . . can name the unnamable and communicate the unknowable.”
— Leonard Bernstein



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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