

WSMTA NEWSLETTER



April 2024

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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

Thursday, Apr. 11, 9:30 AM
Teacher Information Exchange (TIE) Meeting
Coordinator: Lynette Zelis

Thursday, Apr. 18, 9:30 AM
Teacher Performance Group
Coordinator: Karin Edwards

Sunday, Apr. 21
Berkley-Pendell Competition
College of DuPage

Saturday, Apr. 27, 6:30 PM
Berkley-Pendell Award Recital
Windsor Park Auditorium

Thursday, May 2, 9:00 AM
Meeting & Program
"The Music of Christopher and Margaret Goldston,"
Christopher Goldston
Windsor Park Auditorium

Thursday, May 9, 9:30 AM
West Suburban Board Meeting
Home of Janna Williamson

Thursday, May 23, 2024, 10:00
WS Joint Board Meeting
Home of Marcia Lehe

From the President...



Dear members,

Thank you to all of you who made our AIM performance exams a great success. I'm especially thankful to Debbie Gillette for taking over the job of AIM performance coordinator this year. She, Debi Inch (co-coordinator), and Peggy Liu (office manager), deserve a huge round of applause.

But, of course, the exams wouldn't happen at all without our volunteer judges and all of the students who did a great job preparing! Thank you, teachers!

At our April 4 meeting, we will vote on the slate of nominations for new officers. Many thanks to our nominating committee: Janel Greaves, Diane Jankiewicz, and Liz Mackenzie.

The nominees are as follows:

VP Publicity/Historian/Website: Mike Messer

Secretary: Mary McGinty

Treasurer: Katrina Cline

We do need a quorum at our meeting in order to hold the vote, so I hope to see many of you there. Plus, you won't want to miss this month's presentation all about communication by Nicole Douglas, current president of the Fox Hills MTA. I heard this presentation previously at a state conference, and it was excellent (as well as humorous!)

For those of you who have a spring break coming up - enjoy! See you in April!

Janna Williamson

April Meeting & Program – April 4, 9:00am



"Key, not Key! Why Does the Language of Music Educators Have to be so Confusing?" Nicole Douglas

Every day, students can hear a word and think of something completely different yet shake their heads up and down to show they understand. But what if they don't? This session will discuss commonly misunderstood music vocabulary, how to recognize when miscommunication has happened, and ways to increase understanding and memory retention. While this session was created from a desire to better teach students who take things literally, these strategies can benefit all learners.

Nicole Douglas developed a love for singing and playing piano from an early age. She mistakenly thought studying music in college might change that, so instead, majored in business and marketing research. After working several years in those fields, Nicole stumbled into teaching music and instantly fell in love! In 2010, she founded *Nicole Douglas Music Studio*, located in Crystal Lake, IL, and renewed her piano studies, eventually training with Irina Gorin and Dr. Barbara Lister-Sink.

Nicole enjoys combining her business and marketing experience with music education as she consults with teachers and music ed tech companies all over the world. She is passionate about teaching beginners, studying injury- preventive techniques, and learning about the process of learning.

AIM Honors

Congratulations to the 17 students representing 9 teachers who were nominated for the **AIM Honors Recital!** The recital was beautifully performed, with repertoire ranging from level 5 through level 12, representing all historical time periods.



Teacher and student names are as follows:

Carol Beilke - Valentina Gallegos, Gretchen Goldsborough, and Abraham Thang

Julie Crull - Caroline Crull

Alexander Djordjevic - Steven Ring, Nancy Shi, and Grace Vilbar

Janel Greaves - Josiah Gish

Anne Marie Kuhny - Anthony Adduci and Millan Mallipeddi

Peggy Liu - Nithya Rajkumar

Kathy Sbarboro - Sanvi Jagtap

Janna Williamson - Ian Barshinger, Livia Williamson, Zachariah Williamson, and Annemarie Zimmerman

Lynette Zelis - Gabriella Zinkus

BERKLEY-PENDELL PIANO COMPETITION & FESTIVAL

Sunday, April 21st, 1PM, 2024

Application Deadline (post-marked): March 25th, 2024

College of DuPage, McAninch Arts Center

Celebratory Recital, Saturday, April 27th, 6:30P

Windsor Manor Covenant Hall; 124 Windsor Park Drive, Carol Stream

EXCITING REMINDER

The Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition and Festival AGAIN offers young emerging pianists a challenging opportunity in critical growth and achievement.

The Event is available to piano students of grades five (5) through twelve (12) and studying piano with active teachers of the ISMTA chapters. Please fully review the website: Berkley-Pendell.org. Do link with the [Teacher Information/Eligibility Form](#). Only one [Teacher Information/Eligibility Form](#) will accompany all student entries of each teacher. Teachers of entering students are expected to assist at the competition. Essential duties will be assigned.

All applications must be postmarked no later than March 25th, 2024. Entry fees per student are: Competition - \$45; Festival - \$25. The teacher will submit one check covering the combined total of all students' entry fees, made payable to West Suburban ISMTA Joint Fund. *Entry fees are not refundable after the above application deadline.*

All Entry forms, documentation, photo/video permission signature and entry fee checks must be sent to Dr. Karol Sue Reddington, Director. Entries (with signature) may also be received electronically.

All young pianists of the Competition & Festival Levels receive professional adjudication, including Competition Level and First and Second Place cash prizes, Honorable Mentions, and designated Festival placement winners are invited to participate in the Celebratory Concert.

Enjoy this opportunity.....

Dr. Karol Sue Reddington, Director

West Suburban Music Teachers Association March 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes



Opening:

- Call to order at 9:01am by President Janna Williamson
- TIP: Given by Linda Krueger on Practice Space. The app allows teachers to enter assignments, chat with students and families, provides digital prizes, allows teachers to include videos, separates a teacher and student version of the app and helps students to time their practice.
- Minutes of Feb 1 meeting were read by Dr. Anne Marie Kuhny. A correction was made that the Berkley Pendell enrollment is due March 25 and the competition will be held on April 21. The minutes were approved as corrected by Adrienne Rose and Debi Inch.
- Financial report: Diane Lindsay reported the current balance.
- Membership: No new members were in attendance at the meeting.

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

- March 9 AIM exams
- Honors Recital: March 17, 1:30pm at Windsor - deadline for makeup nominations is 11:59pm on Wednesday, March 13
- April 4: monthly meeting - Nicole Douglas on communication
- April 11: TIE meeting - Lynette Zelis
- April 18: Teacher Performance group – home of Karin and Mark Edwards
- April 21: BP competition and festival

New Items:

- Very nice recital on Feb 25; thank you to Diane Jankiewicz for coordinating.
- Nominating Committee: Janel Greaves, Diane Jankiewicz, and Liz Mackenzie - replacing 2nd vice presidents for Publicity/Historian, Secretary, and Treasurer (currently in these positions are Karin Edwards, Anne Marie Kuhny, and Diane Lindsay)

Motion was made to close the meeting at 9:27am by Lynette Zelis and seconded by Karol Sue Reddington

Program: Celebrating Rachmaninoff: Karin and Mark Edwards

Quote of the Month

“One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain.” — Bob Marley



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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