

WSMTA NEWSLETTER



May 2024

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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,

As I write this, I am sitting on my porch in 73° weather, enjoying the sound of chirping birds. I am always so thankful when spring finally arrives in Chicago! However, that also signals that our yearly activities will soon come to a close.

Christopher Goldston will present at our final chapter meeting on May 2nd. If you haven't ever connected with Chris, I recommend that you make a point to meet him. I appreciate how personable he is, and he is highly involved in the state ISMTA organization.

At the May meeting, we will also announce our chapter's Member of the Year. If you have any suggestions for who you think deserves this recognition, please send them to Janel Greaves, Karin Edwards, or myself. We will be making the selection before May 2.

Board members: our spring meeting is scheduled for May 9th. All board members are expected to attend. Your reports are due by end-of-day on May 1st and will be distributed for board members to read before the meeting.

As we approach the end of the school year, I am already looking ahead to next year's meetings. Please take 2 minutes to fill out this very short survey about our monthly chapter meeting location and time.

Monthly Meeting Time & Location Survey

<https://forms.gle/6diPtRXvtkdQzjnG9>

Thank you all for all of your service this year. We are blessed with a great group!

Janna Williamson

May Meeting & Program – May 2, 9:00am

"The Music of Christopher and Margaret Goldston," Christopher Goldston



Continuing the Legacy: The Music of Christopher and Margaret Goldston

Christopher Goldston is pleased to announce the launch of his new website and publishing company. Goldston Music is dedicated to the publication and promotion of the compositions by Christopher Goldston and the late Margaret Goldston. Christopher will discuss the process of producing new publications as digital downloads for his website, as well as his use of social media and YouTube to continue the Goldston family legacy.

Christopher Goldston (b. 1972), Nationally Certified Teacher of Music, holds a Master of Music degree in piano performance and pedagogy from Northwestern University and a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. He has taught at Columbia College Chicago and Sherwood Conservatory of Music and currently maintains an independent studio in the historic Fine Arts Building in Chicago, in addition to teaching virtually. In 1991, Christopher received the National Federation of Music Clubs Lynn Freeman Olson Composition Award for his first composition, "Night Train." Since then, he has written numerous pieces for piano, voice, and chamber ensemble, including his "Thesis for Wind Quintet," which won the 1993 Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Composition Contest for North Carolina. He has compositions published by Alfred Music and the FJH Music Company. MTNA has commissioned Christopher for the Collaborative Music Commissioning Project for the 2022 MTNA National Conference.

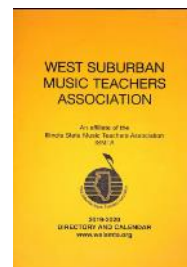
Christopher has been the national coordinator for the MTNA Composition Competition since 2010. He has also served as state and division coordinator for the competition. Christopher has been very active in the Chicago Area Music Teachers Association and has served in numerous roles, including president, and vice-president in charge of programs. He was member of the year in 2008. He also served as president for the Illinois State Music Teachers Association from 2018 to 2020. Christopher was named an MTNA Foundation Fellow in 2020, and recently served as MTNA National Secretary-Treasurer for the 2021-2023 biennium.

Christopher is also in demand as a clinician and guest artist. He has presented for music groups across the United States and has presented sessions at numerous MTNA state conferences, as well as at the MTNA National Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, in 2004, and the upcoming 2024 MTNA National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. His students have won local, state, and national composition competitions, including the 2016–2017 Young Artist winner for the MTNA Composition Competition.

Membership Renewal Now Open on the MTNA Website!

Please renew your membership by July 25 to be included in the 2024-2025 directory!

Current members may now go to the MTNA website and renew their membership for next year. You should have received a renewal email with a link to online renewal. If you choose to renew online, please be sure to also double check all of your contact information on the "About Me" tab that appears when you first log in.



This is the information that will be used for next year's directory. If you need to make any changes, simply click on the pencil icon in the upper right-hand corner of each section, and you will be able to edit and save your information. Members have probably also already received your renewal forms in the mail in the coming weeks if you prefer to renew by mail. Any changes to your contact information can be indicated on the renewal form. Please contact Linda Krueger with any questions regarding membership or renewals.

Linda Krueger, Membership Coordinator

West Suburban Music Teachers Association

April 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes



Opening:

- The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by President Janna Williamson.
- The TIP was given by Lynette Zelis on music collections, particularly those she found at the MTNA National Conference. She discussed using Piano Safari, Flashcards that include practice strategies, RCM, Hal Leonard's Collections from Around the World, Jazz, Masterpieces for Modern Pianists. She also discussed the importance of having multicultural works as well as classical standards and encouraged teachers to come to the TIE meeting to see more of the books.
- The minutes of March 7 meeting were read by Dr. Anne Marie Kuhny and approved as read by Carol Ishman and seconded by Diane Lindsay
- The financial report given by Treasurer Diane Lindsay stated that our current balance
- Membership reported no new members or guests.

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

- April 11: TIE meeting at the home of Lynette Zelis
- April 18: Teacher Performance group at the home of Karin and Mark Edwards
- April 21: BP competition and festival. Dr. Karol Sue Reddington reported that the Celebratory Concert will be on April 27 at Windsor
- May 2 Chapter Meeting - Chris Goldston presenting
- May 9 WS Board Meeting at the home of President Janna Williamson
- Remember to renew your membership ASAP

New Items:

- Nominating Committee: Janel Greaves, Diane Jankiewicz, and Liz Mackenzie - replacing 2nd vice presidents for Publicity/Historian, Secretary, and Treasurer (currently Karin Edwards, Anne Marie Kuhny, and Diane Lindsay)
 - Nominated for publicity/historian Mike Messer
 - Nominated for Secretary- Mary McGinty
 - Nominated for Treasurer- Katrina Kline
- The vote to support these new nominations was 1 short of a quorum based on the number of people in attendance, so President Janna Williamson contacted an absent member after the meeting. They voted yes, so the vote for nominations passed.
- Motion made to close by Diane Jankiewicz and seconded by Liz Mackenzie

Program: Nicole Douglas - "Key, Not Key!"

Submitted by Dr. Anne Marie Kuhny, Secretary

Quote of the Month

“Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life bringing peace, abolishing strife.”

— Kahlil Gibran



From the Editor

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