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Newsletter - March 2009

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings, dear WMTA Colleagues!

The days are steadily getting longer now, with the sun rising earlier and setting later. This seems to encourage us to fill our schedules with even more activities and the WMTA musical calendar certainly reflects this outlook. We are fortunate to have such a wide variety of events and each is handled with great expertise by our very capable chairs. These opportunities offer both competitive and non-competitive performances for all levels.

Outside of WMTA events, schools offer talent shows and music concerts which give children a chance to perform for and with their peers. Community and school orchestras are a great way to introduce children to another instrument: Learning a second instrument enhances their musical skills while presenting them with an additional social setting with others who enjoy music. And, with our own private students, we should encourage performances in hospitals, retirement communities and nursing homes, not only for community service points, but to share music with people of all ages who might be unable to attend public concerts.

Please take a moment to read over the newsletter. Review the events and application deadlines and take note of the venues. We are continuing to explore different venues in an effort to offer high-quality instruments in professional settings. All current information is regularly updated on our website.

The newly revised Bylaws have been approved by the General Membership and go into effect immediately. A copy is available online in our website for your referral. Please see page 5 of this newsletter for the proposed slate of officers for 2009-2011 by the Nominating Committee.

Enjoy the spring weather!

Bonnie Kellert, president

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# WMTA NEWS AND EVENTS

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WMTA extends its most heartfelt condolences to Julie Slingerland, whose husband David passed away in February after a long illness.

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The **RAISSA TSELENTIS COMPETITION** on the music of J.S. Bach was held March 7th at the Levine School. Judges were David Davenport, Nancy Hallsted and Grace McFarlane. We congratulate the winners!

*Junior:*

Kevin Su (Arseniev)  
Jeannette Jiang (Nazarenko)  
Isabella Chang (Park)

*Intermediate:*

Cynthia Liu (Arseniev)  
Satowa Kinoshita (Hosaka)

*Senior:*

Michelle Papenfuss (Hosaka)



The winners of the **GRETCHEN HOOD STRINGS COMPETITION**, held in December, are:

Junior High: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Aiden Kane (violin, Cole)  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Chris Seok (cello, Kaboff)  
HM: Sherri Zhang (violin, Gatwood)

Senior High: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Kenneth Liao (violin, Gatwood)  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Hannah Schoen (violin, Cole)

Judges were Andrew Hesse (cello) and Jeff Kellogg (violin).



We are pleased to present the results of the last four **JUDGED RECITALS**:

November 9, 2008:

Honors: Nick Troccoli (Gruenberg), Ryo Kaneko (M. Lee)  
HM: Noah Strand (Kriewaldt), Antonio Plumer (Kriewaldt)  
Judges were George Peachey and Nicole Amyot.

December 7, 2008:

Honors: Muli Yu (M. Lee), Noah Strand (Kriewaldt), Katie Bode (Sarratt),  
Jeannette Jiang (Nazarenko)  
HM: Erling Nygard (Sarratt)  
Judges were Tom Mastroianni and Roseanne Conway.

February 1, 2009:

Honors: Sarah Bao (Arseniev), Theron Masters (Beard), Darwin Yang (Beard),  
Peter Chang (Nazarenko), Risa Kaneko (M. Lee), Max Hou (M. Lee)  
HM: Jenny Tan (Jun Yang), Eileen Zheng (Blasquez), Valerie Chen (Blasquez)  
Grace McFarlane hosted the recital. Judges were Julian Trail and Yoshinori Hosaka.

March 8, 2009:

Honors: Audrey Huang (Yang), Dominic Mann (Sarratt), Jordan Mann (Sarratt),  
Juncheng Shen (M. Lee), Alex Li (M. Lee), Micah Tsoi (Kriewaldt)  
HM: Rena Cai (Jun Yang), Vivien Zhu (Nazarenko), Richard Shin (Beard),  
Edward Yoon (Kriewaldt)  
Judges were Barbara Cackler and Patricia Parker.



*The MTNA PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS were held November 8th, 2008. Judges were Lisa Emenheiser-Sarratt, Cecilia Cho and Edward Newman. Congratulations to the winners:*

*Junior Performance Division:*

*Winner - Kimberly Hou (M. Lee)  
Alternate - John Janezich (McFarlane)  
Honorable Mention - Sarah Grace Barham (Mang)*

*Senior Performance Division:*

*Winner - Qinxuan Pan (Nazarenko)  
Alternate - Risa Kaneko (M. Lee)  
Honorable Mention - Parisa Sadeghi (Mang)*

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## Coming up in the WMTA Calendar:

- > **April 19: Student Musicales & Judged Recital (deadline 4/4/09)**
  - > **May 9: Hartman Competition (deadline 4/2/09)**
  - > **May 16: Adult Musicales (deadline 5/2/09)**
  - > **June 6: Lichtenberg Competition (deadline 5/17/09)**
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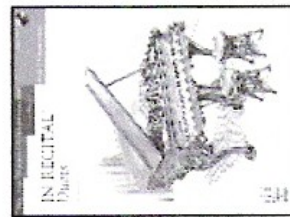
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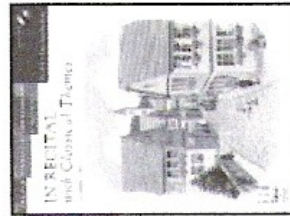
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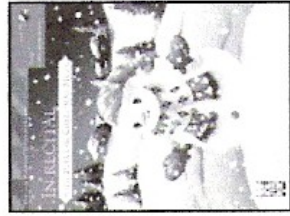
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Congratulations to the winners of the **SPECIALTY COMPETITION**, held on February 21. This year's competition repertoire was Spanish and Latin American music. Judges were Leander Bien, Andrea Sagripanti, Elena Arseniev and Jaewon Lee.

*Level 1*

1st place David DiMeglio (M. Lee)  
 2nd place Eva J. Rogouin (Maican)  
 3rd place (tie) Elijah Green (M. Lee), Jenny Tan (Yang)  
 HM Yukinori Kinoshita (Hosaka), Wiley Skaret (M. Lee), Bayan Mostaghim (M. Lee)

*Level 2*

1st place Ian Cabacungan (M. Lee)  
 2nd place Alex Peng (Breth)  
 3rd place Maggie Chen (Breth)  
 HM Jeannette Jiang (Nazarenko)

*Level 3*

1st place Muli Yu (M. Lee)  
 2nd place Laura Chu (Breth)  
 3rd place Elizabeth Hu (M. Lee)  
 HM Jessica Ding (M. Lee),  
 Virginia Sun (Breth)

*Level 4*

1st place Ann Liu (Breth)  
 2nd place Satowa Kinoshita (Hosaka)  
 3rd place June Kim (Moon)  
 HM Lucy Chu (Breth), Nancy Ding (M. Lee), Paul Li (Breth)

*Level 5*

1st place Lyric Yu (M. Lee)  
 2nd place (tie) Amber Lee (Moon), Alan Wei (Nazarenko)  
 3rd place Tom Shen (M. Lee)  
 HM Niki Hua (Breth),  
 Kazune Kitani (Kosutic)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2009**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
 & ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
 AND  
 ANNUAL WMTA LUNCHEON**

**ON JUNE 3RD!**

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (NAN HILLMAN, JANET PEACHEY, AGLAIA KORAS, ELEANOR WOODS AND VALERICA MAICAN) HAS PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2009-2011:**

**PRESIDENT: BONNIE KELLERT  
 PRESIDENT-ELECT: NANCY LONGMYER  
 RECORDING SECRETARY: NANCY BRETH  
 TREASURER: JUNKO TAKAHASHI**

*Level 6*

1st place (tie) Alexander Stabile (Breth),  
 Antonia Stabile (Breth)  
 2nd place Carravita Pape-Calabrese (M. Lee)  
 3rd place Kristina Hu (M. Lee)  
 HM Ryo Kaneko (M. Lee)

**BAROQUE FESTIVAL**

On March 7, 2009 the Baroque Festival was held at Kunen Auditorium at the Levine School of Music, Upton Campus. Thirty-three students participated in the event. Their teachers included Scott Beard, Faye Bonner, Linda Fotis, George Fu, Nan Hillman, Bonnie Kellert, Amy Kriewaldt, Carole Kriewaldt, Grace McFarlane, Frank Plummer, Ruth Rose and Monica Sappleton. Ruth Rose and Barbara Wing adjudicated the event. It was a lovely afternoon of Baroque Music and we look forward to the Baroque Festival returning in 2011.

-- Monica Sappleton, chair; Linda Fotis, co-chair

**CONCERTOFEST**

The 2009 ConcertoFest was held on the morning of Saturday, March 21, at the studio of Bonnie Kellert in Potomac. Many thanks to our President for hosting this event in her beautiful studio, with its pair of superb Blüthner grand pianos. Participating teachers were Karen Bartman, Jennifer Fellows, Spencer Fellows, Anna Ouspenskaya, Marina Ovtcharenko, Nancy Hallsted and Grace McFarlane. The outstanding judges were Haskell Small and Pamela Thompson.

We had just two recitals, but what we lacked in quantity was made up for in quality. All divisions of ConcertoFest were represented: Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced and Adult. It was Bach's birthday, and two movements of his D Minor Concerto were among the many concertos presented. As a final touch, co-chair Karen Bartman provided lovely refreshments.

--Spencer Fellows, chair (and his busy ConcertoFest wife Jennifer!); Karen Bartman, co-chair

# SHOP TALK

Shop Talk is growing, and we  
have decided to add  
**TWO EXTRA SESSIONS!**

→ The May session has been  
rescheduled for May 21.

As usual, we meet at Barbara  
Wing's home Thursdays at noon.  
Don't forget to RSVP!

*April 16: Topics covered will  
include summer teaching plans,  
preparing for performance,  
technology in the studio*

→ *April 23: A WMTA member will tell  
us about her seven years studying  
with Mehaem Pressler.*

*May 21: Subject TBA. Check our  
website for details!*

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