



Washington Music Teachers Association

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Newsletter - April 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear WMTA Colleagues:

This is my final month as president of WMTA. Our organization has seen many changes during the past four years. We have grown in number (almost 150 members) and teacher participation has expanded. There have been record numbers of participants in this year's Baroque Festival, String Competition, Judged Recitals and Bach Tselentis Awards. We have held events at new venues that offer students the best piano, acoustics and atmosphere within budget.

Most importantly, we've become a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All contributions are deductible to the full extent of the law. We'd be more than happy to accept donations (no matter the size) from you, your students' parents, adult students, friends or business colleagues. We have a new sponsor for The Ylida Novik Memorial Concerto Competition, and the Potter Violin Company continues to support the monetary prizes for The Potter Violin Company String Competition (in memory of Gretchen Hood). Our own Matthew Harre donated all the prize monies this year for The Raissa Tselentis Award of Excellence in the performance of the Clavier Works of Johann Sebastian Bach. A board member gave an anonymous donation to help support the 2011 Baroque Festival. Many event chairs donated hostess expenses. All of these gifts are greatly appreciated. Because of these contributions and careful planning by the board, WMTA has been solidly in the black during my tenure.

I take great satisfaction in improvements to WMTA, its financial health and promising relations with new sponsors. Event Chairs have proven themselves to be most capable, efficient, dependable and resourceful. The Finance Committee has helped shape our future and has given much needed guidance to the Board. The Board continues to progress and evolve with new ideas for the future. I am so pleased that WMTA is on solid ground!

The election of new officers will be held on Sunday, May 1st during the Annual General Membership Meeting (followed by a potluck dinner) at the home of Junko Takahashi. The proposed slate is included in this newsletter. I welcome the newly elected officials and wish them my best.

My heartfelt thanks go to all those who've helped me in countless ways.

Cordially,

Bonnie Kellert

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
& ELECTION OF OFFICERS
AND
POTLUCK DINNER**

**ON SUNDAY MAY 1ST AT 5 P.M.
AT THE RESIDENCE OF JUNKO TAKAHASHI**

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (NAN HILLMAN, VALERICA
MAICAN, AGLAIA KORAS, MATTHEW HARRE, FAYE BONNER) HAS
PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2011-2013:**

**PRESIDENT: MARINA OVTCHARENKO
PRESIDENT-ELECT: NANCY LONGMYER
RECORDING SECRETARY: GRACE MCFARLANE
TREASURER: JULIE SLINGERLAND**

**JOIN US AFTER THE MEETING FOR A POTLUCK DINNER
AT THE RESIDENCE OF JUNKO TAKAHASHI,
10503 REDOSIER CT., BETHESDA, MD 20814.**

**PLEASE CONTACT BONNIE KELLERT OR JUNKO TAKAHASHI
TO Rsvp AND TO LET US KNOW WHETHER YOU ARE BRINGING
DRINKS, AN APPETIZER, MAIN DISH, SALAD OR DESERT.**

Results of JUDGED RECITALS

January 16:

Honors: Hana Wang (Jun Yang), Jeannette Jiang (Nazarenko), Nick Troccoli (Gruenberg),
Juncheng Shen (M. Lee)

HM: Madelyne Xiao (Breth)

Judges were Rosanne Conway and Charles Timbrell.

February 27:

Honors: Vivien Zhu (Nazarenko), Satowa Kinochita (Hosaka), Ryo Kaneko (M. Lee)

HM: Serena Landers (Takahashi), Andrea Dai (Takahashi), Alice Zhang (Kellert)

Judges were Grace McFarlane and Immanuela Gruenberg.

March 27:

Honors: Saniya Han (Nazarenko), Wiley Skaret (M. Lee), Lucy Chu (Breth)

HM: Annie Bao(Arseniev), Samuel Ong (Nazarenko), Theron Masters (Beard), Darwin Yang (Beard)

Judges were Nancy Hallsted and Barbara Cackler.

Results of the 2011 WMTA MARGARET FRANK SPECIALTY COMPETITION

I want to personally thank everyone who participated in and contributed to the 2011 Margaret Frank Specialty Competition – Music of France, held on March 20. Our esteemed judges were: Alla Merport, Alex Peh, Cecilia Cho, Joni Chan, John Healey, Narciso Solero and Douglas Harrington. -- David Kosutic, Chair

Level 1 (10:40 am)

1st - Alena Lu (Arseniev)
2nd - (TIE) Andrew Zhang (M. Lee), Michael Xie (Arseniev)
3rd - Lucy Blazquez (Blazquez)
HM - Alison Wan (M. Lee)

Level 1 (11:45 am)

1st - Hana Wang (Jun Yang)
2nd - Ashley Zheng (Jun Yang)
3rd - Joanna Chang (M. Lee)
HM - Yoseph Mak (Gunnerson), Helena Liu (M. Lee)

Level 2 (9:30 am)

1st - Yukinori Kinoshita (Hosaka)
2nd - Emily Ye (Jun Yang)
3rd - Risako Takamura (Hosaka)
HM - Ethan Hsiao (Nazarenko), Brian Kang (T. Park), Alan Zhang (Lee)

Level 2 (11 am)

1st - (TIE) Ishana Shastri (Arseniev), Philip Wang (Arseniev)
2nd - Kevin Wang (Breth)
3rd - Katherine Wu (Arseniev)
HM - Andy Sun (Arseniev)

Level 3 (12:10 pm)

1st - Christopher Papenfuss (Hosaka)
2nd - Jenny Tan (Jun Yang)
3rd - (TIE) Evan Hu (M. Lee), Kirsten Springer (Longmyer)

Level 3 (1:20 pm)

1st - Wiley Skaret (M. Lee)
2nd - Saniya Han (D. Nazarenko)
3rd - Karina Aliyeva (Arseniev)

Level 4 (2:50 pm) – Debussy Passepied

1st - Elizabeth Hu (M. Lee)
2nd - Angela Xu (Jun Yang)
3rd - Virginia Sun (Breth)

Level 4 (2:50 pm) – Ibert La Cage

1st - Samuel Ong (Nazarenko)
2nd - Faith Lam (Blazquez)
3rd - Michael Wang (M. Lee)
HM - Matthew Schultheis (Sarratt)

Level 4 (4:35 pm)

1st - (TIE) Vivien Zhu (Nazarenko), Matthew Kim (M. Lee)
2nd - Rosa Choe (Arseniev)
3rd - Hannah Lee (T. Park)

Level 5 (12:25 pm)

1st - Niki Hua (Breth)
2nd - Alex Li (M. Lee)
3rd - John Janezich (McFarlane)

Level 5 (2 pm)

1st - (TIE) Paul Li (Breth), Muli Yu (M. Lee)
2nd - Motya Gershunskiy (Arseniev)
3rd - Madelyne Xiao (Breth)
HM - Linda He (M. Lee)

Level 6 (3:35 pm)

1st - Antonia Stabile (Breth)
2nd - Bryan Ho (M. Lee)
HM - Joslyn Jung (M. Lee)

Level 6 (4:30 pm)

1st - Jessica Shen (Litzelman)
2nd - Julie Squire (Wolfe-Ralph)
3rd - Isaac Friend (Deering)
HM - Lucy Chu (Breth)



The **BAROQUE FESTIVAL** was held on February 26 at The Piano Company in White Flint Mall. Participation was very high, with three recitals and a total of 47 players and singers. Judges for this event were Ella Wu and Robert Kelley.

-- Linda Fotis, Chair; Ella Wu, Co-Chair

The **POTTER STRING COMPETITION** was held on February 5 at the Women's Club of Arlington. We are pleased to present the results:

Junior High level

1st: violinist Sarah Quan (Cole)
2nd: violinist Sabrina Bradford (Shelley Mathews)
HM: cellist Jessica Hu (L. Laufman)

Senior High level

1st: violinist Tingrui Zhao (Richard Chang)
2nd: violinist Arman Nasrinpay (Chudnovsky)

The judges were Robert Battey, Zino Bogachek and Alexander Katz-Nelson.

Congratulations to the prizewinners of the **RAISSA TSELENTIS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**. The Tselentis Competition was held April 2.

Junior Division

1st (TIE) Jennifer Su (Breth), Virginia Sun (Breth)
2nd Stephanie Dranghon (Jun Yang)
3rd Grace Wang (M. Lee)
4th Muli Yu (M. Lee)
5th Elizabeth Hu (M. Lee)

Intermediate Division

1st Paul Li (Breth)
2nd Madelyne Xiao (Breth)
3rd Ann Liu (Breth)
4th Lucy Chu (Breth)

Senior Division

1st Ryo Kaneko (M. Lee)
2nd George Schwartz (Ya-Ting Chang)
3rd Sotowa Kinoshita (Hosaka)

Judges were Barbro Dahlman, Scott Beard and Arno Drucker.

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