



# Washington Music Teachers Association

## Newsletter - April 2014

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Nancy Longmyer, President  
Lori McCarthy, Acting Newsletter Editor

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear WMTA Members:

After such a cold, wet, uncomfortable winter, it is wonderful to see the sun and the spring flowers in bloom. The tulip tree in my front yard is in full bloom and is a welcoming site.

I attended the National Music Teachers Conference in March, which was held in Chicago. I found many valuable master classes and presentations that were well worth attending. Also, the quality of the playing and singing by winners competing at the national level was truly amazing – professional quality in many cases. Several of my students say that they know when I have attended the conference because I come back with new ideas which I try to use.

Congratulations to Cindy Liu, student of Elena Arseniev, and Bryan Le, student of Nancy Breth, who received first place in the National Duet Competition. They were truly amazing.

WMTA is in great need of filling vacant positions. I will be stepping down as WMTA President in June. Lori McCarthy, the present President-Elect, will take over as president in June. She is an extremely organized person and very experienced as a president. However, she needs positions filled to help her with her duties. WMTA needs more active members; that is, in particular, more board members. It is an excellent way to become more familiar with the activities of WMTA. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer for one of the positions, listed below, or if you know anyone who would be a person who might like to become more involved. Voting for the vacant positions will take place at the Membership Meeting on June 5. The vacant positions in June will be:

- **President-Elect:** The duty of the President-Elect is to arrange the venues for the WMTA events. Many times the events can be held at the venues that have been used the past year. Another duty is to preside over a meeting (only 5 each year) if the President cannot attend the meeting. If you are interested in this position, please contact Lori McCarthy for more info. (301-986-9010 or [lorinmccarthy@verizon.net](mailto:lorinmccarthy@verizon.net))
- **Treasurer:** Please call Matt Harre to learn more about the duties of Treasurer (202-244-7880) or [matt@musicalfossils.com](mailto:matt@musicalfossils.com)
- **Web Liaison:** The duties of the Web Liaison is to coordinate items to be posted on the website with the web maser including posting of annual event forms, web advertising, web calendar, and changes to WMTA Board, bylaws and rules and to manage website hosting and domain name issues. (Please contact Lori McCarthy if you have more questions)

- **Newsletter Editor:** The duties of the Newsletter Editor are to collect articles and photos from members for inclusion in the Newsletter, to coordinate advertising from outside groups and to format and distribute the newsletter, approximately three times per year. (Please contact Lori McCarthy if you have more questions.)

There are also available positions as co-chairman of events. This is one of the best ways for a new member to become familiar with the events and with the organization. The co-chair works with the chair and is not completely responsible for the event. New members should consider volunteering for one of these positions.

There are several rules which need to be made clear or have been altered.

- On line registration was made available for the Hartman competition and should be available for other events by September.
- Parents are now allowed to videotape their children and their children only at all WMTA events.
- It has been voted on and passed that any participating teachers who fail to fulfill their obligations as determined by the Chair will be disallowed from participating in that event in the following year.
- Members now have the opportunity to place ads on the “Find a Teacher” page. Find more info below under **Web Advertising**.
- Monthly ads are now offered to outside groups. Find more info below under **Web Advertising**.
- There has been a change to the Student Musicales. Read the details on p. 4.

Other news items were voted on and unanimously passed at the last two board meetings:

- A gift card was taken to the MTNA Conference in Chicago as WMTA’s contribution to the State Pride Raffle
- A check for \$50 was sent to the Montgomery Hospice’s Casey House in Rockville in memory of Nan Hillman who died on February 27. Read information about Nan below.
- Flowers were sent to the family of Simone Deering after her untimely death on Thursday, November 7, 2013.
- WMTA shares in the loss of MTNA and NVMTA member Ruthanne Lodato, who passed away on February 6, 2014. Read below about the scholarship fund that is being set up by NVMTA in memory of Ruthanne.

The membership meeting and potluck luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 5. The meeting will begin at 10:30 and will be held at Jordan Kitts Music, Rockville, MD. I hope that you will put this on your calendar and plan to come. The meeting is usually short. There will be a short program. There is always good food. Please consider coming. If you plan to come, please contact me by email ([nancylongmyer@gmail.com](mailto:nancylongmyer@gmail.com)).

I look forward to seeing many of you at the luncheon.

Thank you,

Nancy Longmyer  
WMTA President

Please join us for the WMTA Annual General Membership Meeting and Potluck Luncheon on Thursday, June 5, 2014, 10:30am at Jordan Kitt's Music, 12303 Twinbrook Pkwy, Rockville, MD 20852. Come and meet your fellow WMTA members. If you or your students have never participated in a WMTA event, come and talk to members and find out all the wonderful programs we have to offer!



Please consider donating your time and talent to WMTA! There are open positions on the board and we could use your help. It takes many individuals to run all the wonderful student programs. Please contact Nancy Longmyer if you are interested in getting involved. You'll make lifelong friendships and keep the WMTA events available to your students!

Here are the results of the WMTA Judged Recitals:

### **WMTA Judged Recital - October 20, 2013**

#### **Honors**

Raha Moshasha, piano student of Natalia Efremova  
Micah Tsoi, piano student of Scott Beard  
Katie Bode, piano student of Marjorie Lee  
John Janezich, piano student of Grace McFarlane

#### **Honorable Mention**

Virginia Sun and Jennifer Su, piano duet students of Nancy Breth  
Andrew Jiang, piano student of Katarina Zaitseva  
Alexander Fitenko, piano student of Svetlana Kaplanskaya  
Alena Lu, piano student of Elena Arseniev  
Anna Wang, piano student of Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt  
Samuel Ong, piano student of Dmitri Nazarenko  
Matthew Schultheis, piano student of Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt  
Jesse Huang, piano student of Dmitri Nazarenko

#### **Judges**

Naira Babayan and Andrea Sagripanti

### **WMTA Judged Recital - December 1, 2013**

#### **Honors**

Kevin Wang, piano student of Nancy Breth  
Joanna Cheng, piano student of Marjorie Lee  
Ethan Hsiao, piano student of Dmitri Nazarenko  
Andrew Zhang, piano student of Marjorie Lee

#### **Honorable Mention**

JoAnnie Shia, piano student of Carole Kriewaldt  
Cao Linh Pham, piano student of Soyoon Yim  
Brendan Cocchiara, piano student of Soyoon Yim

#### **Judges**

Barbara Cackler and Rosanne Conway

### **WMTA Judged Recital - January 26, 2014**

#### **Honors**

Samuel Ong, piano student of Dmitri Nazarenko  
Samuel Myung, piano student of Aglaia Koras  
Bryan Ho, piano student of Marjorie Lee

#### **Honorable Mention**

Jackie Liu, piano student of Scott Beard  
Serena Landers, piano student of Junko Takahashi  
Ashley Zhang, piano student of Jun Yang  
Sophie Kader, piano student of Junko Takahashi  
Nancy Qin, piano student of Dmitri Nazarenko  
Judges  
Wen-Yin Chan and Nancy Breth

### **WMTA Judged Recital - February 23, 2014**

#### **Honors**

Brian Le and Cynthia Liu (Piano Duet), students of Nancy Breth  
Clara Ke, piano student of Lisa Emmenheiser Sarratt  
Philena Sun, piano student of Marjorie Lee

#### **Honorable Mention**

Hana Wang, piano student of Lisa Emmenheiser Sarratt  
Noah Strand, piano student of Scott Beard  
Katherine Wu, piano student of Dmitri Nazarenko

### **WMTA Judged Recital - March 30, 2014**

#### **Honors**

Nicole Papenfuss, piano student of Silva Blazquez  
Dennis Erickson, piano student of Junko Takahashi  
Sophie Kader, piano student of Junko Takahashi  
Hannah Hua, piano student of Aglaia Koras

#### **Honorable Mention**

Jocelyn Hao, piano student of Immanuela Gruenberg  
Justin Chen, piano student of Dmitri Nazarenko  
Alissa Wang, piano student of Jun Yang

## **BARTOK COMPETITION 2014**

**On February 8, the Bi-Annual Bartok Piano Competition took place at the Beautiful National Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C.**

The Winners' Concert took place at the Embassy of Hungary on March 29.  
The First, Second and the Third place winners performed at the Embassy.  
The Concert was open to public.

There were 101 participants from twelve studios: Marjorie Lee, Elena Arseniev, Yoon Huh, Jaewon Lee, Esther Kwon, Nancy Breth, Lisa Sarratt, Jun Yang, Carol Wolfe-Ralph, Laura Bogart, Margarita Gramaticova and David Kosutic.

Our honorable judges were: Dr. Hyun-Sook Park, Dr. Karen Walwyn, Dr. Audrey Andrist, Dr. Mi-Jung Im, Dr. Daniel Lau and Dr. Anna Soukiassian.

Special thanks to all those who helped to monitor this event. With your help and support, the Competition went very smoothly – thank you!

Yoon Huh, Chair

### **BARTOK COMPETITION RESULTS 2014**

Jenny Wang (Jun)  
JoAnna Lam (Sarratt)

#### **LEVEL 1 A -1B**

1st Oscar Paz-Auaznabar (M. Lee)  
2nd Angela Zhang (Gramaticova)  
3rd Jessica Wang (M. Lee)  
HM: Nicola Zhu (Koustic)  
Charlyn Chu (Arseniev),  
Jessica Ye (M. Lee)  
Irene Tang (Arseniev)  
Ella Kim (Breth)  
Petrina Steimel (M. Lee)  
Kathleen Wang (Jun)

#### **LEVEL 3A & 3B**

1st Hana Wang (Sarratt) and Alena Lu (Arseniev)  
2nd Annabel Lee (Breth)  
3rd Ashley Zhang (Jun)  
HM: Sasha Wang (Sarratt), Ellen Chen (Breth)  
Soren Christensen (Gramaticova)  
Catherine Wu (M. Lee)  
Michael Xie (Arseniev)

#### **LEVEL 2A, 2B, 2C**

1st Preston Steimel (Breth)  
2nd Andrew Cocchiara (M. Lee)  
3rd Joshua Kucharski (Wolfe-Ralph)  
HM: Lena Stechuk (Breth)  
Brooke Bao (Arseniev)  
Elizabeth Vinokurov (Arseniev)  
Maya Concepcion (Huh)



## **BARTOK COMPETITION RESULTS 2014 continued**

### **LEVEL 4A & 4B**

1st Eileen Wen (Sarratt)  
2nd Evan Hu (M. Lee)  
3rd Alex Peng (Breth)  
HM: Nicolas Pace (Sarratt)  
Clara Ke (Sarratt)  
Grace Wang (M. Lee)  
Emily He (Breth)  
Ethan Liu (Breth)  
Ashley Deng (Jun)  
Yoseph Mak (Sarratt)  
Theresa Lam (Sarratt)  
Pierre Quan (Gramaticova)

### **LEVEL 5**

1st Roman Kasparian (Gramaticova)  
2nd Ashley Ondoua (Breth)  
3rd Philena Sun (M. Lee)  
HM: Philip Wang (Arseniev)  
Lynne Bai (M. Lee)  
Celine Chen (Breth)

### **LEVEL 6**

1st Virginia Sun (Breth)  
2nd Muli Yu (M. Lee)  
3rd Emily Quan (M. Lee)  
HM: Kevin Wang (Breth)  
Adam Heins (Breth)



## **WMTA Student Musicales**

The WMTA Board voted to make a change to the Student Musicales. Currently, students are permitted to play up to 7 minutes and the fee is \$12. Effective immediately, students will be permitted to submit pieces over 7 minutes, up to 12 minutes, for a double fee of \$24. The 12-minute per teacher rule is still in effect.

## **Viola Hartmann Piano Awards**

The Board also voted to make the The Viola Hartmann Piano Awards an online-only registration event, which will be enforced starting with the 2015 event.

## **Upcoming Events:**

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| May 11 <sup>th</sup> | Viola Hartmann Piano Awards, Catholic University; deadline April 5 <sup>th</sup>            |
| May 11 <sup>th</sup> | Lichtenberg Competition Catholic University; deadline April 5 <sup>th</sup>                 |
| May 15 <sup>th</sup> | Shop Talk, Barbara Wing's residence, 12 noon  |
| June 1 <sup>st</sup> | Honors Recital, Steinway Piano Gallery, Rockville, MD 3:30pm                                |
| June 5 <sup>th</sup> | General Membership Meeting and Potluck Luncheon, Jordan Kitts Music, Rockville, MD, 10:30am |

## WMTA Website

WMTA has added two sections to the website. There is an “Announcements” section where any timely announcements such as recitals filling up before deadline.

Another new sections is “Community Outreach” where we post announcements about free events or discounted tickets to community events.

Be sure to check them out!

## WMTA Newsletter

It has a while since there has been a WMTA Newsletter. We are on the hunt for a Newsletter Editor, but in the meantime, I will be Acting Newsletter Editor. Please send any information you wish included in the newsletter to me at [lorinmccarthy@verizon.net](mailto:lorinmccarthy@verizon.net).



## Anthony Chanaka Classical Festival

Date: March 29, 2014

Venue: Steinway Gallery, N. Bethesda, MD

Chair: Bonnie Kellert

We had a total of 43 students divided into three recitals, approximately 60-70 minutes each. The students’ abilities ranged from elementary to advanced and everyone performed well. We heard performances of Clementi, Beethoven, Schubert, Mozart, Kuhlau and Diabelli, including sonatas, two sets of themes and variations and two duets. The following nine studios were represented – Hedy Bannon, Anastassia Ivanova, Bonnie Kellert, Irina Koulikova, Jaewon Lee, Grace McFarlane, Dmitri Nazarenko, Patricia Palombo and Junko Takahashi.

The judges were Barbara Kober and Jeffrey Beaudry. Thank you to monitors Irina Koulikova and Grace McFarlane.

## Web Advertising

The WMTA board has approved “phase one” of a program to offer advertising on the website with these two additions:

- 1) Offer member ads on the “Find a Teacher” page. The ad would include a link to a pdf or a website, which the teacher would provide. Rates for such an annual ad (July 1-June 30) would be \$35.
- 2) Offer monthly ads to outside groups at a rate of \$30 per month, again a link to a pdf or website. These ads could be placed on various pages of the website except the homepage.

Contact Lori McCarthy, Web Liaison at [lorinmccarthy@verizon.net](mailto:lorinmccarthy@verizon.net) for more information or to submit an ad.

## *IN MEMORIAM*

### *Simone Deering*

Simone Deering passed away on Thursday, November 7, 2013. Simone was a longtime member of WMTA and served on the Board of Directors. She will be missed.

### *Nan Hillman*

Nan Hillman, longtime piano teacher in Montgomery County, Md. passed away peacefully and with family present Thursday February 27. Her final days were blessed by the compassionate care of Casey House Hospice.

She will be remembered passionately by her loving husband Erik Hillman who shared her long love of classical music, especially the piano for their 43 years together.

Claire Nanette Baker Hillman was born in Moscow, Pa. in 1933. She held degrees from Peabody Institute in Baltimore and the University of Maryland. In the 1960s she was active in the desegregation of the Tivoli Theatre in Frederick, Md. and other venues and volunteered teaching the children of seasonal migrant workers. Nan loved the ocean at Bethany Beach, De. in earlier years and most recently enjoyed staying at Dunes Manor in Ocean City, Md. often.

Nan was very active with the Washington Music Teachers Association (WMTA). Over the years she served as a monitor and also chaired piano performance competitions including the Hartman Piano Awards in 1994-1995 and the Raissa Tselentis Bach Competition in 2009-2011. Well regarded by her peers, she was known to always have a smile and be energetic in the support of her talented students. She will be remembered especially by those students who she sat beside for 50 plus years developing and nurturing their love of music and the piano.

WMTA shares in the loss of MTNA and NMVTA member Ruthanne Lodato, who passed away on February 6, 2014.

### **Ruthanne Lodato Scholarship Fund**

Ruthanne Lodato, a longtime and active member of NVMTA, had her life tragically taken on February 6, 2014. Her family has set up a scholarship fund through NVMTA in her memory. Donations to the fund enable young instrumentalists in financial need to pursue music study. A concert in celebration of her life took place on Friday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum in Alexandria.

Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association is collecting donations for the Ruthanne Lodato Scholarship. She was gunned down and killed in her home in Alexandria Virginia. Her continued legacy through NVMTA will be a yearly scholarship to a needy student, a promotion she would have been most proud of accomplishing. With your help, we can provide each year funds for a financially needy student that would help with the burden of expensive music lessons. Send donations to Debra Gunnerson, 4509 Hazelnut Ct., Chantilly, VA 20151. Checks should be made out to NVMTA, stating Lodato scholarship in the memo area. Thank you all for your help.





## 2014 Ylda Novik Memorial Piano Concerto Competition

The 2014 YLDA NOVIK MEMORIAL PIANO CONCERTO COMPETITION was held on Saturday and Sunday, March 15 & 16 at the Steinway Gallery, North Bethesda, MD. There were 21 students enrolled in this year's competition, representing 13 studios. Five students were selected in each division to compete in the finals on Sunday.

This year's competition was underwritten by Paul Sekhri, a former student of Mrs. Novik.

**JUNIOR DIVISION:** 1st place - \$400 and Winner's trophy: Hana Wang (Sarratt)  
2nd place - \$200: Nathan Mo (Conway)  
Honorable Mention: Kevin Mo (Gramaticova)

**SENIOR DIVISION:** 1st place - \$600 and performance with the Capital City Symphony in the 2015-16 season: Eric Lin (Lee)  
2nd place - \$300: Evelyn Mo (Mastroianni)  
Honorable Mention: Brian Le (Breth)

Judges for the preliminaries were Jeongseon Choi (Junior Division), Wen-Yin Chan (Senior Division), Julee An and Bradford Gowen (Junior & Senior Divisions).

In the finals, the judges were Mayron Tsong (Junior Division), Victoria Gau (Senior Division), Martin Labazevitch and Charles Timbrell (Junior & Senior Divisions).

Grace McFarlane & Nancy O'Neill Breth (Co-Chairs)

Winner Eric Lin with Mrs. Sekhri



Winner Eric Lin with the judges: Martin Labazevitch, Charles Timbrell and Vicky Gau.

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