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# CAMTA Newsletter

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Dear CAMTA Members,

**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21st, 9:30 AM, at Plymouth Congregational Church.** The program will be “The Life, Music and Teaching Method of Frederic Chopin” by Suzanne Ambrose from the Bay Area Music Teachers Association. Suzanne will demonstrate the teaching of cross rhythms and ornamentation that Chopin used in his compositions. She will also be covering various exercises Chopin used with his students. Suzanne will be presenting from the following books:

CHOPIN SELECTED FAVORITES for the Piano, Willard Palmer, Editor, Alfred Masterworks, #611.

Nocturne in C# Minor (1830) posthumous.

CLEMENTI PRELUDES & EXERCISES, Vol. 376 (Schirmer)

CLEMENTI Gradus ad Parnassum, Vol. 780 (Schirmer)

The MSU Faculty and the Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit have recently made available several wonderful opportunities for CAMTA members and the Keel Competition winners: a Master Class, Brown Bag Recitals and a Monster Concert, all taking place April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>. See the announcement section for more details.

Our May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature a recital by CAMTA Members and award presentations. There are still a few spots open on the recital. Please contact me if you would like to perform. Immediately following the recital we will go to Champ's Restaurant in the Eastwood Town Center for our end-of-year luncheon.

I hope to see you at our meeting next week!

Sincerely,  
Tara Kollar  
President

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## **GERARDO ASCHERI TO RECEIVE AWARD**

**Gerardo Ascheri** will be receiving the **Educator of the Year Award** at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival to be held at Western Michigan University on May 8th, 2009. Since he was the **recipient of the Michigan Music Teachers Association's Distinguished Service Award for 2008**, the MMTA Executive Board nominated Gerardo for this prestigious award from the Michigan Youth Arts Association. Congratulations, Gerardo, and thank you for all your time and effort not only on behalf of CAMTA, but also for the many other organizations to which you belong. We greatly appreciate your tremendous dedication!

## **PIANO RECITAL**

Event: "Derek Polischuk plays the piano, for a long time"

Host: Derek Kealii Polischuk

Start Time: Thursday, April 16 at 7:30pm

End Time: Thursday, April 16 at 9:00pm

Where: Music Building Auditorium

\*This concert will include a premiere of "Tarantella" by Marjan Helms.

<http://events.msu.edu/main.php?view=event&eventid=1219204624579>

## **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Amber Redoutey had her baby!!**

It's a Girl!!!! Abigail Grace Redoutey was born on April 4, 2009 at 4:37 pm. She weighed 10 lbs. 1 oz and was 21 inches long! Mom is recovering well at home and looking forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting.

## **METROPOLITAN OPERA HDTV IN A THEATER NEAR YOU!**

These films are simulcast on selected Saturdays throughout the season, and usually repeated on a Wednesday one or two weeks later. The films are shown at Celebration Cinemas and Lansing Mall. There is a website: [www.metoperafamily.org](http://www.metoperafamily.org) where you can learn much more and purchase tickets. The last Opera in this season is "La Cenerentola" (AKA Cinderella) which is May 9. Speaking as a non-opera buff, I'd recommend the simulcasts to anyone and everyone. On April 19, there will be a documentary, full length, about the finals of the met search for new singers.

Submitted by, Bernie Straney

## CALENDAR

- April 21 CAMTA Meeting, 9:30 AM, Plymouth Congregational  
Suzanne Ambrose, "*The Life, Music and Teaching Method of Chopin*"  
NCTM, Bay Area Music Teachers Association
- April 28 MSU Piano Faculty Master Class with Keel Competition Winners  
10:00 AM – noon, MSU Demonstration Hall
- May 3 MSU Monster Piano Concert  
Featuring MSU Piano Faculty and Keel Competition Winners  
3:00 PM, Wharton Center
- April 29-May 1 Brown Bag Concerts on Steinway pianos  
Noon-1:00 PM, MSU Demonstration Hall
- May 12 CAMTA Meeting: Program featuring CAMTA Teachers.  
Luncheon immediately following at Champp's Restaurant  
In Eastwood Town Center

## CAMTA Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2009

Plymouth Congregational Church, Lansing

The Meeting was called to order by President Tara Kollar. Prelude music was played by Marie Black and her friend Hari Kern. Visitors introduced were Marie Bruey's guest, Jane Case from Napoleon, Wilbur Miller, Steinway Representative, and Ben Hassenger, who is running a summer song writing program for ages 8-12 in Lansing. .

Delaine Counsellor made a motion to approve the February minutes and Penny Draper seconded the motion. Minutes approved as printed in the February Newsletter.

CAMTA teachers are being asked to perform at the May meeting. First place winners of the Keel Competition will be performing at Wharton Center before the Monster Piano Concert in May.

Gail Lira reported to Tara that Phyllis Grunewald is dealing with health issues and is scheduled for eye surgery today.

CAMTA's April meeting will be the third Tuesday of the month, April 21. The featured speaker will be Suzanne Ambrose whose topic is "*Interpretation Through the Works of Chopin.*"

Treasurer Amber Redoutey gave the account balances: Checking \$4,967.85 and Savings \$2,462.10. The Yearbook made a profit of \$533.23, which is up from last year. Amber needs all receipts as soon as possible. Flagstar Bank is offering 2.75% for one year renewal of CAMTA's CD account.

Corresponding Secretary Kim Huston needs announcements for the newsletter. Her deadline is April 10.

Tara reported that the Keel Competition went well. She asked for suggestions to use at next year's event. She estimated there were 50-55 participants.

Penny Draper said there are fewer students and teachers signed up for SAT this year. She is in need of a morning door monitor and needs afternoon help with filing. Students can be used as runners. She needs three tape recorders. Stuart Foster is preparing the aural testing recordings. Two helpers are needed for the used music sale at SAT. Only newer music is being accepted for the sale.

Marie Black would like to host an at home featuring two-piano literature in early May.

Tara will be sending application forms via e-mail for incentive awards. Four \$50 awards are available. There are usually only a few applicants, so apply for your deserving students.

Wilbur Miller from Steinway is promoting their pianos during the week of the Monster Piano Concert at Wharton Center, May 3, 2009, at 3 p.m., and wants to promote CAMTA also.

Delaine reported that the Denise and Organ Scholarship awards were recently presented.

The March board meeting will be held at Okemos Schuler's Cafe on March 17, at 9:30 a.m. Kathy Richardson will be filling the position of past president.

Barbara Collins from Port Huron presented a wonderfully creative program featuring activities to use at group music lessons.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dianne Klinger  
Recording Secretary



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