
CAMTA Newsletter

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Capital Area Music Teachers Association

March 2009

Dear CAMTA Members,

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 10th, 9:30 AM, at Plymouth Congregational Church.

The presentation will be “**Group Class Activities**” with **Barbara Collins**. Barbara is a Nationally Certified member of the Port Huron Music Teachers Association. Her program will explore some of the benefits of group lessons, ideas for scheduling busy students into a group, and lots of ideas for a variety of activities that keep group classes fun and educational. We'll look at performance ideas, active listening skills, games and activities to strengthen theory and aural topics, music history projects, and keyboard ensembles. There will be many resources to look at and ideas to help you get your own creativity going to see how you might be able to use these in your own studio situation.

We are still in need of a substitute for our treasurer, Amber Redoutey! Amber's baby is due at the end of March so we need to fill this position quickly. Since Amber's term is ending in May, we're hoping to find someone who is also willing to continue as Treasurer next year. In doing so, Amber will be able to train her successor during her maternity leave. Please let me know if you are willing to take on this position.

Thank you to Deb Pajtas, Meghan Schaut and Elaine Yanz who served on the Keel Competition Committee this year. I greatly appreciate all they have done to help with the competition! Thank you, as well, to all of the volunteers who worked and donated food on the day of the competition. We couldn't have done it without you! A list of all the winners can be found later in this newsletter. A new opportunity has arisen for our competition winners this year, thanks to Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit and MSU's piano faculty. **The first place winners of the Keel Competition will be performing at the Wharton Center Great Hall on Sun. May 3rd in conjunction with MSU's 8x88 Monster Concert.** Details will be announced as they unfold.

A big thank you also goes out to Penny Draper and her SAT Committee. This is a huge undertaking and we appreciate their time and efforts very much. **SAT Day will be at MSU on March 14 for piano and March 15 for Voice.** Penny will be covering last minute details for SAT at the March 10th meeting.

I hope to see you at our meeting next week!

Sincerely,
Tara Kollar
President

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2009 Eileen Keel Sonatina Competition Winners

Through 4th Grade

Rachel Symanzek, First Place \$75.00
(student of Derek Polischuk)

Beverly Fu, Second Place \$50.00
(student of Claire Tang)

Meredith Edwards, Honorable Mention
(student of Tara Kollar)

Sandor Magyar, Honorable Mention
(student of Derek Polischuk)

5th – 6th Grade

Nolan Feeny, First Place \$100.00
(student of Derek Polischuk)

Derek Edwards, Second Place \$75.00
(student of Tara Kollar)

Julien Bazin, Honorable Mention
(student of Claire Tang)

Sean Anderson, Honorable Mention
(student of Meghan Schaut)

7th – 8th Grade

Colin McCornack, First Place \$125.00
(student of Meghan Schaut)

Megan Cloutier, Second Place \$100.00
(student of Tara Kollar)

Ashley Hedlund, Honorable Mention
(student of Tara Kollar)

2009 Eileen Keel Sonata Competition Winners

Through 8th Grade

Augusto Suarez, First Place \$150.00
(student of Meghan Schaut)

Noah Symanzek, Second Place \$125.00
(student of Derek Polischuk)

Nitish Pahwa, Honorable Mention
(student of Barb Miller)

Shannon Wang, Honorable Mention
(student of Meghan Schaut)

9th – 10th Grade

Albie Feeny, First Place \$175.00
(student of Derek Polischuk)

Isabel Kwon, Second Place \$150.00
(student of Meghan Schaut)

Kevin Allswede, Honorable Mention
(student of Gerardo Ascheri)

Vivian Liu, Honorable Mention
(student of Derek Polischuk)

Anna Zhao, Honorable Mention
(student of Claire Tang)

11th – 12th Grade

Ethan Holmes, First Place \$200.00
(student of Penny Draper)

Whitney Hwang, Second Place \$175.00
(student of Liudmila Bondar)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dear CAMTA Members,

I would like to thank all of you for the lovely cards & many phone calls during my recent "broken arm" episode. You are a wonderfully, supportive group & you are appreciated!!

Warmest Regards,

Barb Miller

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER
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If you have receipts for anything that needs to be reimbursed, PLEASE bring them to the March meeting. I would like to have as much as I can taken care of before the end of March. So, look through your purses and wallets for those receipts that haven't been turned in. Anything that happens after the March meeting (SAT!), please turn in your receipts to me that day or asap. You will get your money back sooner and I can get my job done more efficiently! Thanks so much!

Amber Redoutey

PERFORMANCE

Dear Camta members:

I will be giving a chamber recital with a Russian violinist (Larisa Mageramova) on Saturday March 21st, 8:00pm, at MSU College of Music, Music Building Auditorium. The admission is free. We will perform Sonatas for violin and piano by Cesar Franck, Robert Schumann and Karen Huchaturian. Wonderful sonatas! I hope many of can come and enjoy. Our recital is also listed in the MSU College of Music event calendar, under Guest Artist Recital category if anyone wants to look it up at their web site: <http://www.music.msu.edu/events/>

Thank you in advance for posting.

Claire Tang

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CAMTA Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2009
Plymouth Congregational Church

The meeting was called to order by President Tara Kollar. Penny Draper played prelude music, a Chopin Nocturne. Visitors were introduced: Lee Wallace, Rebecca Ogradowski (a returning visitor), Dorthea Fields and Wilbur Miller.

Gerardo Ascheri made a motion to approve minutes from the January 13 meeting. Kathy Richardson seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

Penny reported that Phyllis Grunewald is dealing with serious health issues. A get well card was circulated for Barb Miller who is recovering from surgery on a broken arm. A sympathy card was also signed to send to Bernie Straney who recently lost her husband.

Tara reminded members to check the table near the entrance for information. The March meeting presenter will be Barbara Collins from Port Huron on the subject of group activities.

Treasurer Amber Redoutey gave her report. Savings account balance is \$2,462.10 and checking account balance is \$4,724.69. Total interest accrued for 2008 was \$562.88. Amber is looking for a place to renew CAMTA's \$10,000 CD. E-mail her if you have suggestions. Please send any receipts to Amber as soon as possible. CAMTA continues to seek a replacement for her - someone who can start early so Amber can train before her new baby arrives.

Corresponding Secretary Kim Huston has a March 1 deadline for the next newsletter. Kim's e-mail address in the booklet is incorrect. It should read *kimahuston@gmail.com*.

Under old business, Deb Pajtas has sufficient workers for the Keel Competition. She will e-mail those who have volunteered to confirm all information.

Penny needs a trophy chair for SAT. In March she will be asking for tape recorders to use during testing. Kim will help with the used music sale. We have plenty of music for the sale but will still accept any relatively new materials. SAT dates are March 14 for piano and March 15 for voice. The sale will run only during the piano testing. Two additional people are needed to help with the sale.

Marie Black reported on the recent At Home. Penny and Kathy presented some good information on SAT, useful for new and returning teachers. Marie offered to host an April At Home featuring two-piano literature.

Cindy Edgerton gave an especially informative talk on *Music Lessons for People with Special Needs*.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Dianne Klinger
Recording Secretary

CALENDAR

March 10	CAMTA Meeting: "Group Class Activities" Barbara Collins, NCTM, Port Huron Music Teachers Association. 9:30 a.m., Plymouth Congregational Church
March 14	Local Student Achievement Testing (Piano), MSU
March 15	Local Student Achievement Testing (Voice), MSU
TBD	CAMTA Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Okemos Schuler's
March 28, 29	NCMF Federation Festival, MSU Community Music School
March 28	MSBOA High School State Solo/Ensemble (Instrumental)
March 28 - April 1	MTNA National Conference Atlanta, Georgia Information at www.mtna.org