
CAMTA Newsletter

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Capital Area Music Teachers Association

Nov. 2008

Dear CAMTA Members,

Our next meeting will be held **Tues, Nov. 11th, 9:30 AM at Plymouth Congregational Church.** Dr. Sheryl Iott from Grand Rapids Community College will be conducting a unique style of masterclass. Her approach will be different from most masterclasses in that she will be sharing techniques used when presenting new literature. The participating students will have been working on their pieces for just a few weeks. The pieces to be covered are:

Franz Liszt's Concert-etude "La Leggierezza"

Beethoven's Sonata Op. 49 No. 2, Allegro, ma non troppo

I would like to encourage each of you to **bring a guest to our meeting next week.** We will be giving away **door prizes at the end of the meeting!** There's just one catch: the prizes will only given to new visitors and/or to those members who bring a guest. The door prizes are.....well, you'll just have to come to the meeting and find out for yourself!

Yearbooks will be available at the meeting for those of you who have not picked up your copy yet. If you cannot attend the meeting please try and make arrangements for someone to pick it up for you. In doing so, you will save CAMTA some unnecessary postage. (It costs approximately \$2.00 to mail one yearbook.)

I look forward to seeing you (and your guest) next week!

Sincerely,
Tara Kollar
President

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NOVEMBER 2008

- Nov. 11 **CAMTA Meeting: *Masterclass Presenting New Literature***
 Sheri Iott, Grand Rapids Community College Faculty
 9:30 AM, Plymouth Congregational Church
- Nov. 15 MSBOA Middle School District 8 Solo/Ensemble Festival (Instrumental)

(No CAMTA Board Meeting in Nov.)

DECEMBER 2008

(No CAMTA Meeting in Dec.)

- Dec. 9 CAMTA Board Meeting, 11:00 AM at Bravo's, Eastwood Town Center
- Dec. 14 MMTA Concerto Competition, Application Deadline

JANUARY 2009

- Jan 13 **CAMTA Meeting: "*Transition into Intermediate Literature*"**
 Gerardo Ascheri, D.M.A., and NCTM
 9:30 AM, Plymouth Congregational Church
- Jan. 16 Applications for Keel Competition Due
- Jan. 16-18 East Central Division Competition
 Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant
- Jan. 27 CAMTA Board Meeting, 9:30 Okemos Schuler's
- Jan. 30-31 MSVMA High School Vocal District 8 Solo/Ensemble Festival

FEBRUARY 2009

- Feb. 3 MMTA Concerto Competition, MSU College of Music
- Feb. 7 MSBOA District 8 High School Solo/Ensemble Festival (Instrumental)
- Feb. 10 **CAMTA Meeting:**
"Strategies for Success: Music Lessons for People with Special Needs"
 Cindy Edgerton, Director, Music Therapy Clinical Services
 At MSU Community Music School
 9:30 AM, Plymouth Congregational Church
- Feb. 16 Applications for Eileen Keel Sonatina/Sonata Competitions Due

Feb. 28

Eileen Keel Sonatina/Sonata Competition
MSU Community Music School
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you so much to Kathy and Carl Richardson for the home circle on Nov. 4th about computer usage for piano teachers. We learned a lot about using spreadsheets, new fonts, and form letters to make our business more efficient and up to date. The tax information was also very helpful. Much appreciation to Kathy for inviting us into her home for this event!

ALTERNATE MEETING LOCATION

First United Methodist Church
3827 Delta River Drive, Lansing 48906 **(Green Roof)**
517-321-5187

- Travel westbound on I-496, approximately 8 miles west of US-127.
- Take Exit No. 3, Waverly Road.
- Turn right onto Waverly Rd. and travel northbound for 2.7 miles.
- The church is on the right hand side, on the southeast corner of Waverly/Delta River Dr.

Members will be contacted by phone and/or email in the event our meeting location has to be changed due to a funeral, power-outage, etc. at Plymouth Congregational.

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CAMTA MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2008

Plymouth Congregational Church

The meeting was called to order by CAMTA president Tara Kollar. Two corrections

Were made to the minutes from the September 9 meeting: Regarding the budget, Scholarship total is \$1,700, and Marie Black is chairman of at home circles. Penny Draper made a motion to

approve the minutes as corrected. Kathy Richardson seconded the motion. Minutes approved as

corrected.

CAMTA is still in need of a vice president. Tara asked if someone would be willing to

organize the prelude music before each regular meeting. **Marina Ionescu offered to handle the**

Prelude performances. Her phone number is 586-292-3679 for those who wish to sign up.

Beverly Brouwer accepted the position as publicity chair.

The State Conference starts at noon on Sunday, October 12 and closes at noon on Tuesday, October 14. Those still interested in attending may register at the door. There is further information on the state website: michiganmusicteachers.org/news.html. Tara collected some donations for the Conference raffle.

Penny announced that there would be a breakout session at Conference on Sunday,

At 2:30 p.m. on Student Achievement Testing, including updates on the sight-reading and technique segments.

Speaker for the November 11 CAMTA meeting will be Sheri Iott from Grand Rapids Community College. She will present a master class with a different format: presenting new

Pieces to three students. Please contact Tara if you have an early intermediate, intermediate or

advanced student who would be able to handle this approach.

Amber Redoutey gave the treasurer's report: **Checking account balance - \$5,565.25**, and **Savings account balance - \$4,690.46**.

Kim Huston set Monday, November 3, as the deadline for getting information to her to be included in the November newsletter. **Tara reminded members to check the October newsletter for corrections to the new yearbook - especially dates.**

Under old business, the discussion about Keel Competition requirement changes has been closed.

Kathy asked for input on the subject of *Computer Automation for Music Teachers*, which her husband will present Tuesday, November 4, at 9:30 at her Okemos home. Teachers were most interested in newsletter format, billing, mail merge letters, making charts, spreadsheets for income and expenses, software, and hooking computer to TV. Kathy has

wireless internet and invites attendees to bring their laptops to the meeting.

In answer to a question about ear training for students, the following sites were mentioned: Piano Education Page, Practice Spot.Com, Google Search.

Marie Black is willing to host an at home on two-piano literature if there is interest.

Marie discussed the permanent scholarship her son and his wife set up at Michigan State University in her name. Donations to the

fund provide a 50 per cent credit on Michigan Income Tax. The scholarship is for students of the School of Music with financial need. Marie will be deciding other details in the near future.

Mary Siciliano presented a most inspiring and enriching lecture on *Developing Sensitivity and Style*.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianne Klinger

Recording Secretary