
CAMTA Newsletter

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Capital Area Music Teachers Association

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Dear CAMTA Members,

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our September meeting. Many thanks, as well, to our yearbook chairperson, Gerardo Ascheri, for producing yet another wonderful yearbook! While going over our yearbooks, we noticed a few corrections that were necessary in the calendar. Please take a look at the **2008-09 calendar** that is included later in this newsletter. There are a few dates that you will want to correct in your yearbook.

Our next meeting will be 9:30 AM, Tuesday, October 7th at Plymouth Congregational Church. The presentation will be “Developing Sensitivity and Style” by Mary Siciliano. She will give many teaching techniques through the standard intermediate repertoire. We will discuss balance, melodic shape, pedaling, articulation, meter, and passagework.

Mary Siciliano is a distinguished pianist, clinician, and teacher from the Detroit area. She performs frequently as a soloist, accompanist, and chamber musician. She has given masterclasses, workshops, and lectures throughout the United States and Canada. Mary received her Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance from Michigan State University and the Master of Music degree from the University of Michigan. She is currently an adjunct professor of piano at Oakland University. Mary has been honored as “Teacher of the Year” by the Detroit Musicians League, the Livonia Piano Teachers Forum, the Michigan Youth Arts Council, and the Michigan Music Teachers Association.

I hope you can join us for this presentation. Mary Siciliano’s presentations are always a wealth of information and very well received. You won’t want to miss this!

Sincerely,
Tara Kollar
President

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CAMTA CALENDAR 2008-09

SEPTEMBER 2008

Sept. 9, 2008 **CAMTA Meeting: *Opportunities Available through CAMTA***

CAMTA Panel

9:30 AM, Plymouth Congregational Church

Sept. 23 CAMTA Board Meeting, 9:30 AM Okemos Schuler's

Sept. 30 Advance registration for MMTA State Conference due.
Registration form at: www.michiganmusicteachers.org

Contact: Adrienne Wiley Wiley1ae@cmich.edu
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OCTOBER 2008

Oct. 7 **CAMTA Meeting: "*Developing Sensitivity and Style*"**

Mary Siciliano, Oakland University Faculty

9:30 AM, Plymouth Congregational Church

Oct. 12-14 MMTA State Conference, Grand Rapids, MI

Oct. 21 CAMTA Board Meeting, 9:30 AM Okemos Schuler's

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., 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, MSU CMS
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

(No Board Meeting in Feb.)

MARCH 2009

March 10 **CAMTA Meeting: “Group Class Activities”**
Barbara Collins, NCTM, Port Huron Music Teachers Assoc.

9:30 AM, Plymouth Congregational Church

Sat. March 14 Local Student Achievement Testing (Piano), MSU

Sun. March 15 Local Student Achievement Testing (Voice), MSU

March 24 CAMTA Board Meeting, 9:30 Okemos Schuler’s

March 28, 29 NFMC Jr. Federation Festival,
MSU Community Music School

March 28 MSBOA High School State Solo/Ensemble (Instrumental)

March 28 – April 1 MTNA National Conference; Atlanta, Georgia
Info: www.mtna.org

APRIL 2009

April 18 SAT Central Division Piano Semi-finals
(Location TBD)

April 18 MSVMA High School State Vocal Solo/Ensemble Festival

April 21 **CAMTA Meeting:**
“Frederic Chopin – His Life, Music and Teaching Theories”
Suzanne Ambrose, NCTM, Bay Area Music Teachers Assoc.
9:30 AM, Plymouth Congregational Church

April 28 CAMTA Board Meeting, 9:30 Okemos Schuler’s

MAY 2009

TBD CAMTA Ensemble Festival, MSU Community Music School

May 2 SAT Piano and Voice finals, MSU School of Music

May 12 **CAMTA Meeting:** *CAMTA Scholarship Winners Recital*
9:30 AM, Plymouth Congregational Church

Luncheon following recital (location TBA)

JUNE 2009

June 1 MTNA Dues Deadline

June 2 CAMTA Board Meeting, 9:30 AM at Tara Kollar's Residence

JULY 2009

TBD CAMTA Piano Teachers' Summer Workshop

Announcements

HOME CIRCLE:

The date for our first At-Home Circle is November 4. It will be held at Kathy Richardson's house: 2166 Butternut, Okemos, 48864 at 9:30 A.M. The meeting will be conducted by Kathy's husband who knows more about computers and their use than most of us all together!

He will help us with home use for teaching and business. Let's all learn!
...Marie Black

TEACHING RESOURCES, MSU

I wonder if you wouldn't mind including a link in the newsletter to a piano teaching blog I recently started? michiganstatepianopedagogy.blogspot.com
I think it may be an interesting resource for CAMTA members.

Derek

Derek Kealii Polischuk, D.M.A. MSU faculty

SAT Announcements

MMTA Dues

A reminder that all teachers entering students in the 2009 SAT Program must have paid national and state dues by November 1, 2008. An exception will be made for new MMTA members. The MMTA Board of Directors has approved this membership deadline requirement.

SAT Breakout Session at 2008 MMTA Conference

The piano committee has chosen "Judging Technique and Sight-Reading" as the topic for the SAT Breakout Session at the 2008 MMTA Conference (2:30-3:15 p.m. on Sunday, October 12). For that session CAMTA member Gail Lytle Lira will play an SAT sight-reading test to varying degrees of proficiency (this could be somewhat entertaining). Following each "rendition," the criteria for the resulting score will be discussed. The session will include the instructions prepared for adjudicators of sight-reading and technique, and should be a valuable review for teachers who enter students in the SAT program.

SAT Sight-Reading Exam

At the June meeting the Piano Test committee added a one-minute preparation for transposition AFTER the student has played the sight-reading in the original key. (This is in addition to the two minutes of preparation before the sight-reading is played.)

Penny Draper
SAT Coordinator

CAMTA Meeting Minutes:

September 9, 2008

Plymouth Congregational Church

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by President Tara Kollar. Delaine Counseller made a motion that the May 13 minutes be approved as written. Gerardo Ascheri seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

New teachers attending were: Jaime Teichmer, Megan Nyquist, Marina Iowescu and Carmen Karkau (returning member!!!).

Tara announced that we still have a vacancy on the board for Vice President. We will not be having performances before meetings this year; this was the responsibility of the VP. State Conference fee deadline is September 30. The MMTA Conference is being held in Grand Rapids, October 12-14.

Please bring raffle items to the October CAMTA meeting for the State Conference:

recordings, CD's, paintings, store-donated musical gifts.

Proceeds from this raffle go to the National (MTNA) Foundation.

An alternate location for meetings in the event of inclement weather will be announced in October.

Amber Redoutey gave the treasurer's report. Checking Account: \$4,842.11 and Savings: \$4,690.46.

Please check the budget in the September Newsletter. New: addition of the Summer Workshop to CAMTA's budget. MTNA received \$1,000 in memory of Eileen Keel. Program presenters now receive \$.40 per mile of travel to CAMTA meetings. CD for scholarships is \$10,000 and \$500 is allotted for awards from interest and profits.

Kathy Richardson made a motion to approve the budget as printed. Barb Miller seconded the motion. Budget approved as printed.

Alix Jenkins audited the financial records this summer and found them to be in order.

Amber is expecting her second child in April 2009!!!.

Corresponding Secretary Kim Huston needs materials for the next newsletter by September 25-26. Keep Kim posted if you change your e-mail address. All members present today received the newsletter via e-mail (19 people).

Gail Lira reported on the Summer Workshop. Attendance was 47 this year. CAMTA has given an honorarium to Derek Polischuk for his outstanding performance, presentation and willingness to host the out-of-state speaker and have an after workshop party! Thank you so much to Derek.

The venue at Okemos Presbyterian Church was much, much better for the workshop and one day seemed to work just fine. Plans are to continue with the same format for next summer.

Gerardo reported on the CAMTA yearbook. The advertising amassed \$755 for

CAMTA! The cost of the yearbook was \$158. We did make several corrections to dates in the yearbook and added some e-mail addresses. Joan Wierzba is now the president of LMM (following Sandra Joseph as printed in the new CAMTA yearbook.)

Gerardo announced a performance with Sam Spurbeck, September 20, at Molly Grove Chapel, at 3 p.m. The program will include works by Schubert, Chrysler and Prokofiev.

The meeting ran late due to a discussion regarding proposed attendance requirements for all teachers participating in the Eileen Keel Scholarship Piano Competition, which was tabled.

Instead of discussion circles, we had chair people stand up and give a brief talk about: CAMTA, MMTA, at-home circles, Keel Competition, SAT, and State Certification. Marie Bruvey has graciously offered to chair at-home circles this 2008-09 year.

Tara adjourned the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Huston
Corresponding Secretary and**

**Dianne Klinger
Recording Secretary**