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President's Corner

I would like to recognize all the members who worked so hard on our Adjudications, Convention Honors Recital Competition, and Honors Recitals - they did a fantastic job and everything seemed to go really smoothly this year. THANK YOU for making that happen, Mary Jo Wright, Sue Dick, Mary Jane Clarke, Linda Lovinger, Gordon Miller, Heidi Ritchey, Kira Theine, Lisa Pike, Krystal Shoop and anyone else I may have inadvertently omitted mentioning. You are all appreciated so much!

Anyone wishing to apply for a student to play at the Masterclasses at the WSMTA Conference at WSU June 25-29 should check WSMTAoffice@comcast.net. There is an April 15 deadline.

Our April meeting will be at Yenney's on April 17 and there is a change in the program - we will not be having a program on Bartok, but will instead be addressing some very important issues affecting our chapter, hopefully with a lot of input from members. PLEASE COME! It should be fun and very informative.

A reminder to recently elected Board Members - you must attend 2 Board meetings before the June installation, which means April and May since that's all we have left!

I have not received ANY reports from chair people on chapter projects in 2006-2007. Every committee chair needs to do something about this. Also, please be getting job description notebooks ready to turn over to the new officers and chair people at the June luncheon.

Brooke Beecher, President

April Meeting Program

April 17th OMTA Meeting will be held at Yenney's and will start promptly at 10 am.

Please come as this is an informative and valuable meeting for everyone!

We're entitling it "Have it your way---tell us what you want!" We'd like to discuss and have input re: future OMTA programs, monthly meetings, opportunities, etc. Everyone's input is valuable and so please attend this month!!!

We will also be passing around sign up sheets and would like to have everyone sign up to be on a Committee (your choice) next year! Let's have total involvement in our Organization!

Thanks, Jan Rowen Music (President Elect. and this Year's Program Chair)

Announcing the 2007 WSMTA Conference Honors Recital Competition Winners

Congratulations!!!

First Place: #7 ~ Aaron Chen, student of Brooke Beecher

Second Place: #4 ~ Matthew Pouw, student of Brooke Beecher

First Alternate: #3 ~ Rachelle Gensolin, student of Nancy Adsit

Second Alternate: #16 ~ Jonathan Spatola-Knoll, student of Mary Jane Clarke

Honorable Mention ~ Unranked

#12 ~ Andrew Hou, student of Carol Crawford

#18 ~ Ben Watson, student of Nancy Adsit

#6 ~ Mia Nafziger, student of Brooke Beecher

#13 ~ Will Wertjes, student of Carol Crawford

#17 ~ Karlee Cohen, student of Mary Jane Clarke

Thanks to all of the teachers who participated in this year's recital competition. It was a WONDERFUL recital!

Sue Dick, Chair

Program Opportunity

The Well Prepared Pianist Institute, Seattle Center, is currently enrolling teachers for 2007 - 2008 classes. Program details can be found at <http://www.wppinstitute.com/>. Classes will begin mid-June, and it's desirable to get your enrollment in by May 1st.

Steinway & Sons is underwriting East Coast Steinway dealer Jordan-Kitts and West Coast Sherman-Clay as host WPPI centers. This means that eventually, there will be WPPI teacher training centers in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, LA, Las Vegas, etc. This also means that if your spouse's work demands a relocation, it will be possible for you to continue the program at another nearby center.

You may contact John Van der Brook for further details (459-1546) or contact the Seattle Center coordinator directly, Ms. Suzanne Gillman, at viva88@centurytel.net.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

****Asterisk signifies the event is held at Yenney's Music at 10 AM***

- Apr 17* Chapter Meeting at Yenneys
- May 8* Chapter Meeting at Yenneys, Place TBA
- May 8 Jazz/Pop/Blues Student Recital, 7 PM, Place TBA
- June 12 Chapter Meeting and potluck luncheon: Place TBA
- June 26-29 WSMTA State Convention at WSU

Please remember to not wear strong scents (perfumes, oils, body lotions, etc.) to our meetings due to the sensitivities of some of our members. Thank you.