

# The Enquiring Music Teacher

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## President's Corner

As we enter into this very special and beautiful time of the year, I'd like to wish each one of you a Happy Holiday Season and very Merry Christmas. As I watched my own students perform in our annual Christmas Piano Recital yesterday, I was once again reminded of the important role music plays in this time of the year! I'm sure that each of you as teachers of music joins me in the joy of being part of the music making in this happy season.

I am looking forward to our annual Christmas Luncheon at Mercato's on December 11. Let's have a great turn out from our Chapter as we will be having our State President there as a special guest. Please call or email Peggy Austin with your RSVP if you have not already done so. This is a great opportunity to relax and visit in a lovely environment and enjoy one another's company!

See you soon---

President Jan Rowen Music

## Master Classes January 25-27 with Dr. Jeanine Jacobson and Sandra Palmer

Winter Master Classes dates are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday on January 25th, 26th, and 27th, 2008. We are looking forward to having Dr. Jeanine Jacobson and Sandra Palmer as our guest teachers that week-end. This is somewhat different than the calendar dates in our OMTA Directory, so please make a note of this change. The decision has been made to have both Master Teachers in fall and winter on the same week-end. It makes for a busy time, but ties up fewer week-ends! Our Master Teachers can teach either/ or both levels of students which will make it convenient for everybody.

Sign-up will be available at our December meeting times or may be called in to Cherie Felts at (360) 491-5452 or e-mailed to [jscffelts@comcast.net](mailto:jscffelts@comcast.net). Master Classes schedules will be mailed to participating teachers in mid-December and will include fee totals for each of you. Fees are due by January 8<sup>th</sup> (payable to OMTA) at the December meeting, or mailed to Cherie by that date. Thank you to those of you that are opening your studio for this Chapter project!

## Adjudications:

*It's "that most wonderful time of the year" when we are starting to think about adjudications, so please read the following information carefully!*

All teachers participating in Adjudications for the piano PLEASE e-mail Sue Dick by December 5 at [sue\\_b\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:sue_b_d@hotmail.com) with the approximate number of students that you will have participating in adjudications. (If you do not have e-mail access, call at 943-9800.) This way we can be sure to have enough adjudicator time assigned for all of our students.

PLEASE NOTE: If you had students in adjudications last year, I will have a packet for you. If you did not participate in adjudications last year but want to this year, contact Sue Dick at 943-9800 or [sue\\_b\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:sue_b_d@hotmail.com) to get a packet for you.

The timeline for adjudications is as follows:

**December 11, 2007** - Packets are passed out at the December luncheon. If you are not at the luncheon, packets with your name on them will be in the teacher's box at Yenney's after 2:00 p.m. on December 11.

**January 8, 2008** - Deadline date for submitting registration forms with your checks. If you do not plan to attend the meeting you will be expected to deliver it in person to Yenneys or to Sue's home by this date.

**Mid-February** - Sue will e-mail or call all participating teachers when Adjudication schedules are available at Yenneys.

**March 3-8** - Adjudications at United Churches

**March 9** - Honors Recital

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Sue at 943-9800!

#### **Announcements:**

Clark County Chapter extends an invitation to a workshop on January 12, with Dr. Jeanine Jacobsen for the morning session entitled "My Student Just Won 1st Place!", and Clark Forester for the afternoon session on "What's Up Inside YOUR Piano?" For more information contact Clark County Chapter President Andrea Llafet at [parkandell@yahoo.com](mailto:parkandell@yahoo.com), or at 360-254-0880.

There is a new piano competition coming to Seattle and following was extracted from their announcement received recently via email. The new competition is called the Seattle International Piano Festival (SIPF) and it is an annual piano competition which invites both local and international pianists to share their talents and diverse musical backgrounds. Aside from the competition, the festival also features guest recitals, master classes and lectures presented by world-class performers. The SIPF strives to provide musical opportunities for all — listeners, piano instructors, and aspiring pianists alike. More information can be found on the website at: [www.seattlepiano.competition.org](http://www.seattlepiano.competition.org).

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#### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

- November 9-11, WSMTA Outstanding Artist Competition, EWU, Cheney
- November 9-11, MTNA Performance Competitions, Whitworth Univ., Spokane
- November 13, Chapter Meeting at Yenney's Music
- December 11, Chapter Holiday Luncheon, Mercato's

***\*\*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.\*\****