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President's Message

With autumn settling in and Thanksgiving just around the corner, I realize that November is a very active month for GMTA members. First, within a few days the 49th Annual SCMTA Conference and MTNA Competitions will be held at Converse College in Spartanburg. Let me encourage you to consider spending Friday attending this conference and gleaning from experienced pedagogues and performers. I've included Friday's schedule below for your convenience.

Secondly, our first Student Recital for the year is Sunday afternoon, November 15 at 3:00 p.m. in Pecknel Recital Hall. And, finally, we are pleased to welcome GMTA member Fabio Parrini as clinician for the November 17 GMTA master class.

The October GMTA meeting with GMTA member Ruby Morgan was a delight! She was able to articulate a multitude of pedagogical principles that we each needed reminded of and could also apply to our teaching that day. GMTA member and Student Recital Chair, Laura Korver, was especially helped by the thoughts that *"Students should direct rigorous attention to the composer's markings for correct (not approximate) playing"* as well as *"For secure memory work, strive to integrate the analytical and singing parts of the brain."*

GMTA member and Advertising Chair, Janice Flinte, reflects:

Ruby's lecture was a wonderful reminder of pedagogical sequencing. Also, her colorful descriptions of "life experiences" as they relate to problem-solving will be put to my immediate use. I had to chuckle when she compared chopping off notes of long duration to the cutting action of a guillotine. In spite of frequent reminders, my Haitian choirs are famous for this transgression! They will be instantly reminded of the error (and their own French history) in next month's music camp when I suddenly pull out a graphic of a guillotine when this occurs. Hopefully, a few "encounters" with the guillotine, and this problem will be severed permanently.

May all of your teaching be inspired as you seek to lead your students into being independent learners even this month!

Deanna C. Moore, President

November Meeting

Tuesday, November 20, 2009 — 10:00 a.m., Recital Hall, Pecknel Music Company

Master Class Showcase with Students of GMTA Members ~ Fabio Parrini
Fabio Parrini will work with students on aspects of their performances. Fabio is Professor of Music and Piano Coordinator at the Cline School of Music at North Greenville University. He collaborates with Keowee Chamber Music, is a

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COMING EVENTS

November 5-7
 49th Annual SCMTA Conference and MTNA Student Competitions
 Converse College
 Spartanburg, SC

November 11
 GMTA Student Recital Entry Deadline

November 15
 GMTA Student Recital

November 17
 GMTA Meeting
 Pecknel Music Company
 9:30 a.m. Refreshments
 10:00 a.m. Meeting
 Hospitality:
 Janice Flinte
 David Gross
 Dot Kelly

November 24
 CYS Concerto Competition,
 Furman University

November 30
 GMTA MTNA Competition Fund Application Deadline

January 15-18
 MTNA Southern Division Competitions
 Samford University
 Birmingham, AL

2010
 January 19
 GMTA Meeting, 10:00a.m.
 Pecknel Music Company
 Hospitality:
 Julie Carrier, Anne Cook, and Rita Hassig

January 25
 NFMC Jr. Festival Auditions,
 District I Application Deadline

January 31
 NFMC Festival Auditions,
 District II Application Deadline

February 6
 GMTA Annual Teachers Concert

Steinway Artist, an active performer, and has released solo and chamber music recordings. Details on his activities and a concert schedule can be found at www.fabioparrini.com.

Hospitality Committee: Janice Flinte, David Gross, and Dot Kelly

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49th Annual SCMTA Conference

The 49th Annual SCMTA Conference and MTNA Student Competitions will be held at Converse College in Spartanburg November 5-7. The guest artist will be Robert Weirich and the guest clinician will be Dennis Alexander. Visit scmta.org for the complete schedule of events, guest artist/clinician information, and registration information. It may be a very practical idea for Greenville area members to carpool to attend Friday sessions. The cost for Friday-only registration is \$50 for members. A snap-shot look at Friday, November 6 is as follows:

- 9:00 am Dennis Alexander: Developing Artistry through Color, Choreography, and Characterization, Part I
- 10:45 am Dennis Alexander: Developing Artistry through Color, Choreography, and Characterization, Part II
- 12:00 pm Members Luncheon
- 2:00 pm Dr. Robert Weirich: Ten Commandments of Technique
- 8:00 pm Conference Artist Recital: Dr. Robert Weirich, piano

GMTA Student Recital

Sunday, November 15 – 3:00p.m., Recital Hall, Pecknel Music Company

Our first Student Recital is Sunday, Nov. 15, 3:00 p.m. at Pecknel Music Co.

As you begin teaching again, be thinking of students who could benefit from an early “push” to perform at this event. Contact our new recital chair Laura Korver no later than Wednesday, Nov. 11 (lkorver@bju.edu or 233-2499). Be sure to provide complete information: student's name, age, level, instrument, title, composer, and length of selection. We wish each performer the best!

2009-2010 Yearbook Update

Please extend a heartfelt welcome to a new member Kathleen Robinson (violin)!

Her contact information is:

300 Bright Water Lane, Greenville, SC 29609, (864) 232-0175, ksr29@aol.com.

Lang-Lang Ticket Drawing

March 24, 2010, The Brooks Center, Clemson University

We have an exciting opportunity for all GMTA members this year. GMTA is purchasing two tickets (a \$176 value) to see international piano star Lang Lang performing Prokofiev's 3rd Concerto. Each and every time you fully attend a GMTA meeting, you may enter and re-enter your name in a 'draw.' We will hold onto all the names until our January 19th meeting when we will pick the winner who will receive two tickets to Lang Lang. For more information about the concert please see www.clemson.edu/Brooks/events/detail.php?ID=302.

Annual Teachers Concert

Saturday, February 6, 2010 – 7:00 p.m., Anglican Church of St. George the Martyr, 427 Batesville Road, Simpsonville

Our Annual GMTA Teachers Concert is February 6, 2010. Our emphasis this year is Teachers in Collaborative Performance, and teachers are welcome to collaborate with non-GMTA members. Solo performances are also welcome. We are excited to provide this opportunity for our members!



49th SCMTA Annual Conference
Converse College • Spartanburg, South Carolina

LANG LANG



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receive two tickets to Lang Lang's March 24 concert at
Clemson University.

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Next GMTA Meeting is November 20, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

