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President's Message

Happy New Year to all of our GMTA membership! I do hope that you all had a blessed Christmas season and a wonderful time with friends and family. During the second half of this school year there are many performance opportunities approaching. We begin with a chance to "practice what we preach" by performing with our students at the GMTA Performance Day at the Upcountry History Museum on Saturday, February 7. It will be a wonderful day for both performers and visitors of the community to hear what GMTA teachers and students are doing musically in the community.

Specifically for our students, there are the GMTA scholarships auditions (piano and non-piano), SCMTA District I auditions, SC Federation of Music Clubs Festival auditions, as well as National Piano Guild auditions. The GMTA Executive Board and local chairs have earnestly attempted to provide each member with the needed information to involve their students in these events. Please let us know if we may be of more assistance. I know many of us set aside a planning time at the beginning of the second semester to further plan ahead for the performance/technique requirements as well as the posted deadlines. Best wishes to you and your students!

Deanna Moore, President
GREENVILLE MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

January Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 — 11:00 a.m., Recital Hall, Pecknel Music Company

Bach and the Baroque Style ~ Ms. Sylvia Suzowsky

Sylvia Suzowsky, GMTA member, is formerly a music faculty member at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York. Ms. Suzowsky is staff pianist at Furman University and is a presenter/lecturer for Furman's Lifelong Learning Institute.

Read All About It . . .

GMTA Performance Day at the Upcountry History Museum
Saturday, February 7, 2009

GMTA is partnering with the Upcountry History Museum at Heritage Green (downtown Greenville) on Saturday, February 7 for a performance event for our community. This event combines the annual teacher's recital with the second student recital, both of which are normally held during February. Performances will begin at 11:00am and continue through the afternoon. All performers gain free admission for the day! Private studios as well as college studios are encouraged to participate!

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COMING EVENTS

January 16-19
MTNA Southern Division
Competitions
Virginia State University
Petersburg, VA

January 20
GMTA Meeting
Pecknel Music Co.

January 20 GMTA Day
Upcountry History Museum
Entry Deadline

February 7
GMTA Day
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February 17
GMTA Meeting
Pecknel Music Co.

March 1
GMTA
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Application Deadline

March 14
SCMTA District I Auditions
Application Deadline

March 17
GMTA Meeting
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March 18
GMTA Laurence Hamilton
Morton Memorial Piano
Scholarships Auditions
Application Deadline

March 28-April 1
MTNA Conference
Atlanta, GA

March 28
SCMTA District I
Pre-College Auditions
Furman University
Greenville, SC

April 18
GMTA Music
Scholarship Auditions

April 18
GMTA Laurence Hamilton
Morton Memorial Piano
Scholarships Auditions

GMTA desires teachers and students alike to perform - pianists, vocalists, and instrumentalists. The event will not be in typical recital format but excellent performances are still necessary.

We will schedule teachers and their students within a given time slot. If you have a preference within a certain hour, please indicate that in your entry. The deadline for entries for both teachers and students is Tuesday, January 20. Please send performer entries to Deanna Moore or Cindy Goodloe.

Piano Central is graciously donating the piano for the day and Kevin Adkins, GMTA advertiser, is donating a tuning for the event. Please show your gratitude by utilizing their services when possible. We look forward to a great day for both performers and visitors!

February Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2009 — 10:00 a.m.

Recital Hall, Pecknel Music Company

Technology for Teachers ~ Dr. Kenon D. Renfrow

Ken Renfrow, GMTA member, is Head of the Piano Pedagogy Department at Bob Jones University and is the author of numerous articles in leading music journals as well as the author of many piano publications. Previously, he was the Director of Keyboard Pedagogy at the University of Miami.

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SCFMC Deadlines and Auditions

Festival deadlines and auditions are just around the corner! Please contact the appropriate director with your questions: Deborah Freeman (Northwestern District I) or Janice Flinte (Northwestern District II).

SCMTA District I Auditions

Saturday, March 28, 2009

Held at Furman University, the SCMTA District I Auditions are scheduled for Saturday, March 28. Please consult page 23 of the GMTA Yearbook well as www.scmta.org for information on repertoire and theory/technique requirements. Note that the application deadline is March 14. District I Auditions chair Sherry Parrini will also be glad to answer any questions you may have.

March Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2009 — 10:00 a.m.

Recital Hall, Pecknel Music Company

Ligeti: Grand Illusionist ~ Dr. Deanna C. Moore

Deanna Moore, GMTA President, is a member of the piano and piano literature faculty at Bob Jones University.

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**In our own backyard! Plan to attend the
MTNA 2009 Annual Conference in Atlanta.
March 28-April 1**
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GMTA 2008-2009 Yearbook and Web Site Updates

We are delighted to welcome the new members listed below! Please add the following information to the membership listing in your yearbook. The membership roster is now available at greenvillemta.org under "Membership" and "Active." For your protection, the "Active" page is password protected. The username is your **membership number** and the password is your **last name**. Contact Elaine Donaldson at MTNA (edonaldson@mtna.org) if you have misplaced your membership card.

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