



Greenville MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Having just returned from the Music Teachers National Conference in Atlanta, I am full of pedagogical and performance ideas as well as organizational information that I am excited to share and discuss with my colleagues and my students. Organizationally, I was able to learn first-hand about the re-structuring of the MTNA Certification process, which will begin January 1, 2010. To give a simple description, teachers submit five self-study projects that are extremely practical in nature following very clear guidelines set up by the Certification Committee. While attending a local associations forum, I learned about an MTNA Matching Grant Program designed to assist local associations with financial support of workshops, master classes, as well as pilot projects. If you have ideas for such venues, please share those with me or any GMTA Executive Board member.

In the performance and pedagogy sessions, I gleaned much about modern music and techniques (a favorite concentration of mine), techniques of pedaling, techniques of expression, as well as practice tidbits from poster sessions. The excitement of both the organizational and the performance/pedagogy sessions culminated with the musical inspiration that emanated from Russian pianist Olga Kern as she performed the Rachmaninoff Sonata No. 2 on Tuesday evening. Her communication went beyond melodic, harmonic, and rhythmic understanding into true communication of thought and emotion. Bravo!

Deanna Moore, President
GREENVILLE MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

April Meeting

**Tuesday, April 21, 2009 — 10:00 a.m., Recital Hall, Pecknel Music Company
Annual Business Meeting - 2009-2011 Slate of Officers**

President: Deanna Moore
President-elect: Tim Arnold
Vice President of Programs: Cindy Goodloe
Vice President of Membership: Tim Arnold
Secretary: Margret Ann Swasey
Treasurer: Elaine Graybeal

*(A representation of at least 18 GMTA members
at this meeting will constitute a quorum.)*

Entrepreneurship for Musicians ~ Dr. Dylan Savage

Dr. Savage is a Bösendorfer Concert Artist and records on the Capstone Records label. His writings have appeared in Clavier, American Music Teacher, and Pianoforte magazines and in book form with Heritage Music Press. He is an Associate Professor of Piano at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte.

COMING EVENTS

April 18
GMTA Music
Scholarship Auditions

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GMTA Laurence Hamilton
Morton Memorial Piano
Scholarships Auditions

April 21
GMTA Meeting
Pecknel Music Co.

April 25
SCMTA
State Pre-College Auditions

April 27
GMTA
Student Honors Recital Entry
Deadline

May 3
GMTA Student Honors
Recital

May 11
GMTA Executive Board and
Committee Chairs Annual
Meeting

SCFMC Events

May 1-2
SCFMC Convention

May 2
SCFMC Junior Day

May 3-9
NFMC National Music Week

Special Note: Dr. Savage will be bringing copies of a book to which he contributed entitled *A Symposium for Pianists and Teachers: Strategies to Develop the Mind and Body for Optimal Performance*. Used as a text in graduate schools, the book provides teachers and performers with many valuable ideas and topics for discussion and thought. *If you are possibly interested in purchasing this text at the April meeting, you may contact Cindy Goodloe at grayghost7@earthlink.net.*

Read All About It . . .

GMTA Scholarship Auditions

GMTA Music Scholarships (*non-piano*) auditions will be held on Saturday, April 18 at Bob Jones University (*vocal*) and at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church (*instrumental*). Contact Rita Hassig, chair, with your questions: ritahassig@charter.net.

GMTA Laurence Hamilton Morton Memorial Piano Scholarships auditions will also be held on Saturday, April 18 at Bob Jones University. Contact Stephanie Davis, chair, with your questions: scolepiano@aol.com.

GMTA Student Honors Recital

Our final GMTA event will be held on Sunday, May 3 at the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities

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at 3:00 p.m. The recital will feature the scholarship winners from the GMTA Music Scholarships Auditions as well as the winners from the GMTA Laurence Hamilton Morton Memorial Piano Scholarships Auditions. Depending on the number of winners presented, GMTA teachers may submit other performers to Kuo-Pei Cheng-Lin. She will need each student's age, level, and instrument, as well as the title, composer, and length of each piece. Contact Kuo-Pei at 801-3520 or kuopei1@yahoo.com. Teachers of scholarship winners should also submit information concerning students' awards.

National Guild of Piano Teachers Auditions

Each spring the American College of Musicians sends adjudicators to sites across the country for the National Piano Guild auditions. Greenville has two audition sites available to you and your students. Ina Pegram (*Greenville*) has reported audition dates of April 29, May 8, and May 12-16. Sheri Mitchell (*Greenville-Eastside*) has reported audition dates of April 28-May 1. Please consult your GMTA yearbook for contact information for Ina, Sheri, or the National Guild headquarters.

GMTA Member and Immediate Past President Rita Hassig

Rita Hassig will perform on Sunday, April 26 at 7:15 pm at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church. Her program will include works by J.S. Bach, Marcel Dupre, and Louise Vierne on a 4-manual Johannus Rembrandt organ.

Clavier + Keyboard Companion = Clavier Companion

The new publication *Clavier Companion*, a merger of the former *Clavier* and *Keyboard Companion*, is offering a special group subscription (minimum five members) for local associations of \$20 per subscription (6 bi-monthly issues). A group subscription may begin at any time through the year and magazines will be mailed directly to each subscriber. If you are interested, please contact Deanna Moore (mooremusic1@juno.com or 884-7921).

Student Honors Recital

Sunday, May 3, 2009

3:00 p.m.

South Carolina Governor's School
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15 University Street, Greenville

