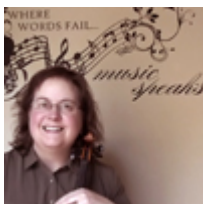


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Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

December 2019 News Digest - Find Full Event Details at our Website, kitsapmusicteachers.org.



President's Message

The Kitsap Young Musicians Festival was one for the record books this year, with a much larger number of students participating and more recitals than we have had for this event in quite some time. At the four recitals I attended, it seemed there was an almost even ratio of strings students to keyboard students, which is new in my experience and is partially due to some strings teachers participating for the first time. Several non-KMTA-member teachers also sent their students to play in the Festival. Thank you all for welcoming them in. I hope this will open some doors to wider participation in our events and maybe some new members too.

Huge thanks to Krista Seely for stepping in to head up this event, fresh off her tenure as WSMTA President. With the record registrations, it was a major effort to work out the scheduling. I am grateful to all of you for graciously working with the recital scheduling parameters, whether early or late in the day. Mary Grant helped tremendously in creating and managing the online registration and billing processes. And we are indebted to Joann Richardson for linking us up with the new venue this year at St. Antony of Egypt Church. I think we all agreed that the space and the piano were beautiful both visually and aurally, and provided a welcoming atmosphere for our young performers.

Thanks to all the teachers who helped with setup, manned the doors, handed out programs, moved the piano, MC'd the recitals, encouraged the students, directed traffic, and all the other efforts that were needed for the day. You rock!

December is upon us, the busiest time of the year for many musicians. As you schedule the annual onslaught of rehearsals, concerts, Kitsap Mall performances, studio recitals, and parties, please make time to come to our

annual KMTA merrymaking at Dianne Johnston's next Saturday the 7th. Bring your portable instrument (voices count!), a gift for the exchange, and some goodies to share. (There might be *krumkake*!) I hope to see you there!

Jane Melin

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association

From the VP: Meeting News



Christmas and music: a match made in heaven! (Literally! Think choirs of angels...)

What better way to celebrate the Christmas season as music teachers than to come together for music and fellowship!

Whether it's singing, piano, violin--or heck, even a triangle! All are welcome to join us for our KMTA Christmas party! This includes significant others and nonmember friends!

Our gathering will be this Saturday, December 7th at 7 p.m. at the home of Dianne Johnston: 6341 NE Early Dawn Lane, Poulsbo. As Jane mentioned, please bring your instrument(s) and music, something yummy to share, and a gift for the exchange.

Merry Christmas!

Laura Meredith

Vice-President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association

KMTA Christmas Party: You Are Invited!

Please join us at the KMTA annual Christmas party and music night Saturday night December 7th, at 7 pm! This special evening will take place at Dianne Johnston's home, located at 6341 NE Early Dawn Lane in Poulsbo. Your significant others and non-member friends are also invited. Bring a small gift (music-themed?!) for the exchange, an appetizer or dessert to share, Christmas music and/or instrument(s) of your choice, and an appetite for fun, music and fellowship among friends! Please RSVP to Dianne at diannej23@comcast.net so she knows you are coming. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Driving Directions:

6341 NE Early Dawn Lane, Poulsbo

Coming from Kingston/Hansville area, take Miller Bay Rd. towards Suquamish.

After the signal light at Gunderson continue about 1.25 miles passing NE Lincoln E (sign on left). Slow down at the “School Bus Stop Ahead” sign on right, then turn right at the triangle reflector on a telephone pole (NE Early Dawn Lane). Drive up the hill. The road curves to the left. Dianne is the 2nd house on the left, after the turn.

Coming from Poulsbo and south, take Bond Rd. towards Kingston. Turn right at the signal light onto Gunderson. Continue to the end of Gunderson. Turn right on Miller Bay Rd. and continue as above (1.25 miles to NE Early Dawn Lane).

From Bainbridge, take Hwy 305 toward Poulsbo. Turn right after the Agate Pass Bridge towards Suquamish. Continue on Suquamish Way through Suquamish, when it becomes Miller Bay Rd. Continue about 1.75 miles past Suquamish, passing Bay Marina on your right. Barrett (the street before Dianne’s) will be on your left. Then watch for the triangle reflector on the telephone pole on your left, which is NE Early Dawn Lane. Continue as above.

Piano Teachers: Register for MAP by Dec 15

Nowadays unless I make a Post-it note to myself or set a cellphone alarm, things don't get done in a timely manner. And for some reason, the time seems to fly even faster after Thanksgiving Day. Am I the only one feeling this way? For that reason, I am making myself register for Music Artistry Program earlier than usual. Even though the deadline is December 15, I am going to do it before December 5. I already received one registration with the chapter fee, which encouraged me greatly.

As I stated previously, the State office does not operate on weekends, and December 15 falls on Sunday this year. That means if you need help from the state office with a log-in problem, you need to be proactive and get in touch with them before December 12.

Thank you all for emailing me the preliminary numbers, though I am still missing the information from some of you. If you have not submitted a preliminary report to me, please check with me before you register to see if we have any room for you.

For teachers who are registering multiple instruments, PLEASE register separately for each instrument.

Here are the steps to take:

1. Visit WSMTA.org and read the 2019-20 Music Artistry Program Booklet. You can find this [here](#) (scroll down to "Forms for Teachers.")
2. Register on WSMTA.org as early as possible. Please do not wait till the last minute. The power might go out, your internet service might be observing Murphy's Law, or your computer might act up. The registration process works just like most online shopping, such as Amazon. The [WSMTA](http://WSMTA.org) website provides answers to FAQ, [here](#), if you need extra help.
3. Please forward your confirmation email from [WSMTA](http://WSMTA.org) to me. sungamble69@yahoo.com
4. Write a check for the chapter fee (\$3 per student payable to KMTA) and mail it to me. (5607 Perdemco Ave. SE Port Orchard, WA 98367)

If you have questions, please refer to:

- 1) Music Artistry Program booklet at the [WSMTA](http://WSMTA.org) website, [here](#).
- 2) MAP FAQ page and checklist at the [KMTA](http://KMTA.org) website, [here](#).
- 3) If you still cannot find the answer there, please email me.

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Strings Teachers: Register for MAP by January 15

Thank you to all who have sent me your preliminary minutes for Strings MAP March 6 and 7. December will fly by and our registration deadline will approach quickly in January. You are welcome to register as early as you'd like. Registration is open now. If you have a preference for Friday or Saturday at the event and haven't notified me yet, please do so. If you would like to participate, but haven't provided me with your preliminary minutes, please check with me before you register. All registration information provided for piano teachers applies to strings teachers (aside from the registration deadline,) including the steps of registration (please see previous article.)

If you have questions, don't hesitate to email me at kurtzbein4@gmail.com.

Melanie Kurtzbein
Strings Music Artistry Program Chair

Kitsap Young Musicians Festival: It's a Wrap for 2019!

By the numbers, this year's Kitsap Young Musicians Festival was the largest in many years. There were seven recitals, starting at 8:30 a.m. and running until 7:30 p.m. We had more than 170 performers and over 500 audience members throughout the day.

Our new venue this year – St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church in Silverdale - warmly welcomed us. The rector and several church members stopped by during the day to introduce themselves, listen to some music and make sure that everything was going smoothly for us. And they pitched in to clean up, too!

Hugs and handclaps to Joann Richardson, site coordinator for the festival and our liaison with the church. Joann was on hand for nearly 12 hours to be sure all our needs were met, including tuning and positioning of the piano. Thanks to teachers and your students, we had just the right amount of treats at the refreshment table throughout the day.

Special thanks to more than a dozen teachers who volunteered their time as MC's and Program Assistants, especially those of you who helped at two or three recitals: Kathryn Arnold, Sally Camp, Eva Crim, Debra Florian, Mary Grant, Megan Hennings, Dianne Johnston, Carmen Larson, Diane Layton, Jane Melin, Patti Ray, Joann Richardson, Elisha Rose and Melanie Stroud. You kept things running smoothly on a tight schedule!

Finally, a big thanks to Mary Grant for handling permission slips and registration fees. If you haven't yet paid for your students' registration, please send your check to Mary: 12525 Madison Ave NE, Bainbridge Is. 98110.

Krista Seely, KYMF Chair

Calling All Carnival Examiners!!!

As you all know, Carnival is an all-hands-on-deck experience! As promised, I have updated the Carnival Volunteers sheet on the website, [here](#), so please check it and delete the asterisk by your name if you're content with your job from last year. If you are not on the list, and are able to volunteer, please email me at melaniejoymusic96@gmail.com. We will be working towards a new list of adult and student volunteers after the registration process, but teacher volunteers are absolutely essential for all of the exam rooms. Looking forward to another fun year of Carnival!

Melanie Stroud

Do you have info to distribute to KMTA?

Please send all communication items (website updates/documents, email blasts, Quavers articles, etc.) to Melanie Kurtzbein: kurtzbein4@gmail.com . Plain text in an email body and image files work best.

Quavers articles should be submitted at least 3 days before the end of the month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check for registration deadlines, instructions, documents, contacts and more at the linked pages.

[Christmas Recitals at the Mall](#)

Now through December 22nd
Kitsap Mall Food Court

KMTA Christmas Party
December 7, at 7 pm
Dianne Johnston's home

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