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Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

March 2020 News Digest - Find Full Event Details at our Website, kitsapmusicteachers.org.



President's Message

"The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing."

– Stephen Covey

Last weekend I “dropped in” to the Bremerton Symphony 1st violin section to play Peter and the Wolf, a joint production with Peninsula Dance Theatre at the Admiral Theatre. Because of my mom’s health issues, I have not been a regular in the Symphony since last November. However, I have played PATW numerous times – in fact, I sat at concertmaster the last two times it was performed. So I was asked to come to just one rehearsal and then play the performances. Easy peasy, right? Except I forgot Stephen Covey’s advice, above. At rehearsal, I was sawing away on one of “those passages,” filled with accidentals, string crossings, sixteenth notes and position work, diligently employing the crucial fingerings I remembered from last time. Except – oops! – I added several extra notes to a rapid ostinato and did not cut off with the conductor! I earned myself “the look” and a good dumping of cold water on my overconfidence. Above all else, more important than notes, bowings or dynamics, the #1 rule of orchestral playing is to follow the conductor!

When we get to this time of the teaching year (March-April-May), events with their registration forms, student preparations, accompanist rehearsals and all the rest come flying thick and fast. I’m just here to encourage you to keep your eye on the conductor, or the ball, whichever analogy you prefer! Avail yourself of the copious information on our website, curated over many years of producing the same events over and over. Above all, don’t wait until the last minute to get your ducks in a row. *As you know, the duck in PATW panicked*

and came to a bad end!! Our intrepid event chairs are available to help you jump through the hoops if you ask them! MAP: Sun Gamble, Melanie Kurtzbein, Melanie Stroud. Competitions: Mary Grant and “the Melanies.” Carnival: Debra Florian, Melanie Stroud, Diane Layton. Senior Celebration: Eva Crim.

It's time: Go forth and catch that wolf!

Jane Melin

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association

From the VP: Meeting News



Once again, we will not be having a member meeting or program this month, due to MAP, competitions, and other exciting events. So this may be a good time to ponder... if you could choose any topic, or any speaker, to present a program for our chapter, what or who would it be? You all have so many wonderful ideas and connections that I would love to hear more about! What would be an ideal program for you? [Give your ideas here!](#)

In the meantime, if you are really missing our regular monthly meetings and programs, there are SO many webinars available at MTNA.org, as well as many other great resources:

- [Parent and Student Resources](#)
- [Wellness Resources](#)
- [Studio Resources](#)
- [Teaching Tips](#)
- [Websites for Kids](#)
- [Essential Skills](#)

We're so blessed on the local, state, and national level to be part of an excellent 3-in-1 association! Take advantage!

Laura Meredith

Vice-President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association

**KMTA's Own Joann Richardson Named
To WSMTA Hall of Fame**



It is my pleasure to announce that Joann Richardson, NCTM has been selected for the WSMTA Hall of Fame for 2020! She will be honored and inducted into the Hall of Fame during a special ceremony during the banquet at the WSMTA State Conference to be held at Washington State University in Pullman on June 17, 2020.

KMTA Chapter members are especially encouraged to attend the Hall of Fame ceremony honoring Joann for her commitment to musical excellence in her teaching and performing, her years as a dedicated clinician and inventive leader, and for her widespread impact on the lives of young musicians and her colleagues.

The WSMTA Hall of Fame was established in 2002 to give recognition to those in our communities who have demonstrated extraordinary service, and outstanding musicianship and leadership, the qualities for which Joann was chosen. Each year the Hall of Fame committee may select up to three nominees, and this year two other Hall of Fame inductees will join Joann in receiving honors through their exemplary teaching and noble contributions to the musical arts: Kathryn Strickland, NCTM of Gig Harbor Chapter, and Jill Johnson, NCTM of Wenatchee Valley Chapter.

Thank you to the members of Kitsap County Chapter plus friends and students for nominating Joann and writing letters of recommendation for this prestigious honor of membership in the 2020 WSMTA Hall of Fame. Joann is a shining example to us all by her stellar lifetime of spreading the joy of music!

Sincerely,
Mary Ellen Cavelti, NCTM

Melanie Stroud to open for Greta Matassa Today

Our own Melanie Stroud is opening for Greta Matassa at the First Sundays Concerts on Bainbridge this Sunday (today!) at 4 pm. 10 vouchers are available with the code KMTA2020Greta on brownpapertickets.com. Don't miss this great concert and fun opportunity to support your colleague!

Due Dates for Senior Celebration and

Outstanding Scholar Awards

The due date for the Outstanding Scholar Awards is May 1. Please send these to Dianne Johnston at diannej23@comcast.net (I will be out of town.)

The due date for Senior Recital information is April 15. Teachers are asked to submit a list of the names of their Seniors along with the piece they will play, a photo and short bio. Send this info to Eva Crim at emcrim219@gmail.com. The Senior recital is scheduled for May 16 at St. Antony's Episcopal church.

Thanks,
Eva Crim

KMTA MUSIC CARNIVAL--Registration is now open until March 15

The KMTA Music Carnival is fast approaching! The KMTA Carnival, sponsored by the Dorothy Woodcock Endowment, incorporates the WSMTA Music Literacy Program (formerly Musicianship Exams) into a fun and festive carnival atmosphere. Each year we continue to expand and improve our event with more activities and fun, and this year is no exception! If you want more information about the actual Carnival Day, please see details on the KMTA website.

The Carnival Day, Saturday, April 25, will run from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be available in the gym beginning at 11:30. Students, teachers and parents may bring a lunch, or may purchase lunch items at the Carnival. Exams will continue through the lunchtime hours, with teachers taking turns for breaks. Games and snacks will be available in the gym throughout the hours of the Carnival.

**In an effort to reach out to our community and other local arts organizations, we are again inviting small ensembles to provide live music on the stage during our Carnival hours. If you know of a school or community ensemble that might like to participate, please contact Melanie Stroud with the information, and she will send an official invitation.

If you haven't already done so, please mark your calendars:

*Training meeting for all examiners Friday, April 17, 9:00 a.m. at CK Presbyterian
Before the regular KMTA meeting.

*Carnival: Saturday, April 25, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Gateway Fellowship in Poulsbo

*Setup: Saturday, April 25, 8:30 a.m.

Clean up immediately following the event.

We have a wonderful core group of teachers who have volunteered in various positions. Thank you!! It takes many hands to make this event a success, and we still have a number of jobs to be filled. If you have not yet volunteered, and would like to be involved, please contact Melanie Stroud. We will find a position for you--And a colorful top hat and bow tie! Even if you've never participated before, this is a great opportunity to come check it out! As a small token of appreciation, each member of our volunteer team--student and adult helpers and teachers--will receive a voucher for a free lunch entrée. The finalized Personnel List of teacher job assignments will be posted on the website within the next couple weeks, so please watch for that.

New this year student (13+) and parent volunteers can sign up to volunteer online; please direct them to **this form** (or fill it out for them if they are unable to). They will be contacted individually prior to the Carnival.

Steps to Prepare:

1. Go to the [MLP page of the WSM TA website](#). On this page are listed the forms to download, including an updated MLP Handbook. There is also information to access additional resources to help you and your students prepare for exams.
2. If you haven't already done so, send each student home with a [parent information letter](#); permission slips will be done electronically this year.
3. Complete the [registration worksheet](#), using the [handbook](#) to help you determine the appropriate exam levels for each student. Err on the side of success.

[Registrations are due by March 15](#). It is the responsibility of each teacher to prepare your students to be successful. The handbook is a great resource. It is also the responsibility of each teacher to be checking your email and the website for regular updates in the weeks preceding the Carnival. There will be a lot of information available, as well as letters to be sent home with students, and time-sensitive preparations to be taken care of prior to Carnival Day.

Questions: Call, text or email any of us on the committee:

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Melanie Stroud, NCTM, KMTA Carnival Co-Chair
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Diane Layton, NCTM, Music Literacy Program Chair
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KMTA Competition Schedule

In conjunction with **WSMTA State Recitalist Competition**

Saturday, March 14, 2020

*Gateway Fellowship
18901 8th Ave NE
Poulsbo, WA 98370*

PIANO DIVISION

location: Sanctuary

9:30 am ~ High School (9th-11th and Senior)

12:00 pm ~ Junior and Elementary

INSTRUMENTAL DIVISION

location: Chapel

9:30 am ~ All Levels

VOCAL DIVISION

location: Chapel

12:00 pm ~ All Levels

Instructions for students on Competition day:

- * Arrive 15 minutes prior to your Division start time.
- * Check in at the main entrance.
- * Bring a legal copy of your score for the judge.

- * Note: Practice rooms are **not** available to contestants.

MAP Honors Recital Selection

Please send your MAP honors recital names and pieces (one per student,) to Eva Crim at emcrim219@gmail.com for piano and voice, or Melanie Kurtzbein at kurtzbein4@gmail.com for strings.

Studio space available in Belfair -- Seeking Violin Teachers

I've opened a new studio in Belfair and rent out rooms to teachers for music, art, languages classes and more. I've had many requests for a violin teacher and wondered if any of you are looking to expand your student base and would want to teach at our studio. Our rooms are affordable starting at only \$10/hour, seat from 5-15 and are comfortably decorated. We have 3 piano teachers (myself included) and a guitar teacher currently. Our website is www.joyfulnotestudio.com.

Thank you,
Sylvia Keller
Joyfulnotestudio@gmail.com
360-602-1863

No March Membership Meeting

This is a reminder that there will be no March meeting. Our next membership meeting will be **Friday, April 17th** at 10 am, at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church in Bremerton.

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.

[Piano, String and Vocal Music Artistry Programs \(MAP\)](#)

February-March 2020

[Performance Competitions](#)

March 14, 2020

KMTA Membership Meeting

April 17, 10 am at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church
(Carnival Preparation meeting preceding at 9 am)

[KMTA Music Carnival and WSMTA Music Literacy Program](#)

April 25, 2020

[Senior Celebration and Awards](#)

May 16, 2020

MORE FROM KMTA

For the latest information on upcoming events, watch for email alerts to items posted on our [News](#) page.

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