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Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

April 2021 News Digest - Find Full Event Details at our Website, kitsapmusicteachers.org.



President's Message: Happy [COVID] new year!

It's official: we've been in the thick of COVID-19 for over a year now. 13 months ago, could you have imagined the year that we've had? It is my hope that we are now finally in a continuous upward climb out of this crazy mess, but as we climb, let's reflect:

- What strength did you find, that you did not know you had?
- What skills did you learn, that you did not know you needed?
- What are you grateful for, that you did not think you would count as blessings?
- What relationships did you build, and how?
- What would you keep from this experience, even if you could choose to rewind time and not have to endure the pandemic?
- What do you wish you could tell the you of early 2020?

I wanted to keep it short and sweet this month, because the true message is not what I'm saying, but the answers you are giving yourselves to these questions.

Laura Meredith

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association



From the Vice-President: Meeting News

Our next meeting will be on April 16th at 10am on Zoom. The link will be sent out beforehand. We no longer need the

Carnival prep meeting at 9, since we're holding the testing in our own studios. This month's program is our WSMTA representative visit, featuring our very own Debra Florian as the Arts Advocacy Chair! She will share with us about her position, and the upcoming state conference. Following that, our plan is to have some teachers share their favorite resources including books, apps, games etc... If you have something fun to share with the membership, send me an email at: melaniejoymusic96@gmail.com!

Melanie Stroud

Vice President

KMTA Music Carnival

Carnival registration closes today! Tests will be available for printing on April 5. When you print, please either include your receipt or an accounting of how many copies you printed at home when you send in your registration fees to Sally. You can subtract the amount from your total. If printing at a store like Office Depot, deduct amount on receipt from registration fees, and send the difference plus a copy of the receipt to Sally. If printing from home, KMTA will pay 15 cents per double sided page or 8 cents per single sided page. You must keep track and document what you've printed, calculate printing fee, deduct from registration fee and send the difference plus your printing documentation to Sally. Also remember that you can use your Office Depot discount card that you received from MTNA for best pricing.

We'll have more info about ribbons coming soon, so stay tuned! Theory tests are due to Diane by May 10th for grading, and all other tests should be shredded by May 20th. Don't hesitate to reach out to Melanie Stroud or Diane Layton if you have any questions. Looking forward to another year of the Music Literacy Program, and hopefully returning to our traditional event set-up next year!

Senior Celebration

We have some graduating seniors that have worked hard this year, and we want to celebrate their accomplishments! Like last year, we will be having a virtual celebration, complete with photos, bio, and performances (or any combination that they wish). If you have a senior that would like to participate, please have them [fill out this form](#).

If your senior is going to be applying for the [Outstanding Scholar Award](#), have them fill it out and email to Dianne Johnston at diannej23@comcast.net.

Both of these submissions are due **May 5th**.

February Meeting Minutes

Please review the [minutes from our February general meeting](#) to expedite the process at our next meeting. Thank you!

Treasurer's report

Please view the [treasurer's report](#) before our member business meeting (it often gets updated early in the month, but not necessarily on the 1st).

Recital Venue Available!

Good news!! Port Madison Lutheran Church on Bainbridge Island is opening their facility for teachers to hold recitals. Face coverings, sitting by family groups, observing capacity limits, distancing, no kitchen use, take and go refreshments (preferably outside) need to be observed. The fee has been reduced for teachers for spring to \$100.00. This is a great opportunity for live recitals. Contact the church secretary, Karen at karen@portmadisonlutheranchurch.org or Georgene Corey at coreysigns@silverlink.net

Respectfully submitted, Georgene Corey

Online OrKIDstra Concert



The Bremerton WestSound Symphony is providing the popular **OrKIDstra** concert free of charge this year for all teachers, students and families. It is currently available on our website, and will remain there through June! This year we are featuring Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* and Futterman's *Fiesta Mexicana*. Downloadable and printable study guides with videos and short demos are available here: <https://www.bremertonwestsoundsymphony.org/orkidstra>

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.

Member meeting

Friday, April 16, 2021 10 a.m. via zoom

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

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