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Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

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President's Message: Competition or collaboration?

It's a sobering thought realizing that I (like many of you) am older than Mozart was when he died at age 35. I have wondered if that has been the crux of many a midlife crisis! To think of how much Mozart accomplished in his short life—such as his 600+ compositions and performing for royalty—might make you wonder, “how do I compete with that?” Well, here are some thoughts to consider:

-He did not live a particularly glamorous life; he likely suffered from depression, several of his children died in infancy, and at times he experienced financial instability.

-He became much more famous after his death than while he was alive, like many icons of the past.

-We don't need to compete with him! After all, who would be so foolish as to try and out-Mozart *Mozart*? But what we *can* do is build on what he accomplished, and marvel at the utter abundance of incredible music and musicians in the world! The fact that competition is not necessary is one of the things that I love most about music. At a sporting event, only one team wins and half of the fans may go home disappointed, but at an orchestra concert, everyone in the ensemble *and* audience come away winners!

As I was writing this, I discovered that today (January 27) would have been Mozart's 266th birthday! Let's just celebrate—both his life and ours!

Laura Meredith

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association



From the Vice-President: Meeting News

Our monthly meeting will be on Zoom this time, at 10 am on February 11th. Our visiting speaker will be Colleen Hunter, our very own WSMTA President-Elect! Colleen will be giving her inspirational talk on retaining teenage students. Especially in this current time, I am sure we can all use the encouragement and tips! See you then! (Watch for a meeting link in your email closer to the event.) Please see her biography below.

Colleen Hunter, DMA, NCTM, teaches applied and class piano at Gonzaga University and maintains a private piano studio in her home in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, teaching a wide range of ages and levels from children to adults.

Nationally and state certified with MTNA, Dr. Hunter is active at the state and local level in Washington and Idaho, currently serving as President-Elect for Washington State Music Teachers, WSMTA Honor's Recital Chair and Leadership Seminar Chair. She is past president of both the Spokane Music Teachers and the North Idaho Music Teachers chapters. As one of the WSMTA's Visiting Artists, she enjoys working with the Musical Artistry Program (MAP) and adjudicating and judging for many music events in the northwest.

Professional and community involvement includes collaboration with area musicians, both professionally and through the local schools. She has played with the Coeur d'Alene Symphony and the Panhandle Orchestra, as well as, the Opus Series for the Coeur d'Alene Chamber Music Society. For several years as entertainment coordinator for the summer festival, Art on the Green, she directed the festival's weekend of music events and helped promote its winter lecture series and home concerts.

Dr. Hunter holds degrees from the University of Missouri – Kansas City, and Seattle Pacific University. Teachers include Richard Cass (UMKC), Marcile Mack (SPU), Bela Nagy (Boston Univ., Sion, Switzerland), and Margaret Saunders Ott (Spokane, WA). She is married to Dr. Sam Hunter who plays tuba and handbells. They have a son, Scott, a physics graduate student, who plays French horn, and a daughter, Abby, a college student, who plays violin and oboe.

Melanie Stroud

Vice President

To expedite approval at our next meeting, please review the minutes from our January membership meeting [HERE](#).

KMTA Music Artistry Program Honors Recital

Nowadays, it is almost impossible to plan anything without a backup plan, and here are the details about the Honors Recital.

Plan A : In- Person Recital.

It will be held on March 12, 2022 @ 2 & 4 pm and the location is Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church.

Please ask your participants and guests to follow our health guidance which will be social distancing and wearing face covering.

The performers will take the face covering off while they are on the stage.

Please send me (sungamble69@yahoo.com) the name of the performer and his/her age, and the repertoire as soon as your MAP is done.

Plan B : If the COVID situation gets out of hand for some reason, we have to turn the recital into Youtube Playlist.

In that case, more detailed instructions will be coming your way.

We will know which way we are going by the time Music Artistry Program begins which is at the end of February.

Sun Gamble, NCTM

KMTA Performance Competitions and WSMTA State Recitalist Competitions

Once again, KMTA will be holding Performance Competitions in conjunction with the WSMTA State Recitalist Competitions on Saturday March 26 at Gateway Fellowship in Poulsbo. Registration is online only, opening February 20 and closing March 6. All of the information you need to prepare yourself and your students for KMTA's competition in 2022 is now updated and available on the KMTA website.

Please read through everything on the [COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS page](#), as well as on the applicable linked pages, so that you are familiar with eligibility and repertoire requirements well in advance. Be sure to download the Registration Worksheet now, and start filling it in as you work with your students this month. Having this worksheet at your side will make for a smooth registration process in

February.

* Note * There is always the possibility that we may have to make last minute changes if COVID rears its head in a bad way at the wrong moment. Please be ready to be flexible if we have to alter plans — which could include moving to a scheduled format that brings in one competitor at a time, or a fully online video submission format. It will depend on the circumstances and our judges' preferences.

As of now, we are still hoping we can be live, together :-)

Mary Grant

Carnival is Coming!!!

Things will look a little different this year, though. All students/teachers have the option to test in their own studios again this year, or to attend the live event.

Students who opt to attend the live event can still test individually in case of illness or emergency! We are putting the finishing touches on updated materials, to get them out to you, hopefully prior to our meeting on February 11th. Registration will be open March 1-15, so that we can make a plan for the day based on real numbers. We do know that, regardless of numbers, we will not be having food on site this year. The only exception to this will be boxed lunches that will be delivered for our full-day volunteers. Speaking of volunteers... please keep an eye out for the updated volunteer list on our website as well! It will be undergoing some edits for this odd year, but we will still need as many teacher volunteers as possible! Thank you all, I am looking forward to an in-person event!

Melanie Stroud

Free Piano and Organ Music

Hi! My name is Dawn Robson. My Mom passed away and she had a lot of sheet music--piano and organ. I would like to gift them to someone who would appreciate it. Would you be interested? Please contact me at jdrobson@comcast.net.

Free Piano

This early 1900's piano has had a single owner around 70 years. It has always been kept inside and away from drafts and is in good shape (never been dropped, etc). Moving assistance is available if needed.

The stats are:

54 inches high

Upright grand

Made by Ivers and Pond Piano Company, Boston

Serial Number 40091

Comes with the piano bench

Tuned within last 3 years

Color – a Dark walnut

Pictures included

If interested, please contact Ruth Sykes:

jsykes@tscnet.com

Phone 360-271-4486





UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Piano MAP: February-March 2022

Strings MAP: March 4-5, 2022 with Dr. Svend Ronning

Vocal MAP: February 5, 2022 with Cynthia Vaughn

[Performance Competitions](#)

March 26, 2022

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

April 23, 2022

[Senior Celebration and Awards](#)

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