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Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

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President's Message: Soundtrack of my life

I had a friend in college that would burst into song on a regular basis (and I would often join in). I remember him saying, “If more people were like us, life would be a musical!” One day he introduced me to his “Soundtrack of my life”-- a mix tape (remember those?) with songs that represented eras, experiences, and relationships in his life. Now decades later, I finally decided it was high time that I created a soundtrack of MY life! So I started a playlist, and before long I had 100 songs on it. It includes:

- a song that my family would sing in 5-part counterpoint growing up
- a song from a musical that my sister and I were in together in high school
- a song that was sung at the above-mentioned friend’s wedding
- a song I rewrote the lyrics to, to commemorate my first kiss with my husband
- a song that inspired the name of one of my children
- a song from our most recent Monster Concert

People say “a picture’s worth a thousand words”... how many words is a song worth? Usually a story, at least! For me, I can almost be taken back in time by music, when memories are strongly associated. In fact, I have given instructions to my family that if my memory ever begins failing me, to PLEASE use this playlist to help me not lose touch with myself. Because that's what music does; it connects us with ourselves, and with others. Make sure that you and your students never forget that!

So, what do you say? Are you ready to make the soundtrack of your life? It’s lots of fun, and may take you back to times you have forgotten! And remember, life

is a musical.

Laura Meredith

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association



From the Vice-President:

There is no meeting this month, due to the Music Artistry Program. So in lieu of my usual article, I'd like to introduce you to our lovely nominee for our next Vice President! Farida Roberts! Get to know her by following [THIS LINK](#) to my interview with her.

Melanie Stroud

Vice President

KMTA Music Artistry Program Honors Recital Reminder

1. The date and time: March 12 (Saturday), 2022 at 2 & 4 pm.
2. The venue: Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church, ,at 9300 Nels Nelson Rd NW, Bremerton, WA 98311
3. Please ask your participants and guests to follow our state 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.
4. 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.

Though I cannot guarantee that your preference will be honored at this time, please specify your time preference if you have any.

Sun Gamble, NCTM

KMTA Performance Competitions and WSMTA State Recitalist Competitions

Registration is OPEN NOW THROUGH MARCH 6 for our 2022 Competitions, which will take place on March 26, 2022 at Gateway Fellowship in Poulsbo – Piano, Instrumental and Vocal Divisions.

Please read through everything on the [COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS](#) page on the

KMTA website, as well as the applicable linked pages, so that you are familiar with eligibility and repertoire requirements. Be sure to complete the Registration Worksheet to assist you as you register your students.

Looking forward to a great day with you and your wonderful students!

Mary Grant

Carnival is Coming!!!

April 23 is the big day! Our first in-person Carnival since 2019! Follow [THIS LINK](#) to register students now until March 15 on our website. I've made a short video ([linked HERE](#)) to walk you through the registration process, followed by some information that might be helpful for anyone who is new to preparing students for these exams. Feel free to reach out to any of our Carnival co-chairs if you have questions. We will need, as usual, all hands on deck! So, if you haven't already, please email me at melaniejoymusic96@gmail.com to let me know that you are able to help. Looking forward to another fun event, even if it looks a little different this year.

Melanie Stroud, NCTM

MTNA Virtual Conference

MTNA Virtual conference is live March 26-30, with recorded sessions available until December. The earlybird price (register by March 15) is \$195, after this date it is \$245. KMTA wants you to go, and can reimburse you \$100 of the registration fee. Just email your receipt to Sally Camp (ameasureatime@gmail.com) and let her know if you can accept a reimbursement via PayPal.

State Conference volunteers needed

WSMTA Conference will be held at Lower Columbia College June 23-25. And we need help!

There are 2 main positions that we are trying to fill but there's lots of smaller jobs as well and/or helping and being part of a team. Basic description of the two are:

1) Check-In Desk Chair

- Will be in charge of two check-in desks throughout the conference
- Will recruit, train, and schedule volunteers to work at the desks
- Will oversee communication with Check-In Desk volunteers

2) Presentation Assistant Chair

The Presentation Assistant Chair supports presenters during the conference, and makes sure that each presentation has appropriate door monitors, handouts,

someone to introduce the presenter, and that any tech issues are resolved.

Thanks so much for any help you can give the conference committee!!

Jani Stoehr, NCTM (formerly Peterson)

WSMTA Steering Committee Chair

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Outstanding Scholars Award for high school students

If you have any students that are currently in high school, remember to keep track of their points for the [Outstanding Scholar Award](#). Points are given primarily for musical accomplishments throughout high school, and can apply for the award in the spring of their senior year. There are multiple winners of this award each year, who will receive between \$25 and \$200, awarded at the Senior Celebration which will be in May (date and location TBA). Tally those points!

Do you like numbers or money?

KMTA is seeking a willing soul to serve as treasurer so our dear Sally can step down after many years of diligent service! She says it's a lot of fun, and isn't very hard but you can learn a lot! Be on the lookout for a detailed description of the treasurer position, which will be emailed out in the near future, but until then if you have any questions about what the position entails, please contact Sally
Camp: ameasureatime@gmail.com.

Church pianist opening

A church in Port Orchard is seeking a pianist for its services from 9-10 a.m. on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact Rachel Burgett:
rachelburgett@msn.com.

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

[Performance Competitions](#)

March 26, 2022

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

April 23, 2022

[Senior Celebration and Awards](#)

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