

QUAVERS

Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

April 2023 News Digest - Find Full Event Details at our Website, kitsapmusicteachers.org.



President's Message

I am writing this as I have just returned from the MTNA Conference in Reno! What a wonderful few days packed with inspiring sessions, masterclasses and shopping! While perusing the exhibits, I ran into Kevin Olson who asked me when he can come back for another Monster Concert! He said he is up for it any time, he had such a great experience with us last time! So... I am feeling inspired to maybe do another monster concert sometime in the future!

I also went to this incredible session on something called the "Silent Film Festival," where you can purchase a kit that includes a silent film and scores for your students to accompany it! I am thinking it would be an incredible chapter event, and a great fundraiser opportunity! More on that soon.

One of my favorite moments of the conference was watching Angela Cheng and Alan Chow give the Advanced Masterclass. There were points that they disagreed on, such as how fast to take a piece. In addition to their darling reparte (they've been married for 35 years), it was a wonderful example of how even seasoned experts can have varying opinions on how to play a piece, and both are valid! It was also so encouraging to see such an emphasis placed on building up students with positive language, even when giving constructive feedback. I hope you'll all join me at the WSMTA Conference in June, as these experiences always have me returning home refreshed and reinvigorated for my teaching.

Melanie Stroud, NCTM

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association



From the Vice-President: Meeting News

Spring is quickly approaching and excitement is in the air! I am pleased to announce that Sarah Silvia will be presenting at our meeting on April 14, at 10 am at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church (9300 Nels Nelson Rd NW, Bremerton, WA 98311).

As a teacher and mentor, Sarah focuses on communication, connection, and relationship. Her students vary in age and many exhibit a range of learning challenges. She earned a Master of Music degree from the University of Washington and has taught at the Bainbridge Island Music Guild and the John Stanford International School.

At our meeting, Sarah will be educating us on "Five Effective Methods To Re-frame Challenges." These methods will help our students "to manage visual overwhelm, prepare a mental map for performance success, as well as [utilize] strategies for communication & recall. [We will also learn ways to] improve information retention so teaching yields more consistent results in less teaching time."

I believe that we can all benefit from "leaning into the growth mindset," in which Sarah instills. Hope you can join us!

Farida Roberts

Vice President

Carnival

The Music Carnival is almost here!! April 22 is just around the corner. Registration is closed. We have 305 students and 19 teachers participating this year. These are impressive numbers! We also will have lunch available for sale this year, bringing back our traditional pizza and hotdog options, so make sure your families know to bring cash! Volunteers will receive a voucher for a free slice of pizza or a hot dog as a

thank you. We also have added two more performance groups this year. In addition to the marimba groups from Poulsbo Elementary, we will also have Norwegian dancers and the honor choir from All Saints Academy performing on stage in the gym. Homeschool Strings and any other ensembles need to check in with Melanie Stroud before scheduling a time for performances with their groups, to avoid issues.

We need as many adult and student volunteers as possible to have this event run smoothly. Even more important, though, are the teacher volunteers! If you have not contacted Melanie Stroud yet regarding your availability for the Carnival date, please do so ASAP. I will be reaching out to confirm schedules with all participating teachers, as well as any available teachers who may not have students participating this year.

On April 14 at 9:00 AM we will have our Carnival/MLP Testing preparation/training.

This will then be followed by our regular KMTA meeting. Attendance is mandatory, but if for some reason you cannot make it, please contact Diane Layton to go over your responsibilities in your testing room. The room/testing guidelines have all been updated and streamlined. We hope that this will make the testing day run smoothly.

You'll be able to view sample testing pages specific to your area as well as potentially collaborate with other teachers in your testing room. You should have already received the PP&L link from Mary to send out to your students/families. The form is a simple online submission. No paper to collect! I'm looking forward to seeing you all!

[Carnival Volunteer Form](#)

[KMTA Carnival PP&L Form](#)

Carnival Registration Times:

8am - teachers arrive to help set up
9am - volunteers in gym for directions
9:45 - student volunteers register
10am - student volunteers begin testing
10:45 - Larson, Roberts, Stroud, Walden
11:15 - Beckwith, Johnston, Florian, Seely
12:45 - Rose, Arnold, Doornink
1:15 - Grant, Layton, Kurtzbein
1:45 - Melin, Huehn, Hennings

Senior Celebration

Inviting all High School Seniors of KMTA members, to join us in honoring our seniors and their achievements. This year's celebration will be held on Saturday May 6, 2022 from 1-3pm at Gateway Fellowship (18901 – 8th NE, Poulsbo).

Use the Online Submission Form to register your senior(s). To ensure we have time to compile the information and create programs, please submit your student's name, short biography, photo and list of piece(s) by April 26.

We will also be recognizing the winners of our Outstanding Scholar Awards. Please access our revised application form at the KMTA Website that you print off and send.

Please do not use the old application form. Teachers please be sure to submit your student's OSA applications by April 26, to Dianne Johnston by mail at 6341 NE Early Dawn Lane, Poulsbo, WA 98370 or email at djohnston63@comcast.net Any questions can be emailed to the same address.

Guidelines for submissions:

The submission form will ask for the student's name, teacher's name, a photo, a short biography, and list of pieces (title and composer) per senior. Please keep each biography to approximately 50-100 words, (e.g. high school, music teacher, years of study, post high school plans, hobbies/interests).

Thanks, everyone!!

Eva Crim & Dianne Johnston

KMTA Performance Competition, PIANO DIVISION

Congratulations to all the wonderful piano students who competed in our KMTA Performance Competition! Oksana Ejokina, our judge, heard 6 Elementary, 3 Junior, 8 High School 9th-11th, and 5 High School Seniors. It was an exciting and inspiring day for all, and we could not be more proud of every one of them!!!

Special thanks to Dianne Johnston, our ever present, ever gracious, ever dependable liaison with Gateway Fellowship.

One million thanks to Melanie Kurtzbein, KMTA Competition co-chair extraordinaire, who was running the Percussion, Instrumental and Vocal Competitions concurrently with the piano competition!! What a great day for young musicians in Kitsap County!

Finally, thanks to Dorothy Woodcock, whose generous bequest will allow us to

continue to reward our dedicated students long into the future.

ELEMENTARY

- 1st Caleb Hu \$50 (Johnston)
- 2nd Regan Voss \$40 (Grant)
- 3rd Reed Weirzbicki \$30 (Seely)

JUNIOR

- 1st Tiange Li \$100 (Grant)
- 2nd Siena Geddes \$75 (Bowling)
- 3rd Clyde Evans \$50 (Seely)

HIGH SCHOOL 9th - 11th

- 1st Alec Rodriguez \$300 (Bowling)
- 2nd Cyrus Yan \$200 (Bowling)
- 3rd Chas Niles \$100 (Bowling)

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

- 1st Michael Ramsdell \$600 (Bowling)
- 2nd Damaris Harvey \$500 (Bowling)
- 3rd Jacob Miller \$400 (Bowling)

STATE HONORS RECITALISTS - Kitsap Chapter Representatives

Representatives, unranked:

- Madeleine Zacher (Johnston)
- Lincoln Jenkins (Grant)

KMTA Performance Competition, VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL

Our judge Ingrid Smith heard 11 vocalists, 14 percussionists, and 11 instrumentalists. Congratulations to all who participated, and thank you to all who volunteered and helped to make the event a success!

VOCAL WINNERS

All are students of Melanie Stroud

ELEMENTARY

- 1st Nataly Martin \$50
- 2nd Devereaux DeFrancisci \$40

JUNIOR

1st Kate James \$100

2nd Makenna Baker \$75

3rd Alexander Dawson \$50

HIGH SCHOOL 9th - 11th

1st Sophie Harris \$300

2nd Ashley Dylan \$200

3rd Elizabeth Zinkhon \$100

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

1st Rachel Martin \$600

STATE HONORS RECITALISTS - Kitsap Chapter Vocal Representative

Rachel Martin

INSTRUMENTAL WINNERS

JUNIOR

1st Aaron Longley \$100 (Melin)

2nd Coral Marsh \$75 (Melin)

3rd Michelle Longley \$50 (Layton)

HIGH SCHOOL 9th - 11th

1st Bryn Greenstein \$300 (Davies)

2nd Hailey Vaught \$200 (Kurtzbein)

3rd Corinne Sy \$100 (Melin)

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

1st Yuuki Inoue \$600 (Davies)

2nd John Webb \$500 (Melin)

STATE HONORS RECITALISTS - Kitsap Chapter Instrumental Representatives

Hailey Vaught (Kurtzbein)

Corinne Sy (Melin)

First Alternate: Aaron Longley (Melin)

Second Alternate: Liana Kurtzbein (Kurtzbein)

PERCUSSION WINNERS

All are students of Terry Marsh

JUNIOR

1st Timothy Voss \$100

2nd Finn Walker \$75

3rd Felix Faxon \$50

HIGH SCHOOL 9th - 11th

1st Liam Jurcak \$300

2nd Ben Beckett \$200

3rd Quentin Faust \$100

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

1st Alissa Sanchez \$600

2nd Molly Montgomery \$500

3rd Brighton Whittlesey \$400

Honors Recital

Congratulations to all of our students and teachers who participated in MAP and the Honors Recital! Due to lower numbers, we ended up only holding a 2 pm recital.

Unfortunately, that information only made it to the members who were directly involved, so we apologize to anyone who was unaware of the change!



KMTA Paypal Payments and Reimbursements Update

In March as KMTA was receiving your payments for MAP fees and competitions, we ran into a significant hitch with our Paypal account. Because KMTA does not process high volumes of payments every month, Paypal locked down our account as "high risk" for having "unusual activity," which meant that any funds received over a certain amount could have been retained by Paypal for up to 6 months. Fortunately we were able to withdraw the funds already in the account, and switched to by-check payments for the rest of the month.

Because there is no viable customer-service access to dispute any of Paypal's arbitrary decisions, KMTA will not be using Paypal anymore to receive credit card or bank-transfer payments. For the time being, we will need to go back to using checks for payments to KMTA. They can be handed to Treasurer Jane Melin or other Board officers at events; or mailed to Jane at: KMTA, P.O. Box 1012, Kingston WA 98346.

KMTA can still use Paypal to send out reimbursements or conference stipends if preferred by the recipient, since this does not risk money being frozen in our account. KMTA can also use Kitsap Bank's bill-payment service to transfer funds directly and securely to a recipient's bank account. Jane will contact you about your preference in advance. You can also be paid by check, mailed out by Kitsap Bank.

Contact me if you have any questions!

--Jane Melin, KMTA Treasurer

Poulsbo Office Depot/OfficeMax Closes

The Poulsbo branch of Office Depot, where you could use your MTNA discount on copies and office supplies, has closed. The closest store is now in Gig Harbor. Online orders are still accepted for delivery. To receive the discounts, you must register with "[ODP Business Solutions](#)" using your MTNA membership information.

Bainbridge Community Piano Association

Dear KMTA,

The Bainbridge Community Piano Association would like to remind you that our wonderful Yamaha C6 grand piano in the Bainbridge Island Waterfront Park Community Center is available to rent. The renter is responsible for scheduling Huney Hall with the Bainbridge Island Senior Center personnel (206-842-1616). We

are now offering music teachers a 50% discount on piano rentals. The KMTA piano rental rate is now \$25 per event. This fee is in addition to the hall rental fee. The hall rental rate is \$50/hr, there is a kitchen and more than 90 padded chairs.



Thank you for considering our piano for your student recitals! And we hope to see you at one of our upcoming [First Sundays Concerts](#) soon!

~BCPA Team

Do you have info to distribute to KMTA?

Please send all communication items (website updates/documents, email blasts, Quavers articles, etc.) to Rachel Doornink (racheldoornink@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.

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

April 22, 2023

[Senior Celebration and Awards](#)

May 2023

MORE FROM KMTA

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

[KMTA on Facebook](#)

[KMTA Website](#)

Copyright © 2023 Kitsap Music Teachers Association, All rights reserved.

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)

