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Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

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



President's Message

“Spring is the time of plans and projects” – Leo Tolstoy

If you're anything like me, you are looking forward to Spring Break! It is so helpful to have a break between MAP and Carnival, to organize and get ready for the end of the school year and all of the events it brings! I'll be busy printing practice theory tests, prepping for Carnival, writing lesson plans for the rest of the school year, and hopefully spending some time relaxing with my family. I am sure I will be seeing many of you over the next several weeks, with MAP, the KMTA Performance Competition and the Honors Recitals. My visits to the Tacoma and Lake Washington chapters over the last couple of months have made me even more thankful for such a wonderful chapter full of members who participate and support one another. I am hoping to see many of you at the State Conference in June, and don't forget about our \$50 vouchers!

Melanie Stroud, NCTM

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association



From the Vice-President: Meeting News

Greetings Everyone! Just a quick reminder that we do not have a March meeting due to MAP this month! Best regards to all who are participating! See you soon!

Farida Roberts

Vice President

MAP Honors Recital

1. Honors Recital

Date and time: March 18th, 2023 / 2 pm and 4 pm

Location: Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church

9300 Nels Nelson Rd. Bremerton WA 98311

As soon as MAP is over, please email me the following by March 10th:

- 1) Name and age of the student(s)
- 2) How long was the MAP (15,20, or 30 minutes)
- 3) Name of the piece(s)
- 4) Preference of 2 pm or 4 pm: I will do my best to honor your request, however, please understand that I do need to make sure that both recitals are balanced with length and variety.

2. MAP certificates

Visiting artists will have your certificates and there should be plenty. If it runs out for some reason, you can always print it out from the WSM TA site.

KMTA Music Carnival

The KMTA Music Carnival is fast approaching! The KMTA Carnival, sponsored by the Dorothy Woodcock Endowment, incorporates the WSM TA 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 22, 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 14, 9:00 a.m.** at CK Presbyterian

Before the regular KMTA meeting.

***Carnival: Saturday, April 22, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Gateway Fellowship in Poulsbo

***Setup: Saturday, April 22, 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. Student and Parent Volunteers will be contacted individually prior to the Carnival.

Steps to Prepare:

1. Go to the WSMTA website www.wsmta.org. On the home page under Programs for Students, click on *Music Literacy Program*. 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 FORM** using the handbook to help you determine the appropriate exam levels for each student. Err on the side of success.

Registration is open March 1-19. 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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WSMTA State Conference Bonus Items!

From your KMTA Treasurer: \$50 stipends are available to the WSMTA State Conference June 26-28 at Sun Mountain Resort, Winthrop, WA. Register [HERE](#) and forward your confirmation email to jane@melinmusicstudio.com to be reimbursed.

From your WSMTA Vocal and Instrumental Chair:

The State Vocal and Instrumental Honors Recital is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28 at 1:30pm at the WSMTA Conference.

There is also a Master Class opportunity at the conference, with pianist and vocal coach Dr. Wei-Han Wu and flutist Zach Sheets, who perform as a duo. The masterclass will be on Tuesday, June 27 at 2pm. It is open to solo piano, voice or flute students, or instrumental duos of any kind. For more information, visit the [WSMTA masterclass application page here.](#)

--Jane Melin, KMTA Treasurer and WSMTA Vocal and Instrumental Chair

Join Celtic Music Jam!

Washington Old Time Fiddlers District 5 presents:



Celtic Music Jam

Led by Kent McCabe (Guitar) and Sally Camp (Fiddle)

Kitsap Mall 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

4:30–6:30 pm

Following Regular Old Time Fiddlers Jam 1:00–4:00 on same day

Instrumental and Vocal Charts Provided

All Players, Singers, and Dancers welcome



Contact Sally Camp at 360-271-7105 or
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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.

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

February-March 2023

[Performance Competitions](#)

March 11th, 2023

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

April 22, 2023

[Senior Celebration and Awards](#)

May 2023

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