

# QUAVERS

## Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

*June 2023 News Digest - Find Full Event Details at our Website,  
[kitsapmusicteachers.org](https://www.kitsapmusicteachers.org).*



### President's Message

As we wrap up a busy and eventful year, I just want to take time to thank each and every one of you for being a part of KMTA. I look forward to every meeting and event, not just because of the value to me or my students music-wise, but because of friendships we have built. I am thankful for this community of people we have created over the years, and I look forward to another wonderful year to begin in September! Enjoy your summers, I hope to see you at the Planning Meeting in July!

**Melanie Stroud, NCTM**

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association



### From the Vice-President: Meeting News

Thank you for making this an exciting year! It has been a pleasure getting to know all of you better and creating memorable experiences together! Our next membership meeting is the July Planning Meeting and Potluck on Friday, July 14 at 10am at Dianne Johnston's home. Her address and driving directions will be sent via a separate email. We would love for you to join us and bring your ideas for guest speakers, events, and topics for the upcoming year.

**Farida Roberts**

Vice President

## Senior Celebration

The Senior Celebration was held May 6, 2023 at Gateway Fellowship, Poulsbo. Students, their families and teachers enjoyed a program presented by Andrew Nelson, Luca Castillejo, Miles Myers and Rachel Martin.

### **The Outstanding Scholar Awards were presented to:**

**Luca Castijello** – Outstanding Scholar Award - \$200.00, Student of Debra Florian

**Miles Myers** – Outstanding Scholar - \$100.00, Student of Irene Bowling

**Rachel Martin** – Outstanding Scholar - \$100.00, Student of Melanie Stroud

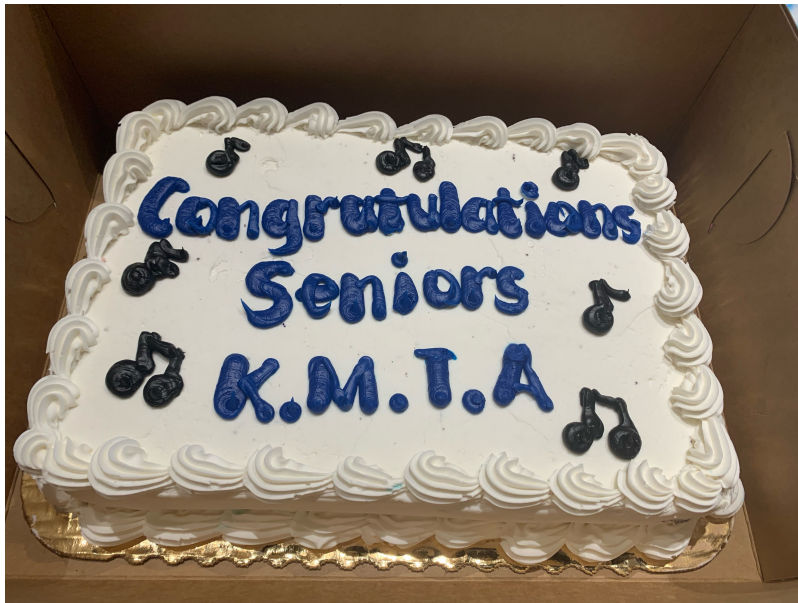
**John Webb** – Outstanding Scholar - \$100.00, Student of Jane Melin

**Caley Haydu** – Outstanding Scholar - \$100.00, Student of Irene Bowling and Melanie Kurtzbein

**Andrew Nelson** – Outstanding Participant - \$25.00, Student of Krista Seely

Thanks to Eva Crim, Debra Florian, Irene Bowling and Melanie Stroud for their participation with the program and refreshments for about twenty-five guests and eight teachers. Students and families were especially appreciative.

Dianne Johnston



## Temporary Home for Steinway Grand Wanted

A family on Bainbridge Island is looking for a year-long temporary home for their Steinway grand piano while they are in the process of selling their house. The rental rate would be \$1 a year for legal and liability purposes. If anyone is interested in learning more about this amazing opportunity and/or trying out the piano they can contact the family directly at Alex Kalejs (206) 900-4667 or [akalejs@gmail.com](mailto:akalejs@gmail.com).

## Strings Summer Camp

Summer Strings Camp is coming up August 28-September 1, and it is open to students ages 8+ who either currently play a string instrument or who would like to learn. Students do not need to be homeschooled since the camp is during summer vacation for most public/private schools. Class lessons for violin, viola, cello, and bass run from 10:00am – 2:30pm at the Central Kitsap Church of Christ. Students are in class levels determined by MLP testing and/or teacher recommendation. Cost is only \$50 for the week. Rental instruments are usually available, particularly for cello.

Strings Camp is hosted by Homeschool Strings, with additional funding from the Dorothy Woodcock Foundation. HSS would like to encourage KMTA teachers to share this opportunity with your students. Several of our students play piano and have also learned to play a string instrument because they enjoy playing in a group. Additional information is available on our website: [www.homeschoolstrings.org](http://www.homeschoolstrings.org) under Join/camp. Also, if any KMTA teachers would be interested in teaching, please contact Becky Beckwith at [Becky.B@comcast.net](mailto:Becky.B@comcast.net) It's a lot of fun! Thanks!

## Tentative Date Set for Kitsap Young Musicians Festival

As we all enjoy having dates on our calendars as far in advance as possible, I have been in touch with St. Antony of Egypt Church in Silverdale about reserving a day for the **Kitsap Young Musicians Festival** in the fall. The church has confirmed that **Saturday, November 4 is available**, along with the deposit amount to hold the space. I will confirm the date as soon as KMTA has a budget for 2023, including budget for KYMF.

As I mentioned at our May meeting, the registration fees for KYMF have not been raised for about 20 years. Last year, this event finished in the red, according to Jane Melin, despite having a free piano tuning by sponsor True Sound Pianos and no expense for the printed programs. It seems it's time to raise our fees. I'm recommending that individual fees be raised to \$10 and groups of five or more be raised to \$50. This should help ensure the continuance of the event on stable financial footing and help KMTA secure needed income for other events that operate in the red, such as KMTA's Christmas recitals.

Scheduling your students for the event will begin after our first chapter meeting in September. Watch for more information in your September Quavers.

Krista Seely  
KYMF Chair

## Flute Summer Camp

Add some music to your summer break with this week-long half-day camp. We'll play, learn, and create music while honing our skills as flutists!

The camp includes:

- Flute Choir
- Technique and scale classes
- Tone classes
- Audition preparation and practice
- Masterclasses

After-camp private lessons available for additional fee.

For flute students in middle or high school with at least 2 years playing experience.

July 17-July 21 | 9AM-12PM | Island Music Guild, Bainbridge Island, WA  
[Sorchabarr.net/summer](http://Sorchabarr.net/summer)



Register Today For

# Soaring Flute Camp

**\$260**

**July 17 - 21 | 9 am - 12 pm**  
 Island Music Guild, Bainbridge Island, WA

- Develop your Technique & Tone
- Play in Flute Choir
- Prepare for your Audition

For students with 2+ years of flute experience

[sorchabarr.net/summer](http://sorchabarr.net/summer)

## 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.*

**July Planning Meeting**

*July 14th at 10am*

**MORE FROM KMTA**

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

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