

# QUAVERS

## Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

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



### President's Message

As I write this, thunder is booming, lightning is crashing, and it truly feels like fall! I've already indulged in a Pumpkin Spice Latte or two, felt chilly enough to pull on a sweater, and got my cute boots out of the closet. What are your favorite things about fall? I'm about 75% done with my September lesson plans, and am so excited to see all of my students in a week or so. The new school year always feels so fresh and full of possibility. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on September 8th as well! This year's calendar is full of fun events, both our usuals and some exciting new opportunities that have come up over the summer. During our business meeting, I'll plan to briefly walk us through the year's calendar, especially for those of you who are newer members. I hope to see you all there!

**Melanie Stroud, NCTM**

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association



### From the Vice-President: Meeting News

Welcome back! I hope all of you enjoyed our sunshine-filled summer! Our next membership meeting is Friday, September 8 at 10am at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church, 9300 Nels Nelson Rd. NW, Bremerton. Our Fall Kick-off will be a potluck brunch so bring your favorite dish! Please be prepared to share your "Best Practices/3 Favorite Teaching Tools." I am looking forward to seeing you there!

## Farida Roberts

Vice President

### Budget Review for Upcoming Vote

Please review the [2023-24 KMTA proposed budget](#) before the membership meeting on September 8. The budget was developed in June by the budget committee of the Board; reviewed and amended at the July Planning Meeting; and further amended by the Board in August to accommodate a last-minute event addition. There are a few annotations with details about some of the line items. [The budget you review here will be up for approval via membership vote at the September meeting.](#) If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the proposed budget before your vote, please direct them to President Melanie Stroud in advance of the meeting.

### Website Update and Email Distribution List

Members who have not paid their 2023-24 MTNA/KMTA dues (renewals were due by 6/30/23) will have their names removed from our Find a Teacher web page the weekend after the September members' meeting. To be reinstated on the list, please forward your confirmation email from MTNA when you've completed your membership renewal to [jane@melinmusicstudio.com](mailto:jane@melinmusicstudio.com).

Non-renewing members will be removed from our email distribution list for Quavers newsletters and other in-chapter communications after October 13.

### Kitsap Young Musicians Festival

The Kitsap Young Musicians Festival (KYMF) will be on **Saturday, November 4**, at Saint Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church in Silverdale.

There will be five recital times: **9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 2:00 PM and 3:30 PM**. Sign-ups will be limited to 60 minutes total playing time.

**Registration will open on Friday, September 15.** You will receive a link to Sign up Genius via KMTA to reserve time for your students. This link will also be posted on the Members Only section of the KMTA website.

**Registration will close on Saturday, October 14th.** Soon after, you'll receive a

form to complete and return to me, listing program information for your students. One easy, standard Excel form for each studio! This form will be due back to me via email by Saturday, October 21.

**PAYMENT:** You'll receive an invoice with your program information form. You may mail your payment to KMTA, c/o Jane Melin, P.O. Box 1012, Kingston WA 98346, or give it to Jane at our chapter meeting on November 10. You may also give your check to me (Krista Seely) at KYMF on November 4.

**IMPORTANT: Confirm availability and a close approximation of performance time with your students BEFORE you sign them up, please!**

Kindly do not sign up until you are SURE your students are available at a specific time. We want to be sure all members have an equal chance to sign up some students. The purpose of the festival is not only to give our students an opportunity to perform for us and their families, but also to hear students from other studios.

You do NOT have to register all of your students at the same time. You can sign up the most-prepared students first, then see how others are coming along and add them later (anytime on or before October 14). **Please be sure they are ready to commit to a specific recital time BEFORE signing up.** This will save a lot of headaches for your busy volunteer chair as well as yourself. Adding sign ups or switching times is NOT an option once registration has closed.

**Permission and Liability waivers will be required for all student performers.** Forms will be online only and must be completed by a parent or legal guardian **BEFORE** the festival. One form can be used for all members of a family. The link will be posted on the KMTA Member website and on the Sign-up Genius page. It is the teacher's responsibility to share the link with parents of participating students.

I'll be available at our meeting on September 15th to answer your questions regarding registration and other festival topics.

I'm looking forward to an abundance of inspiring student performances in November. The festival is free and open to the public. Please attend, and invite your students and families, friends and neighbors!

Krista Seely, Festival Chair

## 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, 2023

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

April, 2023

[Senior Celebration and Awards](#)

May, 2023

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