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Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

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



President's Message

Fall is in full swing, my musical colleagues! We have so many events coming up to participate in and enjoy! I recently returned from our WSTMA Leadership Seminar in Yakima, and it was astounding to see the embarrassment of riches we have in our state!

Washington's own Peter Mack was in attendance and spoke, as our MTNA President! Mary Kaye Owen, also of our state, was there to speak as our Northwest Division Representative. Washington has so much representation at the national level, and our own Kitsap chapter follows suit at the state level. Did you know that our WSMTA treasurer is our own beloved Mary Grant? Or that our state Vocal and Instrumental Chair is none other than Jane Melin? It is truly an honor to be part of a chapter that is so involved at all levels of our incredible organization. Our chapter sports at least half a dozen representatives in different state positions, as well as some former state and even national officers as well! These incredible teachers and volunteers have helped to shape KMTA, WSMTA and MTNA into what they are today. If you want to make a positive impact on our profession, you can start right now at our local level! Get involved, attend meetings, invite a friend!

Melanie Stroud, NCTM

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association



From the Vice-President: Meeting News

We have some exciting events occurring this month that you will not want to miss! Our October meeting will be on Saturday, October 14 at 10:00 am at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church at 9300 Nels Nelson Rd NW in Bremerton. We are delighted to welcome Cathy Kautsky, DMA, to be our guest speaker. She is the George and Marjorie Olsen Chandler Professor of Music and the Chair of Keyboard at Lawrence University. She earned her Master of Music degree from The Juilliard School and her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Stony Brook University. Dr. Kautsky is a performer, teacher, writer, and lecturer. The New York Times extolls her as “a pianist who can play Mozart and Schubert as though their sentiments and habits of

musical speech coincided exactly with hers.” She will also be holding masterclasses in the morning and afternoon. See the article below for details.

On Thursday, October 26, Jeremy Siskind, along with our own Melanie Stroud, will be in [Concert at 7:00 pm at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church](#). There will also be a Student Improv Workshop, free-with-ticket-purchase, at 4:00 pm prior to the concert. Jeremy is a pianist, composer, and educator who is known for blending jazz and classical music. He holds degrees in both Jazz Performance and Music Theory from the Eastman School of Music, as well as a Masters degree in English and Comparative Literature from Columbia University. He is a tenured professor at Southern California’s Fullerton College and a proud Yamaha Artist.

I am looking forward to attending these events! Hope you can join us!

Farida Roberts

Vice President

Masterclass Spots Available

There are still spots open in the masterclasses with Dr. Catherine Kautsky on Saturday, October 14th. **Masterclasses will be 8:50-10:00, 1:00-3:00, and 3:15-4:15 at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church.**

Please take a look at the attached spreadsheet to see the open spots and please email me, Laetitia, at lpianostudio@gmail.com with

Your name

Your student’s first and last name

Your student's age

Preferred masterclass time

Repertoire and length

If your student wants 20 minutes or 30 minutes

[Catherine Kautsky October 14th Masterclass Spreadsheet to VIEW](#)

This is a fantastic opportunity for all of our intermediate and advanced pianists!! I would love to see as many teachers represented as possible.

Thank you!

Laetitia

Jeremy Siskind and Melanie Stroud in Concert

Please join us for an evening of jazz with pianist Jeremy Siskind, featuring guest vocalist Melanie Stroud! The link for tickets is: <https://kitsapmusicteachers.brownpapertickets.com>

Please let your students know that there is a student improvisation workshop at CKPC as well at 4pm that afternoon. Admission to the workshop is free with purchase of a ticket to the concert. No prior jazz knowledge is required.

And here is a printable poster to hang in your studios, or send out as is in an email!



Photo by Mauro Ribeiro

Jeremy Siskind

Jazz Piano Concert



Photo by Lemolo Mile Photography

Featuring Guest Vocalist
Melanie Stroud

October 26th, 2023
Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church
7:00 PM

TICKETS:



<https://kitsapmusicteachers.brownpapertickets.com>

Spots filling quickly for Kitsap Young Musicians Festival

Registration is open for Kitsap Young Musicians Festival on November 4 and spots are filling fast! *More than half of the available time has been filled.* If you wish to include students in the festival, check their ability on November 4 and sign up as soon as possible.

Here's the Sign Up Genius link to use to include time on the festival for your students:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044FACA828A7F58-44586082-2023>.

If you have specific questions or encounter difficulty signing up, feel free to email me at:

ks88keys@gmail.com If you have a phone number for texting, please include that as well.

I hope to see your students at the festival this year!

Krista Seely

Festival Chair

Concert Announcement

Dear Fellow Teachers,

I have two wonderful students that are playing with the Bremerton West Sound Symphony this coming month. Cyrus Yan will be playing the first movement of the Beethoven 3rd piano concerto and Damaris Harvey will play the first movement of Rachmaninoff's 3rd piano concerto. Both pieces are extraordinary and Cyrus and Damaris are playing beautifully. I encourage all of you to attend and support these fine young musicians and our local orchestra. Please click onto the link below. They will be performing at our fantastic new concert hall and new Steinway piano at Central Kitsap High School!

See you there!

Irene Bowling

<https://www.bremertonwestsoundsymphony.org/harvest-of-harmony-info>

Printing Options

Now that OfficeMax/Office Depot no longer has a store north of Gig Harbor where we can use our MTNA discount, it has become harder to save money on photocopies.

But savings on copies is as close as the nearest branch of your Kitsap Regional Library! The libraries have been offering a moderate number of free daily copies for some time now. They are changing to a system that will pre-load \$10 for copies every week onto each patron's library card account. That will cover 100 black-and-white copies at \$.10, or 40 color copies at \$.25. The funds re-load every week, so if you plan ahead, you can run a large number of copies for your studio or recital in smaller batches each week.

The [library's FAQ](#) also says that the new system will allow patrons to "print remotely from a personal

device -- either at home or within the library." Click the link at the beginning of this paragraph to read full details.

Accompanist Needed

Accompanist needed. Poulsbo Elementary Children's Choir seeking an accompanist for before & after school. Poulsbo Children's Choir is a non-auditioned choir of enthusiastic 4th and 5th graders. Rehearsals Tuesday mornings at 8am-9am and Thursdays from 3:50 - 5:00pm. One Winter and one Spring concert on Tuesday nights followed by an all school assembly at 9:30am Wednesday morning. The stipend is \$ 50.00 per hour and does not include travel expenses. The schedule is negotiable with a starting date of November 14. Please direct all inquiries to Cynthia Gilman at cgilman@nkschools.org or call/text/voicemail at (360)710-6431.

Favorite Apps, Resources and Teaching Strategies

A Quick Summary from our September KMTA Meeting:

Melanie Stroud uses an app called Note Rush. She also like Piano Maestro, and it's free!

Sun Gamble uses a JBL wireless speaker (It's tiny but sounds amazing!) to play drum or other pop accompaniments from apps such Drum Genius.

Rachel Doornink uses the Metrognome app - a tick-tocking gnome! Irresistible...

Krista Seely loves Flash Note Derby & Rhythm Swing, especially for younger kids.

Laetitia loves the Piano Safari curriculum, with three different "avenues" targeted to age level. This curriculum is uses the Taubman technique as a foundation.

Diane Layton likes Music for Little Mozarts for her young students.

Melanie Stroud also likes Piano For the Very Young - Kevin Olson – for the little ones. "It has great duet accompaniments!" Also included are places for drawing and improvising.

Vienna Boy Choir



Join us Saturday, October 14, at 2:00 PM

Vienna Boys Choir



The illustrious group of child musicians has been delighting music lovers across the globe for six centuries with their purity of tone, distinctive charm and diverse repertoire which includes everything from medieval to contemporary to experimental music.



Tickets available at CKPAC.org



Central Kitsap Performing Arts Center
10140 Frontier Place NW, Silverdale, WA 98383

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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 2024

[Performance Competitions](#)

March 2024

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

April 2024

[Senior Celebration and Awards](#)

May 2024

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