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## Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

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



### President's Message

"It's the most wonderful time of the year!" I can't wait to kick off the holiday season by celebrating with all of you at Jane's! Music is one of my favorite ways to celebrate the season, and I look forward to hearing many of you share your talents. As we wrap up 2023, it is a good time to think back on the highlights of the year. One of my favorite memories for KMTA in 2023 is the Music Carnival last spring! It is always an amazing event, and I love to see our membership come out in force to make an incredible day happen for our students. Our team photo is a blast, and the day spent serving with some of the best colleagues in the world is priceless. Here's to making many more wonderful memories together in 2024!

**Melanie Stroud, NCTM**

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association



### From the Vice-President: Meeting News

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas this holiday season! There is no business meeting or program in December, but I hope to see you all at Jane's on December 2nd! See the information below for details.

**Farida Roberts**

Vice President

**KMTA Christmas Party**

Join your friends at the annual KMTA Christmas party and music night on **Saturday evening, December 2nd, 5 pm**, at Jane Melin's home in Kingston! Significant others and non-member friends are also invited. Bring a small wrapped gift (music-themed?!) for the exchange, a hearty appetizer or dessert to share, and Christmas music and/or instrument(s) of your choice.

Driving Directions to **24610 Taree Blvd. NE, Kingston:**

**From the south:** Drive towards the Kingston ferry terminal. From northbound on Bond Road (Hwy 307), turn right on Gunderson Rd., left on Miller Bay Road, right on NE West Kingston Road, and right on South Kingston Road. (Each of these intersections has a stoplight.) Turn left on Taree Blvd. (note -- NOT on Taree Drive! That is the street before Taree Blvd.) The house is on the left, with a circular drive. It's best to enter the drive on the far side, next to the mailbox. There is room for about 6 cars to park, with one spot next to the garage and the others pointing in towards the house. There is also on-street parking.

**From the north:** Take Hwy 104 towards Kingston. Turn right on Barber Cut Off Rd., and right on NE West Kingston Rd. Turn left at South Kingston Road and follow directions above to Taree Blvd. NE.

**Please respond from this link by MIDNIGHT 12/1!**

"Regrets" can be transmitted too. To RSVP by phone, call Jane at (360) 297-3495 and leave a message.

[Click here to RSVP with guest names](#)

## Christmas at the Mall

There is still time to sign up for Christmas at the Mall. Your studio might not be listed on the mall's program of events, but your music will still be greatly appreciated as we entertain the holiday shoppers at the Kitsap Mall in Silverdale.

Here is a link to a [Google Doc Sign Up Sheet](#). The time slots are in 30 minute increments and there will be a digital grand piano onsite (baby grand size). On the sign up sheet, please include your instrument(s). The performance location will be the same as the last couple of years inside the mall outside of Kohl's.

If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Walden at 360/662-6430 or [colleen@waldenstudios.us](mailto:colleen@waldenstudios.us)

## Unplugged and Unpacked: The Golberg Variations

*In partnership with the Kitsap Music Teachers Association and supported by The Dorothy Woodcock Endowment*

Join us as three of our region's outstanding string players present this "TED Talk-style concert" as they bring the famous Goldberg Variations to life with music and commentary. Sarah Rommel, Cello Artist in Residence, UW; Rachel Lee Priday, Asst. Professor of Violin, UW; Mara Gearman, Asst. Principal Viola, Seattle Symphony will grace our stage. Consisting of an opening aria and then 30 different variations on it, the Goldberg Variations — commissioned by Johann Gottlieb Goldberg and published and performed by J. S. Bach in 1741 — is Bach's most popular keyboard work, reimagined here for strings and explained in depth by the performers.

## **Sunday, January 21, 2:00 pm**

**at the Central Kitsap Performing Arts Center**

**Tickets and Info:** [www.ckpac.org](http://www.ckpac.org)

Full auditorium, average ticket \$17.00

*There will be a comp code for 1 free ticket per transaction using the code "musicstudent"*

## **MAP Registration**

Dear Teachers,

The Music Artistry Program registration is now open! Please encourage your students to participate. Our event's registration deadline is December 15th (Friday).

For your convenience, I am attaching below a registration worksheet and a handy guide to navigate the WSMTA MAP registration forms.

Our MAP will be held on March 1~3 and March 8&9.

After you finish registering your students on WSMTA's website, please remember to send me the Chapter Student/Teacher Fee of **\$5** per Student. (Please note the increase!)

The check should be paid to KMTA, and mailed to me at following address:

Sun Gamble

5607 Perdemco Ave. SE

Port Orchard, WA 98367

Also, please forward your registration confirmation email to me

([sungamble69@yahoo.com](mailto:sungamble69@yahoo.com))

Please test your WSMTA account login in early December, so that if you need assistance with account lockout, Kirsten ([wsmtaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:wsmtaoffice@gmail.com)) will be able to help you.

Please note the following instructions from the State chair:

1. Please book time slots longer than 2x the playing time. If you are not quite sure about the playing time at the time of registration, please err on the generous side. Students may be cut off at half time to allow for Visiting Artist feedback. Teachers: please do not ask Visiting Artists to allow the entire time slot for playing; that could be interpreted as disrespectful.
2. One event per order (checkout). If you have students in several MAP events, please keep the students separated so that each checkout contains only one event. We need to track the income and expenses for each event separately. Thank you very much for your cooperation.
3. Teachers must register for consultation for every event their students participate in, even if only registering one student.
4. You may register in MAP events that are outside of your chapter. For example, if your chapter does not offer a voice event, you may register in another voice event nearby. Please contact the MAP Chair of the event in advance, so you are on their email contact list.
5. Send Student Chapter Fee/Teacher Chapter Fee separately to your Chapter MAP Chair. Our online registration system does not collect Student Chapter Fee or Teacher Chapter Fee. These fees vary from chapter to chapter. Please contact your Chapter MAP Chair on where to send these fees.
6. We are unable to refund fees due to illness or cancellation. You may substitute students or re-distribute the time slot for other students in your studio.

## **KMTA Music Carnival**

Our 13th annual KMTA Music Carnival has been confirmed for **Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Gateway Fellowship**. Mark your calendars and plan to have your studio participate! Those of you who have helped with the Carnival and Music Literacy Program in the past know it is an event that requires a tremendous amount of preparation, and all hands on deck! Last year's event was a huge success with several new teachers involved, and our hope is that we will grow again this year. Non-member teachers and studios are welcome to participate as well, ***so please reach out to your non-member teacher friends and spread the word!***

Diane Layton will again serve as chair of the exams (WSMTA Music Literacy Program, formerly known as the Musicianship Exams), assisted by co-chair Dianne Johnston. Debra Florian will again chair the Music Carnival, assisted by co-chair Melanie Stroud. We are working on establishing committees, job assignments, etc. to lay preliminary groundwork for this year's Carnival. We look forward to seeing all of you there. Please send Melanie an email as soon as possible to let her know if you are available to help and in what capacity. We are hoping that most people will continue in the positions they filled last year if possible, to maintain some continuity, but we will also be looking to involve new participating teachers.

If you are new to KMTA, or have never participated in the Carnival and Exams (MLP), we encourage you to get involved. We especially want to encourage strings teachers, since our own Jane Melin has developed several tests for strings for WSMTA. Exams are also available for treble winds, developed by Diane Layton and Shelley Devlin. Check out the exam preparation resources available on the [MLP page of the WSMTA website](#). There you will find the handbook and other resources including the registration form. You can also find prep exams (for a small fee) on the [ComposeCreate website of Wendy Stevens](#), the lead author of the exam program we use.

If it seems overwhelming to take on the entire program at once, consider choosing even one or two exam areas to prepare with your students this year. Get your feet wet! ☺ All students can certainly participate in a solo performance and do an art or written project. Check it out, and contact any of our chairs with questions. We'd be happy to walk you through it. Watch for regular updates through the Quavers, KMTA email and website.

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## **Wanted: Grand Piano Donation**

Kingston's Village Green Community Center, which opened in 2016, has spacious meeting rooms available for activities, community groups, recitals and "Music at the Green" concerts by a variety of artists. They received a donated baby-grand piano, which they keep covered in protected storage and tune as needed. The piano is old and "quirky," although kept in playable condition. The center is open to receiving a better-quality piano as a replacement. If you know of anyone interested in donating a good-quality small grand piano (under 6') for a tax deduction, please contact Jane Melin, [jane@melinmusicstudio.com](mailto:jane@melinmusicstudio.com), and she can pass the information to the appropriate contact person at the Village Green.

# 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, 2024

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

April 27, 2024

### [Senior Celebration and Awards](#)

May 2024

## 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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