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Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

*January 2024 News Digest - Find Full Event Details at our Website,
kitsapmusicteachers.org.*



President's Message

Happy New Year, KMTA! What are your resolutions for the new year? I always try to keep them attainable, since so many people make unrealistic ones. For KMTA, what if you make a resolution to participate in one more event than you did last year? Personally, I'd love it if you'd volunteer to help at our Carnival in April! It is a great way to get involved, and it is one of our biggest and most fun events of the year. Also, did you know that 2024 is KMTA's 75th Birthday!?! Be on the lookout for some fun celebrations this year! What a fantastic legacy of music educators, and we get to be a part of it! May 2024 bring amazing things for KMTA, and for you!

Melanie Stroud, NCTM

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association



From the Vice-President: Meeting News

Happy New Year 2024!

I hope you had blessed Christmas and New Year's celebrations with family and friends. Wishing you a warm welcome back to our next KMTA meeting, January 12 at 10 am, at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church in Bremerton. We are delighted to have Dr. Yelena Balabanova present "Wigs, Bandanas, and Tuxedos. "

Ms. Balabanova currently serves as WSMTA's District I Vice President and is the owner of International Conservatory Studio, Inc. She is described as being

“magical” and “mesmerizing” by critics and audiences. Dr. Balabanova is a highly sought-after presenter of workshops and masterclasses and has performed as a soloist, accompanist, and chamber musician in numerous festivals and concerts, including Steinway Hall, Benaroya Hall, and Gnessins Hall. She also tours across the United States, Canada, Europe, and Russia.

Farida Roberts

Vice President

Spotlight Concert: January 21st

Dear Teachers,

Georgene and I are very excited to bring another fantastic Spotlight Concert to all of you January 21. KMTA is once again partnering with C. K. School District and Don Fox, the general manager of CKPAC, to bring three top string players to our county. They will be lecturing on and performing the Goldberg Variations by Bach. This will be a highly unusual and top drawer performance by two U.of W. faculty members and the first violist of the Seattle Symphony. We would appreciate full support by our membership through announcements and attendance from your studios. We need to sell at least 250 tickets to fully cover the cost of this educational event. The hall seats 900!! Let's go for it.

We could also use volunteers for distribution of posters, postcards, and ushering, the day of the concert. Please let Gerogene or me know if you can help us. My phone number is 360-990-5302 and I will be home over Christmas break. Thanks so much and we wish you a wonderful New Year 2024!

Irene and Georgene

Unplugged and Unpacked: The Golberg Variations

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

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

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Principal Viola, Seattle Symphony



Central Kitsap Performing Arts Center

10140 Frontier Pl. NW Silverdale, WA 98383

Sunday January 21, 2024 2:00 pm

Tickets & information at ckpac.org



This is a CKSD Community Benefit Production & is funded by the Dorothy Woodcock Endowment

The operation of CK PAC is made possible through our community's investment in our schools through previously passed support levies.

Music Carnival

Dear KMTA Colleagues:

Happy New Year to one and all! I hope your holidays were fun and restful, and that you are feeling ready for the busy music season ahead! January brings a stepped up pace for preparing for our annual KMTA Music Carnival and Music Literacy Program exams, scheduled for Sat. April 27.

Within the next two weeks, all Carnival/MLP materials will be updated and made available to you on the KMTA website. These include a parent information letter, registration form/permission slip, volunteer form, and publicity poster. When these materials are ready on the website, we will send out a direct KMTA email containing more information. Please watch your email for that. Registration will be due March 15.

If you have any questions, or to volunteer to help, please contact:

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Kitsap Flute Choir

New Year, New Group! We are delighted to announce the creation of the Kitsap Flute Choir, led by Diane Layton and Sorcha Barr-Deneen.

Open to flutists with 2+ years of playing experience who are looking for a new way to make music. Rehearsals every other Friday 4:15-5:45pm at the Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church.

Registration online at <https://forms.gle/rYHUJWG3fzkHohFr6>

For more information, contact sorcha@sorchabarr.net or mrsboxl1@yahoo.com.

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Kitsap Flute Choir

Every other Friday
Starts January 19

4:15 - 5:45pm

Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church
Bremerton, WA

\$175

Register online at

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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 WSM TA Music Literacy Program](#)

April 27, 2024

[Senior Celebration and Awards](#)

May 2024

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