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Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

*February 2024 News Digest - Find Full Event Details at our Website,
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President's Message

“Love is in the air!” Happy February, KMTA! How have you expressed love for our profession lately? I had the joy of getting my piano tuned by James Murray, and it was absolutely wonderful to finally meet him in person! I was able to thank him for sponsoring our last two Kitsap Young Musicians Festivals, as well as his work at my church for Christmas Eve, at All Saints Academy, and now for my own studio and KMTA’s voice MAP. I really appreciated his enthusiasm for giving back to the community in ways like sponsoring our event. Be thinking of ways you can spread the love of KMTA! Maybe it is reaching out to someone you know who teaches music, but isn’t a member of our organization yet. They don’t know what they’re missing! 😊 Maybe you can invite them to join you in helping at our Carnival in April, since that is always a blast. Perhaps one of our upcoming events would interest them? We have something for everyone! I’m looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting, and maybe we’ll see some new faces! I’ve invited a couple!

Melanie Stroud, NCTM

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association



From the Vice-President: Meeting News

Wishing you a warm, winter welcome! We are delighted to host a Pacific Northwest treasure with a plethora of achievements, Lisa Bergman, at this month's meeting. She will be presenting on the subject of student accompanist. Our meeting will be held on Friday, February 9 at 10 am at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church (9300 Nels Nelson Rd NW, Bremerton, WA 98311).

Lisa Bergman is a passionate promoter of classical music and a national Gracie Award-winning radio announcer on Classical KING 98.1. As a concert pianist specializing in collaborative piano and chamber music she is a graduate of the Juilliard School, Stony Brook University and the University of Washington, cum laude. She served on the University of Washington Music Faculty and her discography includes six CDs. Under the auspices of the United States Information Agency (USIA), she toured the Pacific Rim. Bergman is founder of the Mostly Nordic Chamber Music Series; President of Northwest Opera in Schools and Director of the Adult Piano Retreat Director at the Icicle Creek Center for the Arts.

Hope you are able join us to be inspired and enlightened at our next meeting!

Farida Roberts

Vice President

KMTA Performance Competitions and WSMTA State Recitalist Competitions

KMTA will be holding Performance Competitions in conjunction with the WSMTA State Recitalist Competitions on Saturday March 23. Please note that the location has changed this year. Piano competitions will take place at Huney Hall at the Bainbridge Island Senior Center, and the Vocal and Instrumental Competitions at North Kitsap Baptist Church in Poulsbo. Registration will be online only, opening February 10 and closing March 10.

All of the information you need to prepare yourself and your students for these competitions is available on the KMTA website. Please read through everything on the [COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS page](#), as well as on the applicable linked pages, so that you are familiar with eligibility and repertoire requirements well in advance. Please note: Registration fees have been recently adjusted, as shown on the website.

Be sure to download the Registration Worksheet now, and start filling it in as you work with your students this month. Having this worksheet at your side will make for a smooth registration process.

Looking forward to it!

Mary Grant NCTM, Piano Competitions Chair
Melanie Kurtzbein, Vocal and Instrumental Chair

The CARNIVAL Is Coming!!!

On Saturday, April 27, KMTA will hold our tenth annual KMTA Music Carnival! The Carnival incorporates our long-running, very successful Ribbon Festival (sponsored by the Dorothy Woodcock Endowment), and WSMTA Music Literacy Program (formerly Musicianship Examinations), along with carnival games, music games, face-painting and food to create a quality educational activity in a FUN carnival atmosphere. With the help of DWE funding, we want this to be a truly festive event that our students and teachers will look forward to each year.

The Carnival Day will run from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be available in the gym beginning at 12. Students, teachers and parents may bring a lunch, or may purchase lunch items at the Carnival. All volunteers, including teachers, parents and students, will receive a voucher for a free lunch entree as a small token of thanks. Exams will continue through the lunchtime hours, with teachers taking turns for breaks. Games and snacks, as well as fun live music on the stage, will be available in the gym throughout the hours of the Carnival.

We need help from all of you to make this Carnival a success! Many have already volunteered to help—thank you! More are still needed. This is a big endeavor, but it

will be a fun and exciting day, and we hope you will choose to be a part. If you are new to KMTA, or haven't participated in the past, I encourage you to volunteer to help and come check it out! All teachers helping at the Carnival will be "costumed" in colorful satin top hats and sequined bow ties. Parent and student helpers will also be sporting black and white fedoras, helping to readily identify them, and adding to the festivities.

We will have a planning/training meeting as our program after the business meeting on Friday, April 12. We will go over scoring procedures, and also procedures for the adult helpers working with you. It's important that everyone knows what they are doing prior to Carnival Day. ☺

Please mark your calendars today:

Saturday, April 27, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Gateway Fellowship in Poulsbo

Setup: Saturday, April 27, 8:00 a.m.

Clean up immediately following the event

How to prepare:

1. Go to the WSMTA website www.wsmta.org. On the home page under Programs for Students, click on Music Literacy Program. On this page are listed the forms to download, including an updated MLP Handbook. There is also information to access additional resources to help you and your students prepare for exams.
2. When the time comes, send out the link to the PPL release form for all participating students.
3. Contact me, Melanie Stroud, to discuss how you would like to be involved (see contact info below). There are many jobs open, large and small. We are also looking for parent and student helpers. (Students will work in shifts, so they will also have time for exams. This qualifies as community service, too!) We also are in need of several digital keyboards for the exam rooms and gym. If you have a full-size keyboard that you can bring for the day, please contact me.
4. Talk up the Carnival in your Studio. [CARNIVAL PARENT LETTER](#) Also on the KMTA website will be a colorful poster (Thanks to Jane Melin!) that you can print off and post in your studio and other strategic locations in the community to help us publicize our event to the public. Create a buzz about this fun event, and let your enthusiasm be contagious! If you haven't participated in the Carnival and Exams before, consider entering students in even a few of the events to get a sampling of all that's available.
5. Use the registration worksheet provided on the website, in preparation for filling out the online registration form. This will help eliminate problems when you get to the online process. Use the handbook to help you determine the appropriate exam levels for each student. Err on the side of success. Strings students will be able to take all exams specially developed by Jane Melin for string instruments. Exams have also been developed for treble wind instruments by Diane Layton and Shelley

Devlin.

6. Registration is all online!!! It will be open from Feb. 15 - March 15. Check out Mary Grant's amazing work found on the WSM TA website!

7. Prepare your students to be successful. The Handbook is a great resource.

8. Please continue to check your email for regular updates in the weeks preceding the Carnival.

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Recital Venue

Dear KMTA,

The [Bainbridge Community Piano Association](#) would like to remind you that our wonderful Yamaha C6 grand piano in the Bainbridge Island Waterfront Park Community Center is available to rent. The renter is responsible for scheduling Huney Hall with the Bainbridge Island Senior Center personnel (206-842-1616). **We** offer music teachers a 50% discount on piano rentals. The KMTA piano rental rate is \$25 per event. This fee is in addition to the hall rental fee. The hall rental rate is \$50/hr, there is a kitchen and more than 90 padded chairs.



Thank you for considering our piano for your spring student recitals! And we hope to see you at one of our upcoming [First Sundays Concerts](#) soon!

~BCPA Team

www.firstsundaysconcerts.org

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Do you have info to distribute to KMTA?

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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 23rd, 2024

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

April 27, 2024

[Senior Celebration and Awards](#)

May 2023

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