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Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

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

"Spring is bustin' out all over!" And KMTA is in full swing! Keep an eye out for all of the looming deadlines for registration for: Carnival, Competitions, Senior Celebration... and our Honors Recital will be coming up as well! This time of year is really busy, and I know we all have a lot on our plates right now. I find the easiest way to keep on top of things is to keep track of stuff is with my to-do list and writing myself reminders. Hopefully that will help you too! Happy Spring, everyone!

Melanie Stroud, NCTM

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association

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The KMTA Music Carnival is fast approaching! The KMTA Carnival, sponsored by the Dorothy Woodcock Endowment, incorporates the WSMTA Music Literacy Program (formerly Musicianship Exams) into a fun and festive carnival atmosphere.

Each year we continue to expand and improve our event with more activities and fun, and this year is no exception! If you want more information about the actual Carnival Day, please see details on the KMTA website.

The Carnival Day, Saturday, April 27, will run from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be available in the gym beginning at 11:30. Students, teachers and parents may bring a lunch, or may purchase lunch items at the Carnival. Exams will continue through the lunchtime hours, with teachers taking turns for breaks. Games and snacks will be available in the gym throughout the hours of the Carnival.

**In an effort to reach out to our community and other local arts organizations, we

are again inviting small ensembles to provide live music on the stage during our Carnival hours. If you know of a school or community ensemble that might like to participate, please contact Melanie Stroud with the information, and she will send an official invitation.

If you haven't already done so, please mark your calendars:

***Training meeting** for all examiners **Friday, April 12 10:30 a.m.** at CK Presbyterian following our business meeting

***Carnival: Saturday, April 27, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Gateway Fellowship in Poulsbo

***Setup: Saturday, April 27, 8:30 a.m.**

Clean up immediately following the event.

We have a wonderful core group of teachers who have volunteered in various positions. Thank you!! It takes many hands to make this event a success, and we still have a number of jobs to be filled. If you have not yet volunteered, and would like to be involved, please contact Melanie Stroud. We will find a position for you-- And a colorful top hat and bow tie! Even if you've never participated before, this is a great opportunity to come check it out! As a small token of appreciation, *each member of our volunteer team--student and adult helpers and teachers--will receive a voucher for a free lunch entrée.* The finalized Personnel List of teacher job assignments will be posted on the website within the next couple weeks, so please watch for that. Student and Parent Volunteers will be contacted individually prior to the Carnival.

Steps 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. If you haven't already done so, send each student home with a parent information letter, permission slips will be done electronically this year.
3. Complete the registration form (insert link here) using the handbook to help you determine the appropriate exam levels for each student. Err on the side of success.

Registration is open March 1-22. It is the responsibility of each teacher to prepare your students to be successful. The handbook is a great resource. **It is also the responsibility of each teacher to be checking your email and the website for regular updates in the weeks preceding the Carnival.** There will be a lot of information available, as well as letters to be sent home with students, and time-sensitive preparations to be taken care of prior to Carnival Day.

Questions: Call, text or email any of us on the committee:

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2024 Chapter Honors Recital Information

Date and time: March 16th, 2024 / 2pm and (possibly 3:30 pm)

Our participation numbers are down this year, therefore it is hard to estimate whether we need two recitals or one at this point. Whether we need one or two recitals will be determined after I receive all the information,

Location: Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church

9300 Nels Nelson Rd. Bremerton WA 98311

As soon as MAP is over, please email me the following by March 10th:

- 1) Name and age of the student(s)
- 2) How long was the MAP (15,20, or 30 minutes)
- 3) Name of the piece(s)

Senior Celebration

Plans are in the works for our High School Senior Celebration where we will honor our graduating seniors!! The event will take place on Saturday, May 11, 1 – 3 PM at St Antony's Episcopal Church in Silverdale. Families and friends are invited. We look forward to hearing our seniors perform, and they are always welcome to come whether they perform or not.

The Outstanding Scholar Awards will be presented that day well. Please check the KMTA website for the Online Submission Form to register for the event, as well as the OSA application which can be done online, or on a printable PDF form and mailed in. If you prefer the online application, it's advisable to use the PDF form as a worksheet in order to have your information ready as you complete the online form.

Teachers with high school seniors should send names of their seniors and their contact information to djohnston63@comcast.net by the end of March or sooner if possible.

More details will follow soon. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Johnston

(djohnston63@comcast.net) or Eva Crim at (emcrim219@gmail.com).

Thank you,
Dianne and Eva

Accompanist Wanted

St. Olaf Catholic Church in Poulsbo is currently seeking an additional piano accompanist for our music team to accompany a small choir at the weekly Saturday afternoon (4:30 pm) mass and one Thursday evening choir practice. The position may at times expand to play for other services as needs arise. This is a paid by stipend position. The right person does not need to be Catholic. Any experience playing for choirs or any church services would be a plus. The accompanist must be able to read music and have good skills as the Hymn selections change weekly however the mass setting stays consistent. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I appreciate your time and thoughts.

I can be reached at this email:

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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 2024

[Performance Competitions](#)

March 23, 2024

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

April 27, 2023

[Senior Celebration and Awards](#)

May 11, 2023

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