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## Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

*May 2024 News Digest - Find Full Event Details at our Website,  
[kitsapmusicteachers.org](http://kitsapmusicteachers.org).*



### **President's Message**

Spring has sprung, and the pollen is attacking! If you're like me, this time of the year is beautiful and treacherous at the same time. Allergies can cause a big headache and are quite annoying. Isn't that the way it goes with any of our big projects as well? The beauty and grandeur of spring and all of its blossoms have the unfortunate side effect of sneezing, BUT the visual of the sunshine on the beautiful cherry blossom trees is worth it! We just finished our largest event of the year, the MLP and Music Carnival. It is always a lot of work to get everything organized, all of the decorations up, all of the scheduling done... but WOW, when we're done and the students have come and are having a wonderful time, it is so worth all of the work! We already have a volunteer for the project tables next year, because a parent loves looking at all of the art and reading the composer reports! It is such a special time when our community comes out in force to serve our students. The performing groups were also stupendous this year, and the flute choir was a great addition! I am so thankful for a local association that comes together to make events like this possible. It is hard to believe that I am wrapping up my second round as President of our amazing group. I am so thankful for each and every one of you for your contributions, and look forward to supporting Farida as she steps into the role. Thank you for your love, support, and smiling faces at each meeting!

**Melanie Stroud, NCTM**

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association

**From the Vice-President: Meeting News**



Our last meeting of the year will be on May 10th at 10am at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church in Bremerton. We will be discussing our “Year in Review,” which will be a time for us to talk about programming that we enjoyed and where we succeeded. We can also talk about things that we may want to change or new ideas that we could implement. Join us in celebrating our year and share your thoughts while we partake in goodies and coffee or tea!

## **Farida Roberts**

Vice President

### **Senior Celebration LAST CALL**

The celebration is quickly approaching (May 11). Please have your Seniors REGISTER using the following

link <https://forms.gle/Gd8qhuFhKCftFz1m6>.

Teachers, please email me, [emcrim219@gmail.com](mailto:emcrim219@gmail.com), if your Senior(s) does not plan to attend but wants to be included in the program (they still need to register).

To date there is only 1 student registered so the celebration may be cancelled. :(

Thank you Eva and Dianne.

### **WSMTA Conference Reimbursements for Teachers and Students**

KMTA is offering \$50 stipends to our members who will be attending the WSMTA State Conference from June 27-29. To receive a reimbursement, send a copy of the emailed confirmation of your conference registration to KMTA Treasurer Jane Melin, [jane@melinmusicstudio.com](mailto:jane@melinmusicstudio.com). Reimbursement requests must be received no later than June 15. Please cash your check before going to the conference so the expense will remain in our 2023-24 budget year.

KMTA also has a \$400 grant from our Nadean Clarke Memorial Scholarship Fund to split between the students who will be attending the State Honors Recitals. Only students who play at the recitals are eligible to receive these grants, so the funds will be delivered to students at the conference itself, or afterwards. I will need the names

of the student recipients by June 1.

## **Recital Invitation: May 31st**

Owen Espinosa grew up in Kitsap and attended many KMTA events as a student. After studying piano performance for four years, Owen will graduate on May 4th with a degree in Music and Piano Performance from Biola University's Conservatory of Music.

He is returning to Kitsap County and is looking forward to sharing his senior recital program back here with his friends, family and former teachers. His program will feature works of Schubert, Chopin, Prokofiev, & Corigliano. All KMTA teachers are invited to what will be a fantastic evening of music.

Owen's recital starts at 6:30pm, with doors to the event opening at 6:15pm at Silverdale Lutheran Church.

Immediately following the recital, please join us for a reception and refreshments. If you are able to attend, please RSVP by texting RECITAL to 360.226.2775.



You are cordially invited!

# OWEN ESPINOSA'S *SENIOR RECITAL*

Featuring works of Schubert, Chopin,  
Prokofiev, & Corigliano

**Friday, May 31st at 6:30pm**

*Silverdale Lutheran Church*  
• 11701 Ridgpoint Drive NW, Silverdale, WA

**Please RSVP by texting RECITAL to 360.226.2775**

Reception and food to follow  
immediately after the recital.

## **A Note from Laetitia**

Hello KMTA teachers!

I am expecting my second daughter in September and will be taking several years off from teaching piano. To that end I am looking for new teachers for my students. If you are looking to build your studio or have room for a couple of students, please send me your contact information and location so I can share that information with them. Most of my students live on Bainbridge but I have a few that travel from Poulsbo.

Thank you so much for your consideration!

[lppianostudio@gmail.com](mailto:lppianostudio@gmail.com)

Thanks!  
Laetitia

## **A Note from Elissa**

My name is Elissa Hust Smalley and I am a piano teacher with a full studio on Bainbridge Island. I am planning on moving out of the area this summer and am selling my studio through Sunbelt Business Brokers. It brings in approximately \$91,000 gross income per year. The business includes 60-70 students ages 4-74 years old, and includes a full teaching inventory, a music library, a beautiful and spacious two-grand piano style teaching studio with lots of windows, with an easy walking distance to shopping, coffee shops and restaurants. The business includes a 6 foot Steinway grand piano, as well as three months of training and mentoring by the seller. This is a turn-key opportunity in an excellent community that is very supportive of the arts. There are also performance and accompaniment opportunities available in addition to mentorship and continuing education opportunities. This business opportunity would be perfect for a soon to be or recent graduate looking for a way to pay off those student loans, or as an opportunity to support a family looking to put down roots in a great community. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Elissa L. Hust Smalley  
360-265-7174

## **Save the Date: November 21st**

Artist in residence at Julliard School, pianist Mikhail Voskresensky is coming to Kitsap to perform in November. Attached is a poster to help you start advertising in your studio and beyond. What a great opportunity for teachers having spring recitals to please begin promoting this great opportunity. Updated advertising will be available in a few weeks, but now is the time to start getting people excited.  
Georgene and Irene

A link to the poster to print/can be found [HERE](#).

“World-class pianist, **Mikhail Voskresensky**,  
to perform....”

***SAVE  
THE  
DATE!***



*Thursday, November 21, 2024*  
*Afternoon Masterclass*  
*6:00 pm Concert at CK High*

- Currently, Artist in residence at *Julliard School*, NYC
- Top Prizes in the *Van Cliburn Competition*
- Graduate of *Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory*,  
this *Ukranian born* left Russia for the USA

## **Carnival**

Carnival was a success! Here are some fun pictures of the event, and thank you to Krista for passing on this gem from a parent: "We had so much fun today. We love being a part of this community... what a lovely group of people." That's YOU! :) Thank you for making it all happen!





## **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.*

**Senior Celebration and Awards**

May 11, 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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