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Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

*April 2025 News Digest - Find Full Event Details at our Website,
kitsapmusicteachers.org.*

President's Message



Spring has sprung! What are you looking forward to during this season? I love all of the new growth and blooms! Cherry blossoms, daffodils, tulips, and more! I am also excited about our Music Carnival that will be happening at the end of the month! As we continue to prepare our students, please also consider volunteering your time and efforts in helping to make our wonderful event a success! It is always a fun time for our community to celebrate our students' accomplishments!

Farida Roberts
President, KMTA

Meeting News

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for **Friday, April 18th, at 10:00 AM** at **Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church**.

This meeting is especially important for teachers volunteering at the KMTA Music Carnival, as we will be covering essential information and training for the event. Attendance is required for all Carnival teacher volunteers to ensure everything runs smoothly.

We look forward to seeing you there!

KMTA Music Carnival

The KMTA Music Carnival is almost here!! April 26th is just around the corner. Registration is closed. We have 269 students and 18 teachers participating this year. These are impressive numbers! We also will have lunch available for sale this year, with our traditional pizza and hotdog options, so make sure your families know to bring cash! Volunteers will receive a voucher for a free slice of pizza or a hot dog as a thank you. We will have 3 performing groups this year: the marimba groups from Poulsbo Elementary, Norwegian dancers from Poulsbo Leikarringen and the Honor Choir from All Saints Academy.

Homeschool Strings and any other ensembles need to check in with Melanie Stroud before scheduling a time for performances with their groups, to avoid issues. We need as many adult and student volunteers as possible to have this event run smoothly. Even more important, though, are the teacher volunteers! If you have not contacted Melanie Stroud yet regarding your availability for the Carnival date, please do so ASAP. I will be reaching out to confirm schedules with all participating teachers, as well as any available teachers who may not have students participating this year.

On April 18th at 10:30 AM we will have our Carnival/MLP Testing preparation/training. This will follow our regular KMTA meeting. Attendance is mandatory, but if for some reason you cannot make it, please contact Diane Layton to go over your responsibilities in your testing room. The room/testing guidelines have all been updated and streamlined. We hope that this will make the testing day run smoothly. You'll be able to view sample testing pages specific to your area as well as potentially collaborate with other teachers in your testing room.

On Carnival day, please arrive at 8am to help with set-up! Teacher registration times are staggered to help keep the line down. Students may register any time during the day, but please tell your families to try to register during your studio's registration window.

Registration times:

- 10:00 Student Volunteers
- 10:45 Beckwith, Stroud, Hennings
- 11:15 Doornink, Melin, Martin, Kurtzbein
- 11:45 Grant, Heuhn, Johnston, Larson
- 12:15 Layton, Roberts, Seely
- 12:45 Florian, Walden, Perkins, Westernen

Please make sure to send out the link to the PPL form for families to sign prior to the event. I'm looking forward to seeing you all!

Volunteer form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchLLC_eZ9wYKqCGP9A-e8IFSOG3rhzG1zgnXYFJazdZfz0WQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

PPL:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYphp1oaqfSA1EQgT1FNuN7XwwKMZa-dQMWUNjc2HD6BW4Hw/viewform?usp=dialog>

Strings MAP Report

Kitsap strings teachers enjoyed a great Strings MAP over two days, March 7-8, at North Kitsap Baptist Church. Our visiting artist Lily Burton, NCTM, worked with a total of 50 students, who represented the Melin, Walden, Larson and Kurtzbein studios, and Homeschool Strings. Thank you to all who participated!

Honors Recital

Two Chapter Honors Recitals were successfully held on March 15th at Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church.

These recitalists participated in the Music Artistry Program and were selected by visiting artists to represent their teachers.

Violinists, vocalists, pianists, and a homeschool string group presented various repertoires during the event.

Congratulations to our talented group of students!

Sun Gamble, NCTM



Senior Celebration

The Senior Celebration was held in conjunction with one of our Honors Recitals on Saturday March 15 at Summit Ave Presbyterian Church in Bremerton. Thanks to Sun Gamble for organizing the combined recital. Great performances were given by seven of our known thirteen graduating seniors. Three seniors were Honors Recitalists and the additional four seniors performed beautifully as well.

The Outstanding Scholar Awards were presented also to those who submitted the applications. The following is the list of award recipients.

Outstanding Senior Scholar Award \$300. – Kail Taylor – Student of Debra Florian
Honors Scholars: \$100. Zee Gemmer – Student of Dianne Johnston
\$100. Julie Castijelljo – Student of Debra Florian
\$100. Elizabeth Seymour – Student of Irene Bowling & Carmen

Larsen

\$100. Antonio Zaballa – Student of Mary Grant

\$100. Miriam Burns – Student of Melanie Stroud

Scholar Participants: \$25. Erik Naatus – Student of Irene Bowling

\$25. Taylor Palmer – Student of Melanie Stroud

\$25. Roger Shi – Student of Diane Layton

\$25. Sofia Johnson – Student of Georgene Corey

\$25. Matea Bolander – Student of Melanie Stroud

Congratulations to the senior students, their parents and teachers! Job Well Done!
Melanie Stroud and Dianne Johnston



Vocal, Instrumental and Percussion Performance Competition Results

Our judge Dr. Joseph Pollard White heard 14 percussion and 10 vocal students, as well as a mix of violin, viola, flute, cello and guitar students totalling 16, at our Vocal and Instrumental performance competitions Saturday March 22, at North Kitsap Baptist Church.

Results:

Instrumental Division

Elementary

1. Jack Foster, guitar (Cox)
2. Elowyn Steele, violin (Kurtzbein)
3. Owen Perkins, cello (Rose)

Junior

1. Wyatt Foster, guitar (Cox)
2. Robin Lau, violin (Walden)

High School

1. Logan Keeley, cello (Finkelstein)
2. Michelle Longley, flute (Layton)
3. Erin Sy, violin (Melin)

Senior

1. Hailey Vaught, violin (Kurtzbein)
2. Logan Vaught, viola (Kurtzbein)

Strings State Honors Recitalists:

Hailey Vaught (Kurtzbein)

Logan Vaught (Kurtzbein)

First Alternate: Erin Sy (Melin)

Second Alternate: Aaron Longley (Melin)

Flute State Honors Recitalist:

Michelle Longley (Layton)

Vocal Division

All are students of Melanie Stroud

Elementary

1. Peter Martin

Junior Division

1. Silas Harris
2. Naomi Martin
3. Nataly Martin

High School

1. Samuel Harris

Senior

1. Matea Bolander
2. Miriam Burns

State Honors Recitalist:

Sophie Harris

Percussion Division

All are students of Terry Marsh

Elementary

1. Daniel Robertson
2. Calvin Garrett

Junior Division

1. Cooper Hansen
2. Conlan Poncelow
3. Sadie Andrews

High School

1. Bo Wooll
2. Davin Lancaster
3. Meridian Benson

Senior

1. Liam Jurcak
2. Ben Beckett
3. Cole Moomaw

KMTA Performance Competition, 2025, PIANO DIVISION: Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to all the wonderful piano students who competed in our KMTA Performance Competition! Kay Zavislak, our 2025 judge, heard 9 Elementary, 9 Junior, 5 High School (9th-11th), and 6 High School Seniors, from the studios of 6 of our KMTA members. It was an lovely and inspiring day for all, and we could not be more proud of these wonderful students!!!

As always, we are so grateful to Dorothy Woodcock, whose generous bequest will allow us to continue to reward our dedicated students long into the future.

ELEMENTARY

- 1st Chloe-Evelyn Chong \$50 (*Grant*)

2nd Lillian Dean \$40 (*Smalley*)

3rd Thomas Poekel \$30 (*Bowling*)

HM Alara Schultz (*Bowling*)

JUNIOR

1st Regan Voss \$100 (*Grant*)

2nd Alan Schultz \$75 (*Bowling*)

3rd Evan Lin \$50 (*Bowling*)

HM Clarence Yan (*Bowling*)

HM Tiange Li (*Grant*)

HIGH SCHOOL 9th - 11th

1st Logan Keeley \$300 (*Bowling*)

2nd Chaz Niles \$200 (*Bowling*)

3rd Dew Kumsorn \$100 (*Bowling*)

HM Collin Zacher (*Johnston*)

HM Ruth Harvey (*Bowling*)

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

1st Antonio Zaballa \$600 (*Grant*)

2nd Hannah Harvey \$500 (*Bowling*)

3rd Jacob Santini \$400 (*Bowling*)

HM Erik Naatus (*Bowling*)

HM Julie Castillejo (*Florian*)

HM Lincoln Jenkins (*Grant*)

STATE HONORS RECITALISTS - Kitsap Chapter Representatives:

Tiange Li (*Grant*)

Chaz Niles (*Bowling*)

1st Alternate Regan Voss (*Grant*)

2nd Alternate Clarence Yan (*Bowling*)

3rd Alternate Antonio Zaballa (*Grant*)

4th Alternate Dew Kumsorn (*Bowling*)

Pianos for Sale

A KMTA member has two pianos for sale:



<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/1305606600529550/?mibextid=6ojiHh>



<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/2740053982861234/?mibextid=6ojiHh>

Keyboardist Wanted

St. Paul's Episcopal Church seeks a keyboardist (K. Kawai baby grand, pipe organ) to support congregational singing. Hymns selected mostly from Gather Hymnal and Hymnal 1982 (Episcopal Church). Rehearsal and performance 9:00 am - noon Sundays. Keyboardist will be a contractor and paid \$125 - \$150 depending on skill and experience. Contact the Rev. Arienne Davison, Priest in Charge St. Paul's Episcopal Church therevarienne@gmail.com or cell/text 206-499-5939.

I would be most grateful for any help you can provide in spreading the word about this opportunity.

In Peace,

The Rev. Arienne Davison
Priest in Charge

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bremerton

therevarienne@gmail.com

c/t 206-499-5939

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.

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

April 26th, 2025

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