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Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

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

President's Message



"Love is a Many-Splendored Thing"

Love does have many splendors, don't you agree? It is like a diamond with numerous facets. I can also view music as having many splendors! What is its form? Sound make-up? Expression of emotions? We can simply listen to music or really take time to analyze and study it! As educators, we encourage our students to learn how to listen, in addition to learn how to play with proper technique, rhythm, notes, and dynamics in order to convey emotion.

Soon, we will have the opportunity to measure our students' progress through the Music Artistry Program, Music Literacy Program, and Performance Competitions. They are such exciting events and we need all of your assistance to make them a success! Please consider volunteering and registering your students at the upcoming events! Are you interested in jumping in to organize an event? We have a place for you! Contact me for further details!

Hope to see you at our next meeting!

Farida Roberts
President, KMTA

From the Vice-President: Meeting News

Our next membership meeting will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, February 14th at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church. Bonnie Blanchard will be our guest presenter and our WSMTA District III Director, Oksana Ejokina will also join.

Workshop Description: Transform Your Teaching! Bonnie shares her own musical journey, highlighting the teaching strategies she has developed during her thirty-five years of teaching.

All members are welcome and encouraged to join. We hope to see you there!

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 22. 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.

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

KMTA Music Carnival and Music Literacy Program

KMTA MUSIC CARNIVAL

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 26, 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 18 10:30 a.m. at CK Presbyterian following our business meeting**

***Carnival: Saturday, April 26, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Gateway Fellowship in Poulsbo

***Setup: Saturday, April 26, 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, 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. Here is the [Carnival Personnel Roster](#) from last year, please email melaniejoymusic96@gmail.com to confirm your same assignment as last year, or to volunteer for one if you are not listed. All hands on deck! Student and Parent Volunteers will be signed up via the permission form, and 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 [info letter](#), permission slips will be done electronically this year.
3. Complete the registration form for each student on the WSMTA website, using the handbook to help you determine the appropriate exam levels for each student. Err on the side of success.
4. When you register your students, you'll pay the state fee of \$3.50/student. Email Diane if you have any students who are part of a family of 3 or more, or are shared with another teacher by March 28. She will email you a bill for the chapter fee after registration closes.

Registration is open March 1-23. 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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Upcoming Concert

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Concert pianist and KING FM radio host Lisa Bergman and Pacific Lutheran University violinist Svend Ronning in a free concert!

Sunday March 30, at 3:00 PM. A free will offering will be taken .

Port Madison Lutheran Church , Bainbridge Island

More details regarding the concert will be coming soon. Please let your studios know to save the date.

Thank you, Georgene Corey

Church Pianist Wanted

First Christian Church in Bremerton is looking for a pianist for Sundays. We are wondering if you or one of your students might be interested in this position.

PIANIST Job Description

Position Description: The pianist provides piano accompaniment during church services on Sunday and special church celebrations. Work hours include time devoted to practice sessions.

Accountability: The position reports to the Personnel Team. Specific musical programs related to church services are under the direction of the Pastor. The pianist will be evaluated after a three month trial period and receive a formal evaluation annually.

Responsibilities:

1. Provides piano accompaniment weekly during church services.
2. Is available for special church observances to provide musical accompaniment such as Maundy Thursday or Christmas Eve Services. Will be paid for 1/2 hour for each service.
3. Communicates special needs for the pianist to the Personnel Team.

Qualifications:

1. Minimum Age – 16 years of age.
2. Piano Accompaniment Experience Required.

Paid leave is two Sundays or 4 hours per year after three month trial period.

\$70 to \$80 a week depending on experience. That would be 1-1/2 hours at church on Sunday plus practice time. For Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve would be paid an additional 1/2 hour.

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.

[February Membership Meeting](#)

Friday, Feb 14th at 10 AM, Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church.

[Piano, String and Vocal Music Artistry Programs \(MAP\)](#)

February-March 2025

[Performance Competitions](#)

March 22nd, 2025

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

April 26th, 2025

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