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Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

*January 2025 News Digest - Find Full Event Details at our Website,
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President's Message



"The best is yet to come." ~Frank Sinatra

Happy New Year to All!

What are you looking forward to this year? What resolutions do you have? My daughters and their closest friends made bingo cards with 24 goals, 15 which they chose together and 9 personal goals (plus a free space in the middle!). Perhaps, we as KMTA members can set some goals to reach together as well! For example, participate in a KMTA event in which you have not (e.g., Carnival, MAP, Christmas at the Mall, etc.). Another example could be to invite at least one potential music teacher to join KMTA (or at least attend a meeting). For members who do not usually attend in person could make it a goal to come in person at least once this year. Are there members that you could meet with for coffee or tea to get to know better? What other ideas do you have? We have an abundance of opportunities to encourage and inspire our students and one another! I am looking forward to our upcoming meetings and events! Hope to see you soon!

Farida Roberts
President, KMTA

From the Vice-President: Meeting News

January 10th Meeting Program:

“Rhythm: Where’s the Beat?”

Activities and movement games teach the importance of steady beat and rhythmic concepts in the private studio. Teachers become the students in this workshop as we work interactively. Teachers will go away with ideas and activities that they can use immediately at their students' lessons. Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes as we will be moving about the room.

Presenter; Jan Rowen Music NCTM

Jan 10, 10:00 AM at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church

Julie Howe

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 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

Piano MAP

Piano MAP schedules will be sent out to participating teachers by mid-January.

KMTA Music Carnival and Music Literacy Program

Dear KMTA Colleagues:

Happy New Year to one and all! I hope your holidays were fun and restful, and that you are feeling ready for the busy music season ahead! January brings a stepped up pace for preparing for our annual KMTA Music Carnival and Music Literacy Program exams, scheduled for Sat. April 26.

Within the next two weeks, all Carnival/MLP materials will be updated and made available to you on the KMTA website. These include a parent information letter, registration form/permission slip, volunteer form, and publicity poster. When these materials are ready on the website, we will send out a direct KMTA email containing more information. Please watch your email for that. Registration will be due March 15.

If you have any questions, or to volunteer to help, please contact:

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Strings MAP

Registration is open! It is time to register for the Strings Music Artistry Program, which will be held March 7-8. Please complete your registration on the WSMTA website by January 15. (If you are interested in registering but have not yet been in touch with me, please email me at kurtzbein4@gmail.com before registering!)

Here are a few things to remember when you register:

1. To register, you will need to log in on the WSMTA website. Alert: Test your login ahead of time in case you need assistance from WSMTA.
2. When you register, remember to purchase the required Teacher Oral Consultation (and if desired and you have 3 or more student registrations, a Written Evaluation) for yourself, as well as an additional 5 minutes for honors recital selection.
3. There is an additional \$5 KMTA fee per student. Please collect this separately and send or hand deliver one check to me.
4. Be sure to schedule enough time for each student. Make sure students are not playing for more than 50% of their scheduled time. Err on the side of more time.
5. Remember that students need to perform two contrasting pieces from standard repertoire. If you have a question about a piece, let me know. Original music must be used. Please review the MAP Booklet regarding acceptable use of copies.
6. Check the MAP Booklet now if you haven't yet, to be sure you've done it right, and to answer many questions.

Here's the link to Teacher info. Scroll down to find the MAP Booklet button (and other important buttons) there:

<https://wsmta.org/map-teachers/>

Happy registering!

Melanie Kurtzbein
Strings MAP Chair

Upcoming First Sundays Concert: Walt Wagner Jazz Trio

Seattle's legendary jazz pianist returns to First Sundays Concerts with his cutting edge Jazz Trio - featuring Walt, along with Dan Dean, electric bass, and Ben Smith on drums.

Sunday, January 5th at 6:30PM (The 4pm show is sold out)

Waterfront Park Community Center
Bainbridge Island, WA

Join us for a spectacular start to our 2025 season! Ticket for sale

here: <https://www.firstsundaysconcerts.org/>

Use code KMTA for \$5 off tickets.

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.

January Membership Meeting

Friday, January 10th 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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