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Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

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

President's Message



Throughout the year, our Kitsap Music Teachers Association shares music with our community; however, we are unable to be successful without dedicated volunteers! We are blessed to have longtime members like Debbie Florian and Dianne Johnston, who have served in numerous capacities and recently stepped in to fill a need by being Co-Chairs for Piano MAP and Senior Celebration. They are amazing examples of who we are as an organization!

What are some benefits of volunteerism? One of the greatest joys is forming strong, meaningful connections with our students and colleagues. This enhances our personal and professional development. It also inspires confidence, self-expression, and a sense of belonging.

Have you been thinking about joining a committee or serving on the Board of Directors? Do you know what positions are open? Be prepared to hear from us to find out in which areas you can serve. Let's set a goal for each member to be a co-chair!

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”

-Elizabeth Andrew, an American author

Farida Roberts
President, KMTA

From the Vice-President: Meeting News

I want to thank the Kitsap Chapter for the honor of being elected Vice President in May of 2024. I was excited to be part of the chapter and looking forward to the years ahead. However, my life has taken a turn that was unanticipated. Steve and I will be moving to Idaho in the midst of May and thus I will need to resign from the position.

Thank you again for the honor. I have enjoyed the past year immensely.

Smiles to you all,
Julie Howe

Important Update: Venue Change for Honors Recital and Senior Celebration

Dear KMTA teachers,

Please be advised that due to unforeseen circumstances, we have changed the location for the upcoming Honors Recital and Senior Celebration. The events will now take place at:

Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church

**403 Summit Ave. S
Bremerton, WA 98312**

All other details, including the date (March 15, 2025) and time (2 pm and 3:30 pm), remain unchanged.

To ensure proper program planning, please send the following information for your participating students to sungamble69@yahoo.com by Monday, March 10th at midnight:

1. Student's full name and age
2. MAP performance time allocation
3. For seniors: Please indicate if they will be participating in the 3:30 PM recognition recital

Your prompt response is crucial as we have a limited timeframe to finalize the program and distribute necessary information to all participants.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping me prepare for this special event.

Thank you,

Sun Gamble, NCTM

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 is open online only and closes 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.

KMTA Music Carnival and Music Literacy Program

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 WSMETA 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 WSMETA 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

Lisa Bergman, pianist, and Svend Ronning, violinist will present a concert at Port Madison Lutheran church on Bainbridge Island Sunday 30 March at 3:00 PM

Enclosed is a poster to print out and distribute. Hope to see many of you there.

Thanks. Georgene Corey



PORT MADISON LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESENTS

Bonbons for Violin and Piano

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF JASCHA HEIFETZ AND FRITZ KREISLER

SVEND RØNNING, VIOLINIST (PROFESSOR PLU, CONCERTMASTER SYMPHONY TACOMA) AND LISA BERGMAN, PIANIST (CLASSICAL KING 98.1), WILL WHIP UP A DELIGHTFUL ASSORTMENT OF CONFECTIONS BOUND TO TICKLE YOUR MUSICAL TASTES WITH SWEET, ROMANTIC AND BUBBLY GEMS FROM VIENNA TO HOLLYWOOD. REMINISCENT FAVORITES WILL INCLUDE ESTRELLITA, HORA STACCATO, AN AMERICAN IN PARIS, SCHÖN ROSMARIN JUST TO NAME A FEW....BY GERSHWIN, DINICU, PONCE, CASTELNUOVO - TEDESCO AND MORE.



SVEND RØNNING - VIOLIN



LISA BERGMAN - PIANO

Sunday March 30 at 3:00 pm

FREE ADMISSION

A Free Will Offering will be taken.

**Port Madison Lutheran Church
14000 N. Madison Ave. NE, Bainbridge Island
(206) 842-4746**

Directions: From Poulsbo, cross Agate Pass Bridge, turn left at the light onto Day Road. In approximately 1 mile, turn left onto Madison, church is about one half mile on right.

Scholarship Available

See below for an opportunity for students to record original music.



SOUNDWAVE SCHOLARSHIP

BARN is excited to partner with Rambler Arts to offer the 2025 SoundWave Scholarship. This scholarship is open to individuals ages 14-18 residing in Kitsap County, WA who have written original musical compositions and want to record them in a professional studio. Applications are due by April 1, 2025. Up to three applicants will be selected.

This scholarship program pairs passionate young musicians with accomplished professionals to guide them through the process of recording and releasing their music, and culminates with a live performance of their work. Recipients will record their original music at Brickyard Studio (Bainbridge Island, WA) with onsite engineer and studio owner, Johnny Bregar. Recipients will also be guided through a mentorship program to refine the artistic elements of their songs with internationally celebrated local singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, Lydia Ramsey.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Age 14-18 at the time of application submission
- Kitsap County, WA resident at the time of application submission
- Individual artist who has written at least two original musical compositions
- Reliable transportation to Bainbridge Island, WA
- Ability to perform your compositions in a live setting
- Desire to release your original compositions to the public
- Applicants must be available for up to five in-person sessions from mid-June to mid-September, 2025

To apply, scan the QR code or visit ramblerarts.org/soundwave-scholarship



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 2025

[Performance Competitions](#)

March 22nd, 2025

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

April 26th, 2025

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For the latest information on upcoming events, watch for email alerts to items posted on our [News](#) page.

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