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President's Corner



Another year is almost in the books! As we count down the remaining days of the semester, I hope that you and your students take abundant opportunities to celebrate all that has been accomplished in the last 9 months of the school year.

As I reflect on our year as an organization, I feel overwhelming grateful to have the opportunity to lead our group and serve alongside so many wonderful and inspirational colleagues. As President, I have had the opportunity to witness firsthand, time and time again, the dedicated service of our members. Because of you, KCMTA continues to provide dynamic opportunities that challenge and inspire students and teachers alike to grow and flourish.

At our May 6th meeting, we will honor the officers who led our organization during the 2013-2014 year, and those who will continue or step forward to lead KCMTA in the coming year. These members have gone above and beyond in service to our association - planning events, facilitating programs that serve students and teachers, attending to our communications and finances and the many other details that make KCMTA the thriving musical community we all enjoy.

Following our workshop, we'll end our year with our annual May luncheon. We hope you'll make time to join us to enjoy laughter, fellowship and some wonderful Italian food! (See pg. 2 for more details, and don't forget to r.s.v.p. to Nancie Dalke if you're planning to attend).

I wish each of you the best as you finish the school year, with its final performances and celebrations, and enjoy some well-deserved time off to relax and rejuvenate. Happy (almost) summer!

Musically yours,

**Jennifer Fink, NCTM
President**

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KCMTA bids farewell to Ellen Curtin

Ellen will be moving to Peoria, Illinois this summer, to be closer to her daughter. Ellen and her husband John have both played active roles in the Kansas City music community for many years and she been an invaluable part of our organization, serving in numerous roles for KCMTA. She will be missed!!

If you wish to send Ellen a note of thanks and well wishes, you may contact her at

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May Workshop

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Presenting...

Dr. Robert Weirich



**Everything You Wanted to Know
about the Classical. Period!**

May 6, 2014, 9:30 AM
Schmitt Music

Next year's Fall Festival features the music of the Classical Period, so you'll want to be at the May workshop for inspiration and guidance as you begin preparing your students. Dr. Weirich will share his insights into dynamics, accentuation, articulation, touch, ornaments, use of pedals, and tempo appropriate to this style period.

Robert Weirich has performed in such musical centers as Alice Tully Hall, Weill Recital Hall, the Kennedy Center, Chicago's Orchestra Hall, and at such summer festivals as Tanglewood, Ravinia and Marlboro. His performances across the U.S. of Bach's *Goldberg Variations* during the 2010-11 season garnered raves from critics and audiences. During the 2009-2010 season he performed and taught in China and Argentina, and in the fall of 2013 was invited to teach for ten days at Beijing's Central Conservatory. The *New York Times* called his 2008 Albany Records release, *Piano Music of Aaron Copland*, "brilliant, probing and austere beautiful."

He was the Artistic Director of the Skaneateles Festival in upstate New York from 1990-1999; during that time attendance tripled and support grew twofold while winning three Adventurous Programming Awards from Chamber Music America/ASCAP. Other administrative activity includes a term as President of the College Music Society, and chairing piano departments wherever he has taught. His columns for *Clavier Magazine*, and its successor, *Clavier Companion*, have been twice honored with the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Educational Press Association. As a sometimes composer, his works have been performed at festivals nationwide.

He currently holds the Jack Strandberg Missouri Endowed Chair in Piano at the UMKC Conservatory. UMKC awarded him a Trustees' Faculty Fellowship and the N.T. Veatch Prize for distinguished research and creative activity in 2002; he received the first Muriel McBrien Kaufmann Artistry/Scholarship Award in 2003, and an Excellence in Teaching Award from the UMKC Faculty Senate in 2006. Earlier prizes include a National Endowment for the Arts Solo Recitalist Fellowship, and the Pope Foundation Award for career development.

KCMTA May Luncheon

Following this month's workshop, please join us
for our annual May luncheon at
Bravo! Italiana Restaurant

Bravo is located at 5005 W.117th Street,
Leawood, Kansas 66211
in the Town Center Shopping Center

Price range of entrees varies
between \$9.00 and \$15.00.
Non-Italian and gluten-free
entrees are available.

If you would like to attend,
please RSVP to **Nancie Dalke**
via email
(pianistgraz@yahoo.com)
or phone (913-381-6840).



Achievement Auditions 2014

Hemdah Salonimer-Horner
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Achievement Auditions were held on Saturday, April 5, and Sunday, April 6, at Village Music Academy, #15 on the Mall, Prairie Village Shopping Center. The event was a success, with 58 entries representing 12 teachers.

Thank you to all the teachers who volunteered. You helped everything run smoothly and were wonderful to work with. A special acknowledgement to **Janet Jamison**, **Lisa Studtmann**, **Iris Logeman**, **Nata Dolnik**, and **Jennifer Lacy**, who made sure everything ran smoothly and cleaned up on Sunday when I had to leave early to be with my husband who was in the hospital. Thank you to the fantastic judges: **Lisa Cattnach**, **Lisa Studtmann**, and **Janet Jamison**.



Thirteen students were chosen by the judges to be in the Honors Recital held Sunday, April 13 at 2:00 pm at Schmitt Music. The studios represented were:

Linda Chen
Laura Hrivnak
Kari Johnson
Iris Logeman
Diane Petrella
Hemdah Salonimer-Horner
Wayne Smith
Vania Todorova



Congratulations
To all winners!

Music Progressions

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Congratulations to all participants and their teachers in this year's Music Progressions held April 11, 12 and 13. 159 students from twenty-two studios completed performance, musicianship, theory and listening requirements and earned certificates and colorful rosette ribbons indicating level of achievement.

Special thanks go to our wonderful judges, Dr. Matthew Edwards, Jennifer Fink, Elizabeth Grace, Karen Halverhout, Janet Johnson, Jennifer Lacy, Myra Lemons, Karen McClellan, Lisa Studtmann, and Aine Wendler; the teachers who all pitched in to make the event run smoothly; and to Village Music Academy for their gracious hosting of the event.

If you are interested in incorporating Music Progressions in your studio, you may access the curriculum guide and resource handbook at www.ksmta.org.

KCMTA Calendar Spring 2014

May

- 3 Concerto Competition Winner's Recital
7:30 p.m. @ Tri-City Ministries (Independence)
- 6 Workshop & General Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
@ Schmitt Music
- 20 Executive Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
@ Schmitt Music
(1st meeting for new officers)

Have a great Summer!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Cynthia Scully
- 5 Jeanene Bartel
- 8 Charlotte Garwood
- 15 Janice White
- 17 Nathanael May
- 17 Patricia Plake
- 18 Karen McClellan
- 19 Julie Bosworth
- 24 Barb Nelson
- 24 Will Crain
- 26 Nancie Dalke
- 26 Kayo Hasegawa
- 27 Kathy Scherer
- 29 Melanie Vandenberg
- 30 Julie Watson

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of you who have generously given to the **KCMTA Music Circles Program** this year!

Your tax-deductible donations have helped our organization to continue to offer exciting and dynamic events for the students in our community, and to support KCMTA member teachers.

If you haven't made a gift yet, but would like to lend your support, donations may be made online at

www.kansascitymusicteachers.org/contribute

The KMTA Annual Conference
June 5-7, 2014
Kansas University, Lawrence, KS

Guest Speakers

Kristin Yost



Founder of The Centre for Musical
Minds

Presenting Four Workshops

- * Business planning for independent music teachers
- * Keeping student numbers up in this economy
- * American piano pedagogy: the method and supplemental popular music
- * iPods, iPads and iPhones: App essentials for music lessons

Scott McBride Smith



This year's conference will feature a special presentation on a Long-distance learning project conducted by KMTA-KU collegiate chapter under the supervision of Dr. Scott McBride Smith. The idea of long-distance learning will provide students opportunities to learn from teachers all over the world.

Performing Artists



The Orfeo Trio

Julie Bees - Evgeny Zvonnikov - Leonid Shukaev

Competition Strategies



Jack Winerock

Chamber Music



Peter Chun

For more information, including
conference rates, a detailed
schedule and registration forms,
visit www.ksmea.org