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President's Corner



Dear KCMTA Colleagues,

Welcome to the start of another school year! I hope that each of you enjoyed a fun- and relaxation-filled summer and are looking forward to the new beginnings that come with the start of a new semester.

The coming year brings a milestone of particular significance for our organization: KCMTA's 100th year of musical service to the Kansas City community. In 1915, a group of independent music teachers banded together and launched a campaign to bring music education to the public schools. They worked diligently to educate legislators and parent-teacher organizations on the importance of music in a well-rounded education and develop a standardized curriculum for applied music. In addition, they also worked to raise standards of private instruction and music performance, shaping generations of young musicians who would go on to make Kansas City the thriving arts metropolis it is today.

Throughout 2015, we will invite our members, students, and community to join together in a series of special events to celebrate 100 years of musical excellence. The festivities begin this September, when KCMTA will host a booth at the Plaza Art Fair to promote the most public of our anniversary offerings – Pianos on Parade. Be sure to read more about this exciting program in this newsletter, and make plans to join us at the fair September 19-21.

You'll also want to mark your calendars for another important event in September – KCMTA's Fall Kick-Off on Saturday, September 13th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. This year's event will be held at the Todd Bolender Center for

Dance and Creativity, the fabulous new home of the Kansas City Ballet. The morning will include a networking brunch, where you can catch up with colleagues and meet new members, a tour of the center and opportunity to observe rehearsal, and an overview of KCMTA's 2014-2015 programs for students and teachers (including the unveiling of all that's planned for our 100th Anniversary).

As we begin this new year, and new chapter in our organization's history, I hope that we each feel a sense of gratitude for the many colleagues who have paved the way to the rich and vibrant arts community we now enjoy, and a sense of excitement for all that lies ahead.

Musically yours,

Jennifer Fink

Musically yours,

**Jennifer Fink, NCTM
President**

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Support KCMTA with a donation to Music Circles

Your tax-deductible donation to the Music Circles program helps our organization to continue to provide exciting and dynamic opportunities for young musicians across the Kansas City metro area.

Donations can be made online at
www.kansascitymusicteachers.org/contribute

KCMTA Calendar 2014 - 2015

July

7 Master Lessons Enrollment Opens

August

26 Executive Board Meeting @ Schmitt Music, 9:30 a.m.

30 DEADLINE for Fall Festival Enrollment

September

3 DEADLINE for KMTA District 1 Honors Auditions Enrollment

8 DEADLINE for MMTA District 3 Honors Auditions Enrollment

13 KCMTA Fall Kick-Off Meeting @ Todd Bolender Center

14 DEADLINE for Master Lessons Enrollment

19-21 KCMTA @ the Plaza Art Fair

27-28 MMTA District 3 Honors Auditions @ University of Central Missouri (Warrensburg)

October

1 Holiday Program Enrollment Opens

4-6 Master Lessons w/ Dr. Jane Solose (UMKC & Schmitt Music)

6 DEADLINE for MMTA State Honors Auditions

7 Workshop: Master Class w/ Dr. Jane Solose @ Schmitt Music, 9:30 a.m.

11 KMTA District 1 Honors Auditions @ MidAmerica Nazarene University

12 Master Artist Concert: Dr. Jane Solose @ White Recital Hall, UMKC, 4:30 p.m.

14 Executive Board Meeting @ Schmitt Music, 9:30 a.m.

14 DEADLINE for KMTA State Honors Auditions (Pre-Collegiate) Enrollment

15 DEADLINE for Holiday Program Enrollment

18-19 Fall Festival @ MidAmerica Nazarene University

21 DEADLINE for KMTA State Honors Auditions (Collegiate) Enrollment

November

4 Workshop & General Meeting @ Schmitt Music, 9:30 a.m.

11 Executive Board Meeting @ Schmitt Music, 9:30 a.m.

6-9 MMTA State Honors Auditions @ University of Missouri (Columbia)

8-9 KMTA State Honors Auditions @ Washburn University (Topeka)

Calendar - continued.

December

2 Executive Board Meeting (Location TBA), 9:30 a.m.

12-14 Holiday Program @ Union Station

January

6 Workshop & General Meeting @ Schmitt Music, 9:30 a.m.

13 Executive Board Meeting @ Schmitt Music, 9:30 a.m.

31 DEADLINE for Concerto Competition & Recitals Enrollment

February

3 Workshop & General Meeting @ Schmitt Music, 9:30 a.m.

10 Executive Board Meeting @ Schmitt Music, 9:30 a.m.

TBA DEADLINE for Achievement Auditions Enrollment

21 Concerto Competition & Recitals @ Schmitt Music

March

3 Workshop & General Meeting, Board meeting @ 9 a.m. before workshop

4 DEADLINE for Music Progressions Enrollment

21-25 MTNA National Conference – Las Vegas

April

1 DEADLINE – Outstanding Teacher Service Award Nominations

7 Workshop & General Meeting @ Schmitt Music, 9:30 a.m.

TBA Achievement Auditions

10-12 Music Progressions @ Village Music Academy

14 Executive Board Meeting @ Schmitt Music (Budget Meeting), 9:30 a.m.

TBA Achievement Auditions Honors Recital

May

2 Concerto Competition Winner's Recital @ Tri-City Ministries

5 Workshop & General Meeting @ Schmitt Music, 9:30 a.m.

19 Executive Board Meeting @ Schmitt Music (Calendar Meeting), 9:30 a.m.

23-24 Pianos on Parade Grand Kick-Off @ Union Station



KCMTA Members Shine at Mu Phi Epsilon International Convention



Dr. Kairy Koshoeva, NCTM, represented the Kansas City Alumni Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon as a Music Delegate to the 2014 Mu Phi Epsilon International Convention held from July 28 – August 3 in Sacramento, CA. In this capacity, she was a featured performer at the Awards Dinner, playing the “Andante maestoso” movement from pianist/conductor Mikhail Pletnev’s virtuosic transcription *Concert Suite from “The Nutcracker.”* Kairy also performed several works for solo piano by Dr. Chen Yi, professor of composition at UMKC, at the *Composer’s Forum* session showcasing Dr. Chen’s compositions.



Julia Scherer, MM, NCTM, presented a breakout session entitled *Jumping Off A Cliff and Flying: The Story of My Mid-life Career Change (and Why Music Still Matters in this Digital Age).* Her presentation explored her reasons for leaving a secure job with benefits to return to her true passion: music-making and teaching. She contends that as we

become ever more immersed in technology, making our own music is even *more* important as a means of self-expression, creativity, and connecting us to our deepest selves and to others.

Founded in 1903, Mu Phi Epsilon is a coeducational, professional music fraternity whose purpose is to foster the advancement of music throughout the world. Its members include performers, educators, scholars, and music therapists. There is strong emphasis on service through music.

The Kansas City Alumni Chapter is truly a powerhouse, having once again garnered numerous awards this year for its excellence.

Other KCMTA members who belong to Mu Phi Epsilon:

- ◆ Joyce Berg
- ◆ Dr. Kairy Koshoeva, NCTM
- ◆ Dr. Dorothy Brandwein
- ◆ Patricia Thompson, NCTM
- ◆ Dr. Linda Chen
- ◆ Julia Scherer, NCTM
- ◆ Karen Halverhout, NCTM
- ◆ Jolene Zimmerman

Additional convention photos at Mu Phi Epsilon Kansas City Chapter on Facebook.

KCMTA Congratulates

Beth Grace

Winner of the 2014 KMTA Outstanding Teacher Award



Dear KCMTA friends,

Words cannot express my gratitude to you for nominating me as the Outstanding Teacher of the Year. I am honored and humbled to have received the award and am so proud to be a member of KCMTA! Thank you for believing in me!

With sincere gratitude,

Beth Grace

Rachel Brandwein Wins International Competition



Dr. Rachel Brandwein, harpist, won the 2014 Mu Phi Epsilon International Competition, held on July 29th on the campus of California State University - Sacramento. Daughter of our own **Dr. Dorothy Brandwein**, Rachel is Professor of Harp at the College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University. She holds degrees from the University of Michigan, The Juilliard School, and Stony Brook University. A featured soloist at the Ninth World Harp Congress in Ireland, she also toured China with the Juilliard Orchestra. Since moving from New York to Minnesota in 2012, she has performed with the Minnesota Orchestra, VocalEssence, and in the harp/trombone Branderson Duo. In 2013, she toured nine states with Trio Matisse (flute, harp, cello). Also a gifted composer, she has performed her works for both solo harp and small ensemble at Juilliard, Interlochen, and several universities.

Rachel's Winner's Recital featured several of her own compositions and was notable not only for the breathtaking musicianship but also for the grace and charm with which she addressed the audience before her performance and between numbers.

As winner of the 2014 Competition, Rachel will be presented in concert by Mu Phi Epsilon chapters throughout the country. The Kansas City Alumni Chapter is already hard at work to bring her here and will announce the date and venue as soon as the engagement has been booked.

Congratulations, Rachel and Dorothy!

Note: Additional convention photos at Mu Phi Epsilon Kansas City Chapter on Facebook.

KCMTA THANK YOUs SEPT 2014

I'm sending all of the members of KCMTA this thank you for each and every one who supported me in my wheelchair van contest. While I did not win this year, I did make it to the semifinals. Of over 1400 entries I was one of 114 that were considered. I'm hoping to try and enter again next spring. I would NEVER have made it to the semifinals had it not been for all of your support!

I miss my dear friends with KCMTA and think of you often. I want to thank KCMTA for welcoming me with open arms when I joined and their continued support as I deal with this terminal disease.

Please convey my thanks and my forever endearment to KCMTA and the wonderful people and dear friends I made along the way.

With appreciation,

*Diana Stocksedale
(former KCMTA member)*

(Note: Diana can be reached by email at dstockd@sbcglobal.net)

KCMTA,

Thank you for contributing in my mom's name to the MTNA Foundation Fund. Music was her life and teaching her gift to others. She will be missed.

Thank you,

*Don Werner
(son of long-time KCMTA member Betty Werner)*

KCMTA Fall Kick-Off September 13, 2014

Start your year off on the right note by connecting with your musical colleagues and learning about all KCMTA has to offer you and your students!

Event Schedule

9:30 NETWORKING BRUNCH

Reconnect with colleagues and meet KCMTA's newest members and guests.

10:15 BOLENDER CENTER TOUR

Take a look behind the scenes of the Kansas City Ballet with a tour of their new facility and an opportunity to observe rehearsal.

11:15 KCMTA SEASON OVERVIEW

Hear about all that's in store for you and your students in the coming year, PLUS learn about exciting new events planned for KCMTA's 100th Anniversary in 2015!

KCMTA extends our thanks to the Kansas City Ballet for generously hosting our 2014 Kick-Off.

The Fall Kick-Off is a wonderful way to introduce new teachers to KCMTA. If you know of a colleague who would benefit from joining our group, please extend an invitation to them. Guests are welcome to join us for the morning.

Date: September 13, 2014

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Todd Bolender Center
500 W. Pershing Road,
Kansas City, MO 64108

See you there!

Welcome New Members!

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Changes to 2014 Yearbook

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Announcement

Master Lessons in October

Thank you for the overwhelming response, teachers! All the spots have been filled in Master Lessons and enrollment is now closed. See you in October!

Linda Chen
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Catherine Boone	6
Nata Dolnik	6
Ellen Curtin	7
Roxie Hammill	8
Diane Kroh	10
Sally Baird	13
Susan Haines	19
Mary Baehr	22
Susan Akin	23
Jennifer Gribble	23
Shawna Terry	25
Sharon Parker	26
David Tauscher	28

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marina Sultanova	6
Scott Smith	9
Judy May	11
Ron Steen	12
Lori Clark	13
Julia Scherer	14
Linda Khadavi	17
Sue Evans	22
Jacqueline Gilpin	23
Pei-In Yang	23
Jolene Zimmerman	23

KCMTA Tip of the Month

Barbara Githens

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"Rev up your lessons and be inspired this year! Growing the [KCMTA Pinterest page](#) will be the main focus this year for "Tip of the Month". Visit each month for a different topic, inspired by Pinterest "pins". What is a "Pin"? It's a handsome little visual bookmark linking back to an original source on the internet.

Do you have a Pinterest board and would like to be followed? Would you like to be a contributor to the group's board from your own "pins"? Please let us know by leaving a comment on the [Tip of the Month page](#), Facebook, or contacting the moderator, Barbara Githens at barbara@heartnsoulmusic.com."

*I would teach children music,
physics and philosophy;
but most importantly music,
for the pattern in music
and all the arts
are the keys to learning.*

- Plato -