



# Pikes Peak Music Teachers Association

# Newsletter

August/September, 2009

PPMTA is a non-profit organization affiliated with Colorado Music Teachers Association and Music Teachers National Association. Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at Calvary United Methodist Church unless noted otherwise. The newsletter is delivered as a service to members of PPMTA.

## President's Corner

Welcome to a new PPMTA year! I hope each of you has experienced times of refreshment as well as professional growth this summer. I anticipate seeing many of you at the first PPMTA meeting on Tuesday, September 8, at Calvary United Methodist Church. At 9:00am we will meet for Brunch and the General Meeting where we will be privileged to hear from CSMTA President Kathy Hammer and Vice President Grace Asquith as well as PPMTA 2009/2010 Festival chairs. Then at 10:00am we will be treated to a program on Latin Music by Justin Adams from Metro State College. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn more about repertoire related to our Fall Latin Music Festival.

I'm looking forward to a year of musical growth with you.

Joan Sawyer

## Welcome PPMTA 2009-2010 Brunch!!

On Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am we are having a Catered Brunch, Meeting and Program at Calvary United Methodist Church. Members are asked to pay \$5.00 at the door. HOWEVER, you need to RSVP to Bonnie Litten by Aug. 25 (blittenpiano@hotmail.com). This is complimentary to the new members. CSMTA President Kathy Hammer and Vice President Dr. Grace Asquith will be visiting. At 10:00, Justin Adams from Metro College will be presenting a special program on Latin Music. (This should be very helpful since we are having a Latin Music Festival in Nov.)

## 2009-2010 PPMTA Programs & Meetings

*Unless noted otherwise:*

- ❖ All programs and meetings will be held at Calvary Methodist Church.
- ❖ General Meetings are at 9:30am and program presentations begin at 10am.

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- ❖ OCT 13<sup>th</sup>: **Grace Christus, with Jade Press**, will present her compositions.
- ❖ Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>: **Aaron and Heidi Garner** will present **Piano Marvel software**.
- ❖ Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>: **Holiday Brunch** at Carol Van Slooten's home. RSVP and bring a favorite food to share. Carol has 2 grand pianos so anyone wishing to perform solos or duets please RSVP to Bonnie Litten. A gift exchange will be held in the amount of \$10.
- ❖ Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>: **Caleb Harris**, Professor of Piano, University of Northern Colorado, will present "**Communicating With Singers from the Piano Bench**"
- ❖ Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>: **Lianne Rockley from Rockley Music** in Denver will introduce **new ensemble and solo music**. Trivia etc. with door prizes will be held.
- ❖ Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>: **Town Hall Meeting** with suggestions from the membership for the next year's festivals, etc.
- ❖ April 13<sup>th</sup>: **Lei Weng**, Professor of Piano, University of Northern Colorado will present a "**Recital of Piano Music**."
- ❖ May 11<sup>th</sup>: **Brunch and installation of officers**. Brunch to be held at Joan Sawyer's home. Please RSVP to Bonnie Litten.

# FAQS about the NCHEF

(Heard at a future PPMTA meeting!)



QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
What does FAQ mean?	Frequently Asked Questions
What does NCHEF mean?	Non-Competitive Historical Era Festival
When is the next NCHEF?	March 13, 2010
Where is the NCHEF?	Calvary Methodist Church (unless the response is huge and then an additional location will be added)
Why should I know about the NCHEF information now?	To prepare your students for this Festival and allow their preparation to include "Special Recognition" if you and/or your students prefer to participate in this.
What is "Special Recognition"?	This year we have added an additional way for your students to be recognized at the NCHEF. Strictly objective activities are awarded, which still gives the judges the opportunity to do the adjudicating. The objective activities include memorizing one or both pieces, wearing performance attire, and remembering to bow after performance.
This sounds like the NCHEF is now Competitive! Is that correct?	NO! There is absolutely NO COMPETITION at this Festival. All students will continue receiving the award and certificate of participation. We have just added an additional way to receive recognition; it is strictly optional.
I don't like the sound of this. Do my students have to participate in "Special Recognition?"	NO! They will still receive their awards and certificates of participation.
I like this idea! Do I have to do anything extra to indicate my students will be participating in the "Special Recognition"?	No, their actions will allow them to receive the additional ribbons/awards at the same time as the awards and certificates are presented.
Any other new ideas this year with the NCHEF?	We've given much thought to internet downloaded music. It's all in the Addendum to the Festival.
After I've read the information in the handbook, I'll probably have other questions. How should I handle them?	Feel free to contact the co-chairmen below. They are expecting questions and are looking forward to hearing from you. Lynn Maloy, NCTM 719-590-7044 ( <a href="mailto:maloyan4@yahoo.com">maloyan4@yahoo.com</a> ) and Joanna Miller 719-481-4010 ( <a href="mailto:joannamiller88@gmail.com">joannamiller88@gmail.com</a> )

## **Non-Competitive Latin Music Festival**

The Latin Music Festival will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009. Locations include Calvary United Methodist Church and Beth-El Mennonite Church. Students perform one memorized composition by a Latin composer or in the Latin style of music. The festival is open to piano, voice, instruments and/or duet (1 piano) ensembles. Forms and fees are due no later than October 14. Check your 2009-2010 Handbook for more detailed information. The Handbook will be available by September for all members. Please refer any questions to: Dee Boatman (488-9476) or Susie Marten (488-3483)

Dee Boatman and Susie Marten, Co-Chairs

## **Competitive Historical Era Festival**

After having met with a very active & enthusiastic committee, we are set for this year's competitive event. Many of the rules & guidelines are the same as before, but there will be two important changes:

1. Everything will be in one venue – Nazarene Bible College. This should make parking, directions, and logistics much easier.
2. Preliminary auditions will be OPEN. We are going to try this with the idea that students will have a performance opportunity. We expect that the audiences will be made up mainly of parents and family members, as some of the audition rooms are fairly compact. Winners' recitals will be the next day in the Chapel.

Please check your handbook for guidelines and we hope for a big and enthusiastic turnout.

Sara McDaniel, Chair

## **Achievement Day**

Achievement Day will be on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the First Christian Church.

Achievement Day is a non-competitive event for students of all abilities. Students are required to take a theory test and perform 2 pieces for a

teacher-listener. There are a variety of other musical activities they can choose from. The event takes about 1 hour to complete and is a very positive, encouraging day for students. We hope you'll choose to enter your students in this valuable event! Chairs: Sylvia Holt 228-1585 [sylvia.holt@hotmail.com](mailto:sylvia.holt@hotmail.com) & Jill Hanrahan 282-3929 [mrshans@juno.com](mailto:mrshans@juno.com).

Sylvia Holt and Jill Hanrahan, Co-Chairs

## **PPMTA Teachers Accepting Students**

*All piano unless noted otherwise. Contact [jsaffir@truman.edu](mailto:jsaffir@truman.edu)*

- Bonnie Ackerman: 329-8810, Piano, Organ, Theory. Travels to Students' Homes
- Bernardine Barcellos: 380-9689, Barnes/Peterson
- Eileen Brownson: 637-3376 Murray/ Constitution 80915
- Donna Caulfield: 596-3958, Power/Barnes
- Diana Crawford: 593-8575, Briargate 80920
- Anna Dinsmoor: 264-0193, Powers/Dublin
- June Ewell: 481-5893, Monument
- Ben Gahart: 633-1239, Broadmoor/Skyway (Piano, Organ)
- Jill Hanrahan: 282-3929, Fountain
- Kathleen Harcourt: 291-0048, 930-0570, Monument/Barnes
- Susan Hayward: 310-6462, Rockrimmon, Mountain Shadows, Peregrine (Piano, Voice, Drama)
- Sylvia Holt: 228-1585, Union/Fillmore 80909
- Susan Humphreys: 448-9233, Fillmore/Union
- Rowene Mahoney: 633-8047, Northwest
- Abe Minzer 527-8776, Broadmoor/Skyway
- Janice Saffir: 282-8589, Austin Bluffs/Acad. 80918
- Paul Stephens: 282-8589, Austin Bluffs/Acad. 80918
- Ellie Stites Swanger: 266-6522, Briargate/Pine Creek/ Black Forest
- Brenda Tagen: 685-3811, Central/Downtown

## **PPMTA Newsletter Deadlines**

November/December: Oct. 15  
January/February: December 15th  
April/May: March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Aug/September: July 15th