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President's Corner



April is, to say the least, an eventful month. Outside, the temperatures are rising and the first signs and colors of spring are making their way into our surroundings. Inside, many of us are working overtime to prepare students for a slew of recitals, evaluations and festivals. April is the month of April Fool's

Day, Tax Day, Easter, Earth Day, and (for a few enthusiasts among us), International Trombone Week. It's also National Jazz Appreciation month, Stress Awareness month and National Poetry month, and of particular importance to our organization... National Volunteer Appreciation Month.

Did you know...?

- Last year, 1 in 4 American adults served as a volunteer for at least one organization.
- In total, 64.5 million individuals donated nearly 7.9 billion hours of volunteer service.
- In monetary terms, those hours add up to a \$175 billion value.

KCMTA is a 100% volunteer-run organization. Thanks to the dedicated and passionate volunteer members who serve on our board, support and mentor fellow members, donate time to run our student events, and serve in many other "behind the scenes" capacities, KCMTA is able to successfully achieve our dual mission of providing exceptional opportunities for the students and teachers of the Kansas City community.

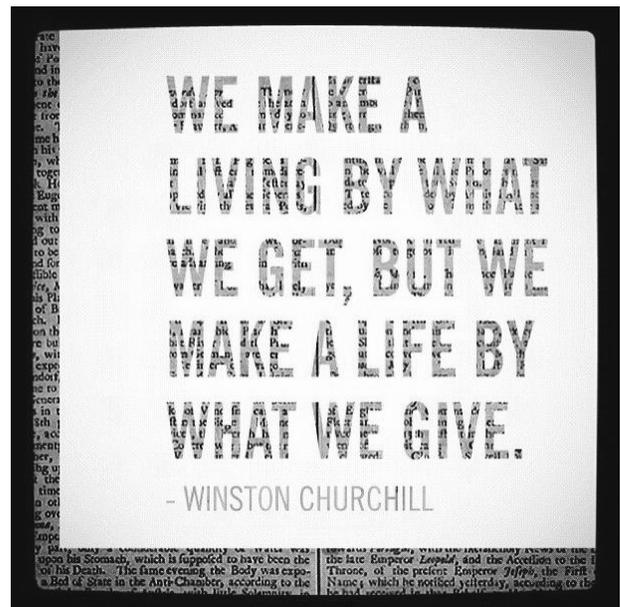
To all of you who have served our organization at some point during this year, be it a little or a lot... thank you! Your work has helped KCMTA to touch the lives of the thousands of students and fellow teachers who are served by our programs on an annual basis.

This April, I'd encourage you to give yourself a pat on the back for your own service, and then take the time to thank at least one other KCMTA member whose service has had a positive impact on you and your students. Together, our contributions are shaping the future of Kansas City's musical community!!

Musically yours,

**Jennifer Fink, NCTM
President**

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April Workshop

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Understanding the Brain of a Child

Struggling with ADD, ADHD,

Learning Disabilities and Spectrum Disorders

Including Strategies That Can Help or Hurt



Dana Hernandez, Program Director

Brain Balance Achievement Center Overland Park

Dana Hernandez, Program Director, graduated from the University of Georgia. She has worked in several non-profit organizations as a life coach. Dana began studying the brain several years ago as a way to strengthen her tool set as a life coach. Having a sibling with a neuro-behavioral disorder, Dana has a great understanding of how these disorders impact the family unit. She has a passion to see children reach their unlimited potential! As the Program Director, she not only follows the children's progress in the center, but also empowers parents by providing tools and strategies to set their children up for success. She is also participating in the Shelterwood Research Project with Amanda Gunter.

Workshop Information

April 1, 2014, 10:00 AM
Schmitt Music
General Meeting at 9:30 AM

NCTM 101™ Spring Announcements!



Congratulations to Linda R. Kennedy and Brenda Simmons, who are completing their last NCTM 101™ class session in April. Both of these wonderful teachers are putting the finishing touches on their video project before submitting their teacher profiles to MTNA to receive their NCTM designation.

Teachers are already signing up for the next study group, which will begin next fall. If this is something you have been considering, know that NOW is the time to consider enrolling in the next NCTM 101™ course. Summer is the perfect, more-relaxed time to begin readings in piano pedagogy as preparation for the written work. Classes will begin in September or October and meet for six sessions, with days and times selected by the teachers who participate. Lisa K. Studtmann, NCTM offers the NCTM 101™ program of study free of charge to all KCMTA members.

If you are interested in knowing more about the national certification process or joining the next NCTM 101™ class, please contact:

Lisa K. Studtmann, NCTM, Certification Chair
lkstudtmann@hotmail.com

KSU Pipe Organ Encounter

Kansas State University and the Manhattan Chapter of AGO will present a Pipe Organ Encounter on July 6-11, 2014 for students between the ages of 13 and 18. Previous organ study is not required although minimal piano proficiency at the early intermediate level is desired.

KCAGO is sponsoring one scholarship - preferably for a student in Kansas City area. This is an excellent opportunity for a teen to become better acquainted with the organ.

For more information, please see the brochure attached to this newsletter.

Mary Davis, KCAGO Dean
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KCMTA Officer & Committee Chair Nominations

The following officers and committee chairs have been nominated to serve on the KCMTA board for the upcoming 2014-2015 term. They will be confirmed by a vote of the general membership at our meeting on Tuesday, April 1st. We thank each of these individuals for their willingness to serve our organization!

Officers

President	Jennifer Fink
President-Elect	Janet Fetterman
VP Achievement Auditions	Hemdah Salonimer-Horner
VP Concerto Competition & Recital	Kari Johnson
VP Fall Festival	Emily Yeh
VP Master Lessons	Linda Chen
VP Membership	Joyce Berg
VP Multi-Piano Concerts	Vacant (see at right)
VP Music Progressions	Julie Dean
VP Workshops	Julia Scherer
VP Yearbook	Kellie Harvey
Recording Secretary	Mary Davis
Corresponding Secretary	Julia Scherer
Treasurer	Linda Featherston
Registrar	Janet Fetterman
Auditor	Steve Berg
Parliamentarian	Kellie Harvey
Immediate Past President	Michelle Gehring

Committee Chairs

Certification	Lisa Cattanach
Development	Michelle Gehring
Holiday Program	Myra Lemons
Media Library	Jennifer Lacy
Newsletter	June Bonge
Service Project	Deana Haines
Hospitality	Lisa McCluer
Website	Roxie Hammill

Multi-Piano Concerts We Need Your Help!

The Multi-Piano Concerts have been a proud KCMTA tradition since 1993, when the program started with 141 students performing on 11 upright pianos. Since that time, the concerts have experienced tremendous growth, becoming one of the largest events of their kind held anywhere in the nation.

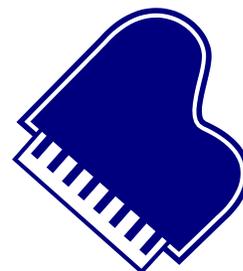
Through the program's history, KCMTA has been fortunate to work with a number of community partners—foundations, local music stores, performing arts venues and others—who have generously supported and aided us in producing the concerts.

KCMTA has fought diligently to keep the Multi-Piano program alive throughout the economic challenges of the last few years, and is exceedingly grateful to the partners who have helped us to do so. However, for a program to achieve long-term success, sometimes it is necessary to adapt to changing circumstances. Due to increased costs and shrinking funding opportunities, we have reached a point where the program has grown too large to continue in its current form.

We believe that the concerts are a valuable part of our organization's offerings, and that with a bit of creative re-thinking, we can continue to offer an exciting ensemble opportunity to our students... and we need your help.

KCMTA is seeking teachers who would be willing to serve on a committee to re-vision and re-create the Multi-Piano Concerts in a sustainable format for the coming years. For the event to continue, we need a number of volunteers to aid in the planning process.

If you are willing to help, please contact Jennifer Fink (jen@jenspianostudio.com). The planning committee will begin to meet in the coming weeks... and we'd love to have your help to keep this great event alive!



KCMTA Calendar Spring 2014

April

- 1 Workshop & General Meeting
- 1 DEADLINE – Outstanding Teacher Service Award Nominations
- 5-6 Achievement Auditions @ Village Music Academy
- 8 Executive Board Meeting @ Schmitt Music (Budget Meeting)
- 11-13 Music Progressions @ Village Music Academy
- 13 Achievement Auditions Honors Recital @ Schmitt Music, 2 p.m.

May

- 3 Concerto Competition Winner's Recital
- 6 Workshop & General Meeting
- 20 Executive Board Meeting @ Schmitt Music

Welcome to New Member

Jennifer Wilson

Piano

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Shawnee, Kansas

Teacher Seeking Students

Rachel Householder

Piano

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householderpianostudio.weebly.com

Lee's Summit, MO (40 Hwy & 291)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873)
- 1 Kay C. Carr
- 1 Jeanne Manon Lawrence
- 8 Marles Smith Dudley
- 8 Emily M. Freeman
- 9 Heather L. Mueller
- 11 Janet Howard
- 12 Calvin Permenter
- 12 Heidi A. Wiens
- 17 Kimberly A. Michaelis
- 20 Shirley A. Dohrmann
- 20 Yulia Alexeeva
- 21 Si-fou Tzang
- 29 Betty Todd Smith
- 30 Yelena Cohen
- 30 Dr. Svetlana Levin

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