



Official Bulletin of the WSMTA

Eastside Chapter

Message from the President

The clocks have fallen back, it's dark way too early in the evening, and winter is just around the corner! Snow has already come once, and if my students have their way, we'll get more before we know it.

The October program with Tamara Friedman was enlightening to hear how Mozart put different musical topics together to create his sonatas. Did anyone else go back and look at their favorite movements and try out different ways to play them after hearing her talk?

After Thanksgiving, come to hear **Forrest Kinney** talk at our meeting on **November 27th**. I heard him when he presented at the WSMTA conference in Shoreline this year, and got some great ideas then. If you missed him in June, try to make it to this one! He does great work incorporating improvising, arranging, composing, and interpreting music. You're going to walk away inspired to try some of his ideas in your lessons, I'm sure of it.

Have you thought about having your students participate in the **Ribbon Festival**? The deadline is approaching quickly (**December 1**). It's a great event geared towards students at every level, and my young students who have been shy about participating in events loved

running around and earning ribbons last year! If you're not sure how to sign up or if it's right for your students, talk to someone on the Ribbon Festival committee, and they'll be happy to convince you to try it out!

One last reminder: if you have students working on **essays**, you must turn them in at our November meeting to Sharon Van Valin, so make sure your students have finished them!

The November meeting is the last general meeting until 2018, although the **Holiday Tea** is coming up in December. As musicians, we know how busy it gets between Thanksgiving and Christmas, so I encourage you all to look ahead at EMTA deadlines and plan ahead so you can remember to take some time off for yourself. How do you know what's coming up? Read the *Opus*, or go to our website to stay up-to-date!

Amanda Harris

President, WSMTA Eastside Chapter





EMTA Chapter Meeting

When: *Monday Nov 27th, 2017*

Where: Newport Covenant Church
12800 SE Coal Creek Parkway, Bellevue 98006

Schedule:

9:30 am – Business Meeting

10:30 am - Coffee break

10:45 am-12 noon - Program –

*“Teaching Artistry,
Musicality, and Creativity
from the First Lesson”*

~ by Forrest Kinney ~



Ribbon Festival

"The Ribbon Festival committee is looking for a computer to use for scheduling this year's event. We are reaching out

to everyone to see if you have an old, unused, or unwanted laptop that you'd be willing to donate. The requirements are that it is a PC, it works, and we're assuming it also needs to be Windows 10 compatible. Please contact *Mary Lovett* (mlovettmusic15@gmail.com) as soon as possible if you have a laptop you would be willing to pass along. Thank you."

~Mary

Announcements

Holiday Tea

The annual EMTA Holiday Tea will be held on

Monday, December 11th

10:30am – 12pm

at *Sherry Owen's* home

16416 118th Ave NE, Bothell, WA 98011

Please bring a dish to share!



Opus & Chapter Email submissions:

Please send all submissions directly to Chapter presidents, *Amanda Harris and Cindy Horng*, for review and approval.

All Opus articles are due the second Monday of the month.

Please send as an attachment in Word format to:

opuseditor@hotmail.com.

Approved Opus submissions will be put in the newsletter exactly as submitted with minimal editing.

More submission guidelines, please check on the EMTA website.



EMTA General Meeting Minutes

Oct 2017

President Amanda Harris opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes: Suzy Schuba read the minutes from the meeting in September. The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Lovett gave the financial report. Please see Mary for details of the report.

Membership Report: Sam Beckert announced that there are 3 new members who signed up in August.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Wendy Yee mentioned that there has been no correspondence since September. Wendy requested the address of relatives of Joan Crowe in order to send a condolence card regarding Joan's recent passing. Joan was a very active member of EMTA and is greatly missed.

Programs: Nancy Jang reviewed the upcoming program for the meeting. The speaker is Tamara Friedman and the title was "Mozart a la Mode".

Workshops: Donna Sams informed the members that the workshop with Sasha Starceviceh is cancelled due to conflicts with his performance schedule. Unfortunately, there are no available dates for another time for Sasha's workshop. Donna also mentioned that on February 5th, 2018 Jeffrey Gilliam will present a workshop at the Steinway Gallery in Bellevue.

Scholarship Concert: Yunbo Cassady reported that the Scholarship Concert with Nathan Lee will occur as scheduled. Yunbo will be hosting the reception for Nathan after the concert. Yunbo requested volunteers to help with the reception. Members may contact Yunbo if they are interested in helping.

Student Recitals: Sam Beckert announced that the next recital will be November 11th. The recitals are going well and any age or level is welcome to perform. Please speak to Sam for more information.

Ribbon Festival: Holly Seneker reviewed the teacher packets available for the Ribbon Festival. She gave a brief review of the various workshops available for participants. Holly also highlighted the Rhythm and Drum session along with the Engineering in Music as special additions to the Festival. The deadline for registration is December 1st. The cost is \$30.00 per student. Please see the hand out or Holly for more information. Holly will post attachments for information and forms through an additional Opus newsletter. Jeanne Ellis also requested the need for another committee member.

Student Essay: Sharon Van Valin announced that in addition to the topic posted in the year book there is now a list of music that students may choose from to write their essay. Please see the attachment to October's Opus for a list of the music listening choices. Please see Sharon for additional information.

Other Business

Carol Hibbard talked about the Woodcock Fund and explained how teachers can take advantage of this fund. The Woodcock fund was set up to support the advancement of music teaching skills for members of EMTA. This fund will provide half of the registration fee for members to attend MTNA teacher conferences. Carol encouraged the teachers to take advantage of this benefit. A member can receive a refund for half the cost of the conference fee by sending an email to Carol Hibbard stating that they paid for and attended the conference(s) of their choice. Carol passed out refund checks to members who had attended conferences in the recent past. Members can find Carol's contact information in the Year Book.

The next General meeting is set for Monday, November 27th at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting ended at 9:50 a.m.

The Program "Mozart a la Mode" by Tamara Friedman followed the break.

Respectfully submitted by *Suzy Schuba*,
General meeting recording secretary.



Scholarship Concert

Last night Stephen Beus returned to our chapter for the 3rd time to present another truly amazing performance. We were all moved by his incredible artistry, dazzled by his finger pyrotechnics and mesmerized by his beautiful story telling. Thank you Stephen for sharing your gift of music with such a short notice. Thanks to all the teachers who brought so many of your students and families to fill the concert hall. Thank you to our students helpers Emily Pan, Emily Park and Deanna Han. Teachers who sold most tickets for this concert: Donna Yoko Suehisa Bender, Victoria Bogdashevikaya, Carol Whalen Hibbard, Cindy Horng, Donna Sams and Sasha Starcevich.

Yunbo Cassady

Nov 18, 2017



Member News

Our Chapter has sent floral arrangement to Joan Crow's memorial service.





Extra Notes

FREE Koehler and Campbell Piano to Deserving Student

A Bellevue couple, Christopher Price and Lynn Espinoza, have decided to give their piano to a deserving music student who needs a better instrument. It's a Koehler and Campbell upright manufactured about 20 years ago. It is the 48-inch model, so it has a nice full sound. It has a satin ebony finish and is in very nice condition (see the attached picture) except that it is quite out of tune after not being tuned for a number of years. The only cost would be the cost of moving the piano from the Eastgate area to the student's home and the tuning after that. The piano is probably worth about two thousand dollars.



Teachers and Students: Please send an email describing why the student should be the one to get the free piano to this email address: 31forcommunity@gmail.com before December 1st. The winner will be contacted by December 5. The piano needs to be moved before Christmas.

Happy holidays!

Forrest Kinney



Issaquah Philharmonic Orchestra Holiday Concert (free)

Monday, Dec 4th 7:30 pm

Skyline High School
1122 228th Ave SE, Sammamish
Featuring the Issaquah Singers
In selections from the Messiah



**REMEMBER:
Next General
Meeting**

***Monday,
November 27th***

