



Official Bulletin of the WSMTA

Eastside Chapter

Message from the President

Greetings EMTA members!

We had a wonderful start to this year's activities with a workshop about Brahms presented by George Bozarth. It was so great to see all the teachers who came to participate in this informative event. I am looking forward to seeing more of you at future events.



Sam Beckert
President, EMTA

EMTA Chapter Meeting

When:

Monday, Oct 28th, 2019

Where:

Newport Covenant Church
12800 SE Coal Creek Parkway,
Bellevue 98006

9:45 am –

General Meeting

10:45 am-12 noon –

Program

***'A Sample of
Piano Repertoire by
Eastern European
Composers'***

By

Milica Jelaca - WWU



SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT

Please mark your calendar for the biggest event of the year for our chapter. our annual scholarship concert. It will take place at Bellevue Presbyterian Church on **Friday, November 15th, 2019**. This year's concert pianists are Robin and Rachelle McCabe. They will be presenting us with a duo concert!!

(see flyer – attachment #1)

Our scholarship concert has been part of our chapter tradition for more than 30 years. Every year, our chapter teachers bring our students, students' families to attend this fundraising concert. The concert artist uses this unique platform to communicate with our students and families using student appropriate programs. At the end of the concert, the pianist will host a question and answer session with our students.

Please bring your students and families to this well attended concert. The parking is free and ticket prices are most affordable. \$10 student/senior, \$15 adult.

For concert tickets, please contact Yunbo Cassady at conanima63@gmail.com

Yunbo W Cassady
Scholarship concert Chair



WORKSHOPS

**Eastside Workshop
Series 2019-2020**

**Workshop II: Saturday, Nov 16th
10:00-12:30**

Presenters:

Robin and Rachelle McCabe

1. ISSUES OF DUO PIANO PLAYING
2. THE CAT CLAW VERSUS THE DOG PAW (How to develop reflexive relaxation at the piano)
3. THE SOUND STREAM: (Teaching with imagery)
4. MUSIC AS GEOMETRY IN SPACE

Please contact Donna Sams at:

donnasams@outlook.com to register so there are enough handouts and treats for everyone.

Workshops are free for EMTA members through Dorothy Woodcock grant

Non EMTA teachers - \$25

Music Workshop
Where the fun of music begins!



MAP

Music Artistry Program (aka MAP, formerly Adjudications) -- *March 9-14, 2020*

MAP provides students and their teachers the opportunity to receive oral and written feedback from a Nationally Certified Music Teacher (i.e. Visiting Artist) in a *non-competitive* environment. Visiting Artists are typically college or university professors from the regional area, but they are accustomed to working with students of all ages and levels.

Teachers who wish their students be eligible for selection as state recitalist MUST participate in MAP.

Registration opens in November.

Registration Deadline is **Friday, Jan 10, 2020.**

~MAP Committee (Yunbo Cassady, Nancy Bent, Nancy Jang, and Jennifer Li)

SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Greetings EMTA Competition members!
We would like to announce the dates for the 2020 EMTA Scholarship Competition

Date: *April 8-11, 2020*

Venue: Soma Towers, Resonance Hall
DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE EMTA WEBSITE IN THE SCHOLARSHIP RULES BOOKLET

Sincerely,
Your Competition Committee



RIBBON FESTIVAL

Dear EMTA Members,

If you were not at the general meeting September 23rd, please be advised that the **Deadline for the Ribbon Festival is DECEMBER 1st.** Attached are the documents for registration, including instructions, forms, and a parent flyer to help with advertising for this event! (see 6 attachments in email)

Thank you for your support in this wonderful event! We hope many of your students will register and benefit from this opportunity to attend workshops, perform, take theory exams, and receive ribbons for their participation!!

(attachments #3-8)

Thank you,

Holly Seneker
Registration Chair, Ribbon Festival





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lois Jacobson was named a MTNA fellow at the 2019 national conference. We honored her at our September EMTA meeting and luncheon, and all were inspired by her story.



Lois has served Eastside Chapter, WSMTA, and MTNA in many leadership roles since the start of our chapter in the 60s, including serving as president of EMTA, WSMTA president, and various roles at the national level. In the early years, her leadership in securing the financial stability of our chapter was foundational. She has mentored many teachers, served as inspiration for us all for decades, and taught hundreds of students to love and make music, changing lives forever.

On a personal note, I had the privilege of studying with Mrs. Jacobson for one summer while preparing a transfer audition for the UW School of Music. She challenged and stretched me, while making me feel understood and accepted for who and where I was. Ahead of her time in understanding healthy ergonomics at the piano, Lois quickly identified and worked with me to correct some poor position and use

of my hands, wrists, and arms. She was always encouraging.

Twenty years later, when I joined EMTA, Lois was one of the first here to greet and welcome me. She encouraged me to take on leadership positions, saying that the time and energy she has given to EMTA and WSMTA were some of the best opportunities she had been given for both personal and professional growth, as well as much fulfillment.

Continually impressed with her vibrancy and sharp insights, I once asked her what her secret was. Without missing a beat, she replied, "One new thing." Elaborating, she explained that she purposes to learn one new thing each year, telling how she and her husband had learned to fly and earned their pilot's licenses recently. They often were found flying their own small plane to WSMTA conferences around the state!

In the past decade, Lois has served on our EMTA Investment Committee, bringing a wise and insightful voice to the table as we oversee the chapter's investment funds. I've had to laugh as our investment counselor asks each year whether Lois will be at our annual meeting, because he knows that Lois is the one who asks the questions that really keep him on his toes!

Lois, thank you for being an example and mentor to many as a teacher, a leader, and a life well lived.

Carol Hibbard





Yearbook Update

Noreen Marten – 425-454-1970

If you have more updates, please send to Sam Beckert at sdbeck@hotmail.com

Bach in the Subways

For details, please check in website - <https://bachinthesubways.org/>

If EMTA teachers are interested in sending their students to perform in this event, please contact the LWMTA Chair of Musical Gifted Recitals, **Patricia Martin** psouzamartin@comcast.net

Time: **Saturday, March 21st, 2020**
Location: Crossroad Mall, Bellevue

Next General Meeting

November 28th, 2019



Opus submissions:

All articles are due on the ***second Monday of the month***. Please send ***as an attachment in Word format*** to opuseditor@hotmail.com **AND** sdbeck@hotmail.com (Sam Beckert, EMTA president, for approval)