

# NVMTA NEWS

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**February 2011**

**Wednesday, February 23, Arlington Woman's Club**

**9:45 Meeting, 10:30 Program**

## **Concerto Competition: Award Recipients in Performance**

The Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association will present student award winners in recital from its 2011 Concerto Competitions for Piano, Strings and Woodwinds. This is an important event on the NVMTA calendar and an opportunity to acknowledge the work and achievements of many fine NVMTA teachers and their students.

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**April Newsletter**

**Submission Deadline:**

**March 15, 2011**

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### **National Certification**

What better resolution in this new year than to become nationally certified? The process takes much less of your time than you imagine. Last year several members of NVMTA became nationally certified and this year one of them could be you!

Several of the tremendous personal benefits the process confers:

- ◆ Clarifies your teaching philosophy
- ◆ Expands your knowledge of music theory, history, form and analysis.
- ◆ Evaluates your strengths and weaknesses as a teacher
- ◆ Increases standards of professionalism
- ◆ Expands your performance repertoire
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### **TEACHER REFERRAL LIST**

To place your studio on our referral list download and fill out the form at [nvmta.org](http://nvmta.org). Send your \$35 check payable to NVMTA, to Peggy McNulty, 1209 Stable Gate Ct., McLean, Va. 22102. For questions contact Peggy at 703.356.3219 or [Peggy.McNulty@verizon.net](mailto:Peggy.McNulty@verizon.net)

## President's Message

As you know, NVMTA has a newly designed website that was unveiled a few weeks ago and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Martha Smith for her efforts in working with our webmaster, Yanek Korff, to update and redesign the site. Considerable time and effort were spent on this project and I think the results speak for themselves. Thank you, Martha!

And thanks also to Laura Marchisotto Bogart for her great work each month on the Newsletter. With our new website format we will be able to post information in a more timely manner, and this will likely affect the function and purpose of the monthly newsletter.

I invite you to attend the February meeting to discuss any concerns or comments you may have about these issues so that we can offer you a website that can best your needs. Remember—NVMTA is your organization.

Jim Litzelman, President

## Steinway Recital Hall Opens

Steinway Piano Gallery is proud to announce the opening of our Steinway Recital Hall, Tysons Corner Mall, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean Va 22102. This new concert venue, which is located on the first floor near Lord & Taylor and a few doors from Steinway Piano Gallery, seats 150 and is equipped with a Steinway D piano. A Steinway B joins the "D" for 2-piano and concerto concerts. Steinway Recital Hall is a gift from Steinway & Sons to piano teachers and performers in this area. There is no charge for the Recital Hall which is available Monday-Saturday from 10am to 9pm and Sunday from 11am to 6pm. Tysons Mall provides free, plentiful parking and outstanding restaurants to host your post-recital reception! Teachers are already booking this beautiful facility so contact Charlotte Woods at 703.388.2482 or [cwoods@steinwaypianodc.com](mailto:cwoods@steinwaypianodc.com) to reserve your date.



Best Wishes from Steinway for your Happy New Year!

## Sonata Festival

Sonata Festival requires students to play 2 movements in contrasting tempi of any 2 sonatas or sonatinas, by different composers or the same composer. However, the movements of any two-movement sonata need not necessarily be contrasting in mood or tempi. This event also welcomes theme and variations. Select the variations carefully, however; they cannot exceed the time limit. Read the event description at [nvmta.org](http://nvmta.org) carefully to avoid programming disqualifications.

## Linking Your Website to the NVMTA Web Site

If you have joined the NVMTA Teacher Referral List and you would like to link your studio website to your listing on the NVMTA web site, contact Peggy McNulty at [Peggy.McNulty@verizon.net](mailto:Peggy.McNulty@verizon.net).

**Concerto Competition for Strings**

Miron and Natalia Yampolsky, co-chairs

The Concerto Competition for Strings took place on Saturday, January 8, 2011

The judges were Shelley Coss, Robert Park, Nancy Jo Snyder, Gerald Fischbach, Laura Kobayashi, and Oleg Rylatko

**Lower Strings**

24 applicants represented by the studios of Dorothy Amarandos, James Batts, Shen-Pang Chien, Helen Fall, John Kaboff, Loran Stephenson, Miron Yampolsky, and Igor Zubkovsky.

Elementary Division

1st place, Andrew Stump (viola), (James Batts)

2nd place, Marisa Leo (cello), (John Kaboff)

3rd place, Sophia Cummings (cello), (J. Kaboff)

Intermediate Division

1st place, Eric Constantino (viola), (James Batts)

2nd place, Allison Park (cello), (Igor Zubkovsky)

3rd place, Ian Champney (cello), (D. Amarandos)

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**Violin**

32 applicants represented by the studios of James Batts, Shen-Pang Chien, Ronda Cole, Ricardo Cyncynates, Olivia Hajioff, Alina Kirshon-Goldman, Olga Khroulevitch, David Salness, David Strom, and Natalia Yampolsky.

Elementary Division

1st place, Mabelle Y.E. Park, (O. Khroulevitch)

2nd place, Elise Haukenes, (David Salness)

3rd place, Sarah Slate, (Natalia Yampolsky)

Hon. Men., Malva de Boor, (Ronda Cole)

Intermediate Division

1st place, John Kirchenbauer, (Ronda Cole)

2nd place, Helen Jung, (Natalia Yampolsky)

3rd place, Abigail Tucker, (David Strom)

Hon. Men., Roland Rivera, (David Strom)

Senior Division

1st place, Evelyn Mo, (Natalia Yampolsky)

2nd place, (Sarah Quan, (Ronda Cole)

Hon. Men., Jackie Lin, (Ricardo Cyncynates)

Cory Rivera, (Ronda Cole)

### Rising Stars Music Competition

The auditions will be held on March 12, 2010, from 9:30-4:30 at the Alden Theatre. Each candidate can play for up to 10 minutes, including a selection or selections from one or several composers. Registration fee is \$20. There is no deadline to apply, but once all the slots are filled, latecomers will go on a waiting list.

Download forms and application from [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) /library. Send applications to Music Friends, FCPL, Suite 324, Fairfax County Govt. Center, 12000 Govt. Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035.

### Bland Music Competition



The Vienna Lions Club will hold its 48th annual Bland Music Competition on Saturday, February 19, 2011. The contest includes vocal and instrumental categories; contestants must be Virginia residents attending school in Virginia through Grade 12. **The application deadline is February 12;** for forms and further information contact Nancy Volpe at [n.volpe8@verizon.net](mailto:n.volpe8@verizon.net) or 703.938.7716.

In addition to the Vienna competition, there are several other local Lions Clubs who host Bland Competitions: **Reston**—February 8, 2011, application deadline February 1; **Annandale**—February 26, 2011/ app. February 19; **Sterling**—February 27, 2011/app. February 11; **Spotsylvania**—February 27, 2011/ app. February 19; Candidates may enter only one time through one club. Please call Vickie Vanics at 301.449.9153 for details.



## James C. Macdonald Arts Scholarship



Each year, the McLean Community Center recognizes the hard work and talent of young performing and visual artists through the Macdonald Arts Scholarship Competition. Following a preliminary audition and a final round of competition, prizes are awarded to three finalists in each of four categories: Music, Theatre, Dance and Visual Arts. Only high school students who reside or attend school in the McLean tax district (Small District One of Dranesville) are eligible to apply. Students may enter in more than one category. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2011.** For more information, contact Kathy Herr at [kathleen.herr@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:kathleen.herr@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## VOICE ACHIEVEMENT COMPETITION

Saturday, January 22, 2011, Peggy McNulty, chair

### Division I

1st place, Molly Nuss, (Nancy M. Smith)  
2nd place, Susanna Jacobsen, (Nancy M. Smith)  
3rd place, Nicole Piche, (Nancy M. Smith)  
Hon. Men., Nadia Nobrega, (Kathy Berlin)  
Maggie Dunlap, (Peggy McNulty)  
Amanda Mason, (Nancy M. Smith)  
Katie Mock, (Joan Jurenas)

### Division II

1st place, Anne Hruskoci, (Joan Jurenas)  
2nd place, Arianna Kruszewski, (Peggy McNulty)  
3rd place, Claire Ortuzar, (Kathy Berlin)  
Hon. Men., Michelle Lerch, (Peggy McNulty)  
Nicolas Mathis, (Joan Jurenas)  
Mariana M. Barbosa, (Anne H. Cole)  
Holly Kelly, (Lani Jacobson)



### Division III

1st place, Rachel M. Bleich, (Richard Wilmer)  
2nd place, Rachel Harrington, (Nancy M. Smith)  
3rd place, Katie Robertson, (Laura Mann)

## Financial Planning For The Independent Studio

Julie Slingerland will present a class on financial planning and bookkeeping ideas for the independent music studio. The two hour class will meet at her studio in Annandale on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 from 10:00am to 12:00pm and will include topics such as tracking income and supply fees, income tax records, business checking accounts, and discussing financial accounts with parents. There is no fee for the class but you will need to reserve your place.

**Registration deadline is February 28.** Find out more information at [www.jslingerlandpianostudio.com](http://www.jslingerlandpianostudio.com) or contact Julie at 703.941.9112 or [jmsvivace@verizon.net](mailto:jmsvivace@verizon.net).

## New Email address for Newsletter

The newsletter has a brand-new email address to coincide with the launch of our beautiful, new web site. Please send your newsletter submissions to [newsletter@nvmta.org](mailto:newsletter@nvmta.org) beginning with the February issue.

## Full Slate of Candidates for NVMTA Executive Board 2011

Nancy Breth, Sheila Epstein and Julie Slingerland, NVMTA Nominating Committee

**President Elect, Elizabeth Blakeslee:** Elizabeth Blakeslee plays second harp with the National Symphony Orchestra. Previous performing positions include principal harp with the Richmond (Virginia) Symphony Orchestra and principal harp in the Orquesta Sinfonica de Colombia. Elizabeth is passionate about teaching and instilling a love for music as well as a discipline to excel in all of her students. Her students have been prize-winners in local, state, and national competitions and have been accepted to top conservatories in the nation. She studied harp with Marjorie Tyre at Auburn University, graduating summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Music and an equivalent major in French literature. She earned a Master of Music at Virginia Commonwealth University, completing her studies with Marilyn Costello.

Elizabeth is a long time NVMTA member. She has served on the NVMTA board as chairman of the Concerto Competition for Strings and as chairman of the Achievement Awards Competition for Strings (Caurine Easterling).

Currently Director-at-Large on the Board of Directors of the American Harp Society(AHS), Elizabeth serves as ASTA(American String Teachers Association) liaison. Past positions include serving on the AHS Board of Directors from 1995-2001, as Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Secretary and Membership Group Coordinator. She also was Publications Manager from 2000-2005, and editor of the AHS Teachers Forum from 1997-2004. She is currently developing a new format for the AHS Teachers Forum to include an online component as well as a printed publication. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Virginia String Teachers Association(VASTA) since 2006, and also chaired the committee to develop a harp curriculum for the Certificate Achievement Program of the American String Teachers Association.

**Vice President,/Membership, Amy Rothstein:** Amy Rothstein has been a member of NVMTA since 1982. She has been Vice-president for membership since 1991. For many years Amy was the NVMTA ombudsman. She has served for many years as a liaison for the George Mason Center for the Arts Young Artist Musicales choosing outstanding students of NVMTA teachers to perform on the programs, arranging the programs including bios for each performer. Amy has served as chairman of the Piano Concerto Competition and Achievement Awards Competition in addition to helping chairs of other NVMTA competitions organize their events. She has served as a judge for the Piano Concerto Competition, Judged Recitals, and Excellence Awards Competition. As vice-president for membership, Amy also has organized a mentor program putting each new member who so desires in contact with a member who will be available to answer questions the new member may have about NVMTA. For 3 years, she has been an area chair for the Spring Festival, an event for which she is also the current treasurer.

**Recording Secretary, Douglas Harrington:** Douglas Harrington (he prefers "Douglas") is a member of the Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association, the Washington Music Teachers Association, the Suzuki Association of the Americas, and the Suzuki Association of the Greater Washington Area. After graduating from Florida State University in 1989, Douglas relocated to Washington D.C. where he continued studies with Marilyn Neeley. In 2006 Douglas began teaching in a studio in his home and at a studio in McLean Professional Park.

Douglas has been a soloist with the New Orleans Symphony, and locally has accompanied a host of vocalists and instrumentalists, and performed with the Capital Chorus at the Kennedy Center. He has written over 100 newspaper articles on classical music, dance and theater.

He serves on the board of NVMTA as Chairman of the Fall Festival and Assistant Chairman of Judged Recitals. Douglas also serves on the board of WMTA as Membership Directory Editor.

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**NVMTA Candidate Slate** (continued from page 6)

**Treasurer, Julie Slingerland:** Since establishing her piano studio in 1977 in Annandale, Virginia, Julie Slingerland has been involved in the musical community of the Washington DC area. She served as president of NVMTA from 2007-2009, and was treasurer of NVMTA from 1999-2005 and is currently serving as treasurer. In addition she has chaired various student activities for NVMTA. She is on the board of the Washington Music Teachers Association and was a board member of the Virginia Music Teachers Association where she served four years as treasurer.

Julie attended Syracuse University School of Music as a scholarship student, receiving a Bachelor of Music degree in piano-music education. She earned her Masters Degree in vocal music education from Teachers College at Columbia University and taught in the public school system in New York State before moving to Washington DC.

Julie has continued her education in piano studies in the graduate schools of Catholic University and George Mason University. She has been a judge for the NVMTA Judged Recitals, the NVMTA Judy Leonard Scholarship Awards, the WMTA Hartman Competition and many other student events.

**Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter, Laura Marchisotto Bogart:** Laura Marchisotto Bogart teaches and coaches in her studio in McLean. Most recently she taught on the music faculty at George Washington University where she taught piano and served as assistant conductor and coach accompanist. She has performed in recital throughout the U.S. as well as been on staff at several regional opera companies and universities where, in addition to her collaborative duties she taught French and Italian diction.

Laura rejoined NVMTA in 2005, currently serves as Newsletter Editor and Corresponding Secretary and co-chaired Fall Festival from 2006-2009.

**Historian, Marilynne Jost:** Marilynne Jost joined NVMTA in the early 1960's earning her the distinction of being one of our longest serving members. She is a past president of NVMTA and has served as chairperson of many activities including Piano Concerto Competition, Piano Achievement Competition and others.

She has been chairman of the Spring Festival for more than 15 years, and has worked many years at Funding Raising for NVMTA through the annual pecan sale.

Marilynne was born, raised and educated in St. Louis, doing both undergraduate and graduate work at Washington University. She has enjoyed many years of performing and now is in her 52<sup>nd</sup> year as an independent piano teacher with a studio in Oakton.

**Member-At-Large 2014, Sharon Walker:** Sharon Walker maintains a piano and marimba studio in the Mount Vernon area of Alexandria. She has served NVMTA for 15 years as Spring Festival Chairman. During her tenure in this position the festival grew from 1600 students to 2400. Sharon was also instrumental in starting a very successful online registration program for Spring Festival in 2009, and she helped implement the Spring Festival Scholarship Program which gives financial awards to students who have earned 45 or more points. Sharon's students enjoy participating in various NVMTA student events and she serves as a judge for many of these activities.

A former president of the Jacksonville, Florida local MTNA, Sharon also held the position of Membership Chairman for the State of Florida (FSMTA). Presently Sharon is the Co-Chair of the Symphony Ball and Auction which is held annually as the major fund raising event for the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra.

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## 2010-2011 CONCERT SCHEDULE:

- January 2, 2010, 3 p.m.      Young Soloists Recital

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- March 13, 2011, 3 p.m.     Young Soloists Recital

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