

NVMTA NEWS

Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association
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May 2010

**Wednesday, May 26, Woman's Club of Arlington
9:45 Business Meeting, 10:30 Program**

Achievement Award Recipients in Performance



The program on May 26 is a special event for the NVMTA. The recipients of the 2010 NVMTA Achievement Awards will be featured in a recital that highlights the dedication and diligence of our teachers and their students. The students who received 1st place awards in the piano, voice, strings and woodwinds competitions will participate in this annual program that always brings warm admiration and applause from our members for the excellence of the performances. Please join other members in this stimulating finale to our calendar year.

Program starts at 10:30am sharp!

New Student Performance Information Form

Program director Robert Kelley has created a Student Performance Information Form to be completed by each recital participant. This form ensures that the program notes reflect complete and accurate information about the performers and the works to be performed.

Robert Kelley will contact the chair of each competition to distribute the form to this year's award recipients. In order to be included in the program, each participant must email the completed form to Robert Kelley at kmlea@verizon.net **no later than May 20.**

Discount on Jane Magrath Publications

For those members who were unable to attend the wonderful April workshop presented by Dr. Jane Magrath, Foxes Music is extending its offer of a **25% discount** on all of Dr. Magrath's publications **through the month of May.** These are excellent books by a truly fine musician and an authority on piano pedagogy.

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**Summer Newsletter
Submission Deadline:
July 1, 2010**

**Sept. Newsletter
Submission Deadline:
August 18, 2010**

NVMTA TEACHER RE-FERRAL LISTING

Please fill out the form at nvmta.org, and send your \$35 check payable to NVMTA, to Peggy McNulty, 1209 Stable Gate Ct., McLean, Va. 22102.

Listing is good for one year and it's up to you to check to renew your listing every year. For questions

please contact
Peggy.McNulty@verizon.net

President's Message

As many of you know, I have been interested in moving the NVMTA Directory to an online-only format. I am pleased to report that this will be a reality next year with the 2010-2011 Directory. A motion to make the move to an online-only format passed unanimously at the April General Meeting. While I am aware that this will not be good news to all of you, I hope that we will become accustomed to this as time goes on. We will have a pdf option for the directory so that those who wish to print a hard copy for themselves will be able to do so.

Two immediate benefits of an online-only Directory come to mind: not printing and mailing our Directory will result in significant monetary savings for NVMTA, and we will be able to regularly update our members' contact information. The printed version of the Directory was often out-of-date by the time it was printed because members changed email addresses, phone numbers and addresses. Furthermore, our advertisers seem to be more interested in placing ads online rather than in print.

There will be the inevitable growing pains as we move in this direction, but I will work to make this transition as smooth as possible for all of us.

Jim Litzelman, President

First Annual MusicLink Playathon

The first annual MusicLink Foundation Play-a-thon entertained shoppers at Tysons Corner Center on Sunday, May 2 from Noon to 6 pm. Sixty performers on various instruments obtained advance pledges in support of MusicLink. Steinway Gallery provided a grand piano. Over \$3000 was raised for MusicLink summer camp scholarships, grass root grants, and expenses related to linking promising students who can't afford lessons with teachers willing to teach them on scholarship. NVMTA endorsed this Play-a-thon and many NVMTA teachers participated: Denise Adkins, Sylva Blasquez, MaryEllen Bock, Laura Bogart, Kathryn Brunner, Nancy Davis, Joanne and Willy Haroutounian, Tatyana Hearne, Robert Kelley, Lai-Lan Ko, Claudia Libero, Nancy Longmyer, LeeAnna Xanthos-McQueen, Peggy Newhall, Ronit Seter, Martha Smith and Rachel Sarrano Winograd.



Chinese harpists at Play-a-thon



Enkhzaya Nyam-Ochir and MusicLink Director, **Joanne Haroutounian**

Piano Ensemble Festival and Competition

Saturday, May 1, 2010 at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Arlington

Denise Adkins and Anne Beamer, co-chairs

Thirteen NVMTA teachers entered 70 ensembles with 67 teams performing. The students played on a rebuilt 1904 six foot Grand Steinway and another grand. Thank you to Oxana Titova, Antoinette Velikina, Silva Blazquez, Carla Day, Diane Perett, Stephanie Hsieh, Nancy Breth, Narciso Solero, Victoria Wyatt, Martha Smith, Julie Slingerland, Rosanne Conway, Andrew Horowitz, and Amy Rothstein who served as judges. Thank you to all participating teachers who helped in many ways to make this event a success!

Students

Teacher

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Level 1 —First Place | Vedhas Banaji and Medhaa Banaji | Arda Andonian |
| Hon Men | Jonathan Lam and Lucy Blazquez | Silva Blazquez |
| Hon Men | Mici Greenlee and Allie Batchvarova | Oxana Titova |
| Hon Men | Rose Du and Connie Du | Silva Blazquez |
| Level 2 —First Place | Andrew Liu and Alex Peng | Nancy Breth |
| Second Place | Seda Babayan and Vigen Babayan | Marina Alekseyeva |
| Third Place tie | Maggie Chen and Emilie Cheng | Arda Andonian |
| Third Place tie | Charlotte Cai and Faith Lam | Silva Blazquez |
| Level 3A —First Place | Maggie Chen and Jennifer Su | Nancy Breth |
| Second Place | Laura Chu and Virginia Sun | Nancy Breth |
| Third Place | Kelly Ho and Isabel Ho | M. Gramatcova |
| Hon Men | Christine Li and Elizabeth Li | Victoria Wyatt |
| Hon Men | Lucy Banks and Elise Offut | Diane Perett |
| Hon Men | Kiernan Barlett and Caroline Fatemi | Andrew Horowitz |
| Hon Men | Daniel Shin and Matthew Stabile | Victoria Wyatt |
| Level 3B —First Place | Tommy Chan and Albert Zeng | V. Wyatt |
| Second Place | Roman Kasparian and Sarah Kim | M. Gramaticova |
| Third Place Tie | Isabel Ho and Jessica Lee | M. Gramaticova |
| Hon Men | Naomi Atughonu and Ally Lee | Rebecca Salt |
| LEVEL 4 | | |
| First Place | Brian Le and Madelyne Xiao | Nancy Breth |
| Second Place | Kiffa Conroy and Kaizen Conroy | Rebecca Salt |
| Third Place tie | Lucy Chu and Paul Li | Nancy Breth |
| Third Place tie | James Hughes and Nathan Hughes | A. Horowitz |
| LEVEL 5 | | |
| First Place | Helen and Julia DeCelles-Zwerneman | Victoria Wyatt |
| Second Place tie | Lily Li and Wade Zhang | Victoria Wyatt |
| Second Place tie | Niki Hua and Valerie Zetts | Nancy Breth |
| Hon Men | Laura Cooper and Lily Li | Victoria Wyatt |
| Hon Men | Ann Liu and Xuxinye Xu | Nancy Breth |



GMU Piano Pedagogy Seminar A Musical Tour de Force

June 7-11, 9:30 - 12:30 daily with bonus afternoon sessions on memorization, computers, practice techniques, and a Barber lecture recital. GMU faculty explore the repertoire of Spain, Russia, Germany, France, and

the USA offering teaching strategies and interpretive ideas for intermediate level students. Details are on GMU Potomac Academy's website. Register online at www.potomacacademy.org.

Deadline: May 28th. Join us!



GMU Degree Programs

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2008-2009 CONCERT SCHEDULE:

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| Sept. 19, 2009, 3 p.m. | Washington Saxophone Quartet |
| Nov. 8, 2009, 3 p.m. | National Symphony Orchestra Chamber Ensemble |
| Nov. 22, 2009, 3 p.m. | Young Soloists Recital |
| Jan. 10, 2010, 3 p.m. | Christopher Schmitt, pianist |
| Jan. 31, 2010, 3 p.m. | Andrey Andrist, pianist |
| Feb. 14, 2010, 3 p.m. | Young Soloists Recital |
| Feb. 21, 2010, 3 p.m. | Pro Musica Washington* |
| Feb. 28, 2010, 3 p.m. | Young Soloists Recital |
| Mar. 28, 2010, 3 p.m. | Kimberly Hou, pianist |
| May 30, 2010, 3 p.m. | Young Soloists Recital |

* (Hidetsuro Suzuki, violin; Zeysh Rugs Suzuki, piano; Sheldon Lampert, viola;
Robert Nemkirk, cello)



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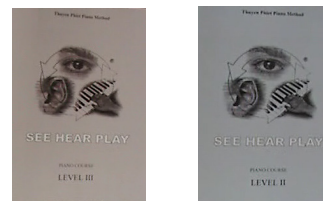
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VOICE ACHIEVEMENT COMPETITION

Peggy McNulty, chair

The NVMTA Voice Achievements Competition took place on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the Woman's Club of Arlington. Over 32 singers from several voice studios competed.

DIVISION I

| | <u>Student</u> | <u>Teacher</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| First Place | Sophie de Leo | Joan Jurenas |
| Second Plac : | Kimya Haghigi | Peggy McNulty |
| Third Place | Molly Nuss | Nancy MacArthur-Smith |
| Hon Men | Emily McLenigan | Nancy MacArthur-Smith |
| | Nicole Piche | Nancy MacArthur-Smith |
| | Mary-Caroline Matricardi | Laura Mann |
| | Ariana Kruszewski | Peggy McNulty |



DIVISION II

| | <u>Student</u> | <u>Teacher</u> |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| First Place | Carey Jarosik | Anne Hurley Cole |
| Second Place | Mary Peterson | Peggy McNulty |
| Third Place | Danny Lucas | Nancy MacArthur-Smith |
| Hon Men | Mariana Meloni-Barbossa | Anne Hurley Cole |

DIVISION III

| | <u>Student</u> | <u>Teacher</u> |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| First Place | Amy Nicol | Peggy McNulty |
| Second Place | Kate Oros | Nancy MacArthur-Smith |
| Third Place | Barbara Cummings | Nancy MacArthur-Smith |

Voice Teachers Potluck Luncheon

Peggy McNulty invites all voice teachers to her home for a potluck luncheon on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 11:45am. Please RSVP Peggy at 703-356-3219 or peggy.mcnulty@verizon.net to select your dish.

Hylton Performing Arts Center: Tour the newly-constructed Hylton Performing Arts Center on the Manassas Campus of George Mason University on **Wednesday, June 23rd at 10:30am**. No detail was spared on this state-of-the-art facility. It is a shining example of how Prince William County, Manassas City, George Mason University and the State of Virginia worked cooperatively, through community partnerships, to build this tremendous community resource. After our tour join us for lunch and a noontime concert. RSVP to Ronda Sprague at cmronda@hotmail.com or 703-393-7080.

Young Soloists Recital, May 30, 2010, 3:00 p.m.

Evelyn Mo, 11, studies piano with Jun Yang; Ryo Kaneko, 15, studies piano with Marjorie Lee; Sarah Grace Barham, 15, studies piano with Rosita Kerr Mang; Angelina Savoia, 18, studies harp with Elizabeth Hainen of the Philadelphia Orchestra.



The all professional **Virginia Chamber Orchestra** presents its 3rd concert of the 2009-2010 season, "*Morning, Afternoon, Evening*" The concert includes works by Haydn, Debussy and Griffes, with Aaron Goldman, assistant principal flute in the National Symphony Orchestra as flute soloist in the *Poem for Flute and Orchestra* by Charles Griffes. The concert takes place on Sunday, March 16th, at 4:00 P.M. at the Ernst Community Cultural Center at the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, Virginia 22003. **Students free.** Tickets available for purchase at www.virginiachamberorchestra.org, at the door, or by phone at 703-758-0179. For more information, contact Barbara Gholz at 703-354-4555.



The Northern Virginia Chorale under the artistic direction of Robert S. Webb, Jr., presents our season's final concert *Encore & Hors d'Oeuvres*. Join us as we present favorite toe-tapping, heart-throbbing, rafter-vibrating, swooning-from-crooning selections from Broadway, film, pop, and Americana—all accompanied by a jazz combo. After the concert, join us in the Fellowship Hall for snacks and sweets. Saturday, May 22nd at 7:00 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22150. Tickets/Info available at www.northernvirginiachorale.org or call 703-239-2180. **Children under 12 free.**

Second Annual Piano Competition "Young People and Italian Music"

July 31– August 1, 2010, **Registration deadline is June 30, 2010.**

All participants must prepare two works of contrasting style, one by an Italian composer. Winners receive trophies, certificates, cash, and opportunities to perform at embassies in Washington DC.

For information, go to www.globalmusicanddance.com or contact Nediana Pavlova at 703-209-1838, or nediana@gmail.com.

Results of the Piano Concerto Festival, April 9-10

Jeri Bennett, Marjorie Lee and Julie Slingerland, co-chairs

Grades K-3

Group I

1st Place – Stephanie Draughon – Yang

2nd Place – Elizabeth Louie – Lee

3rd Place – Felix Fei – Mang

Group II

1st Place – Albert Chen – Yang

2nd Place – Emily Ye – Yang

3rd Place – Cynthia Ma – Bransburg

Hon. Men. – Zachary Peng – Mang

Hon. Men. – Eric Sun – Lee

Group III

1st Place – Lucy Blazquez – Blazquez

2nd Place – William Chen – Bransburg

3rd Place – Grace Qi – Yang

Hon. Men. – Anna Huang – Lee

Hon. Men. – Hana Wang – Yang

Group IV

1st Place – Saniya Han – Litzelman

2nd Place – Angus Chang – Blazquez

3rd Place – Ellie Chang – Bransburg

Hon. Men. – Jonathan Lam – Blazquez

Hon. Men. – Grace Li – Bogart

Group V

1st Place – Bayan Mostaghim – Lee

2nd Place – Ellie Tyler – Huff

3rd Place Tie – Sabrina Cai – Palumbo;

Emma Layton - Roberts; Megan Liu – Kuo

Hon. Men. – Justin Gou – Yang

Group VI

1st Place – Alexandria Osser – Solero

2nd Place – Kaia Griggs – Skidan

3rd Place – Lauren Cain – Gramaticova

Hon. Men.—Evan Shi— Mang

Grades 4-5

Group I

1st Place – Bookyung Shin – Lee

2nd Place – Anthea Li – Litzelman

3rd Place – Anna Wang – Yang

Hon. Men. – Shana Kushevski – Bransburg

Grades 4-5, continued

Group II

1st Place Tie – Maggie Chen – Breth

Audrey Huang – Yang

2nd Place – Nam-tran Nguyen – Mang

3rd Place – Michael Lee – Kuo

Hon. Men. – Gabrielle Li – Whited

Group III

1st Place – Calvin Ghim – Lee

2nd Place – Andrew Liu – Breth

3rd Place – Angela Xu – Yang

Hon. Men. – Randy Wang – Roberts

Group IV

1st Place – Ruiran Xun – Ritter

2nd Place Tie – Matthew May – Litzelman,

Alex Peng – Breth, Shreya Ramesh – Mang

3rd Place – Jillian Khoo – Healey

Hon. Men. – Nathan Chen – Skidan

Hon. Men. – Kyle Gatesman – Slingerland

Grades 6-7

Group I

1st Place – Victoria Yang – Bransburg

2nd Place Tie – Joanna Gerr – Hosaka

Adriel Sumathipola – Titova

3rd Place – Theresa Cordero – Slingerland

Group II

1st Place – Faith Lam – Blazquez

2nd Place – Ian Cabacungan – Lee

3rd Place – Jennifer Li – Mang

Hon. Men. – Aaron Geldert – Kuo

Hon. Men. – Jessica Wu – Roberts

Group III

1st Place – Alison Li – Mang

2nd Place – Jessica Lee – Gramaticova

3rd Place – Eric Juneau – Solero

Group IV

1st Place – Kevin Riordan – Litzelman

2nd Place – Matthew Stabile – Wyatt

3rd Place – Reed Zhang – Mang

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Ensure Your Place in the 2009-10 Directory

Vice-president for Membership, Amy Rothstein, reminds members that in order to receive a listing in the 2009-10 directory, **dues must be paid by July 1st, 2009**. Dues are not prorated, and ALL members must renew their membership by this date to be listed. By now all members except those who joined or renewed recently, should have received a dues statement for the coming year. To renew online to to www.mtna.org. Please notify Amy as well as MTNA if you have any change of address, phone, name, or e-mail. If you have any questions about dues payment, please contact Amy at 703-827-9513 or

Photos from the National Conference

Virginia Moore, Donna Olson, a former member and NVMTA president, who moved out of the area, and **Debbie Gunner-son** enjoy catching up and many wonderful concerts, workshops and pedagogy seminars at the national convention in Albuquerque at the end of March.



Members **Joanne Haroutounian** and **Peggy Newhall** are all smiles when sharing MusicLink experiences at the conference.

Member News

Narciso Solero at the Millenium Stage: Narciso Solero gave a chamber music concert at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage on Friday, March 19 at 6:00 PM. He performed the Violin and Piano Sonata in D Major by Serge Prokofiev and the Brahms B Major Trio for Violin, Cello, and Piano with violinist Jessica Fan and cellist Tim Butler, members of the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra.

NVMTA welcomes the following new* and renewing members *Marissa Bornholdt, piano; *Lisa Bennett Hobson, piano; *Ann Sowell Pederso, piano and Jan F. deHoll, guitar.

New Piano Music Fundraiser to Fight Poverty in India

Greg Genter, piano teacher in Ashburn has just completed a book of piano music featuring songs from India. Mr. Genter works with many Indian students; he wanted to provide his students with music reflecting their unique and proud culture. This book is a blend of patriotic, religious, and popular songs and \$11.99. All profits from book sales will be donated to World Vision Inc. to fight poverty in India. To order a copy, call Greg at 703.726.9484.

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Removable Highlighter Tape: Martha Smith reports that after Jane Magrath's wonderful presentation on April 28, several NVMTA members asked where to get removable highlighter tape. She has ordered it at <http://www.leeproducts.com/HighlighterTapes.asp>.

Piano Concerto Festival Results, continued from p. 7**Grades 8-9****Group I**1st Place – Marcelo Leme – Palumbo2nd Place – Jennifer Su – Breth3rd Place – Victor Shen – Yang**Group II**1st Place – Ann Liu – Breth2nd Place – Gabrielle Chen – Healey3rd Place – Henry Hutchinson – Kuo**Group III**1st Place – Lucy Chu – Breth2nd Place – Susanna Sewall – Perett3rd Place – Caitlin Kim – Wyatt

Hon. Men. - Kelsey Spurio - Healey

Hon. Men. – Madelyne Xiao – Breth

Group IV1st Place Tie – Henry Fong – Lee

Chia-Yi Lee – Roberts

2nd Place – Joy Hu – Healey**Grades 10-12****Group I**1st Place – Brett Offutt – Perett2nd Place Tie – Paul Anderson – Kosutic

Helen DeCelles Zwerneman – Wyatt

3rd Place Tie – Lily Li – Wyatt; Xuxinye Xu – Breth**Group II**1st Place Tie – Julia DeCelles-Zwerneman – Wyatt

Alisha Geldert – Kuo

2nd Place – Wade Zhang – Wyatt3rd Place – Jasmine Tsao – Healey

Hon. Men. – Claire Bobst – Perett

Group III1st Place - Kazune Kitani – Kosutic2nd Place – Linda He – Lee3rd Place – Amber Lee – Moon

Hon. Men. – Chigaya Sakai – Alekseyeva



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CALENDAR

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| MAY | 1 Sat | Composition Competition Honors Recital , WCA, 7:00pm Newsletter deadline Piano Ensemble Competition & Festival , RLC, 9:00am-6:00pm POSTMARK DEADLINE: Reely-Hendricks, 7:00 pm |
| | 3 Mon | POSTMARK DEADLINE: Northern District Auditions |
| | 4 Tue | POSTMARK DEADLINE: May 16 General Recital |
| | 8 Sat | Non-competitive Judged Recitals , WCA, 2:00pm and 3:15pm Honors Recital , 2:00 & 3:15pm and 4:30pm |
| | 9 Sun | Strings Achievement Awards Competition , WCA Young Artists Musicale, GMU, 6:00pm |
| | 15 Sat | Piano Achievement Awards Competition , WCA Woodwinds/Brass/Percussion Achievement Awards Competition , Burke Presbyterian Church 9:00am - 3:00pm |
| | 16 Sun | General Recitals , WCA, 2:30 and 3:45pm Healy/Ford & Student Excellence Competitions , WCA, 5:00pm Sonata Festival & Competition , GMU, 10:30am-4:30pm |
| | 23 Sun | Julie and David Slingerland Sonata Competition Honors Recital , GMU 2:00pm - 4:30pm |
| | 26 Wed | Regular Meeting , WCA, 9:45 Business Meeting; 10:30am Program, Achievement Award Winners |
| | 31 Mon | Memorial Day |
| JUNE | 5 Sat | Reely/Hendricks Scholarship Competition VMTA Spring Meeting , Charlottesville |
| | 9 Wed | Board Meeting , Green Springs Gardens, 10:00a.m. |
| | 11-13 Fri-Sun | Northern District Auditions, Piano (VMTA) , WCA |
| | 30 Mon | Dues to MTNA today |