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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sat. Mar 29 - Apr 2..... 2008 MTNA National Conference, Hyatt Regency Denver & the Colorado Convention Center; Denver, Colorado.
- Thurs. April 10..... 9:30 a.m. Monthly Meeting and Presentation: Reginald Gerig, "What History has to say about Developing a Natural Piano Technique." Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton.
- Sun. April 13..... 3:00 p.m. Student Recital, Pierce Chapel Room 104, Wheaton College. Coordinator: Joanne King. Information Deadline is Sun. March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Thurs. April 17..... 9:30 a.m. Teachers Performance Group, Home of Michael Fritsch. Please call if you are planning on attending: 630-690-1169.
- Thurs. April 24..... 9:30 a.m. T.I.E. Meeting, Home of Mark and Karin Edwards. Please call them if you plan on attending: 630-653-4967.
- Sat. April 26 ..... Berkley/Pendell Piano Competition at McAninch Arts Center, College of DuPage. See article in this issue.
- Thurs. May 1 ..... 9:30 a.m. Monthly Meeting and Presentation: David Schrader, "Clavichord. Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton.
- Fri Nov. 14 -15 ..... State Fall ISMTA Conference, Wheaton College. See more information in this issue.

## **DEADLINES**

- Sun. March 30<sup>th</sup> ..... Information Deadline for Student Recital, Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Coordinator: Joanne King.
- Tues. April 15..... DEADLINE for May newsletter. Please send articles and information to Diane Lindsay, 242 S. Edgewood Ave., Lombard. Telephone 630-916-8001 or email to [dmlindsay@ameritech.net](mailto:dmlindsay@ameritech.net).
- Fri, Mar. 21..... POSTMARK DEADLINE to apply for 2008 Berkley/Pendell Piano Competition. Read the information in this newsletter.

## **LOCAL CHAPTER NEWS**

- Directory Update for Kathy Sbarboro. Her new email is [sbarboro.k@att.net](mailto:sbarboro.k@att.net).
- Here is an address change for your directory: Lydia Smutny Sterba, 315 N. LaGrange Rd. #737, LaGrange Park, IL 60526

### THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

We had a change in the April program from what is in the directory. Gellert Modos is very ill and cannot make it up to Wheaton this year. So, **thankfully**, Reginald Gerig is filling in for us.

The topic is "What History has to say about Developing a Natural Piano Technique.", based on material in his book. He will refer to the panel discussion, chaired by Barbara Lister-Sink at the MTNA session in Denver on March 30.

**Reginald Gerig** graduated from the Juilliard School in New York City in 1948 and 1949 with BS and MS degrees in piano. While at Juilliard, he studied piano with Sascha Gorodnitzki, Carl Friedburg, and Joseph Raieff and piano literature with Irwin Freundlich. Previous to 3 ½ years of military service in World War II, he had received the BM degree from Wheaton College in 1942. He was a member of the piano faculty of the Eastman School of Music from 1950 to 1952 before returning to Wheaton. He taught piano and related subjects there for 35 years (14 as chair of the piano department) before retiring as Professor of Piano Emeritus in 1987. He was also organist at College Church in Wheaton from 1953 to 1991. He was membership secretary of the American Liszt Society from 1983 to 1991. For many years, Gerig has had an interest in what pianists from the past have had to say about their approach to their keyboard instruments. His definitive volume, "Famous Pianists & Their Technique", issued in 1974 by Robert B. Luce, Inc., and has become a widely used and acclaimed history of piano technical thought. Indiana University Press, Bloomington, republished a new edition, with appendices, in 2007. Over the years, he has traveled throughout the United States and England lecturing on the subject. In 1984, he was named Alumnus of the Year by the Wheaton College Alumni Association for Distinguished Service to Alma Mater.

### FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

We are so sorry to hear that Gellert Modos is unable to be our April program presenter. We all hope he is feeling better soon! The newly named Steinway store on Butterfield Rd. in Downers Grove got high marks for their recital room. They offer its use free to our members, as long as they give a 5-minute presentation about the store beforehand.

Bonnie Brewster

### UPCOMING RECITAL

Our member **John Zimmerman, Associate Professor of Music at Wheaton College Conservatory**, is presenting a recital, "Piano Through the Years," on **Monday, March 31 at 8:00 PM in Pierce Chapel**. The program includes pieces of widely varying levels of difficulty by many composers, beginning with John Thompson's "Teaching Little Fingers to Play" and proceeding to Bach's Prelude and Fugue in C Major (WTC I) and Two-Part Invention No. 8, sonata movements by Haydn, Mozart, Clementi and Beethoven, several Chopin etudes, Ravel's Jeux d'eau, Liszt Consolation No. 1, Gershwin Prelude No. 1, a Chinese piece, Clair de Lune, and pieces by Brahms, Schumann, et cetera.

**BERKLEY/PENDELL PIANO  
COMPETITION**

This year's competition April 26 is fast approaching. Please be reminded of the March 21st application (postmark) deadline. Also, all teacher and student requirements need to be completed by that date. Students may perform on any chapter's recital or participate in the AIM exam to fulfill letter "d" of student eligibility. Competition information and application forms can be found on the West Suburban and Naperville websites. If you have questions please contact Marilyn Anderson, our chapter scholarship chairman.

Our chapter has been asked to provide runners. Any teacher entering students is asked to help as well as others. See Marilyn Anderson, our chapter representative, about your availability.

Please mail applications to: Deb Bridenbaugh,  
Competition Chairman, 346 Normandie Drive  
Sugar Grove, IL. 60554



For sale: Weber 88 key digital Model WD-75. It has extra voices, weighted keys, and includes the bench and stand. We are asking \$599, but are motivated sellers that will sell to the best offer. Please call Susan at 630-534-4963 or email at [cpellettieri@comcast.net](mailto:cpellettieri@comcast.net)  
Thanks!

**MUSIC AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
AT MAY 1<sup>st</sup> MONTHLY MEETING  
FOR BERKELEY-PENDELL FUND**

Lynette Zelis announced that she will bring some extra music to our May meeting to benefit the Berkeley-Pendell fund. A suggested donation is \$1 per book. Other teachers should bring books also. Unsold music will return to the giver.

**NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS**

*The nominating committee headed by Jane Cole, with assistance from Liz Mackenzie and Mike Fritsch, announces the following slate of officers. Daphne Ball has agreed to continue as VP for Publicity Historian, after completing the term of Joy Cofield. For Secretary, the nominee is Russell Callender, and for Treasurer, the nominee is Liz Mackenzie. We will vote on these candidates at our April meeting.*

**ACCOMPANIST NEEDED**

Olive Aliga announced that an accompanist is needed for March 23<sup>rd</sup> Easter Services at her church, Winfield Methodist. Please contact her as soon as possible if you can help – 630-510-0338.

**College of DuPage Piano Faculty Recital**

There will be a COD Piano Faculty recital on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Room 139, the Choir Rehearsal Room. This program will feature our members Mike Fritsch, Alex Djordevic, and Karol Reddington among others.

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