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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thurs. March 179:30 a.m. **Teacher Information Exchange (TIE)** Meeting at the Home of Kathy Christian. Call Kathy at 630-784-0200 if you plan to attend.
- Thurs. April 79:30 a.m. **Monthly Meeting and Presentation: "Mary Clare Barker: Sacred Side of Jazz"**. Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton.
- Sun. April 103:00 p.m. **Student Recital** at Wheaton College, Pierce Chapel Room 104. Coordinator Joanne King. 630-690-1759. Student Fee is \$7.00. Information Deadline is March 26, 2011.
- Thurs. April 14.....9:30 a.m. **Teacher Performance Group** at the Home of Kathy Christian. Call Kathy at 630-784-0200 if you plan to attend.
- Sat. Apr. 1610:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Berkley/Pendell Competition** – New Location: College of DuPage Arts Center.

DEADLINES

- Fri. April 15.....**DEADLINE** for **May Newsletter**. Please send articles and information to Diane Lindsay via email dmlindsay@ameritech.net or 630-363-7513.
- Fri. March 18**POSTMARK DEADLINE** for **Berkley/Pendell Competition** Application to Deb Bridenbaugh.
- Sat. March 26**INFORMATION DEADLINE** for **Student Recital** at Wheaton College, Pierce Chapel Room 104. Coordinator Joanne King. 630-690-1759.
- Sat. March 26..... **AIM Performance Exam Makeup Exam DEADLINE**. Report make-up scores to Debi Inch.

SPEAKER PRESENTATION

“Mary Clare Barker: “Sacred Side of Jazz”



Mary Clare Barker holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from Western Michigan University and a Master of Music degree in piano performance and accompanying from Northwestern University. She lives in Chicago and is an active teacher, soloist, accompanist, and lecturer.

After speaking on numerous occasions on women classical and jazz composers to various academic audiences (twice at the ISMTA conferences), Ms. Barker has recently explored the connections between the faith lives of noted jazz composers and the effects their faith had on their compositions. Last November she presented this lecture to the Northwest Suburban MTA and will soon present this lecture this year to North Shore MTA.

Currently, Mary Clare performs at jazz clubs throughout Chicago and is a music minister at St. Gertrude Catholic parish in Chicago’s Edgewater neighborhood.

Michelle Brooks holds a degree in Music with a concentration in Voice and Sacred Music from Hope Bible Institute and Seminary in Indiana. Currently she teaches music at Northside Catholic Academy in Chicago- Preschool-5th grade. She has taught general music classes for 4 years.

Ms. Brooks performs classical and sacred music throughout the Chicago area. She also gives private/group voice and piano lessons and is an instructor for vocal workshops and gospel choirs.

On the weekends, Michelle is the Children’s music director at Sword of the Lord Ministries International Church in the south suburbs.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Judy Linhardt’s email address recently changed to: linhardthanford@comcast.net
Please update your directories!

The **MTNA convention** is in Milwaukee March 26-30. Let Lynette Zelis know if you are attending and would like to carpool.

LAST STUDENT RECITAL DATE CHANGE TO MAY 15TH

Our last student recital, originally scheduled for Sun. May 1st, has been changed to Sun. May 15th. The information deadline remains April 16th. The coordinator is Russell Callender.



JANE MAGRATH WORKSHOP REPORT

Our February workshop featuring Jane Magrath was a big success! Jane presented a lot of useful information on teaching transfer students, and invited ideas from the audience. She also gave us a whirlwind sampling of some of her favorite teaching repertoire in the second half.

There were 78 attendees, including some Wheaton College piano pedagogy students, resulting in a profit of \$772.50. The workshop benefits the Berkley-Pendell Fund, which helps finance our Berkley-Pendell Piano Competition coming up in April.

A big thanks go out to the workshop committee, including Karin Edwards and Judy Linhardt of West Suburban, and Kathy Micheli, who did a fabulous job with publicity. Sonja Epting of Naperville handled registration and coordinated the refreshments brought by the Naperville group. And thanks to Muriel Mosher of Waubensee, whose group also contributed to the wonderful refreshments.

Bonnie Brewster
Joint Workshop Chair

Dear Friends and Colleagues ~

I am writing to let you know that my family and I will be moving to Rochester, MN, in a few months. My husband has a new job and this is a very good thing for my family. My parents and one sister also live in MN, so it will be good to be closer to them. We don't know for sure when we'll actually be leaving here, but I expect to see you all at the April and May meetings.

I joined the West Suburban chapter in 1996 and it has been absolutely vital to my professional development. Many of you have mentored me in one way or another and I certainly would not be the teacher I am today without you – and I thank you. I cherish the friendships that I have in this group and it pains me to leave you all.

I wish you the best, and hope to see you in the next few months.

Melissa Dalley

Congratulations to our new President - Kathy Sbarboro & Vice-President of Programs - Carol Beilke. They will begin their two year term in May of this year. Thank you to our nominating committee for all your efforts - Rita Brown, Jane Cole, & Adrienne Rose.

In another box - A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who made our AIM testing a success! Especially Debi Inch, Linda Krueger, Barbara Githens, Ruth Daube & Joanne King. We all really appreciate your efforts.

Lynette Zelis

FACULTY CONCERT
AT
COLLEGE of DuPage

Wednesday, March 23rd, 2011
7:30PM
McAninch Arts Centre

Dr. Steve Havens, Alex Djordjevic, Dr. Karol Sue Reddington, among others including works of Schubert, Duparc, Schumann and world premiere of a work of Jonathan Zimmer.

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