

**Illinois State Music Teachers Association  
Newsletter  
West Suburban Chicago Area Chapter**  
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**This Month's Events**

May 3 MONTHLY MEETING: Trinity Episcopal Church,  
West/Wesley St., Wheaton. 9:00 Coffee & Conversation; 9:30  
Business meeting/program. Program: CHRISTOPHER  
GOLDSTON: *"Getting Students to Compose."* Program will be  
followed by a salad luncheon.

May 13 STUDENT RECITAL: 3:00 P.M. Wheaton College,  
Pierce Chapel 104. Beth Svendsen, Coordinator.



May 17 BOARD MEETING: 9:30 A.M. - Home of Diane  
Jankiewicz.

**Deadlines**

June 1 DEADLINE: Annual membership dues. If you want to be  
included in next year's directory, dues must be paid by June 1st.

June 15 DEADLINE: Summer newsletter. Mail items to Bonnie  
Brewster, 1220 N. Main St. Wheaton, 60187, or e-mail to  
[Bonnie@extremespin.com](mailto:Bonnie@extremespin.com).

## May Program

Our May 3rd meeting, "Getting Students to Compose", will be presented by Christopher Goldston. He holds a Master of Music degree in piano performance and pedagogy from Northwestern University, and a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance from the University of North Carolina--Greensboro. He lives in Chicago, and teaches at Sherwood Conservatory of Music and Harper College.

In 1991, Mr. Goldston received the National Federation of Music Clubs Lynn Freeman Olson Composition Award for his first composition, Night Train. Since then he has written numerous pieces for piano, voice, and chamber ensemble, including his Thesis for Wind Quintet, which won the 1993 MTNA Composition Contest for North Carolina. Mr. Goldston has compositions published by Alfred Publishing Company and is now an exclusive author for the FJH Music Company.

Mr. Goldston enjoys composing and arranging pieces for his students. Many of them have also created pieces of their own under his guidance and have received top prizes in state and national competitions. Mr. Goldston has served as composition chair for the MTNA for Illinois, and currently, the East Central Division.

Please remember to bring a salad for the luncheon following our meeting.

## AIM Performance Examination News

Co-chairs Kathy Micheli and Joanne King would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this year's AIM Performance exams go so well! Your efforts and support are appreciated.

SPECIAL THANKS to:

Rita Brown - for checking repertoire.

Stephanie Myers and Diane Jankiewicz - for scheduling.

Elinor Lee - for managing the office.

Katie Stephen - for handling pins and certificates

Ruth Daube - for providing hospitality.

and to all of you who attended the packet stuffing meeting, judged at Wheaton College, and conducted make-up exams.

There were 28 teachers who enrolled students. The number of students enrolled was 290.

This is how the 290 students were enrolled by levels:

IA	IB	IC	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
16	16	16	37	33	36	45	21	29	14	14	5	4	4

### Member of the Year Nominees

At our May meeting we will vote for our 2007 Member of the Year. The nominating committee presents the following slate: Melissa Dalley, Diane Jankiewicz and Stephanie Myers. All have held various positions and served our group well over many years.

### May Board Meeting

The end of the year board meeting will be held May 17th at 9:30 at the home of Diane Jankiewicz. Incoming and outgoing board members should plan to attend. If you are completing your job, please make 2 copies of your report, one for the President's file and one for the new person. This will make the job transition much easier. If there are items you want put on the agenda, contact Carol Bielke. Please call Carol if you CANNOT attend.

### Pictures Wanted

Conference services has recently moved into brand new offices on the Wheaton College Campus. The new location is on the southside, lower level of Evans-McManis Hall. Within their suite is a wonderful conference room. One wall of the room will be dedicated to their clients. The pictures can be of anything, as long as they were taken during our recitals, AIM exams or workshops.

Please send photos or negatives to: Conference Services, 501 College Ave. Wheaton, IL 60187 Attn: Jessica Sanders. Please include a return address envelope if you would like pictures or negatives sent back to you.

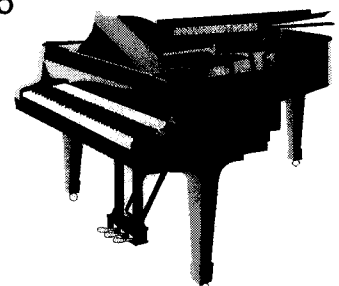
### Clavier Group Subscription Deadline

Janna Williamson is once again handling the group subscriptions for Clavier magazine. It is a year's subscription (10 issues) for \$9. That's about half the price of a regular subscription, and about 1/3 of the cover price. Please send a check for \$9 payable to Janna Williamson with your name, mailing address and email address to:

Janna Williamson 1605 Orchard Court, West Chicago, IL 60185

Call Janna with any questions at 390-9677 or email [jannawilliamson@gmail.com](mailto:jannawilliamson@gmail.com).

The deadline to receive your check is April 30th.



## **Donations to Berkley-Pendell Fund**

Note to those of you who took donated music at our January meeting, or if you want to donate money in memory of Helen Berkley: Please make check out to Berkley-Pendell Fund and give to Judy Linhardt.

## **Members in the News**

Alexander Djordjevic will be performing twice this month. On Saturday, May 5th, he will play a solo recital at PianoForte Chicago at 3:00. Program will include music by Haydn, Cage, Debussy and the complete Etudes Opus 10 by Chopin. On Sunday, May 6th, he will perform Grieg's Piano Concerto with the Symphony of Oak Park River Forest at 4:00. For more information, please visit [AlexanderDjordjevic.com](http://AlexanderDjordjevic.com).

## **Composition Lessons Available**

Carol Hoepe from the Waubensee Valley Chapter has offered to teach composition lessons in the summer to students, ages 8-17. She has a Master's Degree in Composition from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. Please call her at (630) 761-9065 if you have interested students. She has several students who have placed awards in the ISMTA Composition Competitions.

## **Award-Winning Students**

Fifteen students of Lydia Smutny Sterba have won 1st place gold medals in the Chicago Area Music Teachers Association solo and ensemble festival in March held at St. Louise De Marillac School. On March 15th the Hinsdale Doings newspaper had a featured article and picture of Lydia Sterba titled "LaGrange Park teacher finds key to pupils' hearts".

