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Deadlines

- Mon. Sept. 17.....*CORRECT DEADLINE* for Student Recital, Daphne Ball, Coordinator. (The recital is on Sun. October 7th.) The new fee is \$5 per student. Joanne King reminds coordinators to proofread the program to make sure it is correct. Contact Joanne King at 690-1759 if you have any questions.
- Wed. Oct. 10.....*DEADLINE* for entering students in the AIM Theory Exams set for Saturday, November 10th. Forms can be mailed to Melissa Dalley at 26 W 457 Blair St., Winfield, IL 60190 or Janna Williamson at 1605 Orchard Court, West Chicago, IL 60185.
- Wed. Oct. 10.....*DEADLINE* to contact Diane Jankiewicz at 665-3925, if you missed the Thurs. Oct. 4th meeting, with the time and levels you are able to judge. If you enter a student in the AIM Theory exams you must be serve as a judge.
- Mon. Oct. 15.....*DEADLINE* for November newsletter. Please send to Diane Lindsay, 242 S. Edgewood Ave., Lombard or email to dmlindsay@ameritech.net.

Upcoming Events

- Thurs. Sept. 13.....Teachers Information Exchange (T.I.E.) Meeting will be at the Home of Linda Krueger, 1 N 086 Fanchon St., Carol Stream. Please call Linda at 630-665-8276 if you plan on attending. New members or members new to the AIM program may want to attend.
- Thurs. Sept. 20.....Chapter Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.: Home of Liz Mackenzie, 605 Pleasant Ave., Glen Ellyn.
- Thurs. Sept. 27.....Joint Chapter Board Meeting at 10:00 am: Trinity Episcopal Church (West & Wesley St., Wheaton.)
- Thurs. Oct. 4.....Monthly Meeting & Judges Session: Trinity Episcopal Church, (West & Wesley Streets, Wheaton)
- **9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation**
 - **9:30 a.m. Business Meeting & Program & AIM Theory Information:**
 - Svetlana Belsky, "Psychology of Practice & Performance"
 - Judges Session will follow the program. A signup sheet for AIM Judges will be available at the October meeting for those intending to enter students into the AIM Theory on November 10. All teachers entering students into AIM are expected to judge. If you are not attending the October monthly meeting contact Diane Jankiewicz (630-665-3925 or djankiewicz@hotmail.com) - by October 10 - with the time and levels you are able to judge. If you are entering a student in the next AIM competition your attendance is **mandatory**. Our chapter is going to experiment with playing the scale or pentachord before the dictation. They will want feedback from teachers on how well this works.

- Sun. Oct. 7Student Recital, in Pierce Chapel Room 104 at Wheaton College. Daphne Ball, Coordinator.
- Thurs. Oct. 18Teacher Performance Group at the Home of Judy Linhardt, 123 Longfellow Drive, Wheaton. Please call Judy at 630-653-0449 if you are attending.
- Fri. Oct. 26 &
Sat. Oct. 27.....ISMTA 2007 Annual Fall Conference, Western Illinois University, Macomb. Attendance will help offset the state budget problems.
- Thurs. Nov. 8AIM Theory Packet Meeting at the Home of Melissa Dalley, 26 W 457 Blair Street, Winfield, IL. Telephone: 665-4635.
- Sat. Nov. 10.....AIM Theory, Wheaton College
- Thurs. Feb. 28, 2008.....Joint Chapter West Suburban ISMTA Workshop with Elvina Truman Pearce at Wheaton College
- Sat. Mar 1, 2008.....AIM Performance, Wheaton College

This Month's Program

Our speaker for October is Dr. Svetlana Belsky. Dr. Belsky will present "The Psychology of Practice and Performance". If what we call technique is the art of reproducing with the fingers the sound picture in the performer's mind, true musical artistry lies in the ability to form the clearest possible and most convincing picture. In this lecture Dr. Belsky will analyze the psychological aspects of preparing a piece – imagination, memory and design. The questions of concentration and performance anxiety will also be discussed.

Born in the Soviet Union, Svetlana Belsky began piano lessons at the age of seven, and was soon performing in the major concert halls of her native Kiev. Her playing has been critically acclaimed as "passionate," "impressive," "hypnotic" and "... (possessing) a high degree of musical maturity and sensitivity."

After immigrating to the United States, Ms. Belsky studied with Chicago's beloved Emilio Del Rosario. She received her Bachelor of Music Summa cum Laude and Master Degrees from the Peabody Conservatory of Music, where she studied with Ann Schein. Later, she earned her Doctorate in Performance at the Manhattan School of Music, while working under Mme. Nina Svetlanova.

Although she trained mainly in the United States, Svetlana Belsky has an unmistakably Russian temperament and tonal gift, with which she combines her stylistic versatility and love for a wide variety of music. She has played early music with original instrument ensembles, and received awards for her interpretation of new American works. Dr. Belsky has won prizes in numerous national and international piano competitions. Ms. Belsky has been active as a recitalist and chamber performer throughout the United States, in concert and on the radio.

Ms. Belsky resides in the Chicago area. She is on the faculty of the North Shore School for the Arts, and has recently been named Coordinator of Piano Studies at the University of Chicago. In this capacity, besides teaching individual lessons and coaching chamber ensembles, she organizes student performances and masterclasses. The pieces for this program are listed below. If anyone has a student interested in playing, please call Lynette Zelis, 260-9544. The books listed above are available and can be ordered @ Noteable Notes Piano Studio.

- Gurlitt, Six Sonatinas Op. 54, ed. Palmer, Alfred.
- Sonatina no. 4, 1st movement. Modern Masterworks, ed. Jane McGrath, Alfred publisher (either *Spain* by Bortkiewicz or *Bolero* by Casella)
- Reaching Out, for Solo Piano by Emma Lou Diemer, FJH:
- *Busy Toccata*. This piece also occurs in the Festival Collection, Volume 6, ed. by Helen Marlais

- Expressive Etudes, Book Six, ed. by Suzanne Guy, FJH. Granados, *Maria (romanza sin palabras)*
- Federico Mompou Canciones y Danzas nos. 5-6-7-8. E.B. Marks/Hal Leonard **No. 7**



Local Chapter's News



- * Kathy Micheli has our 2007-08 Directories. Please pick up your copy at the October 4th meeting if you did not get it in September.
- * Music from the piano and organ library of Viola Striker, 30-year ISMTA Naperville chapter member, will be available at the October 4th meeting. In exchange for the music, a donation to the Berkley-Pendell Fund would be appreciated.
- * We are circulating a free copy of Reginald Gerig's newly revised book, Famous Pianists and Their Technique. If you are interested in borrowing this book, please contact Bonnie Brewster.
- * Redekopp and Edwards (Karin and Mark) will perform a duo-piano concert on the Wheaton College Faculty Recital Series Friday, October 5 at 8 pm in Pierce Chapel. Included will be works from their upcoming tour of Japan and from their new duo-piano CD, to be released at this concert. Tickets are \$6 general, \$4 students/seniors.
- * Congratulations to Carrie Robins, our MTNA Star Award member! The Star Award program started in 1999. Carrie will receive a 1 year scholarship of active membership.
- * Olive Aliga, Teacher Referral Chair, reminds teachers to complete all the blanks on their Teacher Referral Form before sending them to her. Olive's address is 1825 Jasper Court, Wheaton, IL 60187-8917. Telephone 510-0338. Blank forms are available in the back of the Chapter Handbook and will be on our chapter's website in the future.
- * The new President for the Salt Creek ISMTA branch is **Nola Gustafson**. Her address is 5008 Grand Avenue, Western Springs, IL 60558.
- * Olive Aliga is also Hospitality Chair and needs an assistant. If you are able to help, contact her or Bonnie Brewster.
- * Get Well Soon to Diane Jankiewicz, who is home recovering from surgery. Also, Judy Linhardt had a fall during vacation and broke her shoulder. Members may want to send cards.
- * The Chicago Piano Superstore has an education grant program. \$400 will be awarded to each chapter and the chapter can use it for teacher education or as a scholarship for a needy family. Applications are due Sunday, September 30th. This will be discussed at the September 20th chapter board meeting.
- * Alan Lekah received third place at the Geneva Granquist Music Competition on Saturday, June 23rd. Alan is a sixth grader and a student of Carol Beilke.



Upcoming West Suburban ISMTA 2007-2008 Speakers

- * Thurs. November 1 – Annette Burkart - “Fresh Repertoire for the Intermediate Student”
- * Thurs. December 13 – Jennifer Merry - “The Young Beginner: Approaching Piano Playfully”
- * Thurs. January 10 – Performance Judging for AIM - Break out sessions for Lower & Upper levels
- * Thurs. February 7 – Dr. Karol Sue Reddington - Masterclass
- * Thurs. February 28 – Elvina Truman Pearce, Joint West Sub. ISMTA Workshop at Wheaton College
- * Thurs. March 6 -- Robert Sacks - Chamber Music: Student Duets
- * Thurs. April 10 -- Gellert Modos - “Bartok: Questions & Answers”
- * Thurs. May 1 – David Schrader – Clavichord

West Suburban Interest Survey

Please fill out this short survey and return to Bonnie Brewster at the next board or chapter meeting, or mail to 1220 N. Main St. Wheaton 60187. Thank you!

1. I am a: member ____ guest ____
2. I regularly attend monthly chapter meetings: yes ____ no ____
TIE meetings: yes ____ no ____
Teacher Performance group: yes ____ no ____
3. I enjoy having refreshments at all of our meetings: yes ____ no ____
I'd be willing to help prepare refreshments occasionally: yes ____ no ____
4. I use email, and would be willing to receive my newsletter electronically every ____ month: yes ____ no ____
5. I would like to be on an email contact list to receive announcements from our ____ board: yes ____ no ____
Announcements from ISMTA and MTNA: yes ____ no ____
6. I would like to be on our chapter board or a committee: yes ____ no ____
Area of interest _____
7. I have computer skills: yes ____ no ____
I have experience with desktop publishing: yes ____ no ____
8. I have attended the ISMTA fall conference in the past: yes ____ no ____
9. I would attend this year's fall conference if my registration fee was paid for: yes ____ no ____
10. I would be interested in going to lunch with members after our meetings:
yes ____ no thanks ____
11. Other comments or suggestions (use back if necessary):

My name: _____ Phone number: _____

Email address: _____