



Newsletter – January 2006

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last October's Quad State Conference in Maine felt like a mini-vacation (albeit in a monsoon!) —a chance to relax and chat with new friends and old colleagues and to attend stimulating sessions. It nearly prompted me to send postcards, "Wish you were here!". At the Annual State Meeting, we discussed this problem of low attendance and voted reluctantly to scrap state conferences as we know them and to plan an event that might attract more members.

Alison Barr, NCTM, and a past president of MMTA summarized the meeting as follows:

“ It needs to be the following:

- 1) at a manageable venue considering both distance and logistics such as parking, etc. (Southborough?)
- 2) in a contained timeframe which doesn't require great flexibility or change of schedules on the part of most independent teachers
- 3) relevant to several different "generations" and teaching disciplines (I do not wish to relinquish the mission of maintaining a base beyond piano teachers)
- 4) at a reasonable cost to MMTA with "value-added"
- 5) using resources already in place within the organization and not requiring an outpouring of funds up front from the organization
- 6) at a reasonable cost to members
- 7) enticing ...new, different, something that leaves teachers feeling fulfilled in their souls and brains - I think the point was well-taken when you said we are a TEACHERS group first and foremost.
- 8) Involving as many member teachers as possible in the planning and presentation. I have to believe we have talent and excitement within our group enough to make a meaningful convention.

9) Create a “bring a friend” concept with some incentive or other to get people to actually physically bring other people with them

10) Advertise the event through a channel OTHER than the newsletter “

We will be discussing this at the upcoming February Board Meeting. Please give us your thoughts! What would bring you to a state event? E-mail me at webmaster@mmta.net or write me at: 157 Carleton Rd., Carlisle, MA 01741

Shelley Reeves, NCTM
President, MMTA

P.S. Some updates:

Sue Steck-Turner, President of the Louisiana MTA wrote her thanks, “The response from the Massachusetts teachers has been overwhelming. What great members you must have! We are truly most appreciative of everyone’s care and concern”.

If you still wish to contribute directly to Louisiana, Sue’s address is 100 Normandy Rd. , Lafayette, LA 70503. Or you can make a donation through MTNA at www.mtna.org.

The Bay State Contest needs volunteers for its organizational committee: people to assign students to divisions and to schedule performance times and people to organize monitors and runners for each division. Please let me know which jobs you are willing to do with a call to 978-287-0053 or email me at webmaster@mmta.net

The 2006 MTNA National Conference is in Austin, Texas March 25-29. If you are planning to attend, let me know! I have ordered one table for the Gala, but if there are many more that will be joining us, I’ll try to get another. Or, perhaps we can get together for a lunch or dinner at another time. Again, call 978-287-0053 or email me at webmaster@mmta.net

Report of RACE Chair, Dr. A. Vannah

First, an update: Theory Examinations were held on December 9 and December 10. There were two candidates for Introductory Harmony, and two for Preliminary Rudiments (now called Basic Rudiments). Presumably as more students reach the Grade 5 Practical Examination level, there will be more candidates for the theory exams.

Second, a reminder: Registration for Spring Examinations begins on January 10, 2006, and ends February 27, 2006. Both practical and theory exams should be registered for at this time. Register online at www.royalamericanconservatory.org. Theory exams will be held at my studio May 12 and May 13. Practical examinations will be held May 18, 19, 20 at the Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) in Belmont. I have requested that the conservatory fill Saturday first, Friday second, and Thursday only if additional times are needed. So! If you hope for a Saturday time, register early! There are no guarantees, however.

Finally: CONGRATULATIONS! to the silver medalists in the May 2005 practical examinations: Preparatory A: Michelle Ko Preparatory B: Neela Kaushik Grade 1: Pearl Choi Grade 2: Carol Zhang Grade 3: Mark Li Grade 4: Elizabeth Ten Hove Grade 5: Louisa Li The teachers who had medalist students were: Norman Chan, Cheng-Feng Lin, Shelley Reeves, and Lise Wallace. Let’s see if we can surpass our 52 registrations of last May!

Report Of Musical Achievement Evaluation Chair, M. Reesman

As January 2006 marks the beginning of a new year, we celebrate not only the change of name from NCE to MAE (Musical Achievement Evaluation) but also the addition of the Central MA Center in Marlborough!! We certainly thank and welcome the initiative of Camille Buddecke, who organized this Center for the benefit of the teacher members in Central Ma, including the Worcester Area.

We now encourage you to recognize the value of this activity and join Camille in preparing your students to participate in this event. She is ready to receive your calls and hopes you will decide to enter your students in this Event. If you go to our website you will find a description of the Evaluation as well as the names of all the Centers available.

Here is the information available at

www.mmta.net:

Date: Saturday April 8th

Postmark Deadline: March 1st

Location: St Stephen Lutheran Church

Contact: Camille Buddecke

Phone: 508-786- 9628

The 2005-2006 Handbook has the information on the rest of the MAE Centers. If you have never entered your students in this Event, we encourage you to call me or the organizer of the Center closest to you. Hope to hear from you soon!

Maria Reesman

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New England Conservatory Summer School offers a Piano Pedagogy Intensive Weekend July 8 and 9. The weekend day sessions are designed as a refresher course for experienced piano teachers, as an introduction to pedagogical thinking for pianists interested in teaching, and as a complementary event that all pianists can integrate as part of their continuing growth as musicians. Two compelling and noteworthy pianist-teachers, Bruce Brubaker, Chair of the Piano Department, College, New England Conservatory, and Dean Kramer, Associate Professor of Piano and Chamber Music, University of Oregon, each present a day of sessions and a masterclass with NEC Prep students. Mr. Brubaker's topics include "Alternative" Classical Music and What the Audition Committee is Looking For (thoughts from the other side of the table). Mr. Kramer offers Johann Sebastian Bach's Well-Tempered Keyboard: A Personal Odyssey and Melody, the Essence of Music.

Participants may register for either day (Kramer, Saturday July 8; Brubaker, Sunday July 9) or for both days at a tuition discount. Updates, detailed schedule, faculty bios, and fees can be found at <www.newenglandconservatory.edu/summer> or contact Marilyn Roth at <mroth@newenglandconservatory.edu>

MTNA State Competition Results 2005

Composition Competition

Elementary Winner-Eleanor Bragg
Honorable Mention-Shanlyn Tse

Teacher Alla Cohen

Junior Winner-Terence Hsu
Honorable Mention-Allen Papazian, Oliver Baverstein, Danielle Galler-Rabinowitz

Teacher Alla Cohen

Senior Winner-Saul Tobin

Teacher Dianne Goolkasian-
Rahbee

Honorable Mention-Stephen Feigenbaum, Cindy Giron, Michael Schacter

Young Artist Representative-Brian Buch

Piano Competition

Junior Winner- Elan Wong
Junior Alternate- Vincent Yu

Teacher Dr. Nilly Shilo
Teacher Galina Gertsenzon

Senior winner-Richard Chen
Senior Alternate- Jessica Elman

Teacher Dr. Nilly Shilo
Teacher Helena Vesterman

Young Artist Winner- Futaba Niekawa
Young Artist alternate- Eoin Clark

Teacher Patricia Zander
Teacher Maria Clodes-Jaguaribe

String Competition

Junior Representative- Samuel Kishinevsky

Teacher Bracha Kishinevsky

Young Artist Representative-Mari Black

Teacher Syoko Aki

Voice Competition

Young Artist Representative-Renae Miller (soprano) Teacher D'Anne Fortunato

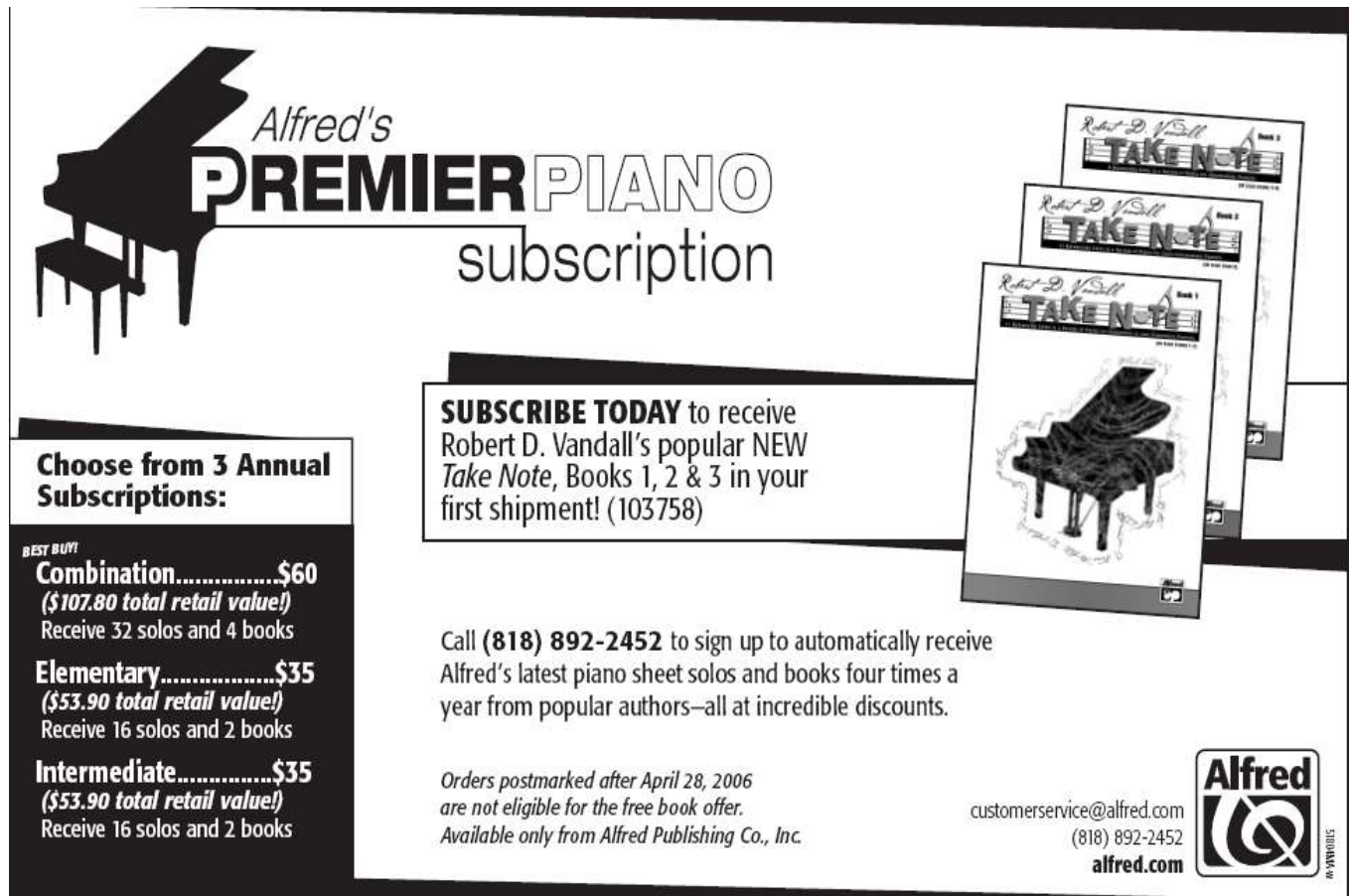
Woodwind Competition

Young Artist Representative-Vito Giacalone (saxophone) Teacher Carrie Koffman

Member News

GLMTA president **Houry Schmeizl** and husband Mark gave birth to daughter Jacqueline Lucine Schmeizl on 11/18/05. It is their first child. She was delivered at Lowell General weighing 7 lbs. and 9 oz. Miss Schmeizl will return to teaching and accompanying in February of 2006.

David Hagan will present a solo piano recital at New England Conservatory Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 3 PM. Program will include works by Scarlatti and Schumann plus the Beethoven/Liszt "Pastoral" Symphony.



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