

WAUBONSEE VALLEY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Please Note the New Location for our meetings until further notice!

Hope Lutheran Church
1575 Reckinger Road
Aurora, IL 60505

Upcoming Meetings and Events

November 7 – Northwest Suburban Sonata-Sonatina Festival at Harper College – details in forwarded email

November 10 - Intermediate Student Masterclass with Heidi Mayer

November 13 to 20 – Aim Theory Examinations

December 8 – Celebrate the Season with Kristin Young and friends – plus, A Merry Christmas Music Giveaway

All meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. with a gathering, social time beginning at 9:15. All programs will begin at roughly 10:00.

WVMTA Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2021

President Sharla Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The meeting was held at Hope Lutheran Church, Aurora, IL

Members present:

Sharla Fritz, Nancy Sen, Christy Nielsen, Kristin Young, Vickoriya Livanov, Hope Grote, Gwyn Downey, Muriel Mosher, Marilyn Parolini, Margaret Nickerson and Jessica Ortega.

Minutes: Hope read the minutes from the September meeting. They were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Hope reported opening balance \$4,152.26; Expenditures \$288.95; closing balance \$3,863.31.

Newsletter: Nancy Sen reported new deadline for newsletter items is the 25th of each month.

Berkley Pendell: Nancy Sen will represent WVMTA in the Berkley-Pendell activities.

AIM: Gwyn handed out information for the upcoming theory exams. Deadline to enter is 10/23/21. Exam will be conducted during the week November 13 - 20, 2021. If a student forgets the transposition piece, that part of the exam can be rescheduled or completed virtually.

It was agreed the fee for AIM should remain at \$17 for the 2021-2022 program.

Recital: Muriel reported there were only 25 minutes of performance music submitted for the October 24, 2021, recital to be held at New England Congregational Church. Teachers will look at their students' pieces to see if more can be enrolled to avoid cancellation. Time limits are 6 min/student; 18 minutes/teacher; fee \$10/student. Deadline for enrollment is 10 days before the recital date. Insufficient enrollment will result in cancellation of the recital. Go to website for applications and guidelines. Teachers attending will be expected to contribute to the workload of organizing the recitals, greeting, clean-up, etc. Future recital dates: March 20, 2022 and Honor Recital April 10, 2022.

Sharla distributed the new directories and also announced the position of coordinator for the Joint Chapter workshops is still open and in need of a volunteer from WVMTA

Members: Marilyn reported on Rose Marie Wood's condition and brought a card of encouragement for all to sign. Marilyn reported she has the Certificate of Insurance necessary for New England Congregational church **Teacher Registry:** It was agreed that personal information provided for the teacher registry should include the teacher's name, email and city/town. No phone numbers will be provided. There was discussion that the website has a section for Members Only, but that it has not yet been developed at this point and contains no information. At one time, it was active and the password was WVMTA.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Program by Daniel P Horn followed in the sanctuary

.Respectfully submitted,

Hope Grote

Secretary/Treasure

**We are happy to announce the return of Travis Erikson to our group. Below is his information; please add it to your directories.

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Intermediate Student Masterclass on November 10

We are very excited to be welcoming Heidi Mayer as our Master Teacher for the Intermediate Student Masterclass.

The Program will be:

Clarinet Blues by Martha Mier, performed by Rachel Kowalkowski student of Nancy Sen.

Minuet in g minor by Christian Petzold (from the Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach), performed by Joseph Peters, student of Christy Nielsen.

Sonatina in a minor by Jiri Antonin Benda, performed by Samuel Lin, student of Sharla Fritz

Sonata in G Major, Op. 49, No. 2, Allegro, performed by Sparsh Gautam, student of Diann Livingston.

Heidi Mayer, NCTM

Heidi Mayer holds Bachelor Degrees from the University of Michigan in Piano Performance and Choral Music Education, and a Master of Musical Arts from Eastern Michigan University in Piano Performance. As a Fulbright Scholar, she also earned a Diploma in Vocal Accompanying from the Vienna Academy of Music. She is an MTNA nationally-certified teacher, is on the faculty of Northwestern Music Academy, and maintains an independent piano studio in Park Ridge.

As a teacher, she aspires to help each student realize their music potential and to instill an appreciation for all genres of music. She believes that performance opportunities inspire practice, cultivate refined playing, and build confidence. She is passionate about teaching healthy piano technique as a means to facilitate accuracy, tone, technical fluency, and expression. Her studies at the Taubman Institute and with Edna Golandsky inform her technical approach. Heidi was proud and honored to receive the ISMTA Teacher of the Year Award in 2015. She has also received Teacher Enrichment grants from MTNA and the National Piano Technician's Guild. She is an active member of CAMTA and NSMTA.

Past teachers include Charles Fisher, Joseph Gurt, Edna Golandsky, Flavio Varani, Hans Graf, Robert Schollum, and Annie Sherter. Ms. Mayer has performed in master classes of Dorothy Taubman, Dmitry Paperno, John Browning, and Joseph Banowetz. She studied harpsichord with Edward

Parmentier at the University of Michigan summer harpsichord workshops, and has traversed the Bach multiple keyboard concerto repertoire with her harpsichord ensemble. She is an active collaborative pianist, clinician, and adjudicator in the Chicago area.



NEW DECEMBER PROGRAM!

Join us on December 8 at our monthly meeting as we celebrate the season and hear the Christmas Story through delightful duets arranged by Melody Bober and Joel Rainey. You get a much needed break from your own music making with some time to just enjoy! Our Christmas Duet Story will be presented by Kristin Young and Rosemary Hauser plus a surprise story teller or two!

We are also planning to have a Merry Christmas Music Giveaway and Sale. So bring out that music that is cluttering up your shelves (and that you know you'll never use because it's been sitting on your shelf for years) and hope that it will catch someone's eye. If you want to sell music, you can do that as well!