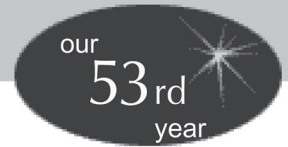




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## From the President...

With the completion of our first board meeting, our new teaching year is now in full swing! Local associations are busily planning their first events of the year, from Halloween recitals to concerto competitions. MSMTA is still working on getting those final dates confirmed so that we can get the student handbook out! Hopefully, dates will be finalized within the week. There is nothing major to report, which, in many ways, is a good thing! However, we do have our annual conference just around the corner and our committee is busy with its many details. It promises to be quite good this year.

As I begin my last year as President, I stop to reflect on the last four years . . . I have been privileged to work with a great many wonderful people. It truly takes a community to run this organization smoothly, and I thank the MSMTA Board and all of the people who volunteer their time to help. Thank you, thank you!

Here's to another good year . . .



*Carola Mayfield Raepsh*

## MSMTA STATE CONFERENCE

### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY JANUARY 8 & 9, 2011

The 2010 MSMTA Annual Conference will be held at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus. The dates for the convention are Saturday, January 8, 2011 and Sunday, January 9, 2011.

We are excited to announce our lineup: a concert by Anne Schein and lectures by Catherine Rollin, Jennifer Lynn, Marvin Blickenstaff, David Cutler (Author of the Savvy Musicians), Karen Guertler (Alexander technique) and a local member (TBA). It promises to be a fantastic lineup, so please mark your calendar now for this occasion. Session schedules will be posted on the website as they become available.

### Masterclass Performers Needed

We are looking for students to perform in the masterclasses by Ann Schein, Catherine Rollin and Marvin Blickenstaff. Please see below for more information.

#### Masterclass with Ann Schein

- Level of students: Advanced
- Length of pieces: No longer than 10 minutes

#### Masterclass with Marvin Blickenstaff

- Level of students: Late intermediate to advanced students
- Length of piece: No longer than 10 minutes

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- Level of Students: Early to late intermediate
- Length of piece: No longer than 5 minutes

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**THE DEADLINE FOR ALL AUDITION CDS/TAPES IS  
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\*Teachers: Please include student's name, age, the preferred masterclass, your name and contact information.

\*CDs will not be returned.

Please note that students who performed at the last year's masterclasses at the conference will not be eligible.

If you have any questions, please contact Junko at (301) 530-6203 or *Jutaka@verizon.net*.

**ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM  
AND VENDER TABLES ARE AVAILABLE**

Advertisements will be placed in the conference program (size is 5 ½ x 8 ½ inches), which will be given to every conference attendee. This is a great way to advertise your business to teachers from across the state at one time!

Inside front/back cover.....	\$125
Full page.....	\$75
1/2 page.....	\$50
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Vending areas will be open between workshops during both dates of the conference. The rate for vending is \$50 for one standard folding table and 10% of all sales over \$50.

Please direct any questions to Geneva Jones at 443-550-3326 or e-mail *geneva.jones@yahoo.com*.

# NEWS FROM THE BOARD

## MSMTA'S PRESIDENT-ELECT, JUNKO TAKAHASHI

MSMTA is very pleased to announce the nomination of Junko Takahashi to fill the position of President-Elect for the coming year. She will then assume the duties of the presidency effective July 1, 2011.

Junko Takahashi has served as president of the Montgomery County Music Teachers Association, as chair of the MSMTA Theory Test Program, and as VP for Publications. She will be completing requirements for her doctoral degree in piano pedagogy at Catholic University within the next several months.

## MOTION PASSED AT THE BOARD MEETING

The motion read as follows: MSMTA can pay keyboard judges from outside a local association the stated rate if that local association is unable to provide a suitable adjudicator for the upper level exams. This action MUST be approved by the MSMTA Keyboard chair.

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## KEYBOARD MUSICIANSHIP 2009-2010 REPORT

The Keyboard Musicianship Program had an enrollment of 901 students from the studios of 77 teachers from thirteen chapters. With the exception of a few, all students played to receive the Gold Seal Certificate (4, 5, or 6 modules).

The Keyboard Musicianship Committee is grateful to the dedicated chairpersons for arranging testing locations, selecting the volunteer judges and monitors, scheduling mailing, record keeping etc. Many teachers contributed freely of their valuable time to make this a successful program.

I congratulate and thank the following teachers who chaired the thirteen chapters and with their hard work and expertise made this program so successful:

Joanna Greenwood, Jeannine Case, Carol Gauthier, Mary G. Wolf, Kim Roberts, Olga Kuperstein, Janice Wood, Bonnie Kellert, Hui-Yen Chang, Mary Stevens, Christopher Hall, Betsy Green and Constance Fischel.

I would also like to thank Bonnie Kellert and Mary Ann Parker for their invaluable contribution.

During the 2009-10 academic year, 92 trophies were awarded in the categories of ADVANCED HONORS, INTERMEDIATE HONORS, FIVE YEAR HONORS and the KEYBOARD MUSICIANSHIP AWARD.

The Advanced trophies were awarded to the following:

Zanetta Chang, (Hui-Yen Chang), Karalee Watts, (Jeannine Case), Cara Halem, (Jeannine Case), Celia Studt, (Helen Weems).

Congratulations to all teachers and their hard working students. For more information about the trophies and how the student may qualify, please consult the MSMTA Student Activities Packet.

Level 11 of the MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship syllabus is now ready to be sent upon request. Please get in touch with Luba.

*Luba Turkevich (Chair)*

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## HIGH SCHOOL PIANO EXAMS

Now is the time to get your student's repertoire in order for the High School Piano Examinations which will take place in April/May 2011. This event is for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who study piano. Read all about it at [www.msmta.org](http://www.msmta.org) (click on Student Activities Applications, then click on High School PianoExams.) The deadline for recognition is February 1, 2011. This is a wonderful way for private music teachers and private and public school systems to work together to enhance students' opportunities. If you have any questions, write or call Ann Matteson, [annmatt@verizon.net](mailto:annmatt@verizon.net) 301-441-2885 or Ellen Sakai, 301-441-8531.

*Ann Matteson and Ellen Sakai, Coordinators*

## COMPOSER'S COMPOSITION/IMPROVISATION CIRCLE

Teachers!! It will soon be time for you to send in the application recital forms for your students' compositions and improvs for the Composers/Improvisation Circle. This recital will be performed at the 2011 MSMTA Conference held at the University of Maryland. It will feature compositions or improvisations that students have created. Held in the afternoon on Sunday, January 9, 2011, this concert is a wonderful way for students to showcase their creative talents. Compositions will be printed in a Composers Circle Booklet which is given to each composition student and the participating teacher. The application form and information sheet are in the Student Activities Handbook ([www.msmta.org](http://www.msmta.org))

*Ann Matteson and Joanna Greenwood, Co-chairs*

## MEMBER NEWS

Four students of **Sylma Gottlieb** were selected to perform under Choir Director Dr. Eph Ely at the 2010 American High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall.

### **Congratulations to Gail McDonald on her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

A very important member of MSMTA will be 90 years old this October 24. All of MSMTA would like to extend to Dr. Gail McDonald a Very Happy Birthday. In 1960, she was a signer of the Articles of Incorporation to start a new organization--MSMTA. Gail was the first president of PGMATA which was the first local association to be formed in MSMTA. She served as president of MSMTA and was active in MTNA and MTNA's Eastern Division as well as doing many, many other state and local activities. Gail is the Co-Chair of the 2008 Saul Roas Scholarship Competition held by PGMATA. For years, Gail has been a faculty member of the National Piano Guild. She has had many distinguished students during her long teaching career. Gail is a marvelous musician, performer and adjudicator and has had a major impact on music locally as well as nationally. MSMTA extends very best wishes to this remarkable member.

## LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS



Greater Laurel Music Teachers Association is looking forward to an exciting musical year starting off the fall semester with

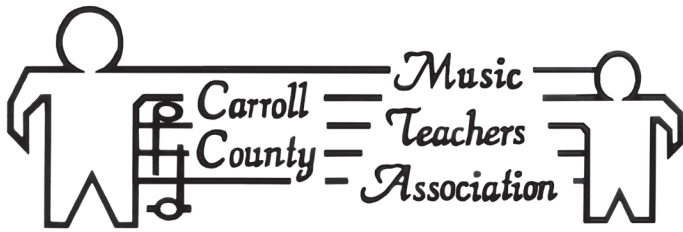
the Composition Festival followed by our annual Halloween Recital. This event is highly anticipated by our students - lots of fun and games. This will be followed by the Concerto Competition and the Ensemble Festival. After the winter break we will have our Theme Festival (Russian composers)

followed by the Young Musicians Competition, the Henri Carol French Competition, the Genia Robinor Sonata Awards, the Kirchhof, the Mirabella Senior Award, the Wardall, the Lisa Bussing Award and MSMTA Performance Awards. We will continue to join with Greater Columbia Music Teachers to present an Ensemble and Chamber Music Competition and Flute Solo Competition. Many of our students take the MSMTA Keyboard and Theory tests as well as participating in the MSMTA competitions.

We end our musical year with a teacher's luncheon in May.

*Constance Fischel, President*





Pictured L-R are Dr. Joyce Hongsermeier, Carolyn Keiner, Arlene Bullock, President Karen Mihalko, Secretary Jane McIlvain. Not pictured is Debbie Long.

The Howard County Music Teachers got off to a great start with our new president, David Kuperstein, leading the first meeting of the year. Karen England is our excellent Treasurer and Kathryn Stansbery has the offices of Secretary and Vice President/Director of Student Activities. The Student Activities Booklets for the coming year were handed out and the changes in them were discussed. This year we are dividing our High School Award Competition into two separate events: one for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students, and one for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. The older age group will be competing for the MSMTA Scholarship for Performance.

We have scheduled four student recitals this year, including our annual Oktoberfest Recital in October, chaired by Alla Merport and the November Recital, chaired by Sima Elkis. Other events this fall are our two MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship centers, chaired by Olga Kuperstein and Kathryn Stansbery, respectively. Many thanks to our hard-working chairs!

We are planning a fund-raising music sale to be held right after our next meeting in November. Many of us have music stashed away that we will never use, so why not clean out our music cabinets and bookcases and donate the proceeds of its sale to HCMTA! Hopefully, what we cannot use, another teacher can!

*Kathryn Stansbery, Vice President*



MTAGB kicks off its year with a teacher's meeting on October 17 featuring wine, cheese, DVDs of master teachers, and policy sharing.

Activities this year include a Mall Marathon in December, three recitals for students, and a piano party for the younger set on Valentine's Day featuring "Music I Love".

We have instituted a new version of our Triple Crown certificate, wherein a student must appear in three sponsored events during the year, including (minimally) either the State theory or musicianship testing events, and an adjudicated recital.

Our membership has increased by several new members and one returning member. We are delighted to welcome back

On August 21, 2010, the Carroll County Music Teachers Association (CCMTA) held their annual Pie Social in Manchester, MD, at Cygnus Wine Cellars, owned by member Dr. Joyce Hongsermeier and her husband Ray Brasfield. Along with great conversation, catching up, and enjoying delicious pies and homemade goodies, members had the opportunity to sample some outstanding wines. Looking forward to Fall, CCMTA will gather for its first business meeting with a luncheon at the home of Charlotte Young in Westminster on Monday October 4th. CCMTA President Karen Mihalko will chair the always fun and successful "Dressed for Success" Recital on Saturday, October 23rd. We welcome new members and inquiries about membership and events! Please call Karen Mihalko at 410-795-1766 for more information.

*Submitted by Jane McIlvain*

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Barbara Stumpf after a long absence wherein she went to Seminary and became a Presbyterian clergy!

On a more somber note, we grieve with longtime member and past President Barbara Gruver, who lost her husband in August. Several of us attended his lovely memorial service this past weekend. I was very impressed by the sharing, and wished I had known him.

If you are interested in joining us this year, please contact Betsy Stocksedale, [betsylstocksdale@gmail.com](mailto:betsylstocksdale@gmail.com), President, or Patricia Crossman, [pcrossman@ccbcmd.edu](mailto:pcrossman@ccbcmd.edu), Membership chair. We are a warm and welcoming group, very supportive of one another, and we'd be delighted to have you.

***Betsy Stocksedale, President***

MCMTA is in full swing as the new school year begins. We held our first general membership meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Bethesda with a wonderful presentation by Dr. Baruch Meir on "Motions and Emotions". We welcome all MSMTA members to join us on the second Tuesday of the month at Stone Ridge for great ideas and camaraderie. Please see our website for news on our meetings,

<http://mcmta.msmta.org>.

## Montgomery County Music Teachers Association



Many thanks to Jean Lauderdale for producing another outstanding Student Activities Bulletin this past summer. We have a full complement of student activities that will begin this month. Some of our first events for the year will be an Elementary "Autumn Carnival" Recital on October 23<sup>th</sup> and a Judged Recital on October 24<sup>th</sup> at Montgomery College in Rockville. The following month, MCMTA will hold the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Concerto Competitions on November 7<sup>st</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>nd</sup>, respectively, at Jordan Kitts in College Park. The Montgomery County center for the Keyboard Musicianship Exam will hold its examinations on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at The Academy of Music in Gaithersburg, MD.

MCMTA has welcomed a new Vice President for Membership, who acts as chairman of the MCMTA Teacher Referral Service - Karina Hou. Many thanks to Karina for taking on this important chairmanship!

***Lori McCarthy, President***

The students and teachers of MTACC are looking forward to another wonderful year of music ahead.



In September, we enjoyed a Teachers' Forum on the MSMTA Keyboard Testing program. The workshop was facilitated by our own Mary Wolf, NCTM, with many teachers contributing their own creative ideas about coaching students of all levels in these important skills.

On October 23, we will hold our second Baroque festival, called "Going Baroque Again." Students and teachers will perform on harpsichord, pipe organ, woodwinds and strings in multiple recitals throughout the day. Judy Dalton is the Chairperson for this wonderful event. The program will take place at Christ Church in La Plata, Maryland and all are welcome to attend.

Looking ahead, we will hold the MSMTA Keyboard Test on November 13 and a Christmas Recital called Carols and Cookies on December 11<sup>th</sup>. MTACC wishes each of you a great year of teaching, along with the many musical rewards that come with it.

***Michele F. Avrick, President***

The Prince George's Music Teachers Association had its first meeting on September 30 in the studio of Gary Dinn. June Miller presented the 2011 Saul Roas and Gary Dinn presented the set literature for the Broad Creek Competition. After the meeting and program, the group was joined by other MSMTA members at the Wayfarer Restaurant to have a most festive and delicious luncheon to celebrate a very special birthday of Ann Matteson.

On October 3, Greater Laurel held the Stephanie Improvisation Music Store in College Park. Jeffery Beaudry and Ann Matteson co-chaired this delightful event.



PGMTA joined by and Bowie MTA's Laios Composition/Festival at Jordan Kitts Park. Jeffery Beaudry and Ann Matteson co-chaired this delightful event.

Other upcoming events will be a regular recital, chaired by Linda Head, at the Jordan Kitts Music Store on October 17. Also Dr. Hui-Yen Chang will chair our MSMTA Keyboard Testing which takes place on Dec. 5 at Prince George's Community College.

***Ann Matteson, President***

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### GREATER COLUMBIA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Greater Columbia Music Teachers Association bid farewell to Kay Patterson last spring with dinner party before her move to sunny California in June. We hope Kay has settled into her new home and has found a friendly music 'family' there. It has taken two people to fill Kay's shoes in our organization: Deborah White-Bondhus as Treasurer and Helen Weems as Secretary. They join Constance Fischel as Vice-President and Elaine Newhall as President for 2010-2011.

We are adding two new events to our schedule this year. The first is a series of Bag Lunch Non-Meetings in October, January and May. These informal meetings will give teachers a chance to socialize and share ideas. What makes you crazy and what helps you stay sane? The second new event is an Audition Preparation class for non-keyboard instrumentalists. Topics such as preparation, anxiety, attire, and the judges' perspective will be discussed follow by mock auditions in a masterclass format. It is scheduled for October 30 in preparation for Maryland All-State band and orchestra auditions.

Our other student activities include outreach recitals at Morningside House in Columbia, a Friends and Family recital, a theme recital "These are a Few of My Favorite Things!" and Spring Piano Competition and Masterclass. We will continue to collaborate with Greater Laurel Music Teachers to present an Ensemble and Chamber Music Competition and Flute Solo Competition.

We are looking forward to a rewarding year of helping our students to grow as musicians through our events and the MSMTA programs.

*Elaine Newhall*

### MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND

The Music Teachers Association of Southern Maryland recently voted in new officers:

President: Patricia Blanchard  
Vice President: Barbara Graham  
Secretary: Debra Smedley  
Treasurer: Mary Stevens

Our first event of the year will be Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, with over 55 participating in our Traditional Hymn Festival. Later in October we will hold our "All Boys" and "All Girls" Recitals

at Asbury Retirement Center in addition to the MSMTA Keyboard Testing in various teachers' studios.

The second Friday of each month our Pedagogy Discussion group meets at Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church. The focus this year is on repertoire from various composers and eras. Participants research and perform works for the group. Contact Patricia Blanchard for more information: [blanchard@md.metrocast.net](mailto:blanchard@md.metrocast.net).

*Patricia Blanchard, President*

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*Annie Hou, Vice-President, Membership*

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