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From the President...



This is an extremely busy time of the year for us music teachers. There seems to be an event almost every weekend, starting in April. As I try to catch a little breather in my crazy schedule, I hope you all do the same and stay healthy.

In March, I attended the MTNA National Conference in California. Since it was on the other side of the country, I didn't see as many familiar faces from Maryland as I did last year in N.Y.C., but it was still great to catch up with friends and colleagues and always learn something new. Next year's conference will be in downtown Chicago, so I hope many of you can attend.

Speaking of conferences, the MSMTA board and conference committee is reassessing the rental fees of the University of Maryland. Although it is a great facility and centrally located for many, it is getting prohibitively expensive, and available dates are increasingly limited. Therefore, we are looking into other possibilities for 2013-2014. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our event chairs. We are very fortunate to have people who are willing to volunteer their time to run our events. They are one of the big reasons why we have such an active association. When you see them at the events, please show them your appreciation. A simple "thank you" can mean a lot to the events chairs.☺

Sincerely,

Juko Ubaheshi

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Eighteen board members attended the meeting on Monday, April 15, 2013. Discussions resulted in the following:

- We discussed at length MTNA's response to Superstorm Sandy. The board members strongly felt that a maximum amount of \$1000 per victim was not enough, considering the majority of donations were not touched and MTNA is planning to reserve it for a future relief fund. The board felt that more money should be given to Superstorm Sandy victims. The contributions were made specifically for the Superstorm Sandy relief effort, and should be allocated as such, rather than reserving them for the future. It was MSP that MSMTA will send a letter to MTNA asking to increase the distribution amount per victim.
- There will be a student activities meeting at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 22 to review the year of activities and plan for next year.
- VP of Membership, Ann McCandliss, is heading the membership Ad Hoc Committee to increase our membership. MSMTA will be creating posters which will be distributed to local music stores and schools in Maryland to increase our visibility and solicit more members.
- It was MSP that we lower the quorum for the general membership meeting from 10% of the total membership to 5% of the membership. This will be voted on at the next general membership meeting.

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MSMTA NEWS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT APRIL 10, 2013

This information was sent electronically to members on April 15, 2013.

The MSMTA nominating committee presents the following slate of officers that they have selected for the term 2013-2015 starting on July 1, 2013. If anyone wishes to make an additional "nomination from the floor" to any of these offices, they must let Ann Matteson, Chair, know by May 15, 2013. We would then have a ballot with the person's name that would be running against the person selected by the nominating committee. If you wish to make a nomination of another person for an office, you must first obtain this person's permission and submit to the chair, his/her qualifications for the position nominated. In the case that there should be nominations other than those chosen by the nominating committee, a new ballot will then be sent to the membership for voting. The address and telephone number of the chair is listed below. Please feel free to call or write the chair if you have questions or comments.

If there are no nominations "from the floor" and you do not register a nay vote with the chair (e-mail or postal mail), your vote would be considered a yes for the nominating committee's slate and these officers would be automatically elected. In case you want to vote against the slate chosen by the nominating committee or against one or more persons on the slate, you can register this by either e-mailing or writing to the chair.

The following officers have held office from July 1, 2011 to 2013 and in the opinion of the nominating committee have done an excellent job. Therefore, the committee recommends that they be given a second term from July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2015.

President – Junko Takahashi
Treasurer and Vice President – Claudette Horwitz
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The new positions for office will start with a first term July 1, 2013 and terminate July 1, 2015. The nominating committee recommends the following people for these positions.

Member-at-large – Constance Fischel
Corresponding Secretary – Douglas Guiles

The position of vice president for membership held by Ann McCandliss is not up for reelection this year as her term is from July 1, 2012 to 2014. Carol Wolfe-Ralph will continue on the board as the past president.

The members of the nominating committee are: Daniel Lau, Carol Wolfe-Ralph, Joyce Crist, Yoon Huh, and chair, Ann Matteson. (5204 Paducah Road, College Park, MD 20740, annmatteson1@gmail.com, 301-441-2885)

Ann Matteson, Chair

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FROM THE TREASURER

If you are a Local Association president, an event chair, or an event judge and have received a check from the MSMTA, please cash or deposit it within two weeks. This will facilitate the bookkeeping process and make the reports to the Board reflect our true status. It will also lessen the chance of misplacing or losing your check entirely. Thank you for your cooperation.

Claudette Horwitz, Treasurer

MSMTA'S COMMISSIONED COMPOSER HONORED

We are very excited to announce that one of MSMTA's commissioned composers, Dr. Froom (2006) from Saint Mary's College, has published his award-winning piece, "Lightscapes for Flute and Piano," with American Composers Alliance.

On the front page, the dedication reads "Commissioned by the Maryland State Music Teachers Association." On the first inside left-side page, this appears: "First prize winner: Music Teachers National Association/Shepherd Distinguished Composer Award (2007)." It was performed at the 2007 MTNA convention in Canada.

The work is available to be ordered through <http://composers.com/composition/lightscapes>.

You might be interested in knowing that a film maker in New York, who lives next to the flutist who premiered the work, made a tiny film which is based completely on the third movement of "Lightscapes," using as the images the terrace outside of the flutist's NYC brownstone. The performance of the music that you hear in the film is from the recording of the premiere at St. Mary's College with MSMTA members attending. The film is very nice and peaceful. You can see it here: <http://vimeo.com/13158626>

Thank you for making this commissioning program possible, so we have first-hand information on the current trends in new music and can be part of the special premieres. All the commissioned works will continue to be performed, appreciated and be acknowledged. The MSMTA influence will keep growing.

Thank you for supporting the new music and best wishes to you all in the year of the Serpent.

Li-Ly Chang, Composer Commissioning Chair

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MSMTA CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2013 MARCH 17, 2013 - FINAL RESULTS

The MSMTA Chamber Music Festival was held on Sunday, March 17, on the campus of Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, MD. Thirty-four students participated, forming 14 ensembles. Judges for the event were violinist Eva Cappalletti Chao and pianist Yoon Huh. The chairs extend many thanks to all the participating teachers whose students performed at a very high level.

Category A – Pre-High School

First Place (\$100):

Teddi Yoo, piano
Andrew Zhang, piano

Second Place (\$75):

Lisa Choi, flute
Kenneth Naito, violin
Michelle Bao, piano

Third place:

Eleanor Shen, violin
Brian Shen, cello
Isabella Chang, piano

Honorable Mentions:

Judy Choi, piano
Jason Choi, piano
Peri Leighty, violin
Anna Sohn, cello
Alexander Tserenteli, piano

Participating teachers (alphabetical order):

Jeffrey Howard
Irina Kats
Bonnie Kellert
Laurien Laufman
Chia-Hsuan Lee

Adjudicators:

Eva Cappalletti Chao
Yoon Huh

Category B – High School

First Place (\$100):

Evelyn Song, violin
Raymond Lin, cello
Max Hou, piano

Second Place (\$75):

Derek Galvin, piano
Sydney Mukasa, piano

Third Place (\$50):

Ryan Park, piano
Andrew Park, violin

Honorable Mentions:

Sarah Kang, piano
Shannon Zhang, piano
Jamie Park, piano
Evangeline Chandran, violin
Josh Kim, cello
Lydia Kivrak, violin
Andrew Kivrak, viola

Participating Teachers:

Kathryn Evans-Santiago
Bok Hwa Kim
Osman Kivrak
Laurien Laufman
Hyun-Sook Park

Adjudicators:

Eva Cappalletti Chao
Yoon Huh



Collegiate First Place winners Aaron Tucker, tenor and Jonathan Keplinger, pianist

Category C – Collegiate

First Place (\$100):

Aaron Tucker, tenor
Jonathan Keplinger, piano

Second Place:

Demi Garduque, soprano
Jidong Zhong, piano

Third Place:

Christopher Price, piano
Dmitry Puyul, violin
Shanti Seidel, cello

Participating teachers:

Daniel Lau
Medea Namoradze
Victor Yuzefovich

Adjudicators:

Eva Cappalletti Chao
Yoon Huh

Daniel Lau and Mark DiPinto, Co-Chairs

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MARYLAND WINNERS OF THE MTNA EASTERN DIVISION COMPETITIONS

The competitions were held January 5 at Howard Community College in Columbia, MD. Several Maryland members are competition officials:

Dr. Stephanie Bruning is the Eastern Division Competitions Chair and Ann Marie McCandliss is the Eastern Division Junior Competitions Chair. Maryland had quite a few winners!

EASTERN JUNIOR PERFORMANCE STRING

Honorable Mention:

Raymond Lin, Cello — Laurien Laufman

EASTERN JUNIOR PERFORMANCE WOODWIND

Winner:

Jong Eui Hong, Clarinet — Albert Hunt

EASTERN SENIOR COMPOSITION

Honorable Mention:

Alexandra Bartol

EASTERN SENIOR PERFORMANCE PIANO

Honorable Mention:

Chaoyang Wang, Piano — Shwu-Ching Jeng/Faye Bonner

EASTERN SENIOR PERFORMANCE STRING

Honorable Mention:

Yuka Kubota, Violin — John Merrill

EASTERN SENIOR PERFORMANCE WOODWIND

Winner:

Charles Lilley, Saxophone — Reginald Jackson

EASTERN YOUNG ARTIST PERFORMANCE STRING

Winner:

Allie Martin, Violin — Osman Kivrak

EASTERN YOUNG ARTIST PERFORMANCE VOICE

Alternate:

Mandy Brown, Voice-Soprano — Martha Randall

This article shows only the Maryland Winners of the MTNA Eastern Division Competitions.

Dr. Scott Beard, Director MTNA Eastern Division

MSMTA ELEMENTARY DISTINGUISHED MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The MSMTA Elementary DMA award is now in its 2nd year, and has proven to be very popular with our hard-working grade school students. We have already received the names of the following 17 winners! Don't forget to check your records for all your 5th grade students to see if any of them qualify for this beautiful award. Eligibility requirements are in your Student Activities handbook or on our web site.

Congratulations to the following students and their teachers:

Navya Gautam and Ashley Gonsalves:
students of Claudette Horwitz

Hannah Kim and Victor Lee:
students of Bok Hwa Kim

Jonathan Fei, Danni Liu, and Ming Nelson:
students of David Kuperstein

Sophia Huang, Alena Shen, Jessica Wu and Tess Yu:
students of Olga Kuperstein

Miranda Chung, Julia Lutong Li, and Nathan Wang:
students of Mei-Yu Lin

Abigail Jones and Victoria Zhang:
students of Elena Tsai

Kimberly Liu, Sarah Liu, Natalya Volkova and Cheryl Zhang:
students of Svetlana Volkova

Claudette Horwitz, Chair

REPertoire FOR 2014 GERTRUDE S. BROWN MEMORIAL PIANO COMPETITION

JUNIOR I: (Up to 6th grade)

Haydn Piano Concerto in C for piano (harpsichord) and orchestra. Boosey & Hawkes. Available at Burt's Music Co. (800-548-2878). Ask for #48990F09.

JUNIOR II: (Up to 8th grade)

J. C. Bach, Op. VII, No. 5 in E^b Major, Peters Edition
Previous Junior I winners are permitted, except the immediate previous year winners.

INTERMEDIATE: (Up to 10th grade)

Mozart K.449, No. 14 in E^b, Schirmer

SENIOR: (Up to 12th grade)

Shostakovich Op.102, No. 2, International

If you have any questions, please contact me at hparkstudio@gmail.com.

Hyun Park, Chair

IN MEMORIAM...

Gail McDonald

October 24, 1917 - March 3, 2013

I was asked to write an article about our MSMTA member, Gail McDonald. Here are some statistics about her long life and also some comments.

Goldie Faber was born in Jersey City, NJ in 1917, the youngest child of Jennie and Samuel Faber, who were Jewish immigrants. She later changed her name to Gail as the thought Goldie sounded too much like a nickname. She graduated from high school as valedictorian when she was 14. She attended the Mannes School of Music in New York City for four years, receiving the diploma in piano and piano pedagogy in 1937. She was married to Irving Richter and they lived with their two children in Washington, DC and College Park. After her divorce from Richter, she married Angus McDonald and they moved to a 120 acre farm in Friendly, MD. Gail began teaching by traveling to the homes of her students who lived in southern Prince George's County. During this time she attended the University of Maryland and received a bachelor of music degree in piano. Gail and Angus moved to Temple Hills, MD and she had a studio in her home. Later Gail earned a Master of Music degree at Catholic University of America, and in her 70's went back to the University to get her Doctorate in Piano Performance. Stewart Gordon was her teacher and her dissertation was on the solo and chamber music of Daniel Gregory Mason. She performed at the National Gallery of Art, at Friday Morning Music Club events and served as an accompanist, often accompanying her daughter, Lora Ferguson, clarinetist. She recorded Mendelssohn's Songs Without Words for Educo Records and adjudicated throughout the country for the National Guild of Piano Teachers. Gail remarried several times after Angus McDonald died and resided the last 4 ½ years of her life at The Jefferson in Arlington, VA. She and another resident there presented three recitals and were working on a fourth at the time of Gail's death. She also continued to teach until she became ill in late January. Gail leaves three children, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

I first met Gail about 40 years ago when she was on the executive board of MSMTA. Even in the '70's

Gail was an "old timer" on the board. She was a charter member of MSMTA which affiliated in 1957 and she organized and was the first president of the first local association—Prince George's Music Teachers Association. This January, during the 2013 MSMTA Conference at the University of Maryland, emphasis was placed on the PGMTA because it was celebrating its 50th year. Gail was an honored guest for dinner and at the concert which followed, she was presented with a plaque and a beautiful armful of red roses for her contributions to music and to our music organizations. Gail spoke briefly about how honored and pleased she was to be there and she thoroughly enjoyed Alexander Peskanov's concert. We were all so happy that she, at the age of 95, could be with us on this special occasion.



In 1977, Gail became president of MSMTA for four years. During that time she wanted to get some kind of credit or recognition for students of music through the school system in Maryland. With the Maryland State Department of Public Schools, she and a committee developed the High School Piano Examinations. In tribute to her, at the April, 2013 meeting, the MSMTA Board voted to name this event the MSMTA Gail F. McDonald High School Piano Examinations (for Recognition and Credit). They also established the Gail F. McDonald Scholarship to be given for the best performance at the senior level in the Gottlieb Competition. Contributions in Gail's memory can be made to MSMTA Treasurer, Claudette Horwitz, 5004 Barkwood Place, Rockville, MD 20853-2319. Please indicate that the check is for the McDonald Scholarship Fund.

Gail was a very gracious and charming person who was an encouraging and positive teacher. She knew her pedagogy and literature but presented it in such a way that students prospered and were devoted to her. She encouraged her colleagues to learn more, study, practice and perform (as she had done) and Gail was always an advocate of teacher certification. She was lots of fun to be with and we all loved her dearly. To those people who knew her during her long, well-lived life, Gail was an inspiration and I'm sure they feel very fortunate, as I do, to have known this very special lady.

Ann Matteson

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On the very day of this year's Broad Creek Music Festival, March 3, Dr. Gail F. McDonald, whom we honored at the State Conference in January, departed from this life. It is hard to believe that the person who was so vibrant and happy that evening at the University of Maryland is no longer with us. Her PGMATA friends will never forget this lady, who was not only a great musician and teacher, but a special friend of many.

On Sunday, April 7, the MSMTA theory tests were given at Prince George's Community College, chaired by our local chair, Ellen Sakai. This is Ellen's 22nd year of holding down this job. We appreciate her tenacity and dedication. This year we had about 185 students participating.

We will be holding our scholarship competitions later this month and a student recital in May.

In our plans for exciting programs for later this year, we hope to join two of our sister associations in having Brian Ganz give a recital and a master class on a weekend. More details later.

June Miller, PGMATA President

MTAB's biennial Mirabella Awards "Spanish" Competition was held on Saturday, March 2, with 68 students performing from the studios of nine teachers. There were eight events



Teachers pictured: left, Hui Yen Chang, Wendy Dengler; on the back row, top right, Stephen Gibson; on the right, Katya Merchant, Jeannine Case

with three 1st place ties, so eleven 1st place winners performed at the winners recital on Wednesday, March 13 (postponed from March 6 because of snow), and received their certificates and monetary awards. Our next event was the MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship



Jeannine Case with two 1st place winners



Exam held on Saturday, April 6 at Village Baptist Church in Bowie. Keyboard examiners included Janet Swaney, Edwina Hunter, Carol Wolfe-Ralph and Jeannine Case, also chair. On Saturday, April 27, eight seniors will compete in our annual Senior Awards Competition, ably chaired by Wendy Dengler. The winners from this special senior event will perform on Wednesday, May 1 at MTAB's final meeting of the season. The last student event, the Spring Competition and Evaluation, will be presented on Saturday, May 11 at three churches in Bowie. Fifteen teachers have entered 77 students in seven competitive and two evaluation recitals. The students will

be judged by Dr. Francesca Hurst, Dr. Stephanie Bruning and Adrienna Schueckler. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners receive engraved plaques and HM's receive medals. All participating students will receive a certificate and critique, and "superior" ratings in the Evaluation receive a small bronze medal. Our Spring luncheon will occur on Wednesday, May 22 at J. King's restaurant in Gambrills. Our summer board meeting will include a pot luck lunch and will be held at the home of President Jeannine Case on Wednesday, June 12.

Jeannine Case, President

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Montgomery County
Music Teachers Association



MCMTA Festival of Music, February 24, 2013 at Strathmore Mansion, North Bethesda, MD. Pictured are Susan Roberts, Chair, Sue Ferrall and Mary Costas.

The Festival of Music, whose theme was “Composers Born in France or Spain,” was held on February 24. A total of 70 students performed during six recitals. Many thanks to co-chairmen Susan Roberts and Barbara Goldberg for a successful and enjoyable event.

The theory exams for the Montgomery County MTA were held on March 3 and 10 at Watkins Mill High School. Congratulations to chairmen Marina Ovtcharenko and Elena Eliseeva for a well-organized event that included almost 700 students.

MCMTA has had inspiring programs at our monthly meetings. In February, members enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Mayron Tsong, who gave a talk on “Humor in Haydn.” In March, Rozalie Levant presented “Everything About Legato in Pictures, Toys and Stories.” In April, we had a presentation by Gail Lew on “Empowering Piano Teachers with Basic Keyboard Editing Techniques.” Please join MCMTA at our May 14 meeting where some of our members will perform. Details on any of our meetings can be found in the Local Association section of the MSMTA website.

April was a busy month for MCMTA events - Elementary Recitals on April 13, Judged Recital on April 7, the H. Stevens Brewster, Jr. String Competition on April 21, Swarthout/Hayes Piano Competition on April 21, and the Intermediate/Advanced Recitals on April 27 and 28. Let me take this opportunity to thank all the dedicated chairmen of these events- Olga Soukhoveev, Lya Stern, Mei-Yu Lin, Junko Takahashi, Faye



MCMTA meeting, February 12, 2013; Vice President for Programs Immanuela Gruenberg and presenter Mayron Tsong



Festival of Music, February 24, 2013 at the Strathmore Mansion in North Bethesda, MD

Bonner, and Jamie Fan Pasho for their fine work. None of this would be possible without you!

This will be my last article as president of MCMTA. Our new slate of officers was voted into office on April 9 and will be installed on May 14: Cynthia Cathcart, President; Sharon Carr, First Vice President; Immanuela Gruenberg, Vice President for Programs; Bonny Miller,



MCMTA April meeting with presenter, Gail Lew, fifth from the left.

Vice President for Publications; Carol Edison, Vice President for Organizational Activities; Kristin Butler, Vice President for Membership; Bonny Miller, Recording Secretary; Ingrid Mongini, Corresponding Secretary; Kristin Butler, Treasurer; Helen Smith Tarchalski, Historian; and Lori McCarthy, Immediate Past President. It has been a privilege to serve MCMTA for the past four years and I know the organization will be in good hands with our new president and board!

Lori McCarthy, President



MCMTA Elementary Recital, April 13, 2013 at Montgomery College in Rockville, MD



Timothy Babcock - piano primo, Katya Merchant - piano secondo, perform "Take me out to the Ball Game"



Jack Babcock - piano, Anna Babcock - harp



AAMTA Ensemble Festival:
Olexia Merchant - violin I,
Mickey Berry - violin II,
Zaneta George - piano



Teacher Ray Hobbs performs "Ave Maria" on his Psaltry, accompanied by student Andrew Zhang (not pictured)

The Anne Arundel Music Teachers Association had its annual Ensemble Recital, which took place on February 9, at Woods Memorial Church, in Severna Park. The event was chaired by member Katya Merchant, who once again was assisted by her husband Terry, in the printing of beautiful programs. There were two recitals, which were very well attended by relatives and friends. Those present were able to enjoy the fruit of many hours of work as students prepared individually and with their partners. It was exciting to see such a variety of instruments: piano, flute, violin, cello, harp, voice, and even a psaltery! We are now gearing up for our Spring Solo Festival, which is scheduled for May 18.

Adriana Schueckler, President

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MTAGB's annual Repertoire Gathering for Adult Students (Ann McCandliss, Chair) was held on Sunday April 14 at the home of Leigh and Henry Hammond in Roland Park. Performers included Diane Moskowitz, Dr. Wendy Post, John Sauers, and Sally Wall, representing the studios of Elizabeth Borowsky, Barbara Gruver, Ann McCandliss, and Barbara Stumpf. New friends were made, our love of music was shared – it was super!

On Sunday, March 3, MTAGB held the annual MSMTA music theory test at Peabody Conservatory downtown. Pat Graham chaired the event, in which approximately 70 students took part, from the studios of Colleen Craven, Irene Kreymer, Ann McCandliss, Ruth Peng, Shisa Suskey, and Yong Hi Moon. Pat writes: "There was an air of excitement as children, parents and siblings filled the Peabody halls and registration room. The cooperation and dedication of the participating teachers made this important event successful. They and I are convinced of the value of this experience in the development of musicianship." Thanks and congratulations, everyone!

Our teachers' performance circle, the "Matinee Music group," continues to meet monthly. On the horizon: Student Honors Recital on May 19 at the Community College of Baltimore County, Essex.

Barbara Stumpf, President



The Frederick County MTA is alive and busy this spring! Our annual Sonatina/Sonata Festival continues to grow; we had 95 students and 11 teachers participate this year! Rather than giving medals, we have instituted the "FCMTA Performance Trophy Award."

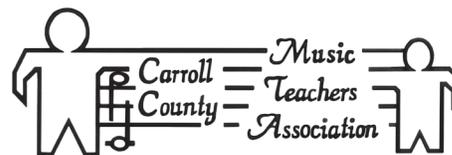
Students earn points toward a trophy by performing in FCMTA and other events, and by attending recitals. Teachers have noticed that it is helping motivate students to attend concerts! Students must earn 200 points to receive a trophy, so it is meant as a multi-year program to encourage students to develop their performance skills over time. Our teacher programs this spring included a visit to the "Barbara Ingram School for the Arts" in Hagerstown, one of two public fine arts high schools in Maryland. We were treated to several student performances and a tour of the school. It was a wonderful example of the power of the fine arts in the lives of these enthusiastic students!

Laurel Carroll, President

Howard County Music Teachers Association

The Howard County Music Teachers Association is currently in the middle of adjudication season! On April 14, we held our annual Spring Piano Festival, which consisted of six adjudicated recitals, with 71 students from five studios. Thanks to Vera Yakirevich and Irina Dvoynoy for chairing it this year. It is proving to be one of our most popular events! May 12 is the Miriam Thomann Piano Solo Competition, when students perform two pieces. This year we have 106 entrants from 12 studios. As always, it will be a full day of competition, but one that is much anticipated by all involved! Our final adjudicated event is the High School Award Competition, chaired by David Kuperstein and Kathy Stansbery. When we have a fairly large enrollment, we split it into two separate competitions, with students in grades 9 and 10 competing for prize money, and students in grades 11 and 12 competing for the MSMTA Scholarship for Performance, in addition to cash prizes. This is one of those years when we will host two competitions! On another high note, we would like to welcome Jeffrey Howard (violin) and Su J. Kang (piano) as the newest members of HCMTA!

Kathy Stansbery, Vice President



The Carroll County MTA has had an active late winter and spring, with our Solo and Ensemble Festival

on February 23, chaired by Don Jones and Cindy Hoover, the MSMTA theory exam on March 23, chaired by Karen Mihalko, the Master Class, chaired by Dr. David Kreider (a collaboration with McDaniel College) on April 6 with Brian Ganz, preceded by the Artist's Recital on April 5, and the CCMTA/MSMTA-sponsored Scholarship Competition on April 20, followed by the winners' Honors Recital on April 21. In addition, a popular local competition in which many of our students participated (combining memorized classical and rag pieces) was the Barnes-Ferencz Competition on March 16, followed by the winners' recital on March 17. We were gratified by the number of participants in the Scholarship Competition and the quality of their performances. We were especially pleased that we had a harp entrant (student of Elaine Bryant). We hope to continue this trend in 2014! Our next business meeting is scheduled for April 29 at the home of Charlotte Young, and we are prepared to welcome

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new provisional member, Teresa Bliss! We welcome new members, provisional and full, at any time, and are delighted by the variety of teachers we now call Carroll County MTA members!

Jane McIlwain Dennis, President

NEW MEMBERS

New and Reinstated MSMTA Members as of March 2013.

Ann McCandliss - VP Membership

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