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From the President's Desk

Estrid Eklof Co-President

Greetings CSMTA members;
Our summer time for making schedule changes, program planning for fall and hopefully a bit of time for adventures and rest is near at hand.

Our organization continues to modernize the communication procedures with our web page up and running (thanks to David Westfall) and our newsletter offered via e-mail and regular mail (thanks to Steven Oyler).

This fall we will have a new slate of officers for you to vote on at the convention. This will be presented first of all in our September Newsletter.

Our organization continues to offer events for students on all levels of accomplishment, from non-competitive Contemporary Showcase and recitals to the highly competitive Young Artists Piano Competition,

the Audrey Thayer Piano Competition, the Concerto competition and State MTNA competition. We need to be careful to preserve the quality and growth of all of these events as each level of talent and accomplishment deeds nourishment!

I am hoping to find the time to change the tax status of CSMTA to non-profit so that we will be eligible for grants to aid with the funding for some of our more costly events and permit them to grow as needed. This time will be forthcoming, I hope, when I step aside from the presidency held since 2001! Lots of intrigues, adventures, difficult and happy events were encountered. However, it is a rewarding mission with so many dedicated and talented members to offer solutions and ideas.

I thank all of you!

CSMTA State Convention

This year the Connecticut State Music Teachers Convention will be held on November 5, 2005, at South Church in New Britain.

Save the date as we already know that Dr. Maurice Hinson will be doing a session and a masterclass.

Also, you don't want to miss Jay Hickerson's session on Harold Arlen: "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and other composers celebrating their centennial. Other performers are in the works, so stay tuned and save the date.



Newsletter News

We have decided to tentatively plan on three newsletters a year: Fall, Winter and Summer. The article and information deadlines with be:

- ♫ *September 10*
- ♫ *February 10*
- ♫ *May 10*

Piano for sale

Jay Hickerson has a beautiful 5'2" mahogany Baldwin grand piano for sale.

If interested, please call Jay at 203 248-2887.

Fairfield County Chapter News

Shari Weisz

Yuri Takeuchi and Robert Joneja were chosen to perform in the Young Musicians Showcase sponsored by the First United Methodist Church in Stamford. This was the second year that the church sponsored this event to showcase talent of the future. Yuri, a junior at Greenwich High School, played the Adagio from Haydn's Sonata in F Major, Hob. XVI:23, and Robert, a seventh grader at Saxe Middle School in New Canaan, played Sacromonte from Danses Gitanos by Turina.

From Sandra Shaw Murphy:

Edward Liu received 1st place in the Bach Junior Division competition of Schubert Club and Honorable Mention in Junior Division of the Renee Fisher Award. Other students receiving Honorable Mention awards in Schubert Club were Henry Hobbs for Bach, Primary Division and David Chun for Bach, Senior Division. Wendy Liu was a participant in the Kosziousko Piano Competition in NYC and is recipient of the Koffler Award given by Schubert Club.

From Judith Gediman:

Judith and her trio will be performing, for family and friends, on Sunday, May 15 at 4 o'clock at the Greenwich Arts Center. The Greenwich Arts Center occupies the former Town Hall building, at 299 Greenwich Avenue between Havermeier Place and Bruce Place,

catty-corner from the Greenwich Post Office. You can find directions at <http://www.greenwicharts.org/directions>. A varied program including works by Haydn, Beethoven and Tschaikovsky will be presented.

From Debbie Kahan:

Annlng Wang, 5 1/2 yrs. old, and a student of Deborah Kahan, received an Honorable Mention for having participated in the International Concert Alliance Sixth Young Pianist's Competition at Steinway Hall on April 17th. Annling has been studying piano for only a year and a half. Her program included Invention by John Stanley and First Minuet by Jean-Baptiste Lully.

Western Chapter News

The Western Chapter was proud to hold its first MAP program on April 30, organized and directed by MAP chair, Felicia Zhang.

Twenty-five students, levels 1 to 9, participated.



Hartford Chapter News

Sharon Girard

Spring has been a busy season for students in the Hartford Chapter. We had 120 students participate in the Musicianship Achievement Program over a two-day period in February and March.

Young Composer's Day was our most well attended yet in April with 35 students submitting their original compositions.

Our Audrey Thayer Competition took place on April 3, and there were three Winners recitals on April 10, 2005, at the Hart School. It was a full afternoon of wonderful performances.

Our Select Students Auditions

were held on April 30 at Universalist Church in West Hartford, and we looked forward to the Recital on April 15.

We also held our last Youth Recital on May 7. Our last function is our Annual Luncheon to be held on June 7 at George's at the Colony in Vernon where we will be honoring our 40-year members. A fitting way to end the season.

Under the direction of Maggie Francis, the Hart School presented two Piano Honors Recitals, and awarded four special scholarship awards. The performers and awards for "Honors at the Hart School" were selected through competitive auditions adjudicated by Mauela Gouveia, Margarite Nuller, Steven Oyler and

Marguerita Smith. The names of the award winners and their teachers are listed below:

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Watson Morrison
Scholarship- Annie Rose Tindall-Gibson (Maggie Francis)
Evelyn Bonar Storrs
Scholarship I- Philip Back (Sima Brodsky)
Evelyn Bonar Storrs
Scholarship II-Kate McDermott (Maggie Francis)
Jeffrey Quinn Morrison
Memorial Prize- Jamie Yu (David Westfall)



The following students participated in the honors recitals:

Piano Honors Recitals

"Best and Brightest, Grades 6-12" by competitive auditions Saturday, March 12, 2005 Lincoln Theater:
Lindsey Atiyeh (Maggie Francis)
Philip Back (Sima Brodsky)
Matthew Belanger (Bella Keyzner)
Bonni Brodsky (Maggie Francis)
Amanda Child (Maggie Francis)
Andrea Christiano (Maggie Francis)
Kathrene Gowel Malgosia Lis)
Catherine Go (David Westfall)
Matt Goral Malgosia Lis)
Kathryn Greenwood (Maggie Francis)
Andrea Grody (Sima Brodsky)

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Daniel Herman (Dina Simanovich)
Ryan Hong (Mia Kang)
Frances Hu (Maggie Francis)
Christine Huang (Sima Brodsky)
Michelle Lee (Sima Brodsky)
Casey Li (Sima Brodsky)
Kathleen Li (Carolyn Woodard)
Joyce Lin (Anne Kan)
Christopher Long (Maggie Francis)
Kate McDermott (Maggie Francis)
Kendra Nealon (Maggie Francis)
Felicia Pan (Lan-Ya Huang)
Sarah Pan (Maggie Francis)
Jennifer Piperno (Malgosia Lis)
Caroline Shang (Sima Brodsky)
Crystal Shen (Malgosia Lis)
Annie-Rose Tindall-Gibson (Maggie Francis)
Jongmin Um (Watson Morrison)
Shiran Weber (Leana Reisman)
Victoria Wu (Malgosia Lis)
Shiori Yamaguchi (Lan-Ya Huang)
Anna Yatskovskaya (Bella Keyzner)
Jamie Yu (David Westfall)

Hartt School Junior Showcase:

“Best and Brightest Grades 1-5” by teacher recommendation
Sunday, March 20, 2005
4 p.m., Wilde Auditorium,
University of Hartford
Giulia Bambara (Malgosia Lis)
Vy Dang (Cheryl Wadsworth)
Nancy Fu (Malgosia Lis)
Emily Gan (Pi-Hsun Shih)

Elizabeth Hammond (Jane Bradley)
Andrew Hannau (Mia Kang)
Stephanie Hua (Tamila Azadaliyeva)
Jonathan Joo (Malgosia Lis)
Yena Kang (Malgosia Lis)
Yamato Kohno (Zhong Chen)
Angela Luo (Lan-Ya Huang)
Isabel Nip (Malgosia Lis)
Hobart Pao (Maggie Francis)
Yangie Qiu, (Sima Brodsky)
Emily Sherber (Mia Kang)
Samuel Sims (Anne Kan)
Andrea Swanson (Bella Keyzner)
Vivian Wei (Lan-Ya Huang)
Kevin Xiao (Maggie Francis)
Conan Xiao (Maggie Francis)
Stephen Yang (Lan-Ya Huang)
Nicole Yang (Zhong Chen)
Elaine Yao (Malgosia Lis)
Jane Yu (Sima Brodsky)
Amanda Zhu (Maggie Francis)

Manchester Young Artist Piano Competition, 2005

Senior Division winners:
Both students of Sima Brodsky.
Philip Back: First Place
Michelle Lee: Second Place



New Members and Address Changes

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Anne Lee
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West Hartford, CT 06110; 860-461-7540

Annual Conference in Seattle a Big Success

David Westfall, Co-President and President-Elect CSMTA

It was truly an enriching time to attend the Annual Conference, held this past April in Seattle.

As a result of National Association of Teachers of Singing meeting in conjunction with MTNA, there was a great deal of superb singing to complement the wonderful instrumental performances that were heard at the Conference.

Among the highlights were the masterclass and concert given by pianist Angela Chang. In addition, Connecticut can be especially proud to have two first prize winners at National: Erica MacArthur, a violin

student of Anthea Kreston, was awarded first prize in the strings division of the Junior Performance Competition; and the Hyperion String Quartet, a collegiate ensemble that also coaches with Anthea Kreston at the Hartt School, took first prize in the Chamber Music Performance Competition.

It was thrilling for CSMTA to be in the spotlight at the Conference, and we will continue to follow the careers of these young performers as they are sure to blaze new and exciting trails as they carve out their paths and follow their destinies in the music world.

The Contemporary Showcase, which was tentatively slated for November 13, has been postponed until the Spring of 2006. The new date of the Showcase will be announced as soon as other dates of other chapter and state events are scheduled, so as to avoid any conflicts.

I hope all of you have a restful, yet fun and productive, summer. I look forward to seeing you at our own state

conference, which will be held November 5 at South Church in New Britain.

