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Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

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President's Message

Here we are – November already! It's no surprise that as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, we might be thinking about what we're thankful for. I am thankful for many things, many of which are related to music. Like most, if not all of you, music is my passion and drives many of the decisions in my life. I remember well the day I was asked to serve KMTA on the Board as president-elect. I was surprised, flattered, and thought you all must be nuts! Happily I said yes. Now I have closer friendships with quite a few of you that have supported me through a few bumps and curves. My teaching skills have improved I believe, thanks to working through my NCTM process and talking with you all when I have questions or concerns. I'm also thankful for the programs that KMTA, WSM TA, and MTNA offer that so beautifully support my students' learning and my professional growth.

I hope your experience with our organization from the local level to the national level has been positive. There are many ways to actively participate in our group. Right now we're looking for 1 or 2 people to take on our Senior Celebration event. It's a fun recital and 'party' to celebrate our senior students and honor all the hard work they've put into music over the years. Two people working together on an event like this is a great way to make the work load light and to bounce around creative ideas, not to mention enhance a friendship! It becomes a win-win situation for everyone. I hope you'll consider giving me a

call to say “yes”.

Lastly I'd like to encourage each of us to thank the very special people in our lives. They make our worlds interesting, fun, and joyful. I'd like to thank our Board for all their work on behalf of us all and even more importantly for the relationship I have with them. Thank you Melanie for asking me to do this job and for setting such a good example to follow. Thank you Jane for stepping up to be our next president and for your listening ear. Thank you Mary for managing our finances for all these years and for inviting Sally to take over next year. Thank you Megan for taking care of our minutes and for the support you so freely offer. Thank you Sun for bringing your creativity and passion to all of our meetings and for running the piano portion of the Music Artistry Program – a huge job that you do with such grace. My life is so much better because of all of you. Thank You!!!

Diane Layton

President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association



From the VP: Meeting News

Wishing you and your students well at the November 4th Kitsap Young Musicians Festival! For the first time in years, I will not be attending, due to a planned college-visit trip with my daughter. The KYMF is an opportunity for just a few of my braver/more prepared students to perform without their teacher "in the house." I am especially pleased that my 12-student Home School Strings Advanced Class is game to self-direct their own ensemble through two selections. I am so thankful for the teachers and volunteers who make this event a great performance opportunity for a wide variety of students.

On Friday, November 10 at 10:00am, we'll be gathering again at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church for our monthly meeting. We'll be catching up on coming events, since this is our last regular meeting until January. We'll also be hearing from one of our experienced members on the topic of "Planning a KMTA-Sponsored Event." Here's what that is all about:

Have you ever wished you could bring in a guest artist to work with your

students? Or wanted a speaker to inspire a new level of creativity in your studio? Melanie Harris will walk us through a step-by-step process for planning a KMTA sponsored workshop or event, including budgeting, planning and execution of a successful and fun experience for all involved.

See you on the 10th!

Jane Melin

Vice-President & Technology Chair

Announcing the 2018 Strings Music Artistry Program Visiting Artist...



Dr. Svend Ronning of PLU! After several years of attempting to get Dr. Ronning's calendar to line up with ours, we have finally secured him for 2018. The Music Artistry Program (formerly Adjudications) for Strings will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church. Strings teachers, read Sun Gamble's article in this issue of Quavers for the procedures to sign up your students. A preliminary estimate of the number of your students and minutes needed is due on November 15, and the event sign-up deadline is December 15. Contact Jane Melin for more info.

Music Artistry Program (Adjudications) Preliminary Report

The purpose of preliminary report is to make sure that we secured enough time with visiting artists. Please email me (sungamble69@yahoo.com) your approximate minutes by November 15. Make sure you include all your consulting time, honors recital selection and passing time.

I encourage you to purchase sufficient time to allow your experience with visiting artists more productive and pleasant.

Also due to the availability of the venue, we had to change our Honors Recital dates to March 18th. Please mark your calendar.

Sun Gamble

Music Artistry Program Keyboard Chair

KMTA MUSIC CARNIVAL 2018

Our 7th annual KMTA Music Carnival has been confirmed for **Saturday, April 28, 2018** at Gateway Fellowship. Mark your calendar and plan to have your studio participate! Those of you who have helped with the Carnival and Musicianship Exams in the past know it is an event that requires a tremendous amount of preparation, and all hands on deck! Last year's event was a huge success with several new teachers involved, and our hope is that we will grow again this year. Non-member teachers and studios are welcome to participate as well, so ***please reach out to your non-member teacher friends and spread the word!***

The WSMTA Musicianship Exams program has a brand new name: WSMTA Music Literacy Program or MLP. Dianne Johnston will again serve as chair of the exams (MLP), assisted by co-chair Diane Layton. I will again chair the Music Carnival, assisted by co-chair Melanie Harris. At our November meeting, we will continue working on establishing committees, job assignments, etc. to lay preliminary groundwork for this year's Carnival. We look forward to seeing all of you there. If you didn't already confirm on the personnel list at our October meeting, and are unable to make it to the November meeting, please send Melanie an email to let her know if you are available to help and in what capacity. We are hoping that most people will continue in the positions they filled last year if possible, to maintain some continuity, but we will also be looking to involve new participating teachers.

If you are new to KMTA, or have never participated in the Carnival and Exams (MLP), we encourage you to get involved. We especially want to encourage strings teachers, since our own Jane Melin has developed several tests for strings for WSMTA. Exams are also available for treble winds, developed by Diane Layton and Shelley Devlin. Check out the exam preparation resources available on the WSMTA website. On the home page under Student Programs click *Read More*. Find Music Literacy Program, click on *forms* page. There you will find the handbook and other resources including the registration form. You can also find prep exams (for a small fee) on the ComposeCreate website of Wendy Stevens, the lead author of the exam

program we use. You may follow the link:

<http://www.composecreate.com/store/music-exam-prep-2/>.

If it seems overwhelming to take on the entire program at once, consider choosing even one or two exam areas to prepare with your students this year. Get your feet wet! All students can certainly participate in a solo performance and do an art or written project. Check it out, and bring any and all questions to our meeting on November 10, or contact Dianne or me. We'd be happy to walk you through it. Watch for regular updates through the Quavers, KMTA email and website.

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Want to submit to Quavers?

Please send articles/announcements to Laura Meredith
(lameredith@gmail.com) by the 25th of the month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check for registration deadlines, instructions, documents, contacts and more at the linked pages.

[Kitsap Young Musicians Festival](#)

November 4, 2017
Central Kitsap Presbyterian

[Member meeting](#)

November 10, 10 a.m.
Central Kitsap Presbyterian

[Piano, String and Vocal Music Artistry Programs](#)

February - March 2018

[Performance Competitions](#)

March 24, 2018

[KMTA Music Carnival and WSMTA Music Literacy Program](#)

April 21, 2018

Senior Celebration - TBA

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