

# QUAVERS

## Kitsap Music Teachers Association Monthly News

May 2019 News Digest - Find Full Event Details at our Website, [kitsapmusicteachers.org](http://kitsapmusicteachers.org)



### President's Message

We had a record-breaking Carnival last Saturday – about 250 students in attendance for our largest-ever participation! Debra Florian, Melanie Stroud, Diane Layton and Dianne Johnston had to be *even more organized than usual* this year to wrangle the additional load of test prep and volunteer recruitment. So many thanks to all the teachers who led events, volunteered on the day, and prepared their students for the tests and performances. Please convey our heartfelt gratitude to the students and adults from your studio who helped out.

I am pleased to announce that Laura Meredith was unanimously voted in as KMTA's Vice President and President-Elect for the 2020-2022 term. Laura's experience with event management and KMTA communications will enable her to jump right into her new role. One of her main responsibilities is to line up topics and speakers for next year's chapter meetings. The Board has already brainstormed several ideas, but we would love to hear from you if you have any issues you think would be a great focus for a membership meeting.

For the time being, Laura and I will be sharing the role of Internal Communications management, by maintaining and updating our website, Quavers newsletters, and email blasts. We both feel the need to invite someone else to be involved in helping with this vital function next year while we are both Board officers. If you are comfortable with internet apps and like to write, you might be a great fit. See Laura's article about this below!

As usual, there is still a lot going on this month: Chapter meeting on May 10 at Central Kitsap Presbyterian, and Senior Celebration on May 18 at Bainbridge Island Senior Center. Our individual studio and senior recitals are also coming up quickly. Enjoy the longer days of May and look forward to that summer break, only about 6 short weeks away!

**Jane Melin**  
President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association



### From the VP

Hello, KMTA!  
I guess it's time for me to emerge from my "behind the scenes" role... For those of you who don't know me, I have been a member of KMTA for about 5 years, and have recently been serving as internal communications chair.\* I look forward to all there is to learn in this new position!

The May meeting is our annual "year in review" meeting, featuring... *all of us!* We hope that each of you will come and give your insights on what went well, and what we could improve for future events. It's always nice to reflect on our accomplishments and brainstorm on how things can be even better in coming years!

**Laura Meredith**  
Vice President, Kitsap Music Teachers Association

\*My first order of business is in the following article...

### Internal communications help needed!

Because the current internal communications chair is now also the Vice President, we are in need of more help on this front! The three main aspects of this position are:

- editing the Quavers newsletter (10 issues/year)
- sending out periodic email "blasts"
- updating information on our website

Quavers and email blasts are both accomplished through the Mailchimp platform, and the KMTA website is through Wordpress. Both are fairly straightforward systems and should not be too difficult to learn. If needed, this position could be divided. Even if you are not familiar with these systems, if you are comfortable working on a computer and are willing to learn (and especially if you do not currently have an active role in KMTA), please consider stepping up! You can contact Jane at [jane@melinmusicstudio.com](mailto:jane@melinmusicstudio.com) or Laura at [lameredith@gmail.com](mailto:lameredith@gmail.com). Word has it that the new VP, who is also starting a new business, does not want to pull double duty :)

### KMTA Carnival-- WOW!



This year's KMTA Music Carnival was our biggest success ever! We had over 300 students registered from a record number of teachers, and our volunteer team of teachers, students and parents did an outstanding job of pulling it off! Exams will be available at our meeting next Friday, and Carnival is always a big topic of discussion during our "Year in Review." Come with all of your feedback, both from you personally, and from families and students! It gets better every year because of all of the great feedback and insight we receive from YOU! Thank you to all of you who volunteered your time, and made the Carnival so successful with your enthusiasm!

### Community Concert and Masterclass: Excellent!

Thank you to all of the teachers, students and community that supported the masterclass and concert with Oksana Ejokina and Saeunn Thorsteinsdottir. The evening concert was well attended with approximately 100 enthusiastic people of all ages. Oksana and Saeunn performed a wonderful varied concert that truly captured everyone's attention. The masterclass with Oksana on Sat. morning was inspiring and educational for students and teachers alike. If you were not able to attend these events you unfortunately missed something very special. We look forward to more wonderful events ahead.

Respectfully, Irene Bowling and Georgene Corey, co-chairs



Left: Oksana plays both inside and outside the piano for Crumb's music  
Right: Oksana and Saeunn are a dynamic duo!

### WSMTA conference: register now for a GREAT deal!

Don't forget, KMTA will cover \$100 of the state conference registration fee for our members. The early-bird registration fee is \$130 until **May 15**, and then increases to \$160.

The State Conference will be at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma on June 19-21. To register, go to [WSMTA.org](http://WSMTA.org) and click "2019 State Conference" right in the middle of the home page, then click "Conference Registration Form".

On the registration form, after you've filled out your personal details and attendance plans, under "2. Do you have a gift certificate, new member (joined after June 30, 2018) discount, or a conference waiver?\*", select **Yes**. Your discount will be applied, and KMTA will be billed for the difference.

If you have students who are registering, they should follow the instructions above. The appropriate discount will automatically come up for student registrants.

KMTA has not set a limit on how many of our members can receive the discount, so please take advantage of this awesome deal!

### Senior Celebration

Senior Celebration will take place on Saturday, May 18 at 6:00 at Waterfront Park Community Center, 370 Brien Dr., Bainbridge Island.

All graduating high school seniors and their families and KMTA members are invited to attend. Students can perform two pieces or choose not to perform. Following the music program the Outstanding Scholars Awards will be presented. The awards are given based on students' involvement in music during their school career with points tallied for various activities. The Outstanding Scholar award application can be found [here](http://http). The program will conclude with a reception with refreshments including some hearty dishes since this will occur at dinnertime, and beverages.

Please submit Outstanding Scholar Award applications and information on participating students to Darden Burns no later than **May 4** (be sure to include updated info from Carnival!) The information should include name, pieces to perform, school, a short biography with number of years of study and teacher(s) name, and future plans. Please let Darden know if you can help with setup (5:00), breakdown and refreshments: [dardenburns@comcast.net](mailto:dardenburns@comcast.net).

### Kevin Ahfat Masterclass



Talman Welle would like to cordially invite KMTA teachers to apply for students' admission in the Kevin Ahfat Masterclass at Olympic College Bremerton, on the college's recently acquired Steinway D grand piano. Mr. Ahfat holds a master's degree from the Julliard School and he is an artist-in-residence at The Royal Conservatory in Toronto. Some recent awards include Second Prize, Prize for Best Performance of the Canadian Work, and the Orford Musique Prize at the 79th Orchestre symphonique de Montréal / Manuvie Competition in Montreal. In keeping with Mr. Ahfat's world-class credentials, please select your most advanced students. All are invited to attend Mr. Ahfat's Solo Recital June 1st, 2019, at 7:30pm, with a pre-concert lecture at 7:00pm, same location. Talman is very excited to collaborate with his colleagues in this musical weekend! Please contact Talman directly at [twelle@olympic.edu](mailto:twelle@olympic.edu) or (206) 850-8530 regarding the masterclass. More information about the Solo Recital is available at <https://www.olympic.edu/music>.

### Do you have info to distribute to KMTA?

Please send all communication items (website updates/documents, email blasts, Quavers articles, etc.) to Laura Meredith: [lameredith@gmail.com](mailto:lameredith@gmail.com). Plain text in an email body and image files work best.

**Quavers** articles should be submitted at least 3 days before the end of the month.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

#### Member meeting

Friday, May 10, 10 a.m.  
Central Kitsap Presbyterian

#### Senior Celebration and Awards

May 18, 2019, 6 pm (details/OSA due May 4)  
Waterfront Park Community Center, Bainbridge Island

**WSMTA conference** (see article for reimbursement details)  
June 19-21  
University of Puget Sound in Tacoma

#### Summer planning meeting and luncheon

Friday, July 12, 10 a.m.

#### MORE FROM KMTA

For the latest information on upcoming events, watch for email alerts to items posted on our [News](#) page.

