



Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to a fresh, new year of events to educate and stimulate our students as well as ourselves. Our chairpersons are already busy preparing programs, trips, and meetings to enhance the work we do in our studios.

Our final event of the 2010-2011 season, the Musikfest, was a grand affair of two hours packed with high level performances. This was preceded by other wonderful opportunities for our students to experience playing before an audience - Play-a-Thon, AAA, Dorothy Sutton, competitions, and the recitals. Folks from outside of the Valley are amazed at the level of achievement of our students. This is, of course, mainly due to the skill of our teachers as well as their dedication to the aforementioned programs.

As we look forward to the next Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival, recitals, master classes, Achievement Awards Adjudication, Play-a-Thon, opera trip, Chesebro competition, and Musikfest, let's see if we can make it the best year ever. Almost every member at this point has committed to a leadership or co-leadership role to make that happen.

I urge all members to make every effort to support our programs for teachers. Please let me know if there is something we can do to help make attendance possible for you. You would be paying

Please check our website lvpmta.org for updated event dates and forms. The website pamusicteachers.org is a helpful place to keep up with state news, as well.

Our first Meet and Greet general membership meeting will be held September 21 at 9:30 in Hearst Hall, Moravian College. It will be such a pleasure to see you all there.

Linda Perron, LVC-PMTA President



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News from the studio of Irmgard Pursell:

Katianne Janney was accepted into all the music schools she applied to (Temple, Westminster, Moravian, Houghton, among others), and was awarded the 1st prize of the Chesebro Scholarship. This fall she is going to start her studies as a piano performance major at Westminster College with a full tuition scholarship. Congratulations to her and her family!

MUSIKFEST

Seven teachers (Beatrice Allen, Janice Derstine, Herbert Heffner, Lori Huth, Rosemary Murdy-Haber, Vicky Serrao and Darlene Ziegler) entered students who performed beautifully at Musikfest 2011. Most of these teachers, as well as Mirta Heffner, Linda and Bill Perron, assisted with logistics before, during and after the recital. Working as well at the auditions were Darlene, Herb (judges), Lori and Mirta (monitors). We thank you all for your dedication.

Musikfest 2012 dates have not been sent to me. Please check the website later this fall to learn the details of our Musikfest auditions and recital in July/August, 2012.

Carolyn Anderson, Musikfest chair

Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival

Chairs: Liz Zemanek and Darlene Ziegler

The local DSPF will be held at Moravian College on Sunday, Oct. 9. Adjudications will take place between 1:00 and 6:00 PM, but the theory room will open at noon. Students who audition after 3:00 should take the theory test before they perform.

All local paperwork and one check for all student fees must be mailed to Darlene Ziegler. Postmark deadline is September 17.

The State showcase recital will be held at Elizabethtown College on November 5. Registration must be done online via the PMTA website by each participating teacher. Please note that online registration closes October 12.