



Conroe Music Teachers Association Newsletter

March 2006

GENERAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

FRIDAY, MARCH 10
11:00 a.m.
The Woodlands Public Library
2101 Lake Robbins Drive
Between Grogan's Mill and Six Pines

Reminders:
ENTRIES DUE FOR
Play-a-Thon
Musicianship Olympics
Betty Clampitt Piano Contest

There are only 3 meetings remaining for 2005-2006.

Remember that members are required to attend 4 meetings per year.

CMTA & TMTA (and other) DATES TO NOTE

Month of MARCH Nominations for CMTA Executive Board Positions

Sat., March 4 TMTA District 2 Performance Contest

Fri., March 10 CMTA General Meeting 11 a.m.
Betty Clampitt Piano Contest Entries & Fees Due
Play-a-Thon Entries Due
Musicianship Olympics Entries Due

Sat., March 11 Young Texas Artists Contest Finalists Concert (see page 2)

Sat., & Sun., March 11 & 12 CMTA Ensemble Meetings (see page 2)

Fri., March 17 Houston Early Music Concert (see page 4)

Sat., April 1 Spring Festival

Sat., April 22 Betty Clampitt Piano Contest (CHANGED DATE – see notice on page 2)

Sat., April 29 Montgomery College MC-MTNA Young Artist Competition (see page 4)



Nomination Committee Named at February Meeting

March is a busy time for the newly named nominating committee members. They have been given the task of locating candidates for next year's executive board positions. Elections will be in April. Committee members are: Dianne Kaldor (chairman), Heidi Voigt and Shannon Strickland. Please be thinking about what you will be doing in CMTA next year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE PLEASE READ

Due to facility scheduling problems, the CMTA Betty Clampitt Piano Contest has been rescheduled to APRIL 22nd. Please make this note on your CMTA calendar.

We have made a grand effort to find an alternate location for the original date because we understand this change may cause some problems for teachers and/or students. We apologize for any inconvenience, and hope that you understand. Registrations are still due on Friday, March 10th.

ENSEMBLE MEETINGS

The purpose of the Ensemble meeting is to inform every one about the costumes and other details about the concerts. **These meetings are VERY important for all participants to attend"** If you cannot attend, please have some one pick up the information sheets for you and mail the commitment sheet back to Doris Lum, P. O. Box 2195, Conroe, TX 77305.

Meetings as follows: **March 11 and March 12**

Round and Round will meet on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 PM at Montgomery College.

Jazz Toccata will meet on Saturday Afternoon at 3:30 PM at Montgomery College.

Giant Coaster ride will meet on Sunday Afternoon at 2:00 PM at Montgomery College

Parisian Sunrise will meet on Sunday Afternoon at 3:30 Pm at Montgomery College.

Visit the CMTA Website and try some of the wonderful links. Heidi has put a listing of CMTA members and their contact information as well. Check yours out today.

www.conroemta.org



THANK YOU

The CMTA members who were present at the Feb. meeting were treated a wonderfully illustrated presentation given by one of our own CMTA members, Khoren Ouzounian, on Bach, his life, the various dance forms and other compositions. THANK YOU, Khoren for sharing your vast knowledge on this subject and your lovely home with us!!

To receive the current newsletter by regular mail, please send name and address to blandreth@houston.rr.com.

**Young Texas Artists Competition Finalists Concert
Saturday, March 11, Crighton Theater, 234 Main
Street, Conroe, TX, 8 p.m. 936-441-SHOW for
tickets.**



One of the highest privileges of membership in MTNA is the opportunity to personally vote for your Board of Directors.

The Board is responsible for governance and oversees the organization on your behalf. It is an important right and one you should take advantage of. This email is to remind you to exercise this privilege and vote.

A slate of candidates and their biographies are found on pages 65-70 of the February/March 2006 *American Music Teacher* magazine.

Ballots must arrive at MTNA national headquarter by 12:00 midnight EST March 13, 2006.

There are several ways to cast your ballot:

To vote electronically:

Click here: http://www.mtna.org/Divonlineballot_copy.htm or go to the MTNA website at www.mtna.org and click on MTNA then “Division Elections” and follow the instructions OR send an e-mail to mtna@mtna.org containing your name, state, and the name of the candidates you are voting for.

To vote via mail:

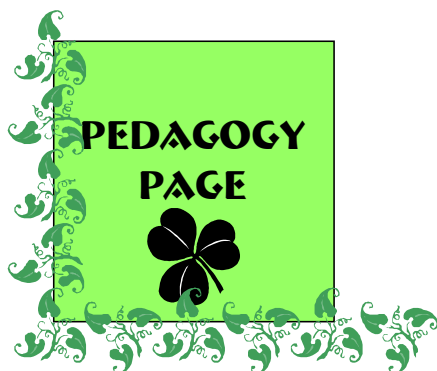
Detach the ballot found between pages 64 and 65 of the February/March 2006 *American Music Teacher* magazine OR download a PDF version of the ballot from the MTNA website at www.mtna.org by clicking on MTNA then “Division Elections.” THEN complete the ballot and affix a first-class stamp and mail.

To vote via fax:

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Don't miss this important opportunity to have a voice in your professional association!

If you have already voted, please disregard this message.



This area is reserved for CMTA teachers to share ideas with other CMTA teachers on various aspects of teaching music. This month, we have some tips from some of you regarding teaching the World of Music literature and some suggestions for piano Guild.

Next Month's Focus: Studio Camps or Summer Lessons

Email your ideas/hints/articles to blandreth@houston.rr.com.

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: Open forum – your teaching tips & ideas

Unfortunately, there were no articles submitted this month. Hopefully we will have more luck (or time) in March!!



Houston Early Music Concerts



Houston Early Music is a chartered, non-profit, organization whose purpose is to present historically-informed performances of early music from the European traditions and other world cultures in concerts featuring internationally renowned vocal, instrumental, and chamber musicians. Formed in 1965 as a small group that met in people's homes, the organization was officially incorporated in 1969. From this humble beginning it has grown to become an organization that now provides performance opportunities for major early music artists from around the world in an annual concert series. A successful and growing educational outreach program introduces a future generation to a broad range of music.

Some of the future concerts include:

- **03/17/06** **The Terra Nova Consort (recorder, shawm, percussion, vihuela, viol) playing "Music of Renaissance Spain"**
- **05/12/06** **The King's Noyse (violin band) playing "In May Time"**

For more information, visit the website at www.HoustonEarlyMusic.org.

These concerts are wonderful opportunities for teachers and students close to home. Check out the website, and enjoy some wonderful music at one of the concerts.

Hello, Music Friends!!

On April 29 the Montgomery College Collegiate Chapter of MTNA will sponsor the second annual MC-MTNA Young Artist Competition for eager and accomplished young pianists and violinists grades 1-6. Last year's contest was a big success. I think the children had a good time, and the students in our chapter loved hosting them and our wonderful guest judges, Dr. Sergio Ruiz and Dr. Barbara Rask. In alternating years, we will use in-house judges and hope that this will again prove to be an unusual opportunity for children in that age group.

Whether you have a child interested, are on a college faculty where you meet teachers who have very accomplished young students, or are in charge of disseminating information to your local association, I would be very grateful if you would share this information as you see fit so that this major project of our student chapter may affect as many children as possible in a positive way.

Here is a link to the MC-MTNA web page, which has a highlighted link to all current information and application information. <http://www.appsmc.nhmccd.edu/music/mtna/>

Thank you for your support!!

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