



Conroe Music Teachers Association Newsletter

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November 2006

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING Nov. 10 Program: "How to Deal with Stage Fright"

Change can be a good thing, and for the November meeting it is for a GREAT reason!! We need a piano for our guest speaker, and Sharon Callahan has graciously consented to host our meeting in her home on Nov. 10th at 9:15 a.m.

NOVEMBER MEETING
FRIDAY, NOV. 10TH
Beginning Promptly at
9:15 A.M.
IN THE HOME OF
SHARON CALLAHAN

22 Quail Rock Place

RSVP to Sharon by email or phone by Wednesday.

jfcjr@houston.rr.com

Driving directions are on page 3.

Please park in the drive or on ONLY ONE SIDE of the street.

The scariness of Halloween may be over, but STAGE FRIGHT may still haunt performers.

Come hear our

GUEST SPEAKER,
KENNETH THOMPSON

address the subject at the November CMTA General Meeting "How to Deal with Stage Fright." Even if you have never experienced this potentially paralyzing emotion, we as teachers must deal with this issue from time to time with our students. Mr. Thompson's workshop is sure to be a must-attend.

He has given workshops at the TMTA convention and various MTA's in Texas as well as other music organizations. In 1994, he decided to shift gears from 80 performances each year and devote himself full time to private piano teaching producing many very successful students.



Kenneth Thompson will present a workshop on "How to Deal with Stage Fright" for CMTA at the November general meeting.

To read a complete Bio on Kenneth Thompson, visit:
www.musicalartscenter.com

Remember to RSVP today!

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POINTS TO NOTE:

- RSVP to Sharon Callahan for Nov. 10th meeting by Wednesday, Nov. 8th
- 2006 Ensemble DVD's are still available from Doris Lum.
- Any entries may be sent to event chairmen any time prior to the deadline.
- Teachers must work or provide a substitute for events in which they have entered students.

DATES & DEADLINES TO NOTE

Dates:

Saturday, Nov. 18
Holiday/Hymn/Fall Festival
Faith United Methodist Church
Ensemble "Auditions"
Sat. & Sun., Dec. 2 & 3
Dec. 16—CMTA Meeting

Deadlines:

Nov. 10
Original Composition Contest
Entries to Kristy Cox
Ensemble Entries
to Doris Lum

December 16 Deadlines:

- * Laurie Keyser Sonata/Sonata Tournament Entries due to Karen Barnett
- * TMTA/CMTA Local Performance Contest Entries due to Don Harris
- * Spring Theory Test to Dianne Kaldor
- * Chamber Music entries to Sheryl Speelman



TMTA Ensemble participants receive a pin and year bar for the pin.

MEET THE ENSEMBLE DIRECTORS

The ensemble directors will meet the students in their ensembles to give them information, get forms signed and hear as much of the piece that the student has learned thus far. If students have not yet begun working on the ensemble piece by the date of the "audition", students should come anyway and get an idea of how the piece will sound.

Each ensemble director has a separate time to hear the students enrolled in the ensemble they are directing. The following groups will meet in the stu-

dio of Karen Barnett located in Boni's behind Burger King on the corner of Gossling and Research Forest in The Woodlands. Exact times will be assigned by directors.

Saturday, Dec. 2nd

8:15 a.m. **May Dance**

Becky Landreth, Dir.

Noon **Triple Dip**

Karen Barnett, Dir.

4:30 p.m. **Get Up and Go**

Donna Ryan, Dir.

Sunday, Dec. 3rd

7:00 p.m. **I Like Things That**

Creep and Crawl

Diane Delk, Dir.

8:00 p.m. **Slavonic Dance**

Diane Delk, Dir.

Date/Time Pending

Sparklers

Stephanie Teed, Dir.

The following ensemble groups will meet at Brook Mays Piano Max across from Willowbrook Mall on Saturday, Dec. 2nd:

Noon **Dallas Tango**

Doris Lum, Dir.

2:00 p.m. **Grand Finale**

Dorothy Kirkpatrick, Dir.

December and January Meeting Previews

DEC. PREVIEW

The December General Meeting for CMTA will be on **SATURDAY, December 16th**. We have been invited by Sheryl Speelman, CMTA's 3rd VP, to join her in her home for a very special program pre-

sented by

Istampita. a Musicology Presentation on music of the Renaissance. It is sure to be a wonderful program and a great time to visit with other CMTA teachers in a lovely setting. RSVP to Sheryl by Dec. 8th.

JANUARY PREVIEW

Be sure to mark your calendars for the **Friday, Jan. 12** meeting when we will have a program by Diane Delk on MTNA Certification. As Diane says, "We are all certifiable."

Reminder: CMTA members must attend four general meetings during the current year to remain in good standing. Exemption requests (see yearbook) may be sent to Luanne Johns.

RECITAL INVITATION

Aleksei Fedorov In recital in The Woodlands on Friday, December 1st at 8:00 pm at Christ Church United Methodist.

MEETING ON-TIME BONUS

Those in attendance at 9:15 at each general meeting are eligible for a door prize. Names are drawn at the conclusion of the business meeting,

and winners must be present to collect their prize.

Remember to RSVP to Sharon for Nov.



Recital Dec. 1st, 8 P.m.
Aleksei Fedorov

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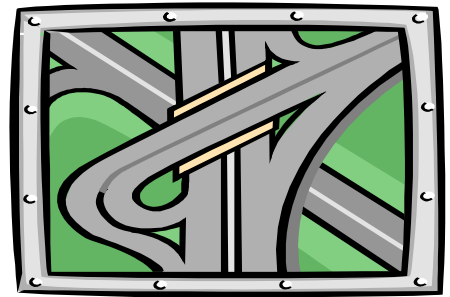
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**Conroe Music
Teachers Association**

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www.conroemta.
org**

**Driving Directions
to Nov. 10TH
CMTA
General Meeting**



Remember to RSVP to Sharon Callahan by Wednesday, November 8th, by email or phone jfcjr@houston.rr.com

From Conroe: Take I-45 south, exit on FM242 going west towards The Woodlands. Turn left onto Greenbridge Drive (several stoplights down). At first light, turn right onto Research Forest Drive and immediately get into the left lane. At the next light, turn left onto Alden Bridge Drive (VERY short street). Then at the stop sign, turn right onto Cochran's Crossing Drive. Once the road becomes 4-lane, turn left onto Grand Fairway Drive as if going to the Woodlands Country Club Palmer clubhouse and then make an immediate right onto Ashlar Point (subdivision sign). #22 is the 4th house on the right.

From The Woodlands: Travel west on Woodlands Parkway, turn right (north) on Cochran's Crossing Drive. Once road begins to narrow down to 2 lanes, turn right onto Grand Fairway Drive as if going to the Woodlands Country Club Palmer clubhouse and then make an immediate right onto Ashlar Point (subdivision sign). #22 is the 4th house on the right.

Special Instructions: The first lot on the street was just cleared this week and construction is "in the works" – be careful of big trucks. Please park in the driveway if possible. If not possible, make sure cars are parked ONLY on ONE side of the street. Three other houses are under construction at the other end of the street and it's difficult for construction vehicles to get by if there are 2 lanes of parked cars

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2006 Montgomery College MTNA Chapter Young Artist Contest – March 31, 2007

Contest Rules and Information:

Categories and Maximum Length of Performance:

Grades 1-3	Piano	3 minutes
Grades 1-3	Strings	3 minutes
Grade 4	Piano	4 minutes
Grade 4	Strings	4 minutes
Grade 5	Piano	5 minutes
Grade 5	Strings	5 minutes
Grade 6	Piano	6 minutes
Grade 6	Strings	6 minutes



1. Repertoire, up to the maximum duration listed above, is left to the teacher's discretion. Students exceeding the time limits will be stopped but not disqualified.
2. Musical selections must be published solo repertoire from the standard repertoire for the instrument. Pianists will perform from memory. String players will be accompanied when pieces are scored for piano accompaniment. The student must provide his/her own accompanist.
3. Every student will receive a certificate of achievement and a critique sheet from the judge for participating. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded to the students in each category selected for these additional awards by the judge. The judge's decision will be final, and students, teachers and parents will refrain from conferring with the judge before, during or after the competition. Results will be announced immediately following each category.
4. **Entries will be accepted up to the deadline of February 15.** The student's entry information must be RECEIVED by that date to be considered. Entries must be submitted by the teacher, with all students in that teacher's studio appearing on one entry submission.
E-Mail entries are highly encouraged. **Fees of \$15/student are to be paid by check (one check per studio, including all students' entry fees from that studio) with postmark deadline for the fees of February 15.**
5. The following information must appear in the entry submission for each student:
Name
School Grade
Selection(s) to be Performed
Teacher's Name
Teacher's Contact Information

Questions should be addressed to the committee at mtna@nhmccd.edu or (936) 273 7270. Entries may be e-mailed to that address. Checks should be mailed to:

Montgomery College Chapter of MTNA
c/o Gregory Ristow, Music Department
3200 College Park Drive
Conroe, TX 77384

****MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO**
"Montgomery College Chapter of MTNA"**

Blinn College

2007 Blinn College Young Pianist Competition

Contest Rules

Categories:

Maximum Length of Performance

- a. Grades 5-6 8 minutes
- b. Grades 7-8 10 minutes
- c. Grades 9-10 12 minutes
- d. Grades 11-12 12 minutes

1. Contestants should provide a copy of the music for the judge with measures numbered. No photocopies will be allowed.
2. All musical selections in the contest must be original solo compositions for the piano. No arrangements will be allowed.
3. Two memorized pieces of contrasting styles are required. Please indicate the exact timing of the performance on the application form. If the length of the performance exceeds the indicated time, the judge has the option to stop the performance.
4. Each entrant will receive a comment sheet from the judge and a rating of division 1 through 5.
5. The entrants in each category who receive a first or second-division rating will be awarded ribbons. From among those receiving first-division ratings, one trophy winner will be selected. From among the trophy winners, the top winner will receive a \$200 cash prize. The runner-up will receive a \$100 cash prize. At the judge's discretion, a Blinn College music scholarship will be offered to a deserving participant in the grades 11-12 category. Trophy winners will play in a short winners' recital after the conclusion of the awards ceremony.

6. At the judge's discretion, there may be a second hearing to determine the trophy winner for each division or for the top prize.

7. The competition will be limited to the first 35 applicants.

To apply for audition times, the entrant must complete the registration form and send the form with a \$20 nonrefundable entry fee postmarked by January 8. Any questions/requests pertaining to the contest should be directed to John Dujka at 979 830 4249 or 979 277 5374 during the holiday break.

**Make checks payable to PIANO CONTEST.

Send entry to:

Blinn College Division of Music
 Attn: John Dujka
 Blinn College
 902 College Ave.
 Brenham, TX 77833
www.blinn.edu

Blinn College 2007 Young Pianist Competition Entry Form

Name _____ School Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

Teacher _____

Teacher's Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Teacher's Phone _____ Teacher's email (required) _____

_____ I would like to be considered for the Blinn College Music Scholarship Award.

Repertoire: Two memorized pieces of contrasting styles. List Title, Composer, and performance length of each selection

1. _____ 2. _____

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