

Of note...

SPAMTA NEWSLETTER

26th Fall Music Festival Date Announced

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This is the 26th year for the Fall Festival!!! The date will be Saturday, November 14TH at the Noel Fine Arts Center at UW-SP. The honors recital will be held in Room 221 beginning at approximately 3 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from this event go towards the SPAMTA High School Achievement Awards and the SPAMTA College Scholarship Fund. This is a wonderful, low key event

and perfect for students of all ages! Each student performs two pieces from memory, in a teaching studio in front of a very nice judge! The pieces should be of decidedly contrasting style, but do not have to be from different style periods. Students will receive an overall rating ranging from Superior to Fair along with judging comments and a certificate. Superiors will receive a special gold seal on their

certificates and perform in the honors recital.

Students of all levels (even the youngest beginner!) are encouraged to participate through the preparation and performance of individual solos, duets.

This year, SPAMTA is also inviting 'non-members' to enter students. For more information, or to download the registration forms, visit the SPAMTA website!

2009 SPAMTA College Scholarship Winner

SPAMTA Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 16th
Mitchell Piano Works
3201 Main Street
Stevens Point

*10 a.m. Business Meeting & Refreshments

10:30 a.m. Program



The winner of the SPAMTA college scholarship for 2009 is

Julida Kochanowski. Julida is a graduate from SPASH, and will be attending St. Olaf in Minnesota in the fall for piano performance. During High school Julida spent a lot of time in plays, musicals, Showtime, choirs, orchestra, and jazz band. Julida loves showing her creativity through fine arts. Julida studied private piano lessons with Ann Marie Novak for ten

years, private voice lessons with Mary Hofer for two years, and private cello lessons with Lawrence Leviton and Flora Vanwarmer for two years. She regularly cantors and accompanies (piano and cello) at St. Bartholomew's Church in Stevens Point.

Congratulations and best wishes to Julida on a budding musical future!

Fall SPAMTA Programs *Of note...*

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Beth Omernick (Mitchell Piano Works) will co-present "New Music Sampler" on Wednesday September 16th, at Mitchell Piano Works.

This is always a 'crowd' pleaser as it helps us get a sampling of new repertoire!

October 14th, Eddie Brown (Mitchell Piano Works) will present "*Bohemia: A*

Glimpse at Czech Piano Music"

November 11th, renowned composer and author, Joyce Grill (Alfred & Willis Publications) will present "*Accompanying in 30 minutes: How to Help Students with this Useful Skill (Art?) and how to introduce students to*

collaborative performance". All SPAMTA Meetings begin with the business meeting/meet & mingle social will take place from 10-10:30, with the program beginning at 10:30 a.m. SPAMTA meetings are always free and open to the public.

Please make plans to attend!

WMTA TEACHER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Inspirational and skilled educators can help children envision bright futures and realize great accomplishments.

The WMTA Teacher Award of Excellence recognizes and promotes excellence in the music teaching in our state by an individual member.

These recipients demonstrate a record of outstanding accomplishments by their students in WMTA auditions and competitions and proven high standards of teaching in

their studio.

The Award of Excellence Certificate is presented to WMTA member teachers based on participation of their students in WMTA auditions. The Award is given when a teacher's students have earned any combination of ten WMTA awards-plaques or bars. Recipients of this award are recognized at the annual state conference banquet.

To receive any of these awards, the teacher should

submit a list of their students and the awards they have won to the WMTA Award of Excellence chair. Deadline for awards (in order to be included at the state conference) is September 15th.

For more information see the WMTA website or contact your State Chair: Sandra Statz: 715-835-1954 or email at ssstatz@hotmail.com.

SPAMTA's Official Website—Check it out!

In May 2009, SPAMTA officially joined the Internet age and launched their 'free' website. We hope you'll take a moment to visit our site (as it contains a treasure trove of information!). And, anyone can become a member of our online community. What's

the perk to joining? Website members can post/download/comment on photos, invite others to join, post comments in the forum pages.

The events calendar, weblinks, and a great gallery

of photos are already on the site. In the future, we hope to be able to post Fall Festival honors recital videos and even more information!

Visit us at
www.spamta.webs.com

UWSP Piano Day 2009

October 17th the UWSP Music Department will host a day of piano music, coaching sessions and workshops. All events will take place on the campus of UW-Stevens Point. Events will include master classes with UWSP Piano Faculty, Raffi Besalyan and Michael Keller. Two exciting sessions on Alexander Technique with Prof. Brian Martz and "Solo & Ensemble Event 307: A

Hidden Jewel" with Professor Mathew Buchman. The day will conclude with a piano recital presented by UWSP Music Faculty and students.

Who can participate?

High school pianists grades 9-12

- Teachers
- Both teachers and students are invited to all sessions

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 2, 2009

A printable version of this form is available at www.uwsp.edu/music/pianoday



Congratulations to newlyweds Max & Joyce !

WMTA 99th Conference October 30–31st

Hope you're making plans to attend this year's WMTA conference—it's going to be held at the Kalahari Resort & Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells. Kathleen Theisen (former SPAMTA member) will be doing two exciting workshops (Friday & Saturday) that are hot topics for the independent music teacher!

Other great sessions will

include Dr. Nicholas Phillips (UW-EC) presenting a lecture on Mendelssohn, Dr. Jeri-Mae Astolfi (UW-Oshkosh), with a program on Canadian new music for Elementary-Intermediate Level Students and this year's guest recitalist, Robert Weirich is not to be missed!

There will be a master class as well as a recital featuring the winners of the MTNA &

WMTA Competitions.

WMTA is offering a special one-day, a new 'spouse/guest dinner rate' and non-members are also welcome to attend!

For more details (or to download and print off the registration form, visit the WMTA website at www.wmta.net

"Attending the state conference it is a very encouraging experience, and helps us to come home with new teaching goals."—Susan Schanberg

REFERRALS...

One service that SPAMTA provides its members is a referral—linking students to qualified teachers in the area. There are teachers in our area with openings. You can help us give correct info to inquiring students by letting us know if you have openings. Also, please remember that if you cannot serve a student, we do have this service available to all teachers. Simply send a message to the SPAMTA website administrator with names and numbers so that we may contact them and help them find a teacher. Thanks!!

Update MTNA membership info & pay dues online at www.mtna.org

Deadline to renew your MTNA membership is Oct. 15th

Local dues is \$7.00

2010 CALENDAR

- Jan. 13—Dr. Jeri-Mae Astolfi (UW-Oshkosh)—Preparing Students for Auditions & Performance Anxiety
- Jan. 23—SPAMTA Collaborative [Dance theme] Recital 3:30 p.m. UWSP
- March 20—WMTA District Auditions UWSP
- April 14—Jenny Burton (UWSP) "Strategies for Nurturing Your Student's Creative Energies"

About Our Organization...

The Stevens Point Area Music Teachers Association (SPAMTA) adopted a constitution on October 19, 1983. The constitution stated SPAMTA's purpose:

"to promote professional fraternity among music teachers, to stimulate professional growth among music teachers, to encourage high standards in music instruction."

In January 2000, SPAMTA revised their constitution to receive official recognition as a non-profit (501c3) charitable organization.

SPAMTA serves independent and collegiate teachers in Portage and Wood County. Meetings are conducted during the school year, on the second Wednesday of each month. We are an organization of independent music teachers who have banded together to help and learn from each other as we also grow in our professional careers of teaching music to people of all ages. By working and sharing together, we have grown in numbers, in experience and in our capacity to offer our students quality music instruction.

SPAMTA is affiliated with both the Wisconsin Music Teachers Association (WMTA) and the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA)

Together with these organizations we are "working together for a more musical tomorrow".



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