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# RALEIGH PIANO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

## Monthly Meeting

### Dec. 13, 2017

- 9:45, General Membership Business Meeting
- 10:00, Program: Teacher Musicales

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## From the President

### December Reflections

What a joyous time of year! Our studios are full of holiday carols and songs arranged for the piano at so many different levels, inspiring contest pieces seem to be taking shape, and the array of goals you have established for each student seem to be visible on the horizon. Some of us are having holiday/winter parties and recitals to entertain and fill the souls of those who participate and attend these events. Your preparations and resulting clean-up have celebrated music making and purposeful practice. Take pride in this accomplishment. Your "orchestrated masterpiece" has taken the work from individuals and brought it to be a single memorable moment for many to enjoy. Please sit back, take a big deep sigh and reflect on the smiles and giggles you saw and heard, the funny things that might have been done or said, and know that the precious nervousness that you observed demonstrates how successful they wanted to be...the essence of purity and determination. You inspired their desire to aspire.

Our organization is doing such a good job of mentoring each other through networking at meetings, taking leadership positions, and implementing active responses. Thank you to everyone who makes RPTA a living and vital part of this community. We are excited that our recent membership roster has grown to 155. This demonstrates the value teachers are placing on being aligned with a professional organization such as the Raleigh Piano Teachers Association. Please make sure you come to our meetings to get to know each other. We have some of the best programming that we have ever had and it seems to get better and better each month! For many of us, our monthly "recharge" is like a gentle rain that refreshes our musical minds. Give yourself the gift of time; time to receive rather than to give. And when you are there, be sure to reach out to new or unfamiliar faces. Be just as welcoming to a new "silver" friend as you are with our "golden" colleagues.

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and best wishes for your holidays to reflect all that is special about family, our community and our world. It is so comforting to know that our profession directly impacts "Peace on Earth." We just happen to be doing it one person at a time.

May we all feel the ecstasy of renewal during this most joyous of seasons,

Jeanine Skinner, President, Raleigh Piano Teachers Association

Looking ahead...

February 10  
Scholarship Auditions

February 11  
Student Musicale, Carswell

February 24  
NCMTA District Contest

March 9-10  
Young Artist Auditions

March 17-21  
MTNA National Conference  
Orlando, FL

March 24  
NCMTA State Piano  
Performance Festival,  
Meredith College

April 29  
Student Musicale, Carswell

## RPTA Scholarship Auditions

RPTA awards 4 scholarships to talented students each year. Two awards are given to Level I students (age 11-14) and two awards are given to Level II students (age 15-18).

*Deadline for entry: January 17, 2018*

Entry Checklist:

- Entry Form (1 per student)
- Proof of age for each student
- Financial Form (1 per teacher)
- Check (1 per teacher)
- Self-Addressed, stamped envelope (optional) for return of judging sheets

The Scholarship Auditions will be held on February 10, 2018 at Meredith College. The Awards Recital will be held February 17, 2018 at Ruggero Piano.

More information, repertoire requirements, and necessary forms are available on the RPTA website.

Brian Warring, Scholarship Chair

## December Holiday Musicale

Don't miss one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year!

We will be back at **Meredith College** on **December 13**. A brief business meeting begins at **9:45** followed by our **Teacher Holiday Musicale** at **10:00**. We will conclude the festivities with a brunch.

Wishing all a merry and musical holiday season,

Sheila Dacus, NCTM  
VP, Programs

*May our words be*

***dolce,***

*our hearts be*

***giocoso,***

*our spirits,*

***con fuoco,***

*and all our teaching,*

***con amore.***

