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RALEIGH PIANO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting

Sept. 20, 2017 at Ruggero Piano

- 9:45, General Membership Business Meeting
- 10:45, Program "Take 5! Creative Teaching Ideas from RPTA Members"

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From the President

Kindred Spirits

It is such a thrill to be allowed to represent the many teachers of RPTA. Thank you for putting your trust in me. I am eager to see what we can accomplish together over the next nine months. There's something rather electric to our first meeting of the year so, be sure to have Wednesday, September 20, on your calendar. It is important to note that the first two RPTA meetings of the year (September 20 and October 18) are being held at Ruggero Piano Company, [4720 Hargrove Road, Raleigh](http://www.ruggeropiano.com). Put a reminder on your calendar!

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to experience something refreshing, renewing, relaxing and relative to your life since we last saw each other. Summer, for me, was filled with conferences, two large choral performances, a visit with a favorite teacher in New Orleans, and a family vacation in SC. When August came, I was ready to settle into a routine and get focused again. Isn't that the way life is? We dream of a welcomed escape from our routine, but then are relieved to resume patterns in our life that are familiar, regular, and challenging. That sense of validating our worth and creating an accountability for our activities is very satisfying, wouldn't you say? Aren't we lucky to be musicians?!

Has anyone perused the new MTNA website? The national board worked hard to create a more user-friendly and engaging resource for us to use on a grassroots level. When talking to Diane Blanchard, she reminded me of something I have meant to explore. So, I did! The webinars that we are offered through MTNA are archived and available for our viewing at any time. If you miss the scheduled day and time of the live webinar, you can easily access the video by going to www.mtna.org. Look to the right of the page at the top and click on "Learn." The drop down menu will appear and the first selection is "Webinars." There are many varied topics that will appeal to you and will provide insightful ideas and problem-solving solutions. While there, scroll around to other pages on the site, investigate what appeals to you, and then share it with your students and fellow teachers!

In closing, I must confess. I am writing on a day that seems difficult and irrational. I think it is appropriate that I acknowledge our loss. It is the day we learned that our dear colleague, Dana Mallory, left her frail body and became whole again in a place that knows no pain and feels no sorrow.

Looking ahead...

September 9
NCMTA Piano Workshop
Ruggero Piano

October 5-7
NCMTA State Conference
Wake Forest University

October 29
Student Musicale, Carswell

February 10
Scholarship Auditions

February 11
Student Musicale, Location TBA

February 24
NCMTA District Contest

March 9-10
Young Artist Auditions

March 17-21
MTNA National Conference
Orlando, FL

April 29
Student Musicale, Carswell

From the President, continued

Searching for unanswerable questions are fruitless and in vain. Those of us who have experienced the laughter, insightfulness, infectious enthusiasm and kind words of our friend, Dana, have had the gift of friendship, the gift of wisdom, and the gift of kindness in our lives. Let's grieve her passing and then honor her spirit by embracing a renewed thirst for knowledge, relating sweet expressions of friendship, and refreshing our commitment to being an unequivocally devoted teacher. Through our lives, we get the privilege of carrying on in a kindred spirit she demonstrated. Let's continue to desire to succeed, to serve our community, and to inspire our students with moments of unexpected joy.

Can't wait to see everyone!!
In humble appreciation and expectation,

Jeanine Skinner, DMA
President, Raleigh Piano Teachers Association

Young Artist Auditions

Dear RPTA Members,

Here we are "back in the saddle" after a short summer! I'm looking forward to a wonderful year! The YAA 2018 Packet Forms, 2018 YAA Guidelines, and 2018 Repertoire List will be posted on the RPTA website in the next week. Please watch for them. Please read them carefully. The only changes made to the Repertoire List were the addition of American composers' pieces from the NCMTA Piano Festival Repertoire List. If you have any questions, please email me at debraheathpiano@yahoo.com.

Musically, Debra Heath, NCTM, YAA Director

Independent Music Teachers Forum

I hope you all had a wonderful summer! Perhaps you attended a workshop, discovered a new website or read a book that inspired your teaching in some way?!

If you would be willing to share it with us at our monthly meeting, please let contact me!

Thanks so much for sharing your experiences and wisdom!
Dottie Buster, IMTF Chair
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May our words be

dolce,

our hearts be

giocoso,

our spirits,

con fuoco,

and all our teaching,

con amore.

September Program: HELD AT RUGGERO PIANO COMPANY

“Take 5! Creative Teaching Ideas from RPTA Members”

Inspire and be inspired by your fellow RPTA teachers at our September meeting! Have you a favorite motivational idea, sure-fire teaching piece, app, game, manipulative, technique trick, analogy? Gather some of your favorite teaching tools and “take 5” minutes or so to share with us!

I love to listen to presentations and attend conferences, but some of the best insights and ideas I have gained are not from being a passive audience member. Rather they have come from casual interactions with fellow teachers simply sharing something that has worked in their studio with their students. RPTA is blessed with incredibly gifted and creative teachers. Let’s gather ‘round, show and tell, and come away with inspiration for our best teaching year yet!

Sheila Dacus, NCTM
VP, Programs



2017-18 Programs

September 20: Take 5! Creative Teaching Ideas: Inspire and be inspired by your fellow RPTA members.

October 18: Self Care Tips and Pain Relief Techniques for the Pianist. Barbara Aaron, Licensed Massage and Bodywork Therapist

November 15: How Loose Is Too Loose? What Keyboard Teachers Need to Know About Joint Hypermobility Syndrome. Dr. Barbara Lister-Sink

December 13: Holiday Teacher Musicale and Brunch

January 17: Pedal with Your Ears! Dr. Kent Lyman

February 21: Gems of the Intermediate Concerto Repertoire. Dr. Karen Beres

April 18: Jenő Takács: Pianist, Friend of Bartók, and Composer. His works for children through advanced pianists made the transition to 20th Century modern music. Tom Mann

May 16: Teacher Musicale and Luncheon

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In Memoriam



Dana Mallory
(March 8, 1973 - September 4, 2017)

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Dana Mallory. Dana was an active member of RPTA, serving on the Executive Board and the Young Artists committee. She was also a dear friend to many in our organization.

Born in Endicott, NY, Dana resided in the Cary area for over 30 years. She received her Bachelor's degree from the College of Charleston and her Master's from UNC Greensboro. She recently successfully defended her dissertation thru Boston University.

Dana's life was truly focused on teaching her piano students and guiding the Youth Band at Christ The King Lutheran Church in Cary. It gave her great joy to interact with and mentor students.

She is survived by parents John and Ilse Mallory, sister and brother-in-law Kara and Philip Larson, 7 Aunts and Uncles, and 9 cousins. The childhood gatherings with her cousins kept them close in adulthood.

A Memorial service will be held at Christ The King Lutheran Church at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 9, 2017. Friends may visit with the family following the service. Memorial contributions can be made to CTK Lutheran Church, 600 Walnut Street, Cary, NC, 27511 or Transitions Lifecare, 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC, 27607.

Arrangements are under the care of Brown-Wynne Funeral Home 200 SE Maynard Rd. Cary, NC 27511.

Meredith College Keyboard Day

Date: Saturday, November 18, 2017

Time: 2:00pm - 4:30pm

Location: Carswell Recital Hall & Wainwright Music Building

The keyboard faculty of Meredith College invites you and all interested students grades 8-12 to join us for our 26th annual Keyboard Day!

All visitors will hear a recital featuring Meredith faculty and students. Following this recital, students will have the option of performing in or observing a master class, or participating in a private lesson with one of the Meredith College faculty.

Teachers, parents, and younger students who might wish to observe any of our events are also invited.

There is no charge for this afternoon event.

Tom Lohr

Paderewski Festival

We are pleased to announce the following concert dates for the 2017 Paderewski Festival:

Nov. 4: Kate Liu, USA

Bronze medalist Chopin Competition, 2015
Saint Mary's, Smedes Parlor, 3 pm

Nov. 5: Elizaveta Ivanova, Russia

NC Museum of History, Daniels Auditorium, 3 pm

Nov. 11: Frederic Vaysee-Knitter, France

NC Museum of Art, 3 pm

Nov. 12: Kamil Pacholec, Poland

NC Museum of Art, 3 pm

Nov. 25: Tim Jones, First in National MTNA, 2017

Hopper Piano, 7:30 pm

More information available at www.paderewski-festival.org

Brenda Bruce

Carolina Contemporary Composers Fall Concerts

The Carolina Contemporary Composers invite you to attend two exciting upcoming concerts this October!

Sunday, October 15th at 3 pm:

Join us for an afternoon of chamber music as we partner with the Triangle Chamber Music Collective for a concert of original music performed by local professional musicians! You'll hear works by Jacob Groff, Chrissy Ricker, Simon Zaleski, Kitty Scott, and Hassan Durant performed by Carol Chung, violin; Phil Amalong, piano; Erin Munnely, flute; Erica Thomas, bassoon; and Marianne Breneman, clarinet. The venue is a lovely private home and the address will be given to you upon ticket purchase. This event is a fundraiser for both groups; tickets are \$30/each and are available here: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3062959>

Sunday, October 22nd at 3 pm:

C3 kicks off the Halle Classical Concert Series with a concert of original music featuring Jimmy Gilmore, principal clarinetist of the NC Symphony (retired). Halle Cultural Arts Center is located in downtown Apex. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$6 for students. More information at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/4910723/classical-concert-series-carolina-contemporary-composers-c3-apex-halle-cultural-arts-center>