

IMTA
Summer
2009
Newsletter

IMTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I begin my two-year term as your IMTA president I want to thank the members for this opportunity to serve you and this organization. It is a great honor.

IMTA has been a big part of my life since our family spent a summer in Boulder, CO in about 1970. I read in the Boulder newspaper that the Colorado Music Teachers Association was sponsoring a workshop on Beethoven's piano and his piano music. I attended and was so impressed with the workshop that I asked the woman at the registration desk if other states had music teacher groups like Colorado did. She gave me the name of Marvin Thostenson, then president of IMTA. As soon as we were back in Iowa, I contacted him and have been a member ever since. My sincere thanks to those Boulder teachers who had a worthwhile program and publicized it.

At that time the closest local association was in Pella; that's where my students went for auditions and festivals. At a publishers workshop a few years later I met Norma Seifert, then IMTA president, and Sue Hudson. I mentioned that I felt "so alone" in IMTA because I had no contact with the membership except at the annual conference, auditions and festivals. Norma's response was "We'll fix that." Very soon after that she asked me to serve on the board as the MTNA Foundation Chair. I've been on the board, in one capacity or another, almost continually since then. We've had a Southern Iowa local association for 20 or so years and I no longer feel "alone".

I often think about how Norma, Sue, Lois Nassen, and the Pella teachers mentored me in those early years. Their active interest and willingness to trust a newer, inexperienced teacher in positions of growing responsibility inspire me to try to get today's newer teachers working in IMTA.

For several years the board has been made up largely of us older "gray heads". I propose a "Low Salt Diet" for the next two years. Let's get a lot of "pepper" (the younger teachers) mixed in with the "salt" (we older teachers). We do have several "peppers" on the new board. (You can decide which category you're in!) The "salts" are a very important part of the board but we need to be preparing the "peppers" to fill the "salt shaker".

AND, "peppers" please put up with the "old ways" we "salts" are comfortable with while we adapt to the newer technologies and thought patterns. For example, I'm a "paper handler" and "talk it out" person. My preferred mode of long distance communication is phone calls after which I make copious notes. Many of you prefer e-mails so my compromise suggestion is this: if an e-mail can be answered with a fairly short, direct response, let's communicate that way. However, if an issue needs back and forth discussion, let's do it by phone, followed up by e-mails to be certain we heard things the same way. Note the toll free number below! (Comments to this by e-mail or phone will be appreciated.)

Recently, while going through the boxes I inherited as the new president, I found an article written by a "pepper" who felt left out at board meetings because it was assumed she knew how everything was done and no one was helping her know and understand procedures. This affirmed an idea that I've been formulating after talking with several IMTA teachers. Let's have a "Training Retreat" in the fall. I'll contact board members by e-mail with details. Stay in touch!

Jerie Gail Ramsey

2009 FALL IMTA BOARD MEETING

**The fall IMTA board meeting will be held on
September 20, 2009 @ 2:00 pm, Rm. 3505, Iowa State University Memorial Union**

Parking is available in the Union parking ramp as well as in most ISU lots (read the signs to be certain about restrictions).

MTNA PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

Greetings! The state round of this year's MTNA Performance Competitions will be held on October 24-25, 2009 at Grinnell College in Grinnell, IA. The details of all competitions are available on the MTNA website (www.mtna.org), and applications will be available in August. The application deadline for all competitions is September 15, 2009.

The MTNA Performance Competitions are divided into several categories:

Junior Piano, String, or Woodwind (ages 11-14), Senior Brass, Piano, Piano Duet, String, Woodwind, or Voice (ages 15-18),

Young Artist Brass, Piano, String, Woodwind, or Voice (ages 19-26) and

Chamber Music (average age of 18-26.)

There have been a few changes in this year's competition requirements.

The Junior Brass competition has been discontinued; the concerto requirement for Senior and Young Artist levels has been discontinued; and performance times have also been adjusted.

Many thanks!

Jason Sifford

MTNA Competitions, Over-all Chair

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WEST CENTRAL DIVISION COMPETITIONS

West Central Division Competitions will be held January 15-17, 2010 at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri.

You will find information on all the local officials, hotels, and detailed information about travel on the MTNA Division Portal under West Central Division.

Thomas L. Ediger, NCTM

Director, West Central Division

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Message from MTNA Foundation Chair

Thank you to everyone who donated toward the MTNA Foundation at the state conference! We are at \$440 of our \$1000 donation goal! Please consider sending a personal donation to the fund, or encouraging your local association to contribute.

It will be wonderful to nominate another of our deserving colleagues as a Foundation Fellow to recognize their hard work and contributions to their students, community, and state. In order to complete the nomination process, all monies must be submitted by January 15th. Please make out all checks to MTNA FOUNDATION FUND, and send them to me at the address below. I will then send them along to the national office. Thank you all in advance for your contributions!

Allison Chenoweth

MTNA Foundation Chair

From the Grants and Scholarships Chair

Please let me know any contacts or ideas you have for promoting and supporting our scholarships. You are our best resource for that! If you have suggestions for grants, I will gladly take them.

Karen Bourne

Grant and Scholarship Development Chair

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712-274-7284

2009 IMTA/West Scholarship Auditions

The 2009 Scholarship auditions, held in conjunction with the IMTA Conference in Sioux City, IA, had six entrants, three of whom were awarded the following:

First place – Kevin Lufkin, piano -- \$800

Student of Diane Smith and Dr. Suzanne Torkelson

Second place – Rebekeh Noack, voice -- \$400

Student of Rosemary Gast

Third place – Sarah Robinson, piano -- \$200

Student of Karen Langstraat

William David was the adjudicator.

Submitted by Ted Reuter

IMTA/West Scholarship Chair

IMTA District Audition Information

CENTER	DATE	LOCATION	CHAIRPERSON(S)
Cedar Rapids I	Sat, Jan. 23, 2010	TBD	Allison Chenoweth 605 Ashton PL, #7 Cedar Rapids 52402 319-651-4613 achenoweth@westmusic.com
Dubuque	Sat, Feb. 13, 2010	Clarke College Dubuque	Bev Nichols 11272 Robin Hood Dr. Dubuque 52001 563-582-5277 sixnix@mchsi.com Sharon Jensen 1020 Richards Rd. Dubuque 52003 563-583-0285 sjensen@emmaus.edu
Hubbard	Sat, Feb. 6, 2010	Salem United Methodist Church Hubbard	Pat Luiken 307 Catherine St. Radcliffe 50230 515-899-7913 plluiken@netins.net Lois Nassen 222 W. Walnut St, PO Box 65 Hubbard 50122 641-864-2772 lois.ken@netins.net

Mason City	Sat, Feb. 6, 2010	NIACC Mason City	Gail Morris PO Box 92 Riceville 50466 641-985-2176 jgmorris@omnitel.com
SCIMTA	Sat, Jan. 23, 2010 Snow Date Jan. 30	Central College Pella	Linda Croft 707 Main St. Pella 50219 641-628-1124 SCIMTA@pybyc.com Bob Gosselink 118 Sunset Dr. Otley 50214 641-828-6167 btgosselink@yahoo.com
Siouxland	Sat, Feb. 6, 2010	Morningside College Sioux City	Lois Vander Zee 741 2 nd St. Cir. SE Sioux Center 51250 712-722-0331 divdz@mtcnet.net
Southern Iowa	Sat, Jan. 9, 2010	Graceland University Lamoni	???

These are the only Audition centers that have sent information to Deb Ausborn, State Auditions Chair. If your information is not here, send it to: Deb Ausborn, 1367 220th St., Lytton, IA 50561 or e-mail to: rdausborn@everttek.net

2009-2010 IMTA Local Associations and Presidents

Cedar Rapids Area (CRAMTA)	
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Advisor: Dr. Suzanne Torkelson	suzanne.torkelson@wartburg.edu

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IMTA Piano Festival Schedule

State Piano Festivals Chair: Pam Sibbel

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<u>Center/Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Algona/Holmer	1-16-10	Linnea Holmer	515-295-9537	linnea@netamumail.com
Algona/Jansen	1-3-10	Kathy Jansen	515-295-7593	kdjansen@netamumail.com
Ames/ISU	11-21-09	Hattori/Forrest	515-233-5119	hattori@isunet.net
Ames/Life Pointe Church	11-14-09	Mindy Ward & Angela Allen	515-597-2405 515-233-1818	mjward@huxcomm.net jjajallen@mchsi.com
Ames/Sibbel	1-9-10	Pam Sibbel	515-232-6198	pamsibbel@mchsi.com
Bettendorf/Quad-Cities	11-14-09	Kay Basham, NCTM	563-332-7294	klein3rd@aol.com
Cedar Rapids #1/West Music	TBA	Jan Baumer	319-393-3857	JJbaumer@msn.com jecuffel@aol.com
Cedar Rapids #2	TBA	Patty Leier	319-373-1699	patter54@msn.com
Decorah/Luther College	11-??-09	Jean Ann Kern	563-568-3715	jeanann@acrec.com
Des Moines-Altoona	11-14-09	Robert Lien	515-254-2582	
Des Moines Suburbs	12-??-09	Cheryl Corbett	515-453-6830	ccorbett@iowarealty.com
Dubuque	11-14-09	Patricia Williams & Joanne Wright	563-556-4720 563-585-0396	vincewms@earthlink.net frdm2b@mchsi.com
Forest City/Waldorf College	1-9-10	Dianne Stadtlander	641-587-2650	cdstadtlander@comm1net.net

Fort Dodge	12- ??-09	Jan Altemeier	515-576- 1287	<i>altemj@frontiernet.net</i>
Gowrie	1-9- 10 & 1-16- 10	Linda Benson	515-352- 3543	<i>lindabenson@wccta.net</i>
Hubbard	11- 21-09	Lois Nassen, NCTM	641-864- 2772	<i>loisken@netins.net</i>
Humboldt	TBA	Mary Goetsch	515-332- 3081	<i>jcmg2@juno.com</i>
Iowa City/Univ. of Iowa	11- 14-09	Nancy Cree	319-354- 3085	<i>nancy@nancycree.com</i>
Lytton	12-5- 09	Deborah Ausborn	712-466- 2601	<i>rdausborn@evertek.net</i>
Mason City/NIACC	12-5- 09	Gloria Sherwood	641-423- 0448	<i>koenigsberg@frontiernet.net</i>
Monticello	TBA	Betty R. Pike	319-465- 2010	<i>(none)</i>
Mount Pleasant	11-7- 09	Patricia Bullinger & Virginia Garnjobst	319-752- 9720 319-758- 9160	<i>pabulling@yahoo.com</i> <i>vagamjobst@mchsi.com</i>
Pella/Central College	11- ??-09	Michele De Bruin	641-628- 8774	<i>gkvg@mahaska.org</i>
SIMTA/Lamoni	4-24- 10	Melinda Pickering	641-784- 6615	
Sioux City	1- ??10	Karen Bourne, NCTM	712-274- 7284	<i>kjbourne@cableone.net</i>
Waverly/Wartburg College	TBA	Nicole Green, NCTM	319-231- 0523	<i>nmidtgaard@cfu.net</i>
Webster City	1-??- 10	Joan Hopkins, NCTM	515-832- 5704	<i>fhopkins@prairienet.net</i>

FESTIVAL FEES:	15 minutes	\$ 13.00
	30 minutes	26.00
	45 minutes	39.00
	60 minutes	52.00

JUDGES' FEES: Judging: \$25.00 per hour
Mileage: .50 per mile (Note this change as of the State Conference board meeting in June, 2006. Mileage is always 5.5 cents [rounded] less than the government allowance as of April 15 each year.)

NOTES TO CHAIRS: Check your packets for the updated instructions on running your festival.
Send the appropriate record sheets to:

State Treasurer:

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415 South Linden
Lamoni, IA 50140
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State Festival Chair:

Pam Sibbel
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From the Vice-President for Local Associations

This summer marks a full year for me serving in the position of local associations chair and also independent music teacher chair. It has been a tremendous learning curve for me, but exciting and energizing, as well. I have been very pleased to meet so many of our members this past year by visiting with you at our state conferences and coming to present my program to several local associations. These visits have helped me gain a great perspective from which to better fulfill my role.

By far, the most important thing that I learned is that we love our local associations. The networking, support, and friendship that we gain from each other in all areas of our life round us out and keep us balanced. Some members have described it continuing education, which it absolutely is. The best teachers never stop learning. What

we gain through our educational programs is invaluable. We have vast resources, depth of knowledge and years of experience to encourage and educate any teacher in any situation. I applaud any local association that holds educational programs for their members. It is one of the key elements that I think every local association should strive to have on a regular basis. For new members and especially new teachers, this is what they are looking for when they pay their dues. If your association does not present any programs, I encourage you to start this year by having at least two in addition to any festivals and auditions that you participate in. You may begin by inviting me to share my program, Assessing Your Local Association, with you. Are you stumped for more ideas? Ask your newest members. They will be ripe with questions wanting to be answered. If you still need more ideas, feel free to contact me.

Finally, I would once again like to thank all of our presidents who take the time to correspond between the state board and I and our local members. It is so essential that this communication take place. This takes form primarily in the way of email. If you find that you are not hearing from me on a somewhat regular basis through emails forwarded on to you or information shared at your local meeting, please take the time to talk with your president concerning this. We want every member to know what is going on as much as possible.

Mindy Ward

IMTA Local Associations chair

2009 IMTA Repertoire List Update

Dr. Suzanne Torkelson (chair), Sister Mary Hauber, Linda Benson, Jerie Gail Ramsey, Judy Dixon, Berneil Hanson,

	ADD	COMPOSER	TITLE	COLL
0901	B2	BRADY	Navajo Dreams	
0902	B3	FISHER	Midnight Express	

0903	B3	REJINO	(any)	Circus Suite
0904	C2	BROWN	Barn Dance	In Recital Throughout the Ye
0905	C2	COSTLEY	Prairie Wind	In Recital Throughout the Ye
0906	C2	HARTSELL	(any)	Portraits of the Sky
0907	C2*	BROWN	Soaring on Eagle's Wings	
0908	C3	ALEXANDER	Toccata Brillante	
0909	C3	COSTLEY	(any)	Winter Portraits
0910	C3	ROSSI / OLSON	(any)	Outside the Box
0911	C3*	MARLAIS, ed.	(any)	Contemporary Collage Vol 1
0912	D2	BOBER	Any from: 1-On the Midway GM; 2-Wild Rose Waltz GM; *3-River Rhapsody em	Postcards from Iowa
0913	D2	BROWN	(any)	In Style Bk 3
0914	D2	BROWN	Cassandra's Harp	
0915	D3	ALEXANDER	Toccata Lyrica	
0916	D3	MOMPOU	La fuente y la campana	
0917	E2	GRIEG	Sonata Op 7, 2-Andante molto CM	
0918	E2	JENSEN	Forest Birds, Op 43	
0919	E2	MOSZKOWSKI	Etincelles (Sparks) Op 36/6	
0920	E3	COLERIDGE-TAYLOR	La Bamboula, Op 59/8	
0921	E3	MOMPOU	Cris dans la rue	