



Greetings, Colleagues!

July 1, 2024

There's still time to join us!

 **PIANO PEDAGOGY WORKSHOP WITH OUR FAVORITE PIANO TEACHER MARVIN BLICKENSTAFF!!**

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 ~ 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Yocum Institute for the Arts, 3000 Penn Ave., West Lawn 19609 (in the theater)

[CLICK HERE](#) for registration and other information.

 **BREAKFAST MEET & GREET FOR INDEPENDENT MUSIC TEACHERS!**

Friday, August 16 ~ 9:00am.

Iris Room @ The Highlands, 2000 Cambridge Ave., Wyomissing 19610

Bring your license to check-in at the kiosk in the front entry. Bring a credit card to pay for your breakfast.

We'll be ordering off the menu. Items available under \$10!

Headcount needed - please **RSVP by August 12.**

[CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP online. Or email Millie at mgeben@mac.com.

These are relaxed – no agenda – informal – fun – gatherings and discussion!



Your Executive Committee had a very productive planning meeting on June 19th. One of the initiatives we're undertaking called the "**FRIENDS OF RMTA**", with the goal of cultivating the independent teachers' community. RMTA invites local independent music teachers to become a "**FRIEND**" wherein they – and their students – can participate in all *locally* sponsored events for an annual donation of \$40. Complete information can be found on the website [HERE](#). So, to non-members reading this, check us out online or at our next Breakfast Meet (info above). And to current members, help us spread the word!

The RMTA Website has a "**FIND A TEACHER**" page for anyone wanting to build their studio enrollment. If you would like to be included on that list. please check out the listings that are there to see what information you might want to include. Then send that directly to our webmaster Rod Nevin at piper.nevin@gmail.com. The list is available to members *and* Friends of RMTA!

TO CURRENT RMTA MEMBERS: If you have not done so already, please take one minute and cast your vote for the proposed Bylaws amendments presented in a Special Letter on June 20, 2024. [CLICK HERE](#) to cast your ballot. If you need to see that letter again, send me an email to request it.

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STATE DSPF 2024, KEYSTONE CONCERTO FESTIVAL AND MTNA STATE PRELIMINARY COMPETITIONS will take place at Lebanon Valley College, Annville PA on Saturday November 9th and 10th. MONITORS will be needed for both days. I'll be helping with that recruitment, so please consider giving a couple hours of your time that weekend. Plus, you'll hear some incredible performances by young musicians from across the state. Contact me if you'd like to help.

RANDOM

- ◇ Holly Altenderfer, Ginny Thorpe and I attended the PMTA Conference at Kutztown University last weekend. It was an exceptional event with incredible performances by university students, the KU faculty and guest artist Artina McCain. We also were privileged to hear Ginny's two dynamic presentations: "Working with the Homeschool Community: Understanding Homeschooling in PA and How to Partner with Homeschooling Families", and Group Lessons to Jam Sessions: Harnessing the Power of Community to Strengthen Musical Connections." I also attended the State Board Meeting and came back with lots of ideas for us!
- ◇ TED TALKS are a favorite pastime for me. I recently revisited one from 2006 by Ken Robinson entitled "Do Schools Kill Creativity" which can be found [HERE](#). At one point he talks about the story of Gillian Lynne's most interesting journey to becoming an acclaimed dancer and choreographer. (marker 14:43) I'll let you listen to the story yourself. But it was a reminder to me to get our butts off the piano bench and move to the music!

August newsletter will include events and dates for the new season, so stay tuned!

Stay inspired and keep dancing!

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