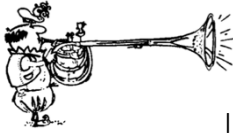




Greetings, Colleagues!

August 1, 2024

There's still time to sign up for our end-of-summer hurrah!!



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!

(Thank you to Rosemary Fraley for arranging this!)



Our workshop with Marvin Blickenstaff was exceptional, of course. What really stood out to me was his unparalleled devotion to the art of teaching. While waiting for attendees to arrive, Marvin treated us to a mini recital of Liszt, Copland and Schubert. It's truly amazing how much music is in his brain at any given moment. He has a book published now entitled "Inspired Piano Teaching" which would be an excellent addition to your resource library.

Marvin told us that his goal for his 90th birthday is to give a solo recital at Carnegie Hall! He even has a tentative date set for May 2025! Road trip, anyone??

A quote from Mr. Blickenstaff: "We teach music because we are in the lifesaving business. We are here to enhance and ennoble the lives of our students through involvement with musical art. Our job is to create artists who can sit at the piano, lose themselves in sound and expression, and change their lives and the lives of their listeners. It may feel like these changes are momentary, but we are changing lives. For many students, these changes endure."

BYLAWS: The Bylaws amendments passed with 2/3 of the membership responding. Thank you for your responses.

FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, September 13, 2024 @ Yocum Institute for Arts Education, Studio 5

- 9:00 am -- Executive Committee meeting- All are welcome to attend.
- 9:30 am -- Social: Bring your own beverage (BYOB); we'll supply snacks.
- 10:00 am -- Business Meeting
- 10:15 am -- Discussion: The year ahead & "What's on your mind?"

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Special invitation to non-members to join us, too, to experience what we're about. We will review the events for the upcoming year and then open to floor to discussion.

[LOCAL DSPF 2024](#) will take place October 19/20, 2024 at Immanuel UCC, Shillington. We return to on-site theory testing this year. All the forms are on the website for your downloading pleasure. **If you expect to participate, please send me an email with an estimate of the number of students you might have.** I know it's early, but these estimates help me determine number of rooms, type of judges and a myriad of other little details. If you have questions about the event, give me a call. It really is a great experience for our students. Online registration deadline is October 4th.

The STATE DSPF 2024 and the KEYSTONE CONCERTO FESTIVAL will take place at Lebanon Valley College, Annville PA this year on Saturday, November 9th. Students who receive a Superior rating at our local festival and a theory test score of at least an 85% will be eligible to perform. They'll also get to hear students from around the state performing. There is NO STUDENT FEE for participating in the State DSPF!

MTNA STATE PRELIMINARY COMPETITIONS are Sunday, November 10th, also at LVC. Registration opens sometime in August. Visit the [MTNA](#) website for details.

MONITORS will be needed for both events that weekend:

- DSPF MONITORS: Three needed for each recital... one lines up the kids in performance order; the second distributes programs at the door; the third does the opening remarks and announcing names at the end when awards are given out (with assistance from the other two monitors).
- MTNA COMPETITIONS MONITORS: [CLICK HERE](#) for detailed information

If you'd like to join me in volunteering, please email me ASAP. You'll hear terrific music while performing a vital service to your organization.

RANDOM 

- ◇ The next time you need to have a piano moved, use a specialized piano mover who has the necessary insurance to cover more than 'scratch and dent' damage. A regular furniture mover may say they have coverage, but rarely do they have anything more than the aforementioned 'scratch and dent' coverage. So, if they drop the instrument, it's pretty much your loss. Also ask them for a Certificate of Liability. Here's a website with lots of detailed information about hiring a piano mover- <https://braymore.ca/piano-movers/faq-about-piano-moving/>
- ◇ An article from boredteachers.com entitled ["Why kids can't remember anything, and what to do about it."](#) A quote from the article: "Teachers everywhere report that students' ability to retain and recall information is abysmal." (Thanks to Lindsay Evans for sharing this article.)
- ◇ Here's a great clip on creativity: ["John Cleese – Creativity Means No Mistakes."](#)

Stay inspired!

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