

Greetings, Colleagues!

September 1, 2024

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)
 - *Who can help with snacks? Some light finger-foods. Email Millie!*
- 10:00 am Business Meeting
- 10:15 am Discussion: TOPICS: The year ahead & “What’s on your mind?”
 - Write your discussion topic on a piece of paper and drop it in the basket when you arrive.

We have a few new projects to share with you. Come and hear the details!

LOCAL DSPF 2024 DETAILS:

Registration deadline: Noon, Friday, October 4, 2024

Adjudications & Theory Testing: October 19, 2024

Showcase Recitals: October 20, 2024

Location for everything: Immanuel UCC, Shillington

Open to students of all ages, levels and abilities who study with MTNA/PMTA members. If you expect to participate, please send me an email ASAP with an estimate of the number of students you anticipate.

WELCOME NEW “FRIENDS!”... Andy Mohler (sax, clarinet, flute), Mike Eben (sax) and Jenny Frecon-Smith (piano). So glad you could join us! An updated address list will be sent to current members and Friends in a separate email.

TO BECOME A FRIEND, [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the online form, and then send your \$40 payable to RMTA to Treasurer Lindsay Evans, 100 Justa Rd., Wernersville PA 19565. Or [CLICK HERE](#) to download a form to postal mail. (You don’t have to be an active teacher to become a Friend. You could be an advocate, music lover, supporter-of-the-arts!)

WEBSITE “FIND A TEACHER” PAGE: If you are included on this page, take a moment to review your information. And if you’d like to be included, take a look at the listings to see what information you should include. Photo also welcome. All information goes to Rod Nevin at piper.nevin@gmail.com. “Friends of RMTA” are welcome to take advantage of this listing, too.

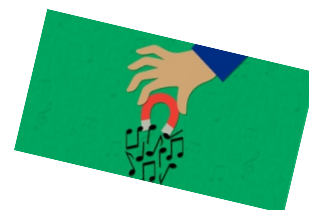
REMINDER REGARDING CLEARANCES: If you plan on participating in ANY event that involves students, RMTA must have a copy of your PA Criminal and Child Abuse Clearances on file. And they must not be older than 5 years. Mail/email them to Treasurer Lindsay Evans, address above, or readingmta2020@gmail.com. [CLICK HERE](#) to view RMTA’s Clearance Policy.

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. Students who receive a Superior rating at our local festival, and score a minimum of 85% on the theory test, will be eligible to perform in one of the Showcase Recitals. You'll also get to hear students from around the state performing.

MONITORS are needed for 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.
- MTNA COMPETITIONS MONITORS: [CLICK HERE](#) for detailed information
- I'll be volunteering for both days if anyone wants to join me.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH: Since we never get through all the requested discussion topics at our Breakfast Meetups, we decided to start a "Question of the Month" to which everyone can respond. Those responses will be posted on a designated space on the RMTA website called "[Teacher's Corner.](#)" (Also, on that page will be notes from our Breakfast Meetups.) So, our first...



QUESTION(S) OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER ~ STUDENT RETENTION

Hanging onto our students can be a challenge. How do we get them to come back from summer break? What do you do when you see their interest waning? How do you keep your students interested? Do you know of some resources?

Let's see if we can come up with 10 tips to encourage student retention! Send your comments to Millie at pianoeben@gmail.com or [CLICK HERE](#) to respond online.

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- ◇ Another favorite TED TALK – "What's possible when the arts belong to everybody" by theater director Lear deBessonet. Truly inspiring! BE SURE to listen to the very end! [CLICK HERE](#).
- ◇ Reminder to MTNA members: Have you checked out all the discounts that we now receive as an MTNA member?! Check out the list [HERE](#). Some that I've used recently are Office Depot, Oxford Press, Sheet Music Plus. There are also VERY affordable insurance programs. PLUS, there are a bunch of educational webinars which I've started exploring in depth this summer.

Hope to see you on the 13th.

Stay inspired!

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