



October 1, 2024

Greetings, Colleagues!

I know it's not October yet, but we have some timely information for you. At our first meeting of the year, we introduced several new opportunities which are available to Members and Friends. Complete details and pertinent downloads are on the website at the links provided.

- [50 Days of Practice Olympics](#): We're challenging our students to 50 consecutive days of practice! The goal is merely to encourage students to do something musical for 50 days in a row, and to form a habit. Once you've started your studio Olympics, please let me know how many students are participating so I know how many swag bags and certificates to create for the finish.
  - It was suggested at our meeting that teachers *ALSO* participate in this challenge and then play for each other at a meet-up at the end of the 50 days! What do you think? 😊
- [Student Salons at Senior Centers](#): The first one is December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Heritage of Green Hills. These are all very relaxed performances with no specific repertoire requirements. Holly Altenderfer is point person for this one.
- [ROAD TRIP!](#): We're going to the Kimmel Center in May 24, 2025 to hear [Beethoven's Ninth](#)! Concert time is 7:00 pm. There are only 56 seats available, so sign up ASAP to reserve your spots! This event will also be made available to Yocum teachers and their students. To date we have 18 paid reservations! YAY! *(There have been a few revisions to this information. The MOST CURRENT version is on the website and the download has the date 9.14.24 in the upper left corner.)*

**NEXT BREAKFAST MEET/SHARING SESSION:** Friday October 25, 2025, 9:00 AM at the Yocum Institute, 3000 Penn Ave, West Lawn in Studio 5. TOPIC: Favorite Repertoire! Bring your favorite teaching selections to share with the group! Bring your own beverage, we'll supply snacks. [RSVP HERE](#). This helps me know how many chairs we'll need. (SIDE NOTE: We'd love to hear something other than piano music, too!)

**LOCAL DSPF** Preliminary Adjudications will take place Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at Immanuel UCC in Shillington. Online registration is October 4<sup>th</sup>. Showcase Recital is Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm, also at Immanuel UCC, and is open to the public.

**STATE DSPF, KEYSTONE CONCERTO FESTIVAL AND MTNA STATE PRELIMINARY COMPETITIONS** will take place at Lebanon Valley College, Annville PA on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. **MONITORS are needed** for all events. Please contact me if you are available. I'll be volunteering for both days if anyone wants to join me? If you would, please let me know as I am coordinating this part of the weekend.

### [TEACHER'S CORNER](#)

#### QUESTION(S) OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER ~ DO YOU TEACH HOLIDAY MUSIC?

Do you have favorite authors or titles? Do you hold any special holiday studio events?

This includes ALL upcoming holidays.

Send your comments to [readingmta2020@gmail.com](mailto:readingmta2020@gmail.com).

FOUNDED 1926

RMTA is an affiliate of Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association and Music Teachers National Association.  
RMTA is a 501c3 non-profit educational corporation.

## RANDOM

- ◇ Our friendly community music school, the Yocum Institute for Arts Education, is celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month! They will be holding some celebratory events the weekend of October 18/19/20. Sunday will feature the student ensemble Berks Piano Quartet performing at 2:00 pm, followed by a faculty recital at 3:00 pm. A great afternoon of music!
- ◇ Pianist Pelin Su Yavez, a Berklee Freshman winner of this year's prestigious Fidelity Young Artist Competition, is taking the classical and jazz worlds by storm. [CLICK HERE](#) or [HERE](#) for a listen.
- ◇ Would you like to become a 'FRIEND OF RMTA?' [CLICK HERE](#) for details.
- ◇ For a complete **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**, [CLICK HERE!](#)

Keep dancing!

Millie

[mgeben@mac.com](mailto:mgeben@mac.com);

610-334-4635

[READINGMUSICTEACHERS.ORG](http://READINGMUSICTEACHERS.ORG)

**PASS** *If you know any independent music teachers*  
**IT ON!** *who might not know about RMTA,*  
*please pass this letter on to them.*

*If you prefer NOT receiving these newsletters,  
send an email with the subject "UNSUBSCRIBE"  
to [readingmta2020@gmail.com](mailto:readingmta2020@gmail.com).*



FOUNDED 1926

*RMTA is an affiliate of Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association and Music Teachers National Association.  
RMTA is a 501c3 non-profit educational corporation.*