



Greetings, Colleagues!

Lots of news to share! Grab a cup of java and relax while you read.




November 1, 2024

DSPF was short and sweet this year with only 24 students from 4 teachers. But it's always a treat to hear these young musicians. Our thanks to our judges Jean Kiklikian, piano, and Anna Sallade, voice. Jean is a graduate student of Dr. Maria Asteriadou at Kutztown University. We invited him to participate in Sunday's Student Showcase Recital where he performed Debussy's Pagodes to delight of the audience.




OCTOBER SHARING SESSION topic was 'Favorite Teaching Repertoire,' and the list was lengthy and interesting! You'll find a copy on the ["Teacher's Corner"](#) webpage.

OUR NEXT SHARING SESSION is Friday, December 13, 2025, 9:00 AM at the Yocum Institute, 3000 Penn Ave, West Lawn in Studio 5. The topic is 'Memorization in Music.' **If you'd like to participate in a brief (anonymous) survey on the topic, [CLICK HERE](#). The results will be presented at the meeting as well.** So, everyone bring your own beverage, and a small plate of snacks to share with the group. (Christmas cookies, anyone?) [RSVP HERE](#) if you haven't already done so. This helps me know how many chairs we'll need. 

WELCOME NEW FRIEND OF RMTA! Join me in welcoming **Kay Wadsworth**, piano teacher in Shillington. Glad to have you! Would you like to become a 'FRIEND OF RMTA?' [CLICK HERE](#) for details.

[50 DAYS OF PRACTICE OLYMPICS](#) is underway! I hope you'll all share your ideas to encourage daily music involvement. Here are a few ideas from member Ginny Thorpe:

- Give a tip to a busker (street musician) and tell the busker what instrument you play
- Learn to play "Hot Cross Buns" on a new instrument
- Record yourself playing a piece and send it to your teacher
- Perform a piece for a family member
- Perform a piece on an instrument that is not yours (play on a friend's piano or a guitar at a music store, etc.)
- Send your teacher the title of a piece you heard, liked, and would like to play someday (any genre)
- Watch a YouTube video on how your instrument is made

 At some point, send me the names of your participating students so I can prepare swag bags and certificates. **If you have an estimated number now, I'd appreciate that so I can notify my swag bag suppliers of numbers.**

[STUDENT SALON @SENIOR CENTER:](#) Our first one is Friday, December 13, 7:00-9:00 pm at the [Heritage of Green Hills, 200 Tranquility Lane, Shillington](#). Registration deadline is December 6<sup>th</sup> to [Holly Altenderfer](#). Just shoot her an email saying you'll participate and the amount of time you'll need for your students. Then you'll show up with your crew and manage their performance time. There won't be a printed program for this one as the kids will be playing

during dinner hour as background music while residents come and go. Any type of music is acceptable including duets with teacher!

**TEACHER'S CORNER:** We've received some great responses to the October "Question of the Month" which can be accessed on the Teacher' Corner page. Thanks to our contributors. We'd love to see your ideas in this months' corner.

**QUESTION(S) OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER ~ DO YOU USE ANY MUSIC TECHNOLOGY?**

Do you use any apps or online music services for theory, composition, studio management, play-a-long, etc?  
Send your comments to [readingmta2020@gmail.com](mailto:readingmta2020@gmail.com).

**ROAD TRIP TO HEAR PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA:** To date, 26 seats remain available. Get your reservation and payment in soon. Come January 1<sup>st</sup>, only a payment will reserve your seats.

**NEWS FROM OUR STATE AFFILIATE PMTA:**

- ◇ **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.
- ◇ **HELP WANTED – State DSPF Chair:** PMTA is in need of someone to take over the State DSPF Chair. If you'd like information, contact President Wendy Bachman at [wendybachman@hotmail.com](mailto:wendybachman@hotmail.com)
- ◇ **NEW PMTA EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIP:** PMTA has announced an exciting new program designed to provide financial support for newly established (within 5 years) private music teachers. If you – or someone you know – is new to this profession, please visit the PMTA website for complete details.

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- ◇ Enjoy this beautifully uplifting anthem for humanity entitled "We Overcome the Wind". It's a work for chorale and orchestra by Christopher Tin, and premiered in July 2016 in London. It's sung in Lango, an Ugandan dialect; the lyrics from a rainmaking litany. [LISTEN HERE](#).

Stay inspired!

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