



Greetings, Colleagues!

February 1, 2025

Our next <u>SHARING SESSION</u> is set for Friday, February 14, 9am at the Highlands of Wyomissing, 3000 Cambridge Ave., Wyomissing. Thank you, Rosemary Fraley, for arranging this one. Breakfast paid individually as we'll order from their menu. PAYMENT IS BY CREDIT CARD ONLY. Check-in is no longer required, so upon



arrival, come directly to the dining rooms. We do need a headcount for this one, so please <u>RSVP HERE</u> by February 7<sup>th.</sup> or email me at mgeben@mac.com. **WEATHER NOTE**: If the weather requires us to cancel this event, please check the website for that notice the day prior. I will also email directly those who have RSVP'd.

**ROAD TRIP** TO HEAR PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA: The seats are going! Get your reservation and payment in soon. **Moving forward, only a payment will reserve your seats.** Do take note that my mailing address has changed on the flyer.

DID YOU KNOW....that MTNA offers a TRIAL MEMBERSHIP?! Trial Membership is available to first-time non-members who wish to invest in their professional development. Through June 30, anyone joining MTNA for the first time as a new active member will receive 50% off national dues! The trial membership expires June 30, 2025, at which full dues for the next membership year begins (beginning July 1). JOIN ONLINE HERE! TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

**SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW FRIEND OF RMTA** – Silvia Atmadja! Silvia is a piano teacher in the Douglassville area. A revised membership list will be sent in a separate email to members and friends.

The <u>STUDENT SPRING FESTIVAL</u> is fast approaching. The event is open to members and non-members, and students of all ages, levels and abilities are welcome. In fact, it's a great 'entry level' event for students new to the adjudication experience. Any genre music is acceptable and memorization is not a requirement. Complete details can be found on the website.

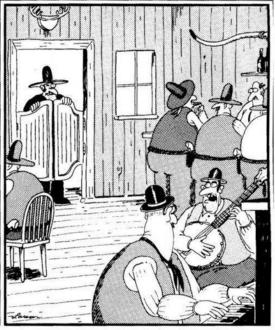
**COLLABORATIVE STUDENT RECITAL OPPORTUNITY:** Local piano teacher Kory Hilpmann is looking for another teacher interested in doing a joint student recital sometime in the spring. Perfect collaborative opportunity for those small studios! If you are interested, drop him an email at <u>koryhilpmann@gmail.com</u>.

## RANDOM . .

- ♦ To stay abreast of events, visit the RMTA website <u>Calendar of Events</u> page. Here's what coming...
  - o Feb 14: Sharing Session @Highlands of Wyomissing
  - Feb 14: Spring Festival Registration Deadline (open to students of non-members, too)
  - Mar 1: Spring Festival Adjudications @Immanuel UCC
  - March 2: Spring Festival Honors Recital @Immanuel UCC. Free and open to the public.

- o Mar 23: Adult Student Afternoon of Music @Holly Altenderfer's Studio
- o Mar 15.16: RMF Merit Scholarship Auditions @Albright College
- o Apr 6: RMF College Scholarship Auditions @Immanuel UCC
- April 26: <u>Partners in Music</u>: Program information is due by April 1. This event is open to members and non-members alike. To date, I've heard from four individuals who plan on participating. A freewill offering will be given to Immanuel UCC as a thank you for allowing us the use of their facilities.
- Artificial intelligence has invaded the music industry on so many levels, revolutionizing the way we make, produce and distribute music. Is it good or bad?? That remains to be seen. Here are some interesting articles on the topic which may help you draw your own conclusions.
  - o Berklee Online: <u>AI Music: What Musicians need to know</u>.
  - o Rolling Stone: <u>Unveiling the Impacts and Disruption of AI on Music Industry Stakeholders</u>
  - Library of Congress: <u>Copyright and Artificial Intelligence</u>. Click on the "Part 1: Digital Replicas" for the first part of their research.
- SUPPORT THE LOCAL MUSIC INDEPENDENT TEACHING COMMUNITY! <u>Become a member of</u> <u>MTNA/PMTA/RMTA!OR Become a Friend of RMTA!</u>

Stay warm and stay inspired! Millie Eben, President RMTA <u>mgeben@mac.com</u>; 610-334-4635 <u>READINGMUSICTEACHERS.ORG</u>



"Bad guy comin' in, Arnie! ... Minor key!"