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Celebrating 100 years!

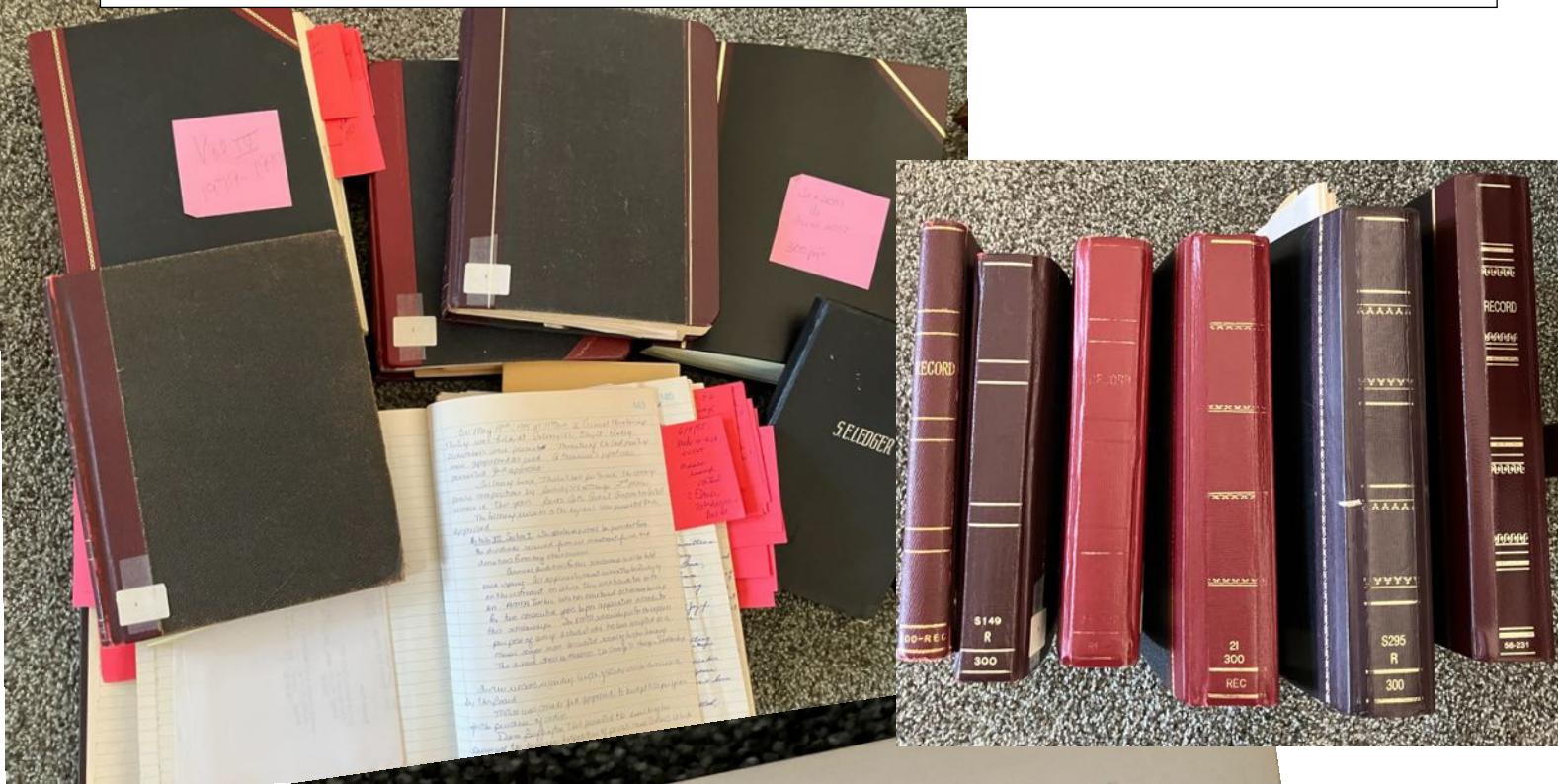
The Second Fifty Years

Photos and memorabilia

PART I



The RMTA Meeting Minutes were handwritten in these binders from 1926 through 2007. From then on, minutes were digitized and kept on thumb drives. The bottom photo is the very first entry done September 3, 1926.



On Friday evening, September 3, 1926,
twenty-five music teachers of Reading met at
the home of George D. Sage 226 S. 8th Street,
for the purpose of forming an organization to
be known as the Music Teachers' Association
of Reading. The purpose of such an organization
would be to raise the position of the music
teaching profession to a higher degree of
public recognition and to afford protection
of the proper rights and interests of those
engaged in the music teaching profession.
Chester Mittell acted as chairman of the
meeting and Margaret Bell Nagle recorded
the minutes.

Mr. Mittell introduced Mr. Sage
who gave a talk on the purpose of such
an organization and that it should stand
for the community. Mr. Sage agreed,
the point that the organization should not be
formed for the purpose of changing individual
methods of teaching but that the members
get together to discuss matters of vital interest
to the profession. Mr. Sage also mentioned
the mixed sex problem, one of the matters
which might be solved by such an organ-
ization. The principal of clubs was discussed
by the members.

logo contest !

RULES AND GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW IN ENTERING CONTEST

WHO MAY ENTER: Any student of RMTA members, age 10 and above
Any teacher who is a member of RMTA

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 1983

SIZE to be submitted: $\frac{1}{4}$ the size of a regular $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ sheet of white paper, equal to $4\frac{1}{4} \times 5$

TENK: India or black felt tip (fine point). Design must have defined lines so logo can be enlarged or reduced by a printer, and workable for other uses such as seals, stationery.

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY TO: Ms. Rosemary Fraley
1753 York Road
Colony Park
Wyomissing, PA 19610

ENCLOSE WITH YOUR ENTRY: your name, phone number, teacher's name and phone number - in a sealed envelope. Entries will be coded and this envelope opened after judging has been completed.

JUDGING WILL take place the first weekend in November and the WINNER ANNOUNCED at the RMTA recital following. Judges will include an art teacher, professional printer and two members of the RMTA.

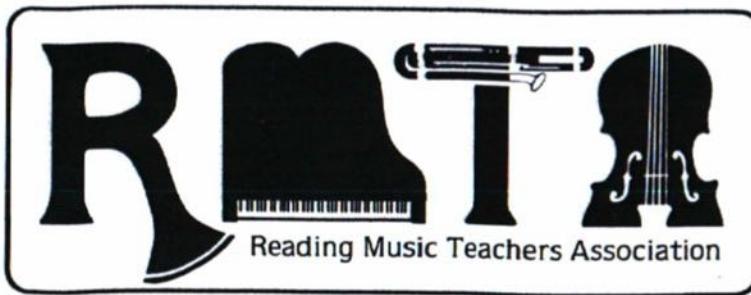
PRIZE: \$25.00 for the winner
Honorable mentions and certificates f

TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE:

You may enter also. Do encourage your students to enter the contest. It is very important that we have a variety of logos from which to choose.

If you have further questions, please call any member of the logo committee:

Jane Pflieger, Chairman
Home: 926-4770
Office: 372-7876



Reading Music Teachers Association Student Recital

Sunday, February 19, 1984

3:00 P.M.

Alvernia College Auditorium

First recital program to feature
the new RMTA logo!

TEACHERS PARTICIPATING ARE:

David Bilger
Dorinne Bilger
Marie Comfort
Penny Delp
Alma Dundore
Miriam Heisler
Joybelle Hocutt

Elizabeth Homan
Doris Ketner
Grace Mease
Sister Mercylle
James Michael
Kathryn Schiffner
Anne Weiser

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MUSIC LESSONS — By RMTA TEACHERS

PIANO

Dorinne Bilger	777-0062
Dorothy Brown	582-8878
Diane Buffington	(717) 366-1006
Marie Comfort	779-4354
Phyllis Coolic	478-1363
Theresa Eaman	678-0634
JoAnne Earnest	370-2565
Millie Eben	370-1433
Nancy Edison	562-7972
Cedric Elmer	374-1857
Rosemary Fraley	678-8719
Annette Freeze	286-6617
Ellen Hart	779-7555
Melanie Hartman	562-0247
Miriam Heisler	374-2904
Elizabeth Homan	373-8759
Pearl Kahler	678-7221
Doris Ketner	929-0388
Sheny Lenich	775-5165
Marie Mailie	777-9675
Jean Marburger	373-5941
Grace Mease	373-1934
Audrey Michael	678-1164
Thelma Miller	373-6887
Dorothy Olson	375-4786
Holly Parker	775-1747
Kathryn Schiffner	372-1668
Nancy Smolinski	375-3191
Susan Zelinsky	373-8009
Elizabeth Zug	678-8803

BAND INSTRUMENTS

John Edison	562-7972
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CELLO

Kathleen Embriani	929-3298
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CLARINET & SAXOPHONE

Jill Haley	370-1679
James Michael	678-1164

FLUTE & PICCOLO

Dorothy Brown	582-8878
Jill Haley	370-1679
Cynthia Miller-Angst	567-3462
Ann Weiser	385-6341

OBOE

Jill Haley	370-1679
Kim Webster	777-5049

ORGAN

Nancy Edison	562-7972
Elizabeth Homan	373-8759
Jean Marburger	373-5941
Audrey Michael	678-1164

VIOLA

Dorothy Allyn	775-5885
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VIOLIN

Dorothy Allyn	775-5885
Gloria Ballamy	689-5890
Marie Griffith	678-9689

VOICE

Diane Buffington	(717) 366-1006
Jeanette Eways	670-2175
Rosemary Fraley	678-8719
Holly Parker	775-3747
Daii Richie	374-3280
Kathryn Schiffner	372-3668

RMTA
 Reading Music Teachers Association

1991: Ad in the Reading Eagle.
 Cost shared with Young's Music Store

This was when we could afford newspaper ads in the Reading Eagle.

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TEACHERS RECITAL
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1994 at 2:00 P.M.
 AT CHRIST CHURCH — UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Kutztown Road & Euclid Avenue, Temple

Performers Include:

Elizabeth & Roy Hinkle • David & Dorinne Bilger • Linda Livingood
 • Dawn Krumanocker • Robert Swanger • Joann Earnest • Gloria Ballamy • Dorothy Allyn • Jan Dixon • Annette Freeze.

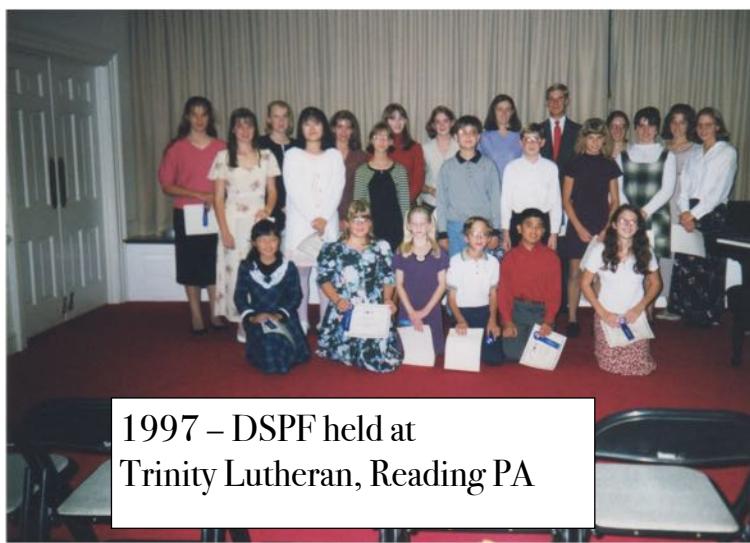
Proceeds Benefit the George Haage Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Free Will Offering

STUDENT EVENTS



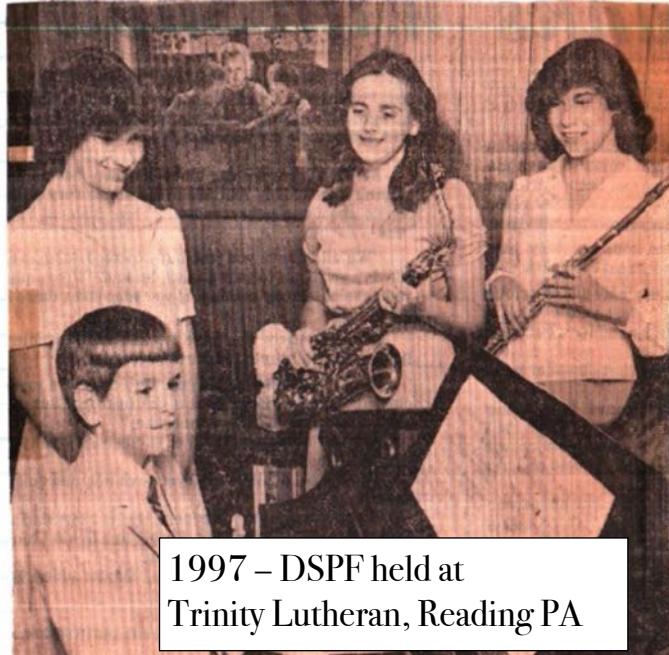
1997 - Baroque Dance Workshop held at Christ Church-United Church of Christ, Temple PA



1997 - DSPF held at Trinity Lutheran, Reading PA



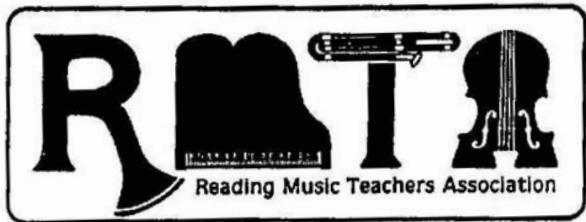
1998 - Students Original Composition Contest Winners Recital held at YMCA Recital Hall, Reading PA Reading PA



1997 - DSPF held at Trinity Lutheran, Reading PA



2014 - DSPF Showcase Recital at Community Evangelical Church, Sinking Spring



Reading, Pennsylvania

Founded 1926

presents

"Afternoon of Music"

and

1995 Composition Awards

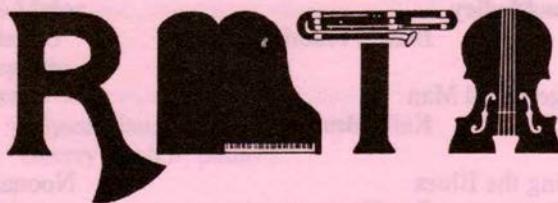
2:00 Sunday afternoon March 19, 1995
Albright College Center for the Arts
Reading, Pennsylvania

Teachers participating in today's program:

* Co-Directors

Debra Bemiller
Maki Chen
Millie Eben
Kelli Fusaro
Pearl Kahler
*Grace Mease
Dorothy Olson

Diane Buffington
Mike Eben
Linda Ebersole
Ellen Hart
Doris Ketner
*Betty McElroy



READING MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

- presents -

STUDENT "POPS" RECITAL

Sunday March 10, 1991
Alvernia College
Francis Hall
3 p.m.

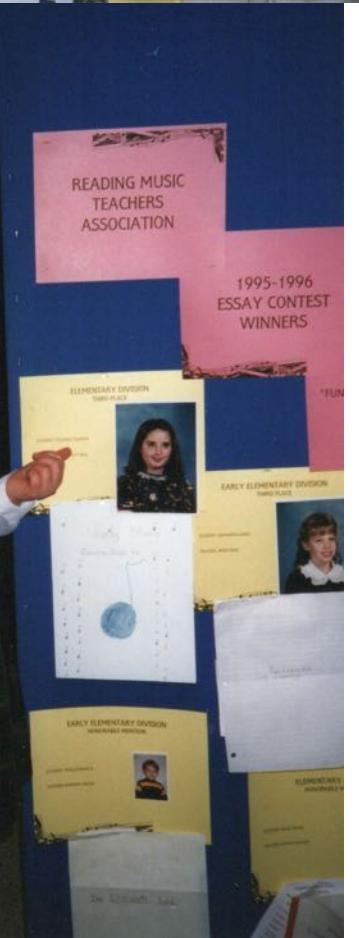


PARTICIPATING RMTA MEMBERS:

Mike Eben	Pearl Kahler
Millie Eben	Sherry Lenich
Rosemary Fraley	Audrey Michael
Lesley Hart	Jim Michael
Miriam Heisler	Holly Parker
Roy Hinkle	Anne Weiser
Elizabeth Homan	



Playathon for Make-a-Wish Foundation - 1996



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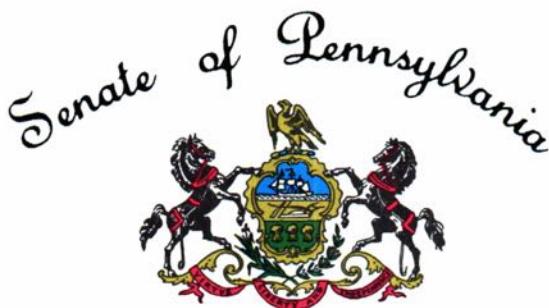


March 23, 1996

Playathon to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southeastern Pennsylvania

Held at Berkshire Mall

Proclamation from Senator Mike O'Pake.



HARRISBURG, PA.

Congratulations

In the Senate, March 12, 1996

Whereas, Members of the Reading Music Teachers Association are commemorating the Seventieth Anniversary of their organization by sponsoring a benefit Playathon March 23, 1996. On that date more than four hundred students of association members are giving generously of their time and talent to perform solo and in ensemble for nearly twelve hours at three locations in the Berkshire Mall. All donations received will be turned over to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Through this year's Playathon, then, the members of the Reading Music Teachers Association are able to offer their students performance experience, enable the public to enjoy good music, and help a charitable organization bring a measure of happiness and hope to children who are experiencing serious medical difficulties.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates the members of the Reading Music Teachers Association for their professional leadership in music education, their high standards of musical integrity, and their neighborly commitment to helping the less fortunate through -- among other activities -- their sponsorship of the annual Playathon;

And directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Michael A. O'Pake, be transmitted to Rosemary Fraley, President, Reading Music Teachers Association c/o the Berkshire Mall, Reading, Pennsylvania.



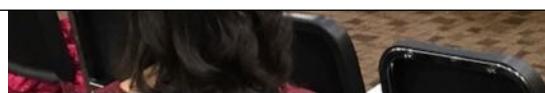
Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark R. Corrigan".

Mark R. Corrigan, Secretary



2015: Spring Performance Festival Honors Recitals at Albright College

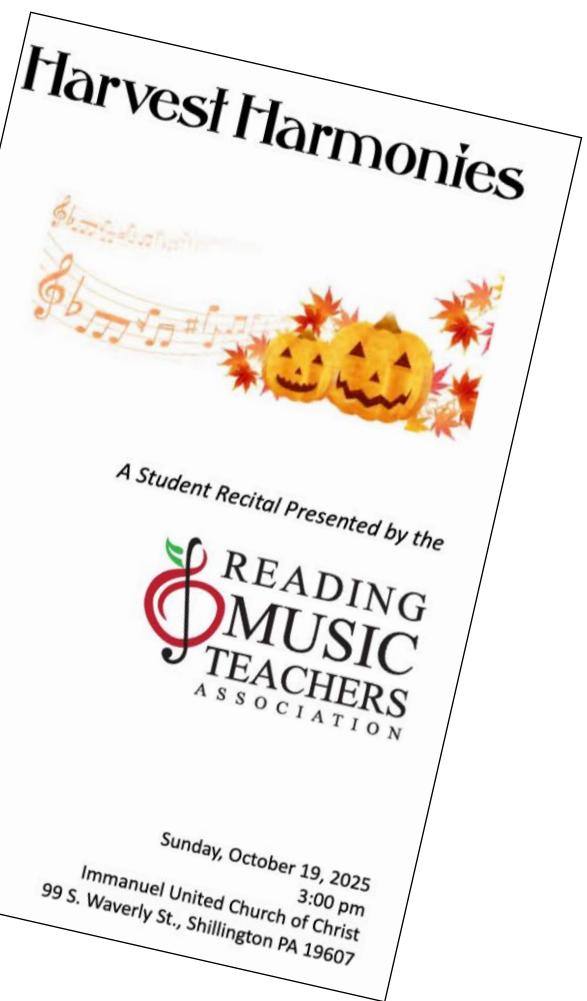


2024: Partners in Music Community Recital
Immanuel UCC, Shillington



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2025-2026 EVENTS



PROGRAM

Come Thou Almighty King	Felipe de Giardini	Für Elise	Ludwig van Beethoven
Nina and Amanda Hornberger, piano		Angelina Borelli, piano	
Come See the Parade	Nancy/Randall Faber	Come By the Hills	Gaelic, arr. Christine Donkin
Charlotte Chung, piano		Everly Heins, voice	
Give Me a Kite	Andy Beck	Sonatina Op.36, No.1, Mvt 1 (Allegro)	Muzio Clementi
Liam Plourde, voice		Rain Forest Rhapsody	Carol Matz
Polovtsian Dance	Alexander Borodin, arr. Faber	Ishanvi Manojkumar, piano	
Amy Borelli, piano			
Trumpet Tune	William Duncombe	Piano Man	Billy Joel, arr. Riley Butler
Sophie Chung, piano		Riley Butler, piano/voice/harmonica	
Foreign Lands	Katie O'Connor-Ballantine		
Aria Pabst, voice			
Sonatina in C Major	William Duncombe		
Ava Chung, piano			
Fireside Reverie	Martha Mier		
Rolan McNabb, piano			
I Love All Graceful Things	Eric Thiman		
Zara Hart, voice			
French Doll	William Gillock		
Café Français	Jonathan Maiocco		
Danielle Smith, piano			
Écossaise	Ludwig van Beethoven		
Evening Elegy	Randall Hartsell		
Julia Traffas, piano			

PARTICIPATING TEACHERS

Holly Altenderfer
 Carla Buterbaugh
 Millie Eben
 Sandy Sittler
 Lisa Speece

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Jazz/Pops recital

Composition Contest
recital

SPACE SAVED

Partners Recital

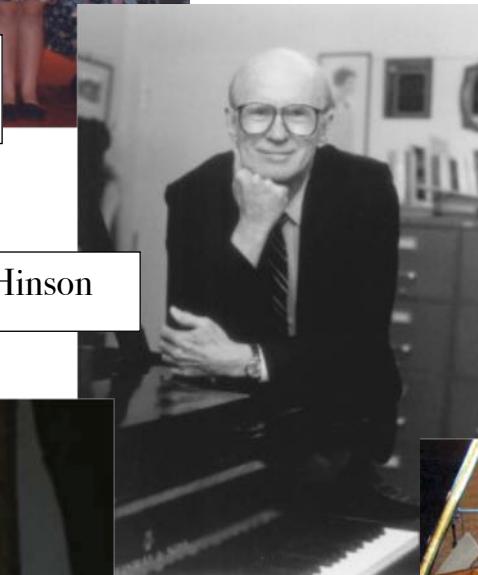
GUEST ARTISTS & LECTURERS



1995: Composer Robert Bruce with composition contest winners



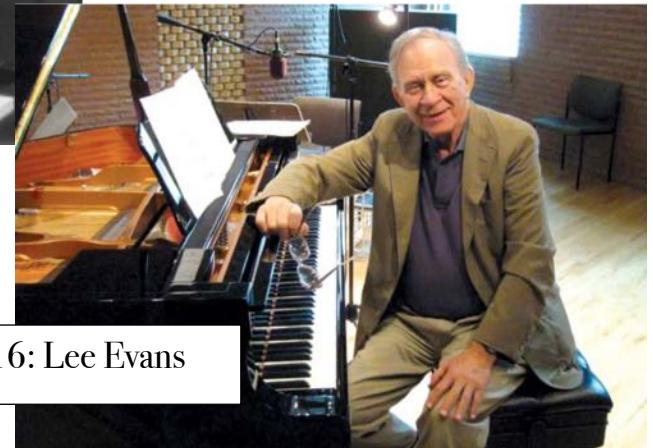
1986: Sam Holland



2016: Maurice Hinson



2001/2004/2007: Dennis Kobray, composer impersonator



2016: Lee Evans



2018: Daniel Immel, piano



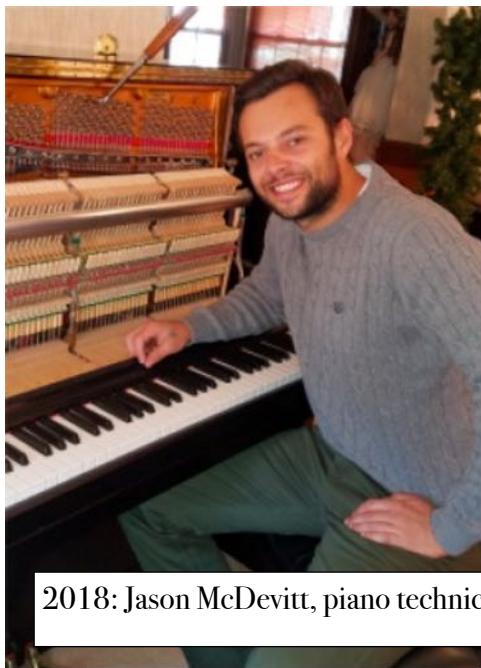
Dennis Alexander, piano/composer



2004: Martha Mier, piano/composer



2018: Emily Lanza, copyright attorney



2018: Jason McDevitt, piano technician



2018: Jacqueline Herbein, wellness workshops at The Highlands





2002: Marvin Blickenstaff, piano
Teacher workshops and student
masterclass at The Highlands



2022: Marvin Blickenstaff, piano
Teacher workshops at Yocom Institute

other photos in no particular order...



2000: Dottie Olson, Maki Chen, Kathy Herber in Rosemary Fraley's garden. A going away party for Dottie.



1994: Scenic River Days
Along the Schuylkill River in Reading



Circa 1980: (Left to right) Pearl Kahler, Marie Comfort, Sister Mercylle, Doris Ketner, Angela Ganster



1982: Berks Humanities Days at Grings Mill



Pearl Kahler, Thelma Kocher, Sister Mercylle



Gloria Ballamy, Miriam Heisler, Sister Mercylle