



1926-2026
Celebrating 100 years!

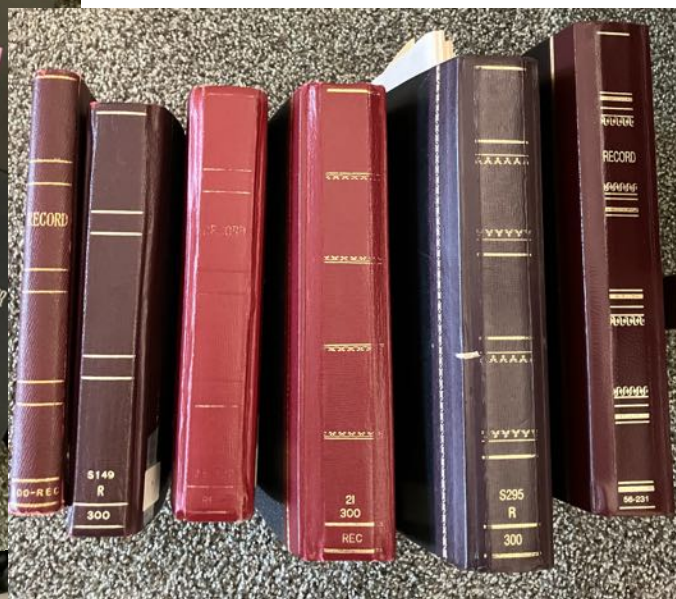
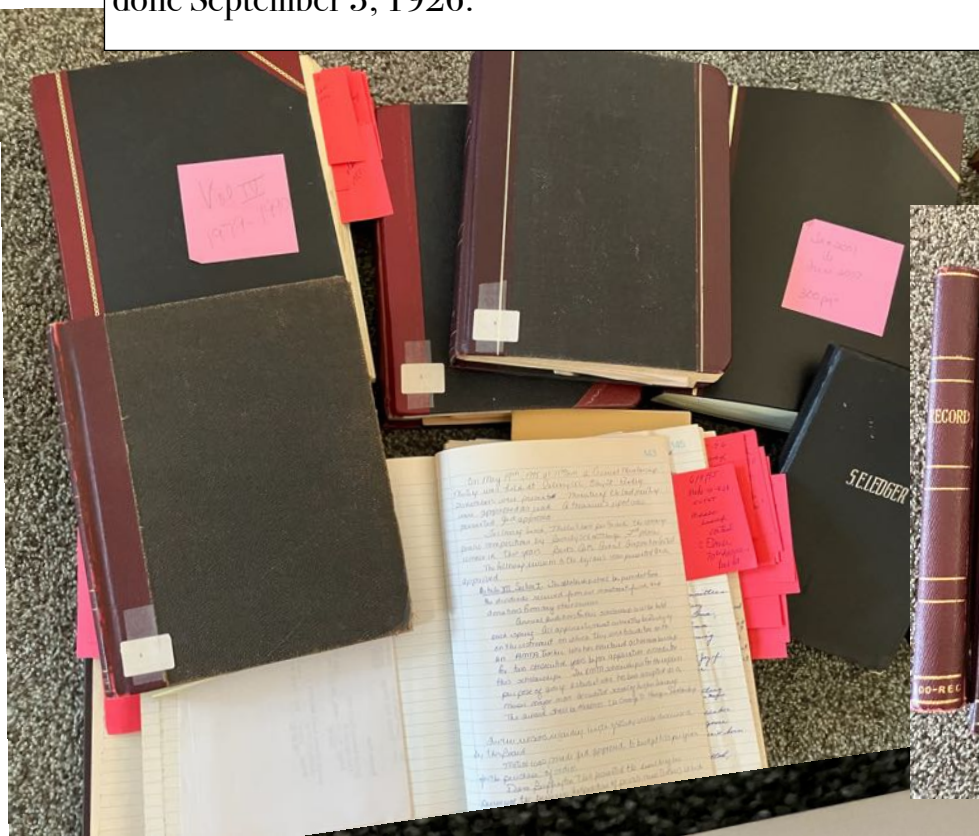
The Second Fifty Years

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.



9.3.1926

On Friday evening, September 3, 1926, twenty-five music teachers of Reading met at the home of George D. Haage, 226 S. 1st 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 Zell Haage recorded the minutes.

Mr. Mittell introduced Mr. Haage who gave a talk on the purpose of such an organization and what it should stand for in the community. Mr. Haage stressed 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. Haage also mentioned the mixed race problem, one of the matters which might be solved by such an organization. The principal of ethics 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 $4\frac{1}{4} \times 5$

TNK: 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.

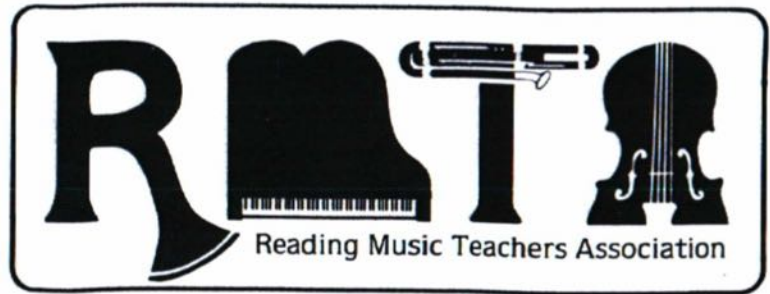
PRIZE: \$25.00 for the winner
Honorable mentions and certificates for

TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE:

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You may enter also. Do encourage your student
contest. It is very important that we have a
have ample logos from which to choose.

If you have further questions, please call any 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	286-4417
Ellen Hart	779-7555
Melanie Hartman	562-0247
Miriam Heisler	374-2904
Elizabeth Homan	373-8759
Pearl Kahler	678-7221
Doris Ketner	929-0388
Sherry Lenich	775-5165
Marie Maille	777-9675
Jean Marburger	373-5941
Grace Mease	373-1934
Audrey Michael	678-1164
Theima Miller	373-6887
Dorothy Olson	375-9786
Holly Parker	775-3747
Kathryn Schiffner	372-3668
Nancy Smolinski	375-3191
Susan Zelinsky	373-8009
Elizabeth Zug	678-8803

CLARINET & SAXOPHONE

Jill Haley	370-1679
James Michael	678-1164

FLUTE & PICCOLO

Dorothy Brown	582-8878
Jill Haley	370-1679
Cynthia Miller-Aungst	987-3462
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
Dal Richie	374-3280
Kathryn Schiffner	372-3668

BAND INSTRUMENTS

John Edison	562-7972
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CELLO

Kathleen Embriani	929-3298
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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.

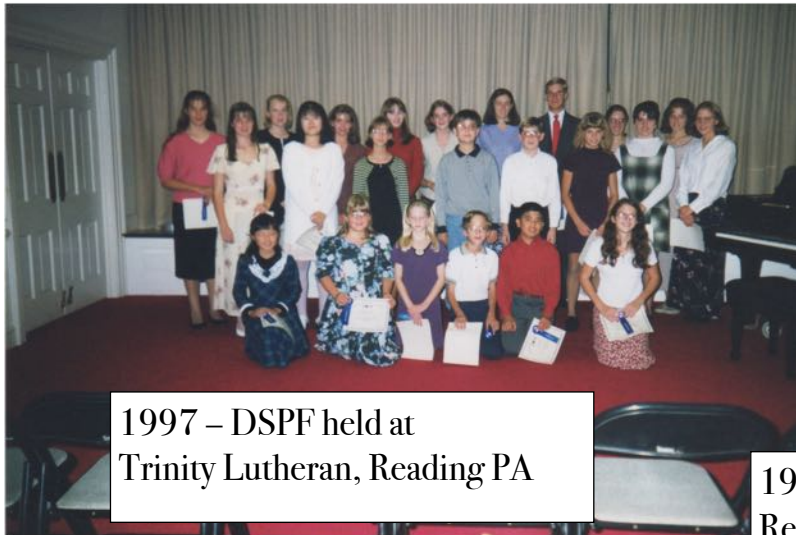
Proceeds Benefit the George Haage Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Free Will Offering

STUDENT EVENTS



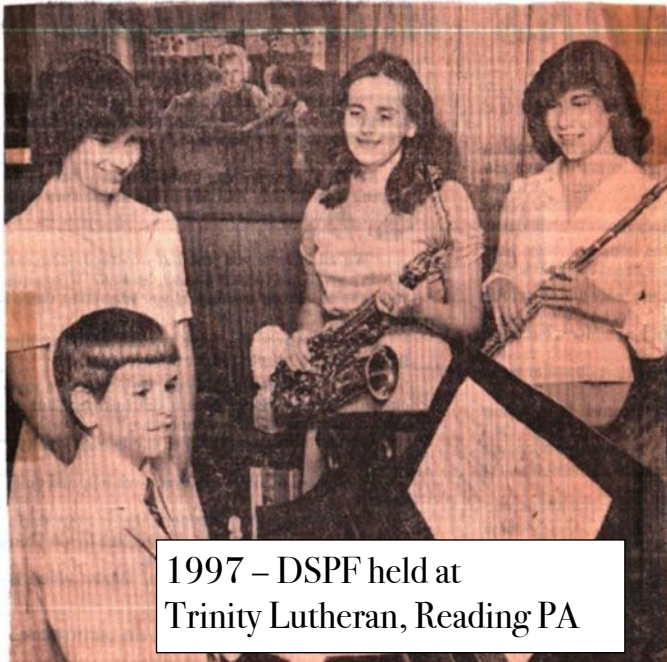
1997 - Baroque Dance Workshop held at Christ Church-United Church of Christ, Temple PA



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

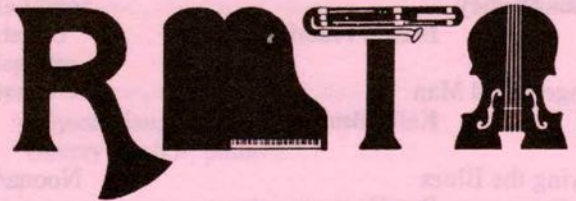
"Afternoon of Music" and 1995 Composition Awards

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

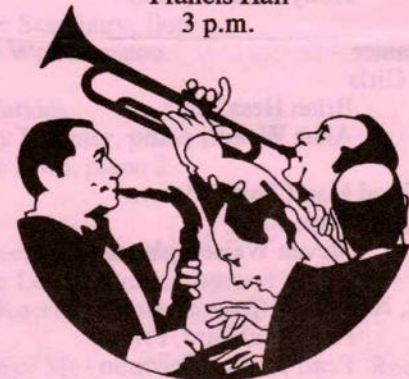


READING MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

- *presents* -

STUDENT "POPS" RECITAL

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



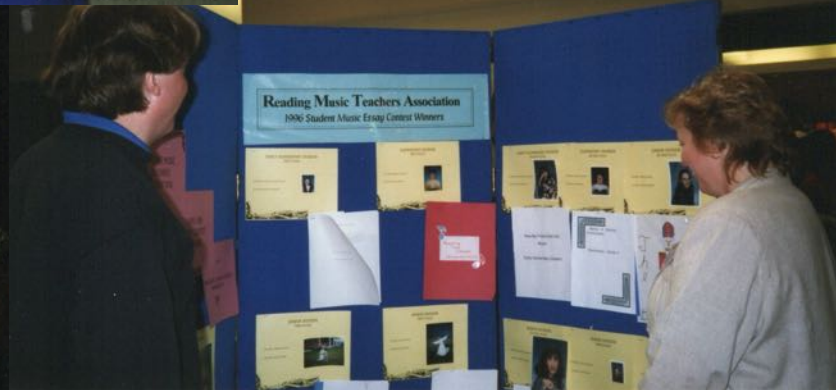
PARTICIPATING RMTA MEMBERS:

Mike Eben
Millie Eben
Rosemary Fraley
Lesley Hart
Miriam Heisler
Roy Hinkle
Elizabeth Homan

Pearl Kahler
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Audrey Michael
Jim Michael
Holly Parker
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Playathon for Make-a-Wish Foundation - 1996



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March 23, 1966

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

Held at Berkshire Mall

Proclamation from Senator Mike O'Pake.

Senate of Pennsylvania



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 R. 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, reading "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
Nina and Amanda Hornberger, piano

Come See the Parade Nancy/Randall Faber
Charlotte Chung, piano

Give Me a Kite Andy Beck
Liam Plourde, voice

Polovtsian Dance Alexander Borodin, arr. Faber
Amy Borelli, piano

Trumpet Tune William Duncombe
Sophie Chung, piano

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

Für Elise Ludwig van Beethoven
Angelina Borelli, piano

Come By the Hills Gaelic, arr. Christine Donkin
Everly Heins, voice

Sonatina Op.36, No.1, Mvt 1 (Allegro) Muzio Clementi
Rain Forest Rhapsody Carol Matz
Ishanvi Manojkumar, piano

Piano Man Billy Joel, arr. Riley Butler
Riley Butler, piano/voice/harmonica

PARTICIPATING TEACHERS

Holly Altenderfer
Carla Buterbaugh
Millie Eben
Sandy Sittler
Lisa Speece

2025-2026 EVENTS

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



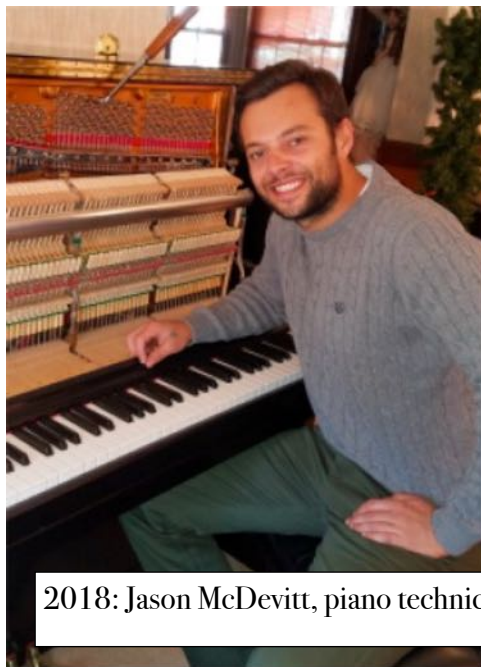
Dennis Alexander, piano/composer



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 Yocum 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



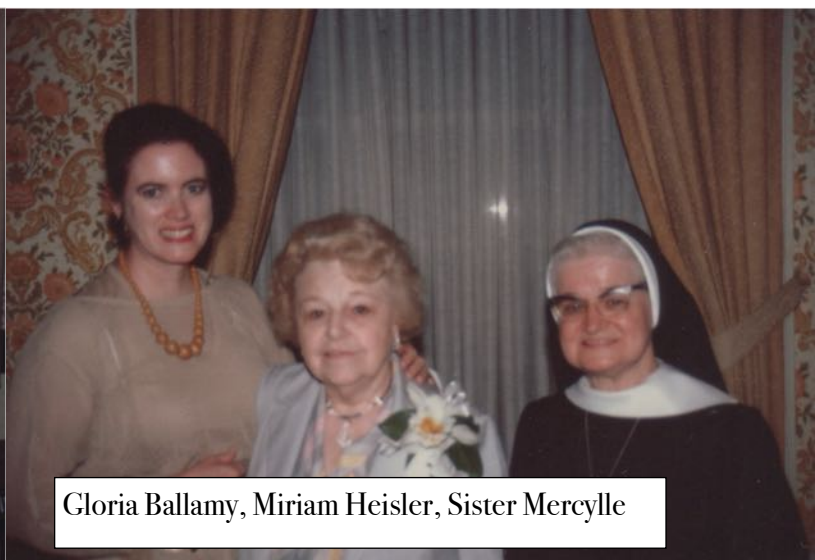
Circa 1980: (Left to right) Pearl Kahler, Marie Comfort, Sister Mercylle, Doris Ketner, Angela Ganster



1982: Berks Humanities Days at Grings Mill



Pearl Kahler, Thelma Kocher, Sister Mercylle



Gloria Ballamy, Miriam Heisler, Sister Mercylle