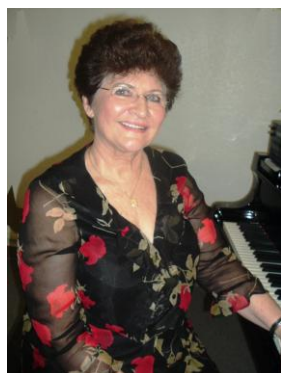




PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Welcome to the 2008-2009 season with its many activities. I would like to thank the PMTA Board for providing me the opportunity to attend the 2008 MTNA Conference in Denver. The four days were motivating with workshops and quality programs. The main attraction was the concert with guest artist Lang Lang.

Please read carefully the entire 2008-2009 Yearbook, which includes information, dates, places and registration forms. You can also view the information online at: www.phoenixmusicteachers.org. Many thanks to Liz Owens for preparing the yearbook and to Genny Rafferty for updating the website. We appreciate the generosity of Denny Coiro in granting the use of Washburn Piano Store in Goodyear and the continued support from Bill Lester at Hermans& Sons store in Scottsdale. We now have an additional place for general meetings, recitals and Piano Ensemble rehearsals.

I encourage you to attend our meetings to support your teaching and have the opportunity to communicate with colleagues. Set a goal this year to enter your students in events. BRAVO and thanks to those of you who are already involved! Our success is the result of each person’s effort and enthusiasm. The Fall is a good time to make a commitment to PMTA.

I look forward to seeing all members at our meetings and anticipate a worthwhile year devoted to musical advancement.

Irene Kuniski

PMTA Board of Directors 2007-2008

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57TH ANNUAL PIANO ENSEMBLE

The 57th Annual Piano Ensemble will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at Central High School. A variety of wonderful music selections have been chosen and are available at Central Music and Music and Arts Center. Rehearsals will be held at Herman and Sons Piano Store in Scottsdale and Washburn Piano Store in Avondale.



The Ensemble committee is pleased to announce that this year's commissioned piece is *Southwest Landscapes*, a three movement suite written by **Melody Bober**. Ms. Bober will be in attendance at this year's ensemble concert, as well as the ensemble rehearsals to meet the students and teachers. Melody Bober will also be presenting a full workshop on Friday, February 20 from 9:00-12:30 at the Hilton Garden Inn. This workshop is presented by Alfred Publishing Company and Central Music.

We hope you plan on attending the Piano Ensemble Reading Session on **Thursday, September 18, 2008**. The workshop will be held at 9:30 at Herman and Sons Piano Store- 15600 N. Scottsdale Rd. This is an invaluable meeting for all teachers planning on placing students in ensemble. Hear all music selections performed live by our wonderful volunteer teachers while you look over copies of the music, meet the conductors to hear their practice and performance suggestions and purchase cd's or disks of this year's selections. If you have never participated in ensemble, but would like to know more about it, this is the meeting you need to attend. All

committee members will be available to answer all your questions.

On behalf of the ensemble committee, we look forward to another great year of working with the teachers and students who help create this unique and special experience.

Sincerely,
Susan Shiner
Rita Quay
Co- Chairpersons PMTA Piano Ensemble

CERTIFICATION

CONGRATULATIONS to Genny Rafferty, for receiving MTNA Certification! Hopefully this will inspire other members to complete their certification process. PMTA always looks forward to new potential candidates!



What is Professional Certification? The MTNA web page states: "Certification is a process that validates an individual's qualifications for a specific field of professional practice. It demonstrates to employers, clients and peers what the individual knows and is able to do. It signifies commitment of continued excellence in professional practice."

Certification opportunities include:

- 1) PMTA budget of \$500 for certification. \$100 per member for the first five members completing certification.
- 2) \$1000 grant opportunity provided by Technicians Guild Foundation for nationally certified teachers of music
- 3) ASP Janice McCurnin National Certification Grant Program to provide fee recovery to ASP teachers.

I will be happy to assist any member in applying for these grants.

Consider attending the Sharing Plus meeting, October 23, at my home (check Yearbook Calendar for details) when Certification highlights will be presented. Bring your questions!

Rosmary A. Stelmach
PMTA Certification Chair

IMPORTANT DATES YEARBOOK 2008-2009

www.PhoenixMusicTeachers.org

September 11, 2008

Please join us for our first meeting, meet the PMTA Board. Enjoy the performance of the students that attended NAU summer music camp

September 18

Piano Ensemble Reading: Repertoire for 2009

September 25

Sharing Plus-
The Revised Arizona Study Program Questions and answers on the new workbook program



October 2

Performance Plus

Meet teachers, listen or perform in a relaxed non-judgmental atmosphere

October 9

General Meeting – Washburn in Goodyear

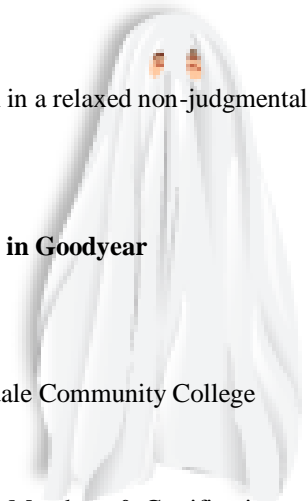
Presenter: Stella Saperstein

October 18

Students Recital Series: Glendale Community College

October 23

Sharing Plus: Welcoming New Members & Certification Highlights



November 1-2

Fall Festival – Herman & Sons-Scottsdale

November 6

Performance Plus – Jo Ann Smelser

November 13

General Meeting- Herman & Sons-Scottsdale
Presenter; Dr. Baruch Meir

November 15

Sunday Recital Series –Herman& Sons -Scottsdale

November 22

Vocal Students Recital – Herman& Sons-Scottsdale



December 4

Performance Plus – Pamela Joy Smith

December 6

Music at the Mall –
PV Mall; Metro Center

December 11

General Meeting- Washburn-Goodyear
Charlene Zundel -TCW Resources & Friday Quartet

December 13

Student Recital Series-Glendale Community College



ASP COMMITTEE NEWS

The ASP committee has been working hard this summer revising the workbooks for all levels. Fran Kaspar, ASP state chair, has been doing the computer work and Bobbi Stoutenburgh, Pam Smith, Gail Chang and myself and have been proofreading and adding our comments. It's a lot of work! With luck, we hope to have 1-8 done by the end of August and 9-12 by the end of September. (There are only minor changes/corrections in 1-6 since those were done last year.) **The '09 tests will be based on the 2008 workbooks.**

The Vocal program will go through level 6 this year. If you have any questions, please contact Joy Baber.

The Teachers' Guide will be updated, along with the answer books and other materials. Hopefully, most of the workbooks you need will be ready by our first meeting in September. If you want to use workbooks from previous years, make sure you note the differences for your students.

A few dates to remember:

- November 1 Student Enrollment Form due
- February 15 End of late enrollment
- February 15 Student Program Forms for levels 5-12 due
- March 1 Application deadline for the McCurnin Teacher and Certification Grants
- **April 24 and 25 ASP Evaluations at AZ Piano and Scottsdale CC**

2008 PMTA STATISTICS

Teachers participating: 53

Level 4 awards: 44

Students enrolled: 450 Level 8 Awards: 17

100 in Theory: 32 Level 12 Awards: 15

Superiors: 255

Teachers with students receiving the James R. Anthony Senior Award for completing Level 12A:

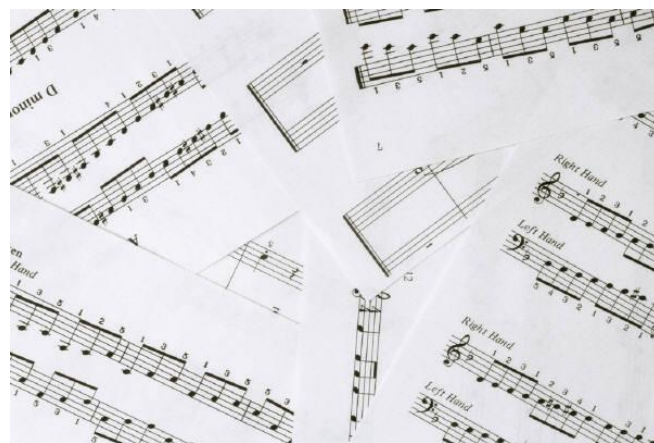
Larry Clapp (Sean Colonna); Dorothy Dungan (Cherie' Bates, Allison Villa); Eleanor Johnson (Kate Larsen); Irene Kuniski (Vivian Chyan, Kev in Yang); Sherry Lenich (Lauren Meiss); Rosmary Stelmach (Sam Russell, Greg Peairs); Sharon Stevens (Georgia Lincoln, Sara Mohkami , Steven Schaefer, Madalyn Suiter); Bobbi Stoutenburgh (Kristin Liang, Mengyuan Qiu).

Adjudicators: Evonne Beattie, Mandy Bopp, Gail Chang, Dean Elder, Tanya Eldridge, Emily Helvey, Carol Hill, Snezana Krstic, Diane Legge, Sherry Lenich, Garnet Mallery, Andy O'Brien, Carol Sue Rickel, Georgia Sears, Barbara Spoelman, Radmila Stojanovic, Natalya Ghran, Sara Turley, Ruth Yandell

If you have any questions about the program, please attend the Sharing Plus meeting in September.

Sincerely,

Carol Hill and Bobbi Stoutenburgh
PMTA - ASP co-chairmen



FALL FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION ETUDES AND PRELUDES



This year's Fall Festival and Competition will give students the opportunity to be adjudicated performing etudes and preludes before a judge in a private audition. Each student will receive a written critique and a gold, silver, bronze medal, or a participant's ribbon. A recital of the Gold Medal winners and awards ceremony will be held the day following the auditions.

The Fall Festival is scheduled as follows:

AUDITIONS: November 1, 2008. Herman and Sons, Scottsdale

GOLD MEDAL RECITAL: November 2, 2008. 2:30 p.m. at Herman and Sons, Scottsdale

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 10, 2008

General Information and the required repertoire list will be in the 2008 PMTA Notebook which will be distributed at our first meeting, September 11, 2008.

The selections for **List 1** may not be changed; however, some of the tempi requirements of the Czerny will be acceptable at a lower tempo than indicated on most scores as long as the spirit of the selection stays is not obscured. To quote one of the editors of the Czerny-Germer: "...the student who is able to play them well at about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the indicated tempi is to be congratulated."

If you have an etude or a prelude that is not on **List 2**, please contact Dean Elder (deanelder@aol.com) and me (bobbist@cox.net) for approval.

If you have any further questions, please call me (602-439-2024).

Barbara Stoutenburgh
Chairman, Fall Festival 2008



If you haven't seen the website lately, particularly the referral service pages do check it out! You'll see logos/contact information for some of our area stores. These stores are helping to defray our referral service advertising expenses, making it possible to reduce your referral service sign-up fee to \$15. There will be more businesses displayed in the near future!

Teachers may renew their referral service listing either online at www.phoenixmusicteachers.org or by mailing a check, made out to "PMTA", to Peggy Rostron, 2346 E. Evans Dr., Phoenix AZ 85022. After Oct. 1, teachers who haven't renewed will be removed from the referral service list. Teachers may join at any time during the year by going to the Members page on our website, or by filling out and mailing the written form of the new Yearbook to Peggy Rostron.

Direct questions about the referral service to Peggy (602-482-1438, p.rostron@cox.net)

Help us support our sponsors; if someone asks where to buy an instrument, send them to our site, and have them click on the links to these stores!



PMTA extends a warm welcome to all of its new members and reinstating members! We are looking forward to your participation in PMTA activities and programs. To continue the 2008-2009 membership privileges including the listing in the State Directory dues must be received by the State and Local from National by September 1, 2008. To date there are 128 active 2008-2009 PMTA members.

Dues are delinquent sixty days beyond the renewal date of July 1, 2008, after which time members are not in good standing or entitled to any of the privileges of membership until dues are paid for the current membership year. All Committee Chairpersons and administrative positions are asked to confirm the validity of current paid membership for participation in any PMTA activity. You may e-mail to verify your membership status. New and reinstated members, please be sure to check out our new volunteer page on the PMTA website, <http://www.phoenixmusicteachers.org/volunteer.html>. In the coming weeks and months there will be numerous volunteer opportunities. Make the most of your PMTA membership by getting involved!

Looking forward to another great year in PMTA,
Genny Rafferty, NCTM
PMTA Membership Chair
E-mail: raffertyhouse@msn.com

ATTENTION ALL VOCAL TEACHERS



We will have two recitals this year for vocal students.

The dates are Saturday, November 22 and Saturday, March 28. We are trying to

involve more teachers and more students.

The fall date will accommodate those students who plan to participate in spring musical productions and competitions in Valley schools, as well as those who have expressed an interest in performing more often.

We are revising our repertoire list and working on an evaluation form for those students interested in participating in an evaluation/competition experience. Call or E mail Betty Campbell, vocal chairperson at bjcamp4@msn.com for more information.



Blame it on Clara!

If you don't like to memorize music, you can blame Clara Schumann. She started the trend of performing from memory back in the 1800s.

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

Dear PMTA,

Thank you very much for choosing me for the Curry Summer Music Camp scholarship. I attended the junior camp only once, and I can say the camp is the best. The teachers are excellent and the different advice is helpful. During the camp I performed twice, a solo and a duet. I look forward to next ~~at~~ ^{year} senior camp again. Thank you once more for the scholarship.

Sincerely,
Catherine Lane

PMTA committee,

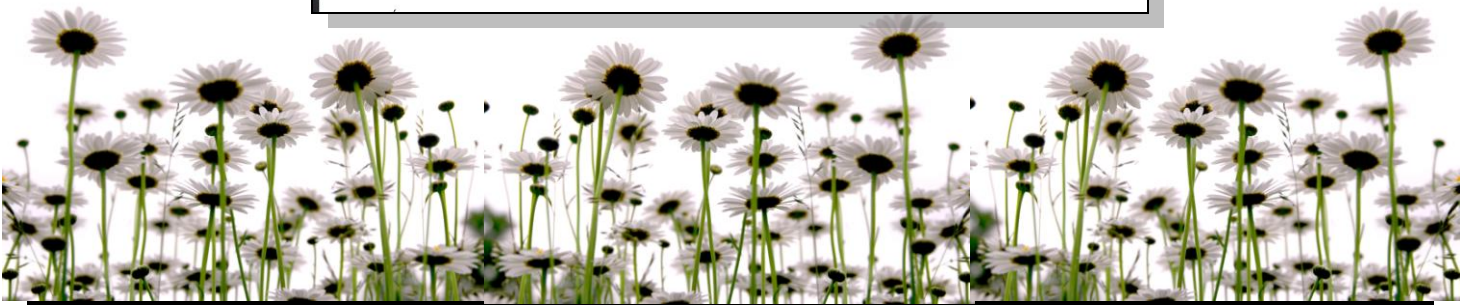
Thank you so much for encouraging my willingness to learn and enjoy music. I have learned very much from attending NAU music camp. I feel I have improved a noticeable amount in both piano and flute. This was a great opportunity and I appreciate the support you have given. I know you will continue supporting students who have let music into their lives.

~KATARINA LEE


September 2, 2008

I wish to thank you for the \$200 scholarship I so generously received from the PMTA to attend the Curry Music Camp at NAU this summer. Not only was I able to afford getting in; I was able to take private piano lessons! I cannot express my thanks enough, and words cannot do the experience I had justice. In short, let me tell you that I am very grateful for the opportunity you allowed me, and that I won't soon forget the experience I was able to have.

Sincerely,
Justin Hack



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Co-editors: Irene Kuniski – President;
Susan Traylor - Corresponding Secretary

