



**PMTA Board of Directors
2008 - 2009**

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President's Message

As my term as PMTA President ends, I wish to thank you for your support these past two years. I accepted this position with fear, yet with your encouragement, it has been an unforgettable experience. I have grown, learned many lessons, and appreciate your valuable friendship.



Attending meetings, getting involved, and listening to the pros and cons have made me a better teacher. I have learned to improve my students' performances. Their parents are proud and have become more involved.

I want especially to thank the Board for their support and advice and the committees and chairpersons for the many hours they have spent organizing programs. I also want to thank the administrative positions who are no less important than other positions when it comes to giving knowledge and time.

Thanks also to State programs such as the Arizona Study Program, which strongly impacts music teaching and gives students a firm foundation in musical

theory. Over 500 students in PMTA participate in this program.

I strongly suggest that members take advantage of our programs to raise their standards and to share their talents and experiences. Encourage your students to participate. Teachers should attend all recitals, not just those in which

they have students, for one of the great joys of music is that we learn continuously.

PMTA hires professional presenters—who travel and take time to prepare their work—for our general meetings. ***It is incumbent for all members to reserve one day monthly to attend, learn, meet friends, and share the love we have for our profession.***

With your support, President-Elect Barbara Tilson will bring new perspectives and ideas to ever-improve PMTA.

Best of luck to all of you for a successful teaching year.

Sincerely,
Irene Kuniski

57th PMTA Annual Piano Ensemble Concerts

Approximately 375 piano students of various ages and ethnic groups, representing a wide range of keyboard skills, displayed their talent on 13 pianos Saturday, February 21st at the Central High auditorium in Phoenix. The annual event celebrated its 57th consecutive year in the Valley. It is considered to be the longest-running program of its kind in the nation.

This year's program, however, will always be remembered as, "the concert that almost wasn't." The practice facilities so generously provided by Herman & Sons for many years were suddenly unavailable because of the store's closure. Excel Piano Rental, who has faithfully provided the grand pianos, also went out of business. Adding to the problem was the city's unexpected



pleasure of hearing her piece performed. Also featured was *Popcorn Galore* a piece composed by Barbara Harry a Phoenix resident and long-time active member of the PMTA.

The Ensemble Committee expresses its heart-felt thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to make the

condemnation of Central High's auditorium based on electrical problems. Quitting was never considered an option for a dedicated Ensemble Committee determined to carry out the McCreary mandate: "Never give up!" Together, with the cooperation of teachers, parents and students, this year's Ensemble Concerts became a reality and a rich, musical experience for everyone involved.

Both Concerts featured the 'premiere' performance of *Southwest Landscapes*, a three-part movement, written by the well-known composer Melody Bober, commissioned by the Phoenix Music Teachers Association and published by Alfred Publishing Company. Ms. Bober was on hand during dress rehearsals to autograph students' copies of her music and also had the

57th PMTA Annual Ensemble Concerts a huge success. Would you be surprised to learn that Ensemble committee members have already begun working on next year's program? Be assured of this: the 'Dream' envisioned by the late Isabelle & Julian McCreary continues to motivate and captivate the hearts and minds of everyone associated with the PMTA Annual Piano Ensemble Concerts.



2009 MTNA Conference

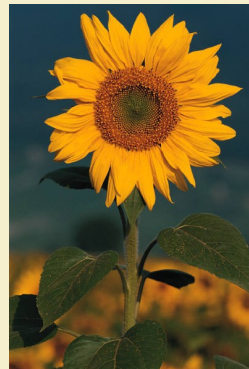
March 28-April 1, 2009

Atlanta Georgia
Piano Recital- Olga Kern

ASMTA Conference 2009

June 3-6, 2009
Crown Plaza Phoenix Airport
(Washington & 40th street)
Registration will be \$30.00.
After May 1 2009, \$35.00

Would be greatly appreciated to get some PMTA volunteers to help.



Referral Service

Direct questions about Referral Service
Peggy Rostron
(602-482-1438)
p.rostron@cox.net

Arizona Study Program

Thank you for getting all your final enrollments and program forms in on time. Although Bobbi's been out of commission, several of you have offered to help. "Packet 2" (all your evaluation information and forms) will be given to teachers at the March general meeting.

Hopefully, many of you will be there to hear Dr. Hamilton Tescarollo. If you are not there, your packet will be mailed to you or you can request that another teacher picks your up. Both copies of the Confidential Report (two-part form) need to be returned to me no later than April 10. The evaluations will be April 24 and 25.

You'll be receiving your volunteer assignments soon. Teachers are such a necessary part of the success of this program. We depend on you for monitoring the theory room, helping students sign in at the information table, and showing them to their evaluation rooms. Thank you in advance for all your work!

The '09 theory tests will be based on the 2008 workbooks. If you have been using '07 workbooks or practice tests from

previous years, make sure your students know this year's requirements.

"Packet 3" (all the evaluations results) will be ready for you to pick up on **Monday, April 27**. Please do this as soon as possible, even if you have a student waiting for a later makeup. If you would like someone else to pick up your results, please email me their name. No packets will be given out without your written permission.

The Teachers' Guide will be available soon. The history of ASP, evaluation and technique requirements, theory concepts and progress charts for levels 1-12 will be combined into one book, available for \$10.

Good luck to you and your students. You've all worked hard to make this program so successful. Thank you!

If you have any questions concerning the AZ Study Program, please contact either me or Bobbi.

Sincerely,
Carol Hill
PMTA - ASP co-chairman



General Meetings Don't miss our three remaining meetings!

March 12, 2009 at 9:30A.M.
Steinway of Phoenix
Dr.Hamilton Tescarollo-lecture and recital.

April 9, 2009 at 9:30 A.M.
Steinway of Phoenix
Radmila Stojanovic-A Grammar of Music
Phrasing

May 14,2009 at 11:00 A.M.
Marie Calenders -45th E. Cactus
Luncheon-Come and meet the new board

Membership

PMTA extends a warm welcome to new members:
Kristen Garson,
Camille Conforti,
Dr.Elizabeth Rhodes.

We are looking forward to your participation in PMTA activities and programs.
To date there are 167 active PMTA members.
Very soon you will be receiving your dues renewal notice. Deadline will be June 30,2009. It is extremely helpful to our membership chair to renew early or at least no later than due date, otherwise it creates extra work for our volunteers serving PMTA.

Celebration of Music

Deadline for Registration is March 14.
Adjudications will be April 4,2009 and the Winners' recital will be held on April 5th at Steinway of Phoenix, 14418 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

(Please note changes in information from the Yearbook).

This event is an opportunity for students to perform solo repertoire in a recital setting and to be adjudicated.



*Our best wishes for a speedy and successful recovery for Bobbi Stoutenburgh, Anna May Bruning, and Pam Smith .
Our prayers and sympathies to Joann Lewis, her beloved husband Joe passed away after a long illness.*

Teacher & Student Events

Socialize and share music with your PMTA colleagues

Sharing Plus: March 26,2009 at 9:30 A.M.
(Pamela Smith's Home)
pamelajoy416@aol.com

Performance Plus:
April 2, 2009 at 9:30 A.M. (Rosemary Stelmach Home)
rstelmach@juno.com

Scholarship Benefit Recital

It will be held at Steinway of Phoenix, Scottsdale on Sunday, May 17th ,2009

Student Recital Series

Remember to sign your students for the Recital series. Students from

any level are allowed to perform, providing they are well prepared. The next recital is May 2,2009 at Glendale Community College (Room MU2) beginning at 4:30P.M.

Contact chairperson:
Linda Porter at LPorter88@aol.com

Music at the Mall

12 teachers with 140 students played at Metro Center Mall 18 teachers and 161 students at Paradise Valley Mall.

This was a really opportunity for them to play in a different type of environment

Spring Festival and Vocal Competition

Saturday March 14, 2009

10:30-11:30 A.M

Steinway of Phoenix-14418 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale

All PMTA vocal teachers, students and parents are invited to attend the Festival and Competition.

John Geiger will judge the students, evaluate their performance, and do a Master Class. John studied voice and vocal pedagogy at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA. For 30 years he has performed extensively in opera, symphonic appearances, oratorio, and recitals throughout the U.S.

Canada, and Great Britain.

He has maintained a private vocal studio for more than 25 years and has provided vocal masters classes and vocal clinics in lecture halls and colleges throughout the United States.

Come join us for the Festival, recital and teachers meeting.

Betty Campbell,
Chairperson
(602-938-0838)

Note from your President Elect:

The time is drawing near for me to assume the position of our PMTA President for 2009-2010. I look forward to working with all of you to promote the activities we host for our teachers' and students' growth in musical excellence.

As your President Elect, I have tried to attend as many of these events as I possibly could during this past year. What attracts my attention the most, are the opportunities we have to get to know and support one another. We truly are a caring group!

In order for us to provide the best topics for our General Meetings next year, I encourage you to let me know what subjects appeal most to all of you. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your input.

*A special thanks to Preston
and Roy Hamasaki from
Central Music who provided
the monetary contribution for
Melody Bober workshop.*

*We appreciate all you do for
PMTA!*



Teachers Luncheon

**Thursday,
May 14, 2009
11:30 a.m.**

This year's teacher luncheon (11:00) and Board Meeting (9:30) will be held at

**Marie Calendars at
4573 E. Cactus Road,
Phoenix, 85032.**

Lunch will be **\$17 per person.**

Menu will be a choice of 3 items:

1. *Meat Loaf,*
2. *Roast Turkey or*
3. *Lemon Chicken.*

All lunches will be served with mashed potatoes or rice, broccoli and carrots, corn bread, choice of drink and slice of pie.

You will be able to order your choice on the day of the luncheon.

Please fill out the bottom portion and mail to Lynn Wagner **before May 7th** to confirm your reservation.

No reservations will be accepted without filling out and returning the form to me.

We must have at least 20 people signed up or we will get charged so your attendance is very important.

Money will not be refunded to teachers canceling their reservation after their money has been sent in.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn at Lwagner39@cox.net or call 480-502-8714.



Please Mail this form to confirm your lunch reservation

Teacher's Name:

Phone Number:

Guest's Name:

Total Amount:

Please make checks payable to PMTA

Check Number:

Please mail form to: Lynn Wagner

23221 N. 22nd Place

Phoenix, AZ 85024

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MARCH

March 12-General Meeting -
Dr. Hamilton Tescarollo-
Steinway of Phoenix

March 14 -Celebration of
Music Registration Deadline

March 14- Vocal Recital-
Steinway of Phoenix

March 26-Sharing Plus-
(Pamela Smith Home)

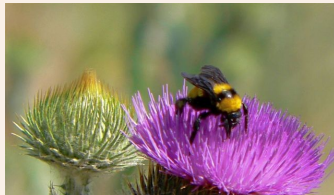


APRIL

April 2-Performance Plus-
(Rosmary Stelmach Home)

April 4 Celebration of Music -
Steinway of Phoenix

April 5- Celebration Recital of
Award Winners



April 9- General Meeting -
Radmila Stojanovic-Kiriluk-
Steinway of Phoenix

April 10-ASP Confidential
Report Forms Due

April 24-25 ASP Evaluation
(AZ Piano & SCC)

April 27 ASP Evaluation pick-
up (10 AM -2 PM Carol Hill's)



MAY

May 1-Summer Camp Music
application due

May 2-Student Recital Series-
(GCC Rm.MU2- 4:30 PM)

May 14 -PMTA Board
Meeting

May 14 -End of the Year
Luncheon

May 17 -Eleventh Annual
Scholarship Recital-Steinway of
Phoenix

JUNE

June 3-6 -State Conference

Fall Festival

The theme for the Fall Festival will be featuring the Historical
Periods of Music ,which will include solo
selections from Baroque to the
Contemporary Periods.

More information will be released by the end of May via email.

Editor: Irene Kuniski;
Susan Traylor - Corresponding Secretary

