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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of my goals as both a piano teacher and as President of the Magic Valley Music Teachers' Association is to promote a professional image amongst our students, parents of students, and the community at large. Contrary to the old conventional wisdom, we are not bored housewives attempting to add some small change to our pockets, but highly trained professionals with two skill sets: proficient instrumentalists and skilled teachers. With that in mind, I would like to offer a short list that I practice to promote a professional person to students, parents, and community. Some of what I have to say may seem like things that can go without saying, but I will say them anyway:

- Always be prepared to teach each student at the designated appointment time.
- Always return telephone calls, text messages, and email messages, even from inquiring prospective students when you do not have space for them in your schedule.
- Always dress professionally for each lesson.
- Always have a studio policy statement that each parent receives and better yet, signs.
- Engage in the bookkeeping necessary to run a business and be appraised of the financial standing of your business. There are a few ways one can manage this: one can use a programmed bookkeeping system, one can use two spreadsheets (one to record income and one to record expenses), one can use two separate pieces of paper to record income and expenses. You are a trained professional; make sure your business is running profitably and earning the income you deserve.
- Keep in mind that the Magic Valley Music Teachers' Association is not a club but a professional association of skilled professionals. Clubs have their place as gatherings for like-minded hobbyists. We are a professional association of persons who practice the same profession, not unlike the American Bar Association or the American Medical Association.

With that said, you may have more ideas about projecting a professional image, which I would love to hear. On another note, as I enter my third year of writing these president's notes for the newsletter, I'm really wondering if they are being read and should be continued. If you have read this note, please send me a quick, short email letting me know that you have done so.
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Wishing you a great year of teaching and learning!

Corrine Van Dyk, NCTM

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MVMTA/IMTA EVENTS

September 7, 2018

MVMTA Meeting

Where: CSI Recital Hall

Time: 10:00

What: Roger McVey, pianist and professor of music at the University of Idaho, has agreed to give a presentation on contemporary female composers to our association. After his presentation, we will discuss activities for this school year.

Contact: Corrine Van Dyk

October 12, 2018

Spanish Competition Registration

DEADLINE

Where: Online-watch your email for when registration will open.

Contact: Corrine Van Dyk

Please make note of this deadline! No late registrations will be admitted in order to properly plan.

November 10, 2018

MVMTA Spanish Competition

Where: CSI

Time: All Day

Contact: Corrine Van Dyk or Julie Hunt

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you have information you would like included in the next newsletter (November/December 2018), please send it to Tonya Robertson:
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

September 7, 2018

Dr. Roger McVey

Where: CSI Auditorium

Time: 7:30 pm

What: This concert program will feature Schubert's final work for piano. The program will also include some dazzling pieces by Franz Liszt, as well as the Sonata No. 3 by Emma Lou Diemer.

Roger is a member of the University of Idaho faculty.

Prices: General Admission--\$10, Seniors--\$8, Students--\$6.

Contact: Sue Miller

October 12, 2018

Dr. Del Parkinson "My Favorite Chopin"

Where: CSI Auditorium

Time: 7:30 pm

What: This program will focus on Chopin's life and works, beginning with his formative years in Warsaw and ending with his mature years in Paris. Dr. Parkinson will perform some of Chopin's best-known works, including "Fantaisie-Improptu," "Minute Waltz," and "Heroic Polonaise."

Prices: General Admission--\$10, Seniors--\$8, Students--\$6.

Contact: Sue Miller

CSI Piano Celebration
Season Tickets Are Available!
5 concerts for the price of 4

To purchase tickets

Contact Sue Miller

(208)732-6769

Season tickets must be purchased prior to the first concert of the series, including at the box office just prior to the September 7 concert. Check or cash

only

TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS

JULIE HUNT

Julie Hunt was born and raised in Twin Falls. She was surrounded with lessons and music that she didn't pay enough attention to until she got to college. It was then she realized music-specifically the piano- is really the only way to go. She studied at ISU under Dr. Kori Bond and with Sue Miller and Del Parkinson in the summers. She graduated with her BA in music in 2006. Currently she teaches as full a studio as she can manage while raising 5 little musicians. She also enjoys accompanying a vocal studio and working on musical collaborations with family and friends.

BONNIE LAMBORN, NCTM

I didn't start out even wanting to be a piano teacher. I sort of "fell into it" because somebody wanted me to teach their children. So, off I went, totally oblivious to what I really needed to do. Eventually, I decided that I needed to get a bit more education in this process, so started taking theory classes at CSI. One thing led to another, and I finally (with the addition of all the biology and secondary ed. Teaching credentials from Utah State University) got an AA degree in music from that same institution. I also have received a certificate of achievement in Piano Pedagogy from the music department of that same institution. I have studied, in Twin Falls, with Nina Hamilton, Helen Connolly, Laura Vizutti, Phyllis Van Nest and Margaret Vincent. I still study with Margaret. I worked to become a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music. I have also studied organ with Helen Connolly and Darwin Wolford, and have completed some organ classes with Don Cook, and Doug Bush at BYU. I still serve as an organist in my LDS ward.

I love to read, knit and crochet. I am currently in the process of making a baby afghan for my 6th great-grandbaby (a little girl). I love learning and teaching and watching the light in my student's eyes when they finally "get it".

MVMTA SPANISH COMPETITION 2018 INFORMATION

The competition will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018 in the CSI Fine Arts Building.

Competition chairpersons:

Barbara Mix - Facility

Lisa Petit - Paperwork

Jo Gerrish - Judges

Julie Hunt - Coordinator/Teacher Communication

Scheduling - Tonya Robertson

Recital - Pernicia Heinemann

Repertoire - Allison Bangerter

New decisions made in the January 2018 MVMTA Meeting:

(Please note that these are not the complete competition guidelines; merely updates to the previous policies. If you have questions, please direct them to Corrine Van Dyk.)

Judges may at their discretion award no more than 3 Honorable Mentions per group.

All registering students must be available to play at the Finals Recital which will be scheduled between 3:00 and 6:00 the day of the competition.

We will discontinue having the last names of students on the digital files that judges use, replacing the last name with the students' performance times. This should also make the digital files open in performance order.

We will no longer use the letters A and B to designate the two finalists.

Finalists' requests for a specific performance time at the Finals Recital will not be entertained.

We will hire 3 judges for the next competition.

We will no longer be using the term "level," replacing it with the term "group."

Registration fees for the 2018 Competition will be \$18 for all solo registrants and \$22 for duet entries.

There will be 3 duet categories: Elementary, Intermediate, and Advanced.

In the case of only one finalist performing in any given group, that performer will be awarded first place.

When there are 12 or more students in a group, that group will be split into A and B groups.

Decision made by membership August 2018 regarding non-member teachers participating:

1. The teacher pays a fee of \$25 to MVMTA.
2. The teacher may only do this for one competition.
3. The teacher registers his/her students and pays via paperwork. (not online as members do)

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Note: This is a directory of members with current dues as of Sept 1, 2018. We will publish an updated directory in later newsletters.