



Magic Valley MTA Bulletin

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last weekend (as of this writing) I was pleased to be able to participate in the IMTA Conference at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa. Our local association was well represented at the conference with Tonya Robertson, Lisa Pettit, Linda Aufderheide, and Bonnie Lamborn attending as well. We were so pleased to successfully convince those in attendance at the IMTA business meeting to have Twin Falls chosen as the site of next year's conference. Hopefully, we will enjoy a great conference which most of our members will be able to attend.

The guest clinician last weekend was Forrest Kinney, author of the Frederick Harris publications Pattern Play, Chord Play, and Create First! He presented wonderful ideas for creative teaching and creativity at the piano. His premise is that there are four arts of music: reading and interpreting scores, arranging familiar music in a personal way, improvising freely, and composition. Of course, traditional music teaching has emphasized the first art to the neglect of the others. His ideas for incorporating the other three arts into the lesson would not only provide a better education for our students, but also make the study of music more enjoyable, allowing students more opportunity for personal expression and creativity.

I'm sorry if you missed this year's conference, but please plan on attending next year's conference right here in Twin Falls.

Musically,
Corrine Van Dyk

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Anybody who has an idea for a group teacher discussion should contact Corrine regarding leading a discussion at a future meeting. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to share!
- Don't forget to always inform IMTA and MVMTA of any email address changes. We will not be responsible for members missing notifications if you have changed your email addresses and not notified us.

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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Deadline for Jan-Feb newsletter is
Friday, January 12, 2018

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MVMTA/IMTA EVENTS

October 13, 2017

**Sonatina Competition Registration/Fee
Deadline**

Where: MVMTA Website

Contact: Corrine Van Dyk

November 3, 2017

Mark Neiwirth Teacher Workshop

Where: CSI Fine Arts Building

What: "Rubotic vs. Robotic: Teaching Musicianship
in the Computer Age"

When: 10:00-11:30 am

Contact: Corrine Van Dyk

November 11, 2017

Sonatina/Sonata Competition

Where: CSI Fine Arts Building

Contact: Corrine Van Dyk

December 16, 2017

Piano Christmas Caroling

Where: Magic Valley Mall

What: Student Christmas performances

Contact: Corrine Van Dyk or Barbara Mix

COMMUNITY EVENTS

October 8, 2017

Magic Valley Symphony

Where: CSI Auditorium

Time: 4:00 pm

What: The Four Seasons with guest performer
(and Twin Falls native) Jennifer Call Dunn, violin.

Also featuring the world premier of "Waltz
Fantastic" by Dr. George Halsell.

\$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$6 students

October 27, 2017

Brava Piano Duo--CSI Stagedoor Series

Where: CSI Auditorium

Time: 7:30 pm

Contact: Sue Miller

What: Join the Brava Piano Duo - Sue Miller and Allison Bangarter - in a concert of music written for two pianists by composers who are still living. Upon entering the stage door, audience members will enjoy a display of new art by local artists. While Bach and Beethoven will always have a place in musicians' hearts, this program presents the work of some of the most exciting new and upcoming composers of the 20th and 21st centuries. Highlights include the rhythmically provocative set of Latin dances called "Recuerdos" by William Bolcom and Ned Rorem's "Six Variations for Two Pianos" which explores contemplative and rhythmically exciting variations. Commissioned specially for the Brava Piano Duo, this concert includes the world premiere of "Alternance" by composer David Batchelor. Be prepared for an intimate evening of new music and new art.

\$10 adult admission, \$5 Students

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

LEIGH HEWARD

Leigh was born and raised in Rupert, Idaho and was the 8th child of 9 kids. She was raised in a musical family. Her mom played the piano and her dad played the guitar and sang. Leigh started taking piano lessons when she was six and started studying voice in High School.

Leigh has an Associate's Degree in Music Education with Piano and Voice being her main instruments. She has taught private voice and piano lessons in her home for the last 16 years and has taught for the Sun Valley Summer Symphony School of music for the last 10 years. She has also been trained in Music Mind Games by Michiko Yurko.

Over the years Leigh has had the opportunity to travel and perform in different venues in different cities including San Francisco and Anaheim California, Miami Florida, Portland Oregon, Spokane Washington, and Carnegie Hall in New York City. In 2014, Leigh participated in the National Association Teachers of Singing Artist Award (NATSAA) competition and placed 1st in the Idaho District and 2nd in Regionals consisting of the Intermountain Region including Canada. For the last four years she has been a part of the Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall where she has been given the opportunity to chaperone high school students from around the world to sing on Carnegie Hall stage. This has been an incredible opportunity to work with different conductors from around the world as well as rub shoulders with music teachers from all over the country. She's hoping to go to Australia with the Honors Performance Series in the future as they are branching out there this year. At this time Leigh performs in various capacities in church settings and community events.

During all this Leigh has been busy raising her 6 children and putting her husband through college the last five years. She is happy to say that her husband is finally done with college and working, her oldest child is graduated from high school and in his second year of college, and her youngest child is now in school full time! She is looking forward to this new phase in life!

SONATINA/SONATA COMPETITION 2017 INFORMATION

Date: November 11, 2017

- Registration is online.
- No registration is complete without full payment and payment must be made by Oct. 13.
- Payment can be made online with a credit or debit card.
- Fees - Levels 1-5 (\$15), levels 6-12 (\$18), Duet (\$21 to be shared by the two participants)
- Each teacher is required to work 30 minutes for each registered student on the day of the competition. If a teacher cannot do so, he/she may have another adult do the work on their behalf. The adult may be a student's parent, a friend, a spouse, or someone the teacher hires to take her place.
- Registration closes Oct. 13.
- Solo works must be memorized, but the duets do not have to be memorized.
- Special thanks to our committee chairs for making the competition possible!

Pernicia Heinemann - Facility

Barbara Mix - Scheduling

Lisa Petit - Paperwork (digital or otherwise)

Jo Gerrish - Judges

Tonya Robertson- Recital

Bonnie Lamborn - Awards

Corrine Van Dyk - Coordinator

Allison Bangerter - Teacher Communication

Magic Valley Music Teacher's Association Treasurer's Report

for the period July 1, 2016 to September 7, 2017

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE ON June 30, 2016	\$6309.13
Expenditures from Checking Account	
Sonatina Competition	\$994.74
Web Site	\$1496.74
Speakers	\$359.60
Ordered more checks	\$37.41
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2888.49
Deposits into Checking Account	
Membership Dues	\$239
Sonatina Competition Application Fee	\$1438
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$1677
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE ON September 7, 2017	\$5097.64
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE ON September 7, 2017	\$1030.42