



ARIZONA STATE MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

From Our President



The MTNA Leadership Summit was held in Cincinnati, Ohio September 19-21. I was in attendance and at that time MTNA leadership reviewed the Federal Trade Commission Anti-Trust Compliance Consent Agreement. I strongly encourage all members to review the FTC document found on pages 26-31 of the August/September 2014 issue of The American Music Teacher magazine. All MTNA Southwest Division local and state affiliates are now in compliance with the FTC Consent Agreement. Signed certificates were due by August 28 to be in compliance.

ASMTA members, please be aware that MTNA leadership has done what is possible to resolve issues with the FTC. As stated on page 26 of the AMT magazine by Dr. Gary Ingle, MTNA Executive Director and CEO, "fighting the FTC would be very expensive and time consuming." MTNA has one attorney; the FTC has many attorneys. MTNA leadership has no idea why our organization has been targeted by the Federal Trade Commission.

I have learned recently that there are some members who are questioning why they should still be members of MTNA. Nothing has changed with MTNA in regard to programs for students and member benefits. Again, our leadership has done its very best under extremely adverse circumstances. It is my fervent hope that no one will let this dampen their enthusiasm for teaching and for our local, state and national organizations. Together, we are strong and may tough times make us stronger. This issue can heighten our resolve if that is the path we choose. If there are members who take issue with what has happened in regard to the Federal Trade Commission, please contact your politician of choice.

The Arizona MTNA Competitions will be held Saturday October 25, 2014 at Arizona Piano Company in Phoenix. Many thanks go to Dr. Yali Luo, ASMTA 2nd Vice President in charge of competitions. If you can volunteer, please let Yali know right away, her email address is yayaluo@hotmail.com.

Please make plans now to attend the 2015 ASMTA state conference, which will be held at the beautiful Wigwam Resort in Litchfield Park. The theme is Jazz It Up! The dates are Thursday May 28-Saturday May 30, 2015. Sharon Lamb, 3rd Vice President has done a tremendous job planning what is sure to be a marvelous conference. Best wishes to all ASMTA members for a highly successful teaching year!

Melodie L. Acker, NCTM
ASMTA President
MTNA State Presidents Advisory Council



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Upcoming ASMTA Board Meetings

January 31, 2015
 9:30am
 AZ Piano
 Phoenix

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Chyleen Lauritzen, NCTM

In my position as immediate past president, I am chair of the nominating committee and the six local presidents comprise the remainder of the committee. We met immediately following the ASMTA Board Meeting on Sept. 27, and began the process of selecting a slate of officers to be presented in the Annual Membership Business Meeting at the ASMTA state conference May 28-30, 2015. A few initial contacts have been made as a result of suggestions brought by the committee.

ASMTA by-laws Article V Section 1 states that "The First VP, 2nd VP, 4th VP, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected in odd years at the annual Membership Business meeting at the annual State Conference. The 3rd VP shall be elected each year at the annual Membership Business meeting at the annual State Conference."

Current 2nd VP/ Competitions, Dr. Yali Luo, and current treasurer, Lynnette Barney, are each willing to continue in their positions for another term. Their names will be presented at the Annual Membership Business Meeting. That leaves 4 positions that still need to be filled.

Current President-Elect, Natalya Thran, will become ASMTA president July 1, 2015. The position of 1st VP/ President-Elect can be a challenging position to fill, because it is a 6-year commitment- 2 years as president-elect, 2 years as president and 2 years as immediate past president. The 2 years as president can be especially time consuming. The person who fills this spot has the opportunity to "give back," and have a very positive effect on ASMTA.

For the 2016 conference, 3rd VP/ Conference Chair will come from EVMTA. Nominations are needed.

Current 4th VP/ Publications, Ashley Ricks, is willing to move to website administrator after this year. Nominations are needed to fill 4th VP/ Publications. It would help if this person had prior experience, but it is not required.

Current secretary, Kassandra Welleck, will also retire from the board at the end of her term. Nominations are needed.

So in summary, we need nominations for 1st VP/President-Elect, 3rd VP/Conference (from EVMTA), 4th VP/ Publications and secretary. I really appreciate all board members and their willingness to serve! More information regarding the terms and duties of these offices is available in the By-Laws of ASMTA Article VI located in the back of your directories. If any of you would like to make suggestions for the elected offices previously mentioned, please contact me at chyleenlauritzen@gmail.com.

2nd VP- COMPETITIONS

Dr. Yali Luo, NCTM

This years MTNA State Competitons will be held on October 25, 2014 at AZ Piano.

<http://www.mtna.org/programs/competitions/competitions-guidelines/>

Categories for this year's competitions:

Junior piano 9:00-10:20

Senior piano. 10:20-11:30

Junior string. 11:30-1:15

Senior string. 1:15-5:10

Senior woodwind. 9:00-10:40

Young artist woodwind. 10:40-12:40

Volunteers needed for 10/25/14:

Performance room #1 (8:45-5:10) - indoor monitor

Performance room #2 (8:45-12:40) - indoor monitor

Warm-up room (8:30-1:30) - monitor

Front desk/information (8:30-3:15)

Please let me know as soon as possible if you can volunteer.

Thank you!

3rd VP- CONFERENCE

Sharon Lamb



2015 ASMTA CONFERENCE

May 28-30 Wigwam Arizona Resort & Spa

The Wigwam is an Arizona landmark and Historic Hotel of America beloved by generations since 1929. Wigwam guests may enjoy newly renovated luxury casitas and suites, a variety of award-winning restaurants and a full array of recreational amenities including the Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa, pools and Jacuzzi, fitness center, water slides, golf courses, tennis, bocce, and more.

Member and non-member music business owners, teachers and administrators who work independently or in a public or charter school setting are welcome to attend the 2015 ASMTA Conference, where they may enjoy a variety of workshops, presentations, exhibits, and performances.

The conference will include jazz improvisation workshops and a benefit concert for the MTNA Foundation presented by featured artist, jazz pianist Jeremy Siskind. His co-sponsors are Hal Leonard and Yamaha Corporation of America. The West Valley Youth Orchestra will perform at the Gala Banquet under the direction of ASMTA member, Claire Gordon. Mike Morrell, Yamaha Music Education System manager will speak on "The Evolution of Music Teaching."

KEY DATES

- January 1, 2015: Deadline for Exhibitor, Presenter applications
- January 8, 2015: Accepted events announced
- January 15, 2015: Early bird registration open
- March 31, 2015: Deadline for early bird registration
- April 28, 2015: Deadline for 1) pre-registration, and 2) book hotel reservations – for conference room rate of \$99.00 per night
- April 31, 2015: Deadline for honors recital application
- May 1, 2015: Deadline for Conference Booklet Ads
- May 10, 2015: Deadline for honors recital video
- May 31, 2015: Honors recital final round of auditioning (morning) and final winners' recital (afternoon)

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4th VP- PUBLICATIONS

Ashley Ricks

Things are running along smoothly with our publications. Directories should be in your mailboxes within the next month! I am grateful to have these projects completed before the holiday rush starts. Many of you made corrections to your information as you renewed memberships this year. Thank you so much for taking the time to do that. It makes the process of editing so much smoother for me!

We can always use more advertisers for our website, MusiGram, and other publications. If you know of a business that may be interested in advertising with us, please let me know!

CERTIFICATION Pam Allman, NCTM

Pins have been ordered and received for the three candidates who received national certification in 2013. They will be presented to them personally since none of them will be in attendance at the convention banquet.

An example of a completed application was sent to one candidate and a completed application will soon be posted on our state website.

National has sent notification of one candidate applying for certification.

Arizona has 497 members with 58 being certified. This puts Arizona in the 11.7 percentile with a ranking of 37th nationally

INDEPENDENT MUSIC TEACHERS FORUM

Paula Dahl, NCTM

The following are responses compiled from the survey distributed last spring.

There were 36 responses total. I erroneously reported in the spring that there were 38 responses. Here are the results of the survey:

How many years have you been a music teacher?
1-10 years: 7; 11-20 years: 24; 21-30 years: 8; 31-40: 7; 40-55: 2

Now many years have you been a member of ASMTA/MTNA?
1-10 years: 13; 11-20 years: 14; 21-30 years: 5; 31-40 years: 3; 41+ years: 1

Do you have a college degree?
33 said yes; 3 said no

Are you MTNA certified?
12 said yes; 24 said no

ASMTA/MTNA activities: Please note that respondents could mark more than 1 answer; hence, there are more total responses.

AZ Study Program: 25; Competitions: 5; Local district events: 8; Other: 1; ABRSM/ASMTA board: 2

Where do you teach?
In your home: 21; Out of your home: 4 Both: 11

Do you have other teachers working with you? All respondents answered "no".

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Winter Edition: Feb. 1, 2015

Conference Booklet: May 1, 2015

Summer Edition: June 1, 2015

Fall Edition: Oct. 1, 2015

Ages of students you teach?

Pre school: 18; Elementary: 34; Middle school: 33;
High school: 31; Adult: 26

The following shows that the respondents teach a range of ages.

Key to answers: E=elementary; M=middle school;
H=high school; A=adult; P=pre school

E/M/H/A: 10

P/E/M/H/A: 14

H: 1

P/E: 1

P/E/M: 2

E/M/H: 4

E/M/A: 1

P/E/M/H: 1

E/M/H/A: 1

One teacher didn't answer.

What levels do you teach?

Primer: 28; Elementary: 31; Intermediate: 14;
Advanced: 3

The following shows that the respondents teach a range of levels.

All levels: 19 Primer/elementary: 2; Primer/

Elementary/Intermediate: 11

Elementary/Intermediate/Advanced: 2; Intermediate/

Advanced: 1 Elementary: 1

Average number of students in your studio during 2013-14 year:

1-10 students: 9; 11-20 students: 11; 21-30 students: 9;

31-40 students: 4;

41-50 students: 3

Hours taught per week:

1-10: 13; 11-20: 15; 21-30: 5; 31-40: 3; 24/7: 1

Lesson length:

30 min only: 5; 45 min. only: 4; 60 min. only: 5; 30,

45, and 60 min. lessons: 22; 75 min. lesson: 1

Lesson format:

Private: 29; Private and partner: 2; Private and group:
5

How many years does an average student study with you?

1-5 years: 19; 11-15 years: 2; 6-10: 13; 2 didn't answer
the question

Do you conduct student interviews?

22 said yes, 2 said no, 12 said sometimes

Do you offer group lessons?

17 said yes; 19 said no

Does group lesson replace private lesson that week?

8 said yes; 19 said no

Do you have a computer lab?

19 said yes; 26 said no; 1 said in the past

Do you hand out a written policy to parents?

30 said yes; 5 said no; 1 didn't answer

Do you have a make-up policy?

35 said yes; 1 said no

Number of weeks taught during school year:

30-35: 11; 36-40: 13; 41-45: 5; 46-50: 5; 2 who didn't
answer.

Do you teach in the summer?

32 said yes; 3 said no; 1 didn't answer

Do you require summer study?

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MTNA FOUNDATION

Rosemary Isbell- Hendrickson, NCTM

Many thanks to all who contributed to the MTNA Foundation at our June conference. We raised \$110 and had 4 winners of the gift cards: Bobbi Stoutenburgh, Debbie Dinkle, Melodie Acker and Gloria Ritt. We are making gradual increases to our level of donations and are appreciative of all your help.

There are plans for a fundraising concert at the State Convention coupled with a presentation on how to apply for grants through MTNA. We hope it will be informative and inspire many of you to apply. Someone will get the grants – why not YOU!

Please note the following reminder from National:

Applications for the Affiliate, Teacher and Program Enrichment Grants are now available. Applications must be received by January 5, 2015, to be considered by the selection committees. All applications and supporting materials must be submitted online through the MTNA FOUNDATION website.

Program Enrichment Grants are provided to organizations seeking “seed funds” to assist with the creation of grant application materials that can lead to more funding from other organizations.

Teacher Enrichment Grants are provided to music teachers for private study, specific college-level course work or other projects that will enhance the performing and teaching skills of the applicant.

Affiliate Matching Grants are available to MTNA-affiliated Local Associations and State Affiliates. These matching grants provide assistance for projects and programs that provide professional and educational development, as well as promotion of music in the state and community.

Local Association Start-Up Grants are awarded to newly forming MTNA-affiliated local associations for projects that provide educational opportunities for students and teachers. Grants are also given for projects that support the promotion of music in the immediate community.

OF SPECIAL NOTE: The Loran Olsen Endowment provides grant funds for projects that pertain to the traditional music and/or dance of American subcultures including those of Canada and Mexico, and for projects that pertain to the expansion of knowledge of the traditional music and/or dance of other cultures worldwide.

To apply or to find out more about these grants, visit the Grants Page on the MTNA FOUNDATION website.

If you have questions please contact me at 520-456-5782 or thepianobenchaz@gmail.com ~ regards to all ~ Rosemary

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ARIZONA STUDY PROGRAM

Bobbi Stoutenburgh, NCTM

Congratulations to the 248 teachers who enrolled a total of 1885 students in the 2014 ASP Evaluations. The number of teachers participating increased by 32 teachers from 2014 – this is a record breaking number of teachers participating! EVMTA's enrollment was over 1000! A total of 1716 students were evaluated and awards given were: Level 4A – 198; Level 8A – 91; and Level 12A – 59.

Following are the Level 12A graduating seniors receiving the James Anthony Awards:

East Valley MTA

MelodieAcker - Wesley Kendall
Ashley Bradford - Emma Paunil
Julie Ann Cook - Alexandria Andressen
Michael Kaminski - Emmalie Swartz
Tabitha Kaminski - Sarah Nelson
Fran Kaspar - Daniel Roman
Fran Kaspar - Gabriel Smith
Juliana Kraver - Andy Chen
Candy Lam - Oliver Dorr
Ken Noble - Ed Lewis
Mary Szanto - Sapna Daryanani

Phoenix MTA

Sharon Atsalis - Joanna Hua
Dean Elder - Sarah Sakha
Georgia Sears - Anna Dales
Lora Smith - Jordan Choa
Rosmary Stelmach - Alexander Chen
Rosmary Stelmach - Christopher Mattinson
Barbara Stoutenburgh - Joshua Hoskinson
Barbara Stoutenburgh - Grace Yen

Tucson MTA

Choi Kyungsun - Tommy Pryor
Linda Johnson - Nick Wohlleb
Elena Miraztchyska - David Mattos
Gloria Ritt - Sabrina Fest
Gloria Ritt - Stephanie Liu

Following are the non-seniors achieving the Level 12A award.

Cochise MTA

Kiyona Bernier - Hope Struse

East Valley MTA

Melodie Acker - Jacob Ziskin

Tehling Chiang - Ryanne McLaren
Ning Guan - Angela Zhang
Ning Guan - Tracy Zhang
Autum Hunt - Krissy Cowsert
Fran Kaspar - Matthew Young
Juliana Kraver - Erin Bradley
Juliana Kraver - Annie Gao
Juliana Kraver - Leyl Hu
Yali Luo - Clara Wang
Yali Luo - Jody Zhu
Barbara Spoelman - Kendyll Maughan
Lim Angela Tchoi - Cyam Cajegas
Natalya Thran - Allison Chen
Natalya Thran - Lauren Embley
Natalya Thran - Courtney Fu
Natalya Thran - Toya Liu
Natalya Thran - Mindy Long
Natalya Thran - Tiffany Ma
Natalya Thran - Grace Xu
Fei Xu - Jane Hartono
Fei Xu - Jasmine Sun
Fei Xu - Caroline Wang
Fei Xu - Samuel Xu
Hong Zhu - Maggie Han
Hong Zhu - Rebecca He
Hong Zhu - Denis Liu

Northern Arizona MTA

Diana Galindo - Abigail Cook

Phoenix MTA

Larry Clapp - Dylan Treger
Larry Clapp - Ryan Yu
Maxine Enders - Tiffany Haratono
Sherry Lenich - Jiayang Li
Rosmary Stelmach - Daniel Marloff
Snezana Krstic - Carren Raskin

It has been my pleasure to award the Arnold Bullock Scholarship to: Gabriel Eagle – GCU, Bailey Ellington - ASU, and Evan Pensis - USC.

Please review your ASP materials to see if you would qualify for the Janice McCurnin Teacher Enrichment Grant and/or the Janice McCurnin Certification Grant. Information can be found on the ASMTA website or you can check with your local association chairman.

ASP committee members were made aware of the FTC and Antitrust issues. At this point in time, it was suggested to us that we continue as we have in the past. We will keep you informed of any

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changes to the Arizona Study Program.

We are preparing a statement re use of copied and/or downloaded music. It has come to our attention that this use is happening throughout the state and we must follow the laws re copyright. You will be notified via e-mail of ASP's position regarding this issue.

The big news! We are moving forward slowly, but definitely forward, to realizing materials online. We will keep you informed via e-mail when the first materials will be available online.

PLEASE NOTE: Effective for the 2015 – 2016 evaluation year, the student registration fee will be increased to \$25 for each student. Late fees will remain the same.

Please remember the registration date was changed to December 1; late fees apply after this date. Registrations will not be accepted after February 15.

The ASP Evaluation Dates for 2015 are:

CMTA – May 1 – 2

NAMTA – May 14 – 15

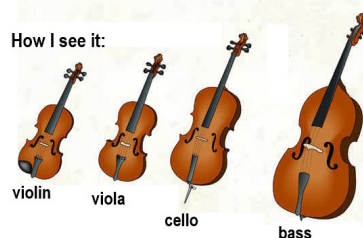
EAMTA – Apr 30 – May 1

PMTA – Apr 24 – 25

EVMTA – May 15 – 16

TMTA – May 9

And to our local association chairs, the ASP Committee and all the volunteers, a big thank you! None of this would be possible without our volunteers. The “behind the scenes” work and time involved is enormous and you are all appreciated.



THE STRING SECTION



ASMTA ARCHIVIST Gail Chang

Archives Update: DID YOU KNOW: In 1950, ASMTA in Arizona was the FIRST STATE organization to join MTNA!

Thank you to our 3 members who donated their ASMTA documents! These filled in some gaps, but we still need the 1978/50th Convention. Please contact me before you forget, as we have some important projects underway:

In September, I was given permission to restore ASMTA's early (1946-54) Scrapbooks, discovered in January at ASU.

The other Archive Binders are 95% complete, to be scanned and filed digitally with ASU Archives and Special Collections. Online accessibility will provide many possible Historical Streams of information for researchers, teachers, or students, to trace the growth of music education and performance in AZ. So many top performers and clinicians have been guests at our annual conventions since 1928. So many local teachers and professors have provided leadership and filled the ranks of ASMTA in the past 86 years!

Our next step is to complete the History of ASMTA begun by MTNA/ASMTA President Nadine Dresskell in the 1970s. Anyone with files, advice, or a desire to join the Archives Committee, please contact:

Gail Chang, ASMTA Archivist,
tritonat@gmail.com, 602-696-4860

COCHISE

www.cochisemusicteachers.org

Debbie Dinkel, President

CMTA began the new music year with a wonderful ensemble concert presented to the Sierra Vista community on August 23rd. Most of the performers were CMTA teachers. We had piano duets, violin duets with accompaniment, a trio which consisted of violin, cello and piano, along with several other pieces all very well performed to a packed house. Our Vice President, Adrienne Hickey, put it all together and did a wonderful job, to include a beautiful reception afterward. It was such a huge success that we plan to open each year with a concert comprised of high quality music and performers.

We are looking forward to our new year. Our first general meeting will be held on September 18th, where teachers who attended the ASMTA Conference in May, will present fabulous ideas they discovered. Everyone looks forward to this meeting to learn about new techniques and ideas for teaching and performing.

CMTA continues to focus on teacher performances in addition to our usual student performances. Prior to each meeting, a designated teacher will perform for fifteen minutes for the other teachers. It's a wonderful opportunity to bring out new music or play old favorites and to perform for our peers. At each meeting, we also have a designated teacher give a ten-minute presentation on a chosen composer. This enables us to delve deeper into the life of the composer and gain a greater understanding and appreciation for this person and his/her music.

We are planning on holding a special master class in the spring for our teachers, where those wanting to participate will be able to receive detailed guidance and instruction. There are many other programs we have planned for this year and we look forward to each one. Here's to a wonderful new music year!

EASTERN ARIZONA

Celeste Innes, President

Pres – Celeste Innes, VP- Trisha Simmons, Sec – Marsha Sanders, Treasurer- Chyleen Lauritzen.

Our first meeting was Monday, September 8th, at 11:00 at the home of Celeste Innes. In attendance was our newest member Jalin Tilley, along with, Marsha Sanders, Trisha Simmons, Janice Holiday, Susan Grove, Chyleen Lauritzen and Celeste Innes.

We planned our new Year and on October 23rd we will have our Ensemble Festival. In November we will be honored to Have the world renowned John O Connor doing a concert on Wednesday November 19th, with a master class the night before. In December we will have our annual Christmas Open house for all students to play their Christmas pieces at our own music store Richards Music.

Chyleen helped us update our bylaws that we can read and vote on at our next meeting. She also taught us information from the ASMTA conference. All of our members are asked to serve in a position through out the year. Janice Holiday is our ASP chairman, Susan Grove will be in charge of our Senior Scholarship Recitals and Medallions, and Jalin Tilley will be in charge of our mini recitals through out the year, and all others serve in the presidency. We are saddened by the loss of one of our members, Sherri Flake, who served faithfully as our president for the last 3 years.. Her love of music and teaching was a strength to us all. We are grateful to be a member of ASMTA and MTNA and all that we learn to help our group and its members become more professional. We are a very small group, but service many students here in Graham County.

Around the State

EAST VALLEY

www.evmta.org

Autum Hunt, President

*August opening social was well attended with new members adding to the mix.

*September workshop with Ruth Giaque speaking on fun ways to motivate students with theory had 30 members attend.

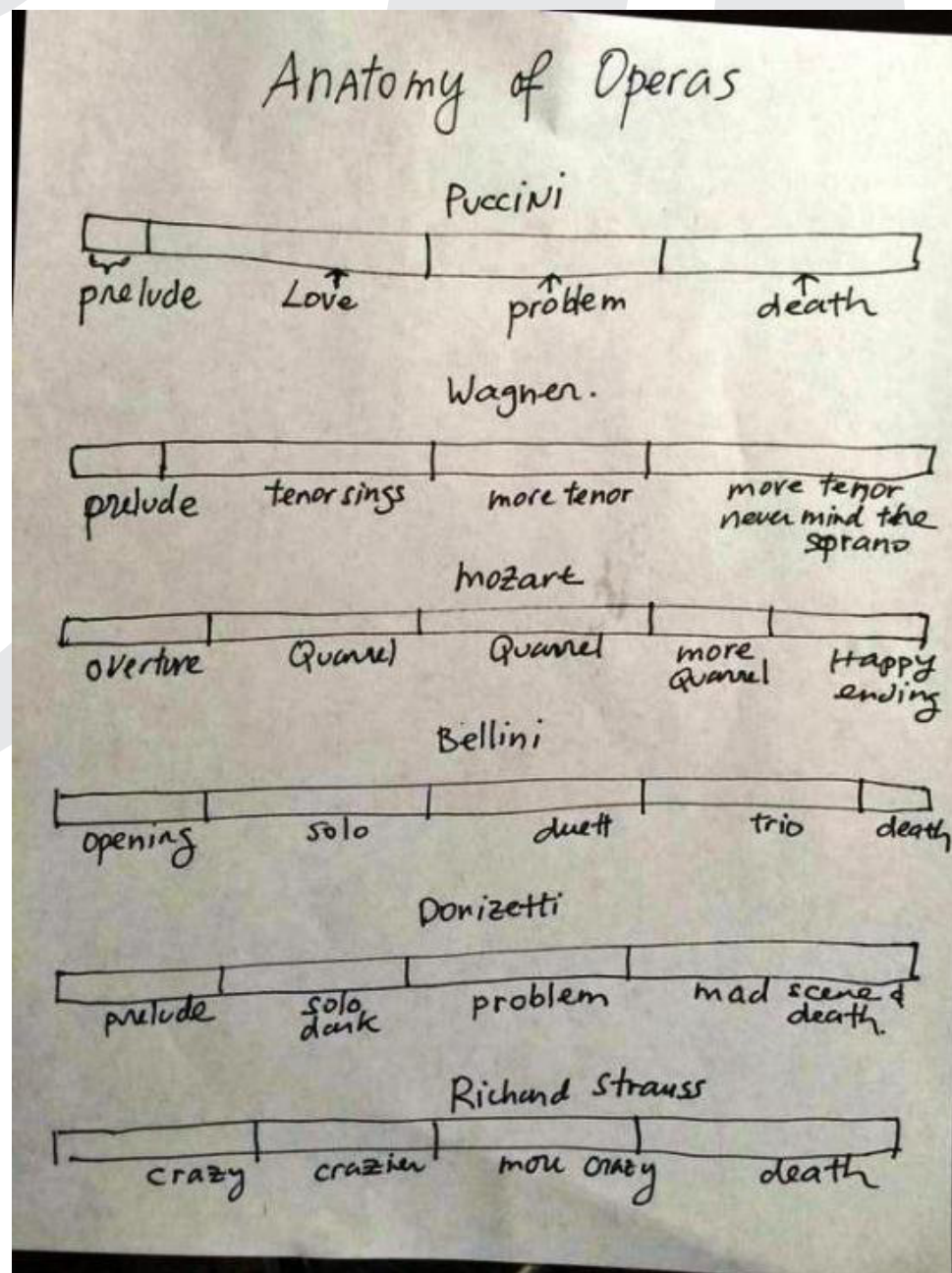
*Organ Stop Pizza event was packed with 183 students and guests! Record numbers!

*Next board meeting is scheduled for October 18

NORTHERN ARIZONA

Chase Coleman, President

Here in the Northland NAMTA has scheduled our monthly recitals through May and we are discussing plans for special events. We will have Arizona Study Program adjudications for May 14th and 15th and the Flagstaff Piano Festival for May 16th and 17th. Our current membership is fourteen teachers. We are looking forward to another year of teaching the next generation of musicians.



PHOENIX

www.phoenixmusicteachers.org

Sharon Lamb, President

PMTA members Cheryl Langley and Nellie Cronin will chair the PMTA Student Recital Series in 2014-2015, and we welcome them to the PMTA board. Many thanks to outgoing chair, Gloria Elliott, for her assistance in making facility arrangements. We also welcome Recording Secretary, Ruthanne Clayton to the PMTA board. Many PMTA board members have served long and well, and we cannot thank each board member enough for all that they do!

At the September general meeting, the main discussion topic was the MTNA Antitrust Compliance Policy. PMTA members enjoyed a presentation by Dr. Janice Meyer Thompson at the October general meeting. Her topic: "Find the Right Touch: A Hands-on Approach to Baroque and Classic Literature." In November, Sherry Lenich and Judy Durocher will present a workshop on "Saving the Next Generation of Artists: Pathways to Arts and Career Exploration (PACE)." PMTA members will gather in December for a used music sale and roundtable discussion. In January Dr. Jennifer Waleczek will present on "Adventures in Contemporary Piano Music."

The Fall Festival will take place at Glendale Community College on October 25-26, 2014. This annual performance event provides students the opportunity to be evaluated performing before a judge, and culminates in recital of the gold medal winners and awards ceremony.

The focus of September and October Sharing Plus meetings is Arizona Study Program, and Performance Plus meetings in October, November, and December provide member teachers the opportunity to maintain their performance skills and hear and play old and new repertoire.

TUCSON

www.tucsonmusicteachers.org

Ji-Young Kim, President

TMTA had the first general meeting on August 22, with our ensemble run-through. Our ensemble committee did a fantastic job, putting together wonderful pieces for the concert in February 2015. Several TMTA teachers volunteered to play the program that evening and the performance was recorded and is already on our website for the students and teachers. As always, the first meeting was well attended.

We were pleased to meet three of our new members at the meeting. - Marlo Nottingham-Smith, James Beckwith and Victoria McDonald attended the meeting and had a chance to know the members in our organization. Our meeting included going over important dates for upcoming events, introducing board members and committee chairs.

TMTA is thrilled to have a new Vice President, Cecilia Whitby. We also have a new command performance chair, Jessica Carnevale, a new hospitality chair, Catherine Allen and a new membership chair, Kiyono Bernier.

Our next General meeting is on September 12 on "The Latest Technology of Yamaha's Clavinova" by Lori Frazer. We are planning on hosting a welcoming brunch for all committee chairs and new members on September 26. The Music in the Mall will be held on December 14 and our annual Holiday Luncheon will be on December 5.

TMTA is looking forward to another wonderful year together filled with good music and joy

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