



ST. LOUIS AREA  
MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I trust you have all had a wonderful and enjoyable summer! This is my first correspondence as your new president and I would like to thank Dr. Cathy Benton for her leadership during her term as president, and for all that she has done, and continues to do, for SLAMTA. I will do my best to continue and maintain the high standards she has set, as well as the long tradition of excellence and professionalism of the organization. The board and committee members will meet in the next few weeks to confirm plans for the up-coming year but I did want to remind you of a few up-coming events and deadlines. Please go to [www.slamta.org](http://www.slamta.org) to view the list of the current board members and committee chairs. There you will also find our directory, as well as information on upcoming programs, auditions, events etc.

I look forward to working with you over the next two years and hope that you will take time out of your busy schedules to attend the wonderful programs and events organized by SLAMTA. I encourage all of you to get involved—help with an event; be willing to serve if that phone call comes asking for help; and continue to support SLAMTA with your attendance and participation.

**HELP NEEDED PLEASE – HOSPITALITY CHAIR NEEDED!!!**

We need someone to take over the Hospitality Chair position and we need someone soon to help with District Auditions in September. Please call **Lauren Di Bisceglie at 314.569-1880** if you are interested. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved with the organization and to meet people. I look forward to hearing from you.

(See next page for up-coming events and deadlines.....)

## UP-COMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES:

**OPENING MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2010      ERIC ZUBER**

### **AMAZING - TALENTED - NOT TO BE MISSED!**

The opening meeting will be on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at Steinway Gallery. This is a joint program with PTRT. It will feature Eric Zuber, one of the leading American pianists of his generation. He received his early training with Grace Yin at the Peabody preparatory and began studying with Boris Slutsky at the age of eleven, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree from the Peabody Conservatory at the age of nineteen. Additionally, Eric earned a Performance Diploma from the Curtis Institute of Music where he studied with Leon Fleisher and Claude Franck. He is currently pursuing a Master's Degree at the Juilliard School with Robert McDonald.

Eric Zuber has won numerous awards in international competitions, including 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Hilton Head International Piano Competition (2007), as well as major prizes in other top World Federation of Music Competitions such as the Seoul International (2008), the Dublin International Piano Competitions (2009). He has also received prizes from the Minnesota International Piano-e-Competition (2009), the International Gina Bachauer Competition at Juilliard which he won in both 2009 and 2010, and the National Chopin Competition in Miami, Florida (2010).

He has received rave reviews for his performances all over the world and continues to world with some of the most renowned teachers in the world. Watch this space for more information on this wonderful program. I hope you will all come to hear him and support him at our opening meeting. Plan on arriving early to secure a seat!

### **DISTRICT AUDITIONS DEADLINE**

- District Auditions are September 18 & 19, 2010, at St. Charles Community College
- Entry deadline is **August 23, 2010** \$29 per entry
- Registration will be online again this year.
- Online details have been sent. Contact Marlana if you didn't receive instructions.
- Also, vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome.
- Contact info is: **marlana.strasburg@gmail.com**  
(Marlana prefers questions via email because she home schools and has 3 little ones).

Warm Regards,  
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SLAMTA President