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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Here's hoping you are having a wonderful and joyful holiday season filled with the sound of music. Imagine how empty this season would be without music!

A big thank you to **Janna O'Hara** for organizing and coordinating another very successful Play-a-thon at Plaza Frontenac. Teachers from our organization, and their students, provided festive holiday music at Plaza Frontenac over the weekend of November 20 and 21. Thanks to all the teachers who participated in this fun, festive and enjoyable event.

Please note the following: the deadline for the **Collaborative Music Recital** has been extended to January 10th. We are looking for more teachers to participate and are looking for any combinations – violin and piano; voice and piano; voice and flute; piano duets or duos, trios, quartets – any collaborative combination to make this a fun and enjoyable afternoon of music making. This event is in conjunction with MTNA to celebrate a year of collaborative music making. January 22nd has been set aside as a NATIONAL DAY OF COLLABORATIVE MUSIC MAKING PLEASE CONSIDER PARTICIPATING! THE INFORMATION IS BELOW:

Collaborative Music Recital

January 22 3:00 pm
Steinway Piano Gallery

This is a recital of any kind of collaborative music. All instruments welcome. Teachers are welcome and encouraged to participate.

The deadline has been extended to January 10.

To enter, please e-mail Wendy Martin (dubyah@me.com) the following information:

- Teacher's Name
- Name of piece and composer with the students playing and instruments used.
- Also include the approximate length of the piece and the age of the students playing.

If we have more entries than can fit on one program, a second recital will be added at 5:00 pm.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
ANOTHER FANTASTIC PROGRAM – NOT TO BE MISSED!!!**

This exciting news in from our V.P. for programs – Jennifer Spohr!

I am very pleased to announce that our February meeting will feature **Dr. Hugh MacDonald**, musicology professor at Washington University and frequent pre-concert lecturer at the St. Louis Symphony. We are trying out a book club idea with this meeting in mind. Dr. MacDonald has offered us a fabulous book suggestion and opportunity subsequent to our meeting. His recommendation is *a book by Kenneth Hamilton, called "After the Golden Age: Romantic Pianism and Modern Performance"*, which was received with rave reviews by the NY Times and Washington Post, etc. The book is very, very relevant to our lives as pianists and teachers.

Our February meeting will take place on **Friday, February 25, 2011** (place to be determined) **at 10:00 a.m.** Not only do we have the fantastic opportunity to have Dr. MacDonald come and lead our discussion of the book/speak to us on that topic, but the following day, Saturday, February 26, Kenneth Hamilton will be at Washington University to give a symposium/discussion and an evening lecture-recital, to which our members would be invited!

I have made **special arrangements** for the book to be ordered for our membership at a 10% discount (bringing the total before tax to \$26.95) and held for us behind the Mall entrance Checkout at the **Barnes and Noble Booksellers in the West County Mall store**. It will be held for us under the name "St. Louis Area Music Teachers Association", and should be there by 10/7/2010. I encourage everyone to participate in this unique and exciting opportunity!

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at this exciting event!

Please also note the following up-coming events in 2011:

JANUARY

Saturday, January 22 Collaborative Music Recital Steinway Piano Gallery

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 12 Sonatina Festival St. Charles Community College

*Sunday, February 20 2010 Young Artist Christ Church Cathedral
Gold Medal Winners in Recital*

MARCH

March 26 - 30 MTNA National Convention Milwaukee, WI

APRIL

*Saturday, April 16 Young Artist Piano Auditions Missouri Baptist University
Saturday, April 16 Young Artist Winner's Recital Missouri Baptist University
4:30 p.m. Chairpersons: Annette Burkhart, Anne Nagle*



**On behalf of the SLAMTA board and officers I extend to you and your family our
very best wishes for a warm and wonderful holiday season
filled with joy and music.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!**

