



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Firstly, a huge thank you to Judy Malzone for organizing and coordinating the Sonata/Sonatina Festival. This is always a popular event and a wonderful way to encourage students to get to know and appreciate the vast repertoire in this genre. Thank you Judy!

Thanks also to Jennifer Spohr for organizing and coordinating our first ever book-club discussion. The book *After the Golden Age: Romantic Pianism and Modern Performance* was fascinating, enlightening, and academic but with a dry sense of humor. Dr. Hugh McDonald's discussion was informative but light-hearted in spirit. Thank you Jennifer!

Thanks also to Annette Burkhart and Anne Nagle for arranging the Young Artists' Winners' recital at Christ Cathedral – what a wonderful opportunity for these bright young stars to perform. Congratulations to all!

Looking ahead some important announcements:

We have two exciting opportunities in the weeks ahead to attend performances at Powell Symphony Hall. I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to take advantage of these offers. We need to support our young performers and artists – after all, they are our future. This is a wonderful concert to take your students to.

Youth Orchestra concert on March 20 at 3p.m.

15 tickets are reserved for us in center parquet - more available if there is interest

Cost is \$10.50 per ticket - MEMBERS PAY \$7.50 and SLAMTA will cover the difference. STUDENTS ONLY PAY \$5.00

Reservations from members must be made by March 6

Here is the program:

PROGRAM NOTES (PDF)

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St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra

Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 3pm

Ward Stare, conductor
Richard Mazuski, cello
Winner of the Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition

CHAVEZ Toccata for Percussion
Will James, conductor
BARBER Cello Concerto
Richard Mazuski
von WEBER Overture to *Oberon*
HINDEMITH *Symphonic metamorphosis*

Sheila Ryerse will keep track – please e-mail her ASAP to let her know that you are interested and then mail your check to her.

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Then we have another opportunity to attend a coffee concert in April. The last one was wonderful so I would encourage you to come.

Coffee Concert on April 29 at 10:30 a.m. It features Stephen Hough as soloist. 25 tickets are reserved in dress circle center left. Others on parquet are available if stairs are a problem.

Cost is \$22 per ticket Members pay \$15 and SLAMTA will cover the rest. Students are half price.

There is a possibility that we might have a meeting with Stephen Hough, and arrangements are being made for us to have lunch after the concert. Details will follow.

Here are the program details:

Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 2

Friday, April 29, 2011 at 10:30am (Coffee Concert*)

TCHAIKOVSKY Piano Concerto No. 2
SCRIABIN Symphony No. 2

Ward Stare, conductor
Stephen Hough, piano (*Whitaker Guest Artist*)

Our season-long Russian Festival finale features back-to-back performances of the Tchaikovsky Piano Concertos. In the

first week, Yefim Bronfman plays No. 1 and in the second week, Stephen Hough plays the rarely performed Second Piano Concerto. *The Guardian* says Stephen Hough has "the most perfect piano playing conceivable."

[Excerpt from Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 2 \(1:04\)](#)

Pre-Concert Conversation with Peter Henderson one hour prior to each concert.

**Coffee and doughnuts provided at 9:30am by Krispy Kreme Doughnuts*

Please note there will be no late seating for these performances.

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Lastly a reminder about upcoming events:

ST. LOUIS YOUNG ARTIST

Sponsored by the St. Louis Area Music Teachers Association

Date: Saturday, April 16, 2011

Winner's Recital: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Missouri Baptist University

Entry **Deadline: March 26**

Please check the SLAMTA website for further details.

MAY LUNCHEON

Date: May 4th, 2011

Guest Artist: **Karen Kushner**

Please mark your calendars for this special event. More details will follow.

Wishing you all a sunny and enjoyable spring – it feels so good to see the sun and the crocuses about to bloom – Spring at last!

Laureen Di Bisceglie

President SLAMTA

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