



ST. LOUIS AREA
MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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May Luncheon-Wednesday, May 27

Our joint SLAMTA/PTRT spring luncheon will be held this year at the Steinway Gallery. We had previously announced that Raymond Herbert would be our guest artist, but unfortunately he was summoned for jury duty and will be unable to be with us! He recommended his former student Joe Rackers as a replacement and we are happy to have him perform for us. (see SLAMTA website for bio and complete recital program) The recital will begin at 11:00 followed by lunch. We thank David Slan and the Steinway Gallery for sponsoring this year's luncheon and program. **The cost of the lunch is \$15.00.

Checks should be mailed to: Jennifer Spohr, 503 Windsor Mill Dr. Ballwin, MO 63011

Deadline for Jennifer to receive your RSVP and check is May 20.

Monster Concert—Entry deadline this week!

Our 2009 Monster Concert is scheduled for Saturday, June 13 (dress rehearsals on Friday, June 12). The postmark deadline for submitting entries is **Friday, May 8**. Complete details are available on the Slamta website. We will announce specific times for the rehearsals and the concert after all the entries have been received and scheduled.

Other June Activities

- The SLAMTA June board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2 @ 10:00 a.m. at the coffeehouse at Missouri Baptist University.
- MMTA is hosting their first Summer Conference at the University of Missouri, Columbia on June 5-6. The schedule, info of guest presenters, and registration forms are available in the Spring-April 2009 edition of MMTA *Notes*.

District Auditions

District Auditions will be held on September 19 & 20 at St. Charles Community College. Details and entry forms are in the MMTA *Notes* magazine, Spring-April 2009 edition. Marlana Strasburg will be our Chairperson of auditions this year and Lauren DiBisceglie will be the Chairperson for judges. The postmark entry deadline for St. Louis is August 24. You will also notice on the *Notes* entry forms that the fee for St. Louis is \$29.00. The Chairperson of Auditions is a big job—the St. Louis District typically has over 400 entries, which requires a tremendous amount of work with scheduling, paperwork, securing the site, setting up rooms, etc. At the State MMTA board meeting in November a proposal was made that any of the local associations could add a \$2 surcharge to their entry fees so that the chairperson could be compensated. At the February board meeting, the SLAMTA board voted to accept this proposal.

Other SLAMTA News

Thank you to the following teachers and organizations:

- Noemi Chertok for coordinating our February Studio Recital. There were 13 student performers representing 5 different teachers who performed a variety of Romantic piano music.
- Annette Burkhart and Anne Nagle for co-chairing the Young Artist Competition which was held on April 18. Results and photos are available on the SLAMTA website.
- KFUE for hosting the 2008 Gold Medal Winners on their *From the Garden Live* series. KFUE also did a feature article on these students in their Spring newsletter, *The Libretto*.
- The Piano Technicians Guild of St. Louis for sponsoring the Gold Medal winners again this year. Their generous donations are greatly appreciated.

Jazz, Rag and Blues Festival

The Jazz, Rag and Blues Festival will be held on Saturday, August 8. Carol Beth True will be the judge for this event and it will be held at Lacefield Music. Plan ahead for this summer opportunity for your students! Postmark deadline for entries is July 15. Betty Burns is the chairperson of this event and complete details and entry forms are available on the website.