



January 2012

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Here's to you and wishing you a wonderful, happy, productive and healthy year ahead!

We have many events to look forward to in 2012 and I wanted to remind you of some of them:

1. The Sonata/Sonatina Festival, chaired by Judy Malzone will be held on February 11. Please note the deadline for registration is upon us. Please get your registration in to Judy Malzone by January 23rd. The Festival will be held at Saint Charles Community College on February 11th, 2012.
2. Also in February is our second annual book discussion. I urge you all to read the book and to join the discussion. Jennifer Spohr has provided the following information:

Please join us Friday morning, February 24, at 10:00 a.m. at Shaw's Coffee for our book discussion led by Dr. Hugh MacDonald. This year's book is "Beethoven's Piano Sonatas: A Short Companion" by Charles Rosen. The book is available at Amazon.com or you could check your local library.

<http://www.shawscoffee.com/location.php> We hope to see you there!

3. The annual MTNA National Convention will be March 24-28 in NYC and I hope that many of you will be able to attend. How exciting that it is in NYC this year.
4. The annual St. Louis Young Artist Competition will be held on April 21, 2012. Deadline for registration is March 24, 2012. Further information can be found on the SLAMTA website at www.slamta.org
5. Looking ahead to June we will have our Monster Concert on June 10. Please go to the SLAMTA website for further details as to repertoire, deadlines and rehearsal details.

None of these events would happen without the tireless efforts of the SLAMTA board and the event chairs. I would like to thank everyone on the SLAMTA executive board for all their hard work and also all the chairs of the many events held throughout the year. Your efforts and hard work are much appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you and welcoming you in the next few weeks and in the months ahead.

Sincerely,
Laureen Di Bisceglie
SLAMTA President