



ST. LOUIS AREA
MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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Important Announcements from Jennifer Spohr, VP of Programs

OCTOBER MEETING: Have you ever wondered how to play from a fake book, or wished you knew how? Have you ever wondered how to channel your young students' innate desire to "noodle" at the piano into some productive improvisational development? Has anyone ever asked you when they can study jazz? Carolbeth will be sharing these answers and more with us at our upcoming meeting on **Friday, October 3** at Yamaha Piano Distributors. Please note the change in starting time: Carolbeth will begin promptly at **9:30 a.m.** You won't want to miss this!

UPCOMING MASTERCLASSES: Monday, November 24 at 10:00 a.m. we are fortunate to have the opportunity for a master class with Orli Shaham at the Steinway Piano Gallery. We would like to choose 4 students to participate in this master class. In preparation for this event, we will be holding auditions for master class participants on Sunday, November 2 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m at the Steinway Piano Gallery. Please note that the auditions are not taking place in the hall, but in the Baldwin Piano Center, so please direct your students to come through the front entrance. If you have a student you would like to have considered for this opportunity, please send me an email (jennifer@spohrpiano.com) with the following information:

- 1)Name
- 2)Age
- 3)Repertoire (1 piece only, please) with performance time length

I need to receive this information no later than October 12. We will then assign times to each student. In addition to the students we choose for the November 24 master class, we will be choosing an additional 4 students for a December masterclass that is currently in the planning stages.

Miscellaneous

- Membership Binders will be available for pickup at the October meeting. If you are unable to attend and still want a binder, you will need to send \$5.00 to Treasurer Sheila Ryerse and then a binder will be mailed to you.
- Copies of the Membership List will also be available at the October meeting. If unable to attend, you may print your own copy from the website. The printable list will be posted on the website in the MEMBERS section by Friday, October 3.
- The SLAMTA website and the SLAMTA Newsletters are our main source of communication with you the members! If you need to know a date, find a form, etc. the website is your source!. If you have made any changes to your contact info, please contact the Membership Vice President, Judy Malzone at: ILGirl72@aol.com
- Monster Concert 2009: Repertoire has been chosen and the list will be posted on the website this week. The lists will also be sent to the local music stores this week. Please give the music stores some time to get the music ordered.
- SLAMTA gives a BIG THANK YOU to Wendy Martin and Lauren DiBisceglie for co-chairing the District Auditions and to Eryn Krobath for providing snacks and lunches for the judges. District Auditions is a huge job—there were over 400 entries this year.

October/November Dates Summary

- Friday, October 3, 9:30 a.m. Meeting and Program featuring Carolbeth True
Location: Piano Distributors, Chesterfield (Please note the early start time—Carolbeth has another event immediately following our meeting, so we will start promptly at 9:30)!!
- October 12—deadline for masterclass entries
- Tuesday, October 28, 10:00 **Board Meeting**
- Sunday, November 2—auditions for upcoming masterclasses
- November 6-9: MMTA State Auditions at Washington University
- Monday, November 10—postmark deadline for **Playathon** (forms available on the website in the Events section)
- Saturday & Sunday, November 22-23—**Playathon**
- Monday, November 24, 10:00 a.m. Orli Shaham masterclass at Steinway