



October, 2011

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

District Auditions ran smoothly thanks to the efficient organization of Marlana Strasburg. Over 350 students performed over the two days and many of these now proceed to state. I would like to express our thanks to Marlana for the incredible job she does and for all her hard work. Thank you Marlana!

Thanks also to Daniela Koyen who took on the job of SLAMTA Hospitality Chair. She was there with Marlana at 7:00 a.m. to set up and stayed all day to coordinate food, snacks and drinks for volunteers, workers, staff and judges. Thank you Daniela for giving of your time – it is much appreciated. Thanks to all who volunteered, monitored and helped in so many ways. Without your help District Auditions would not happen!

I would like to welcome the following members onto the SLAMTA board:

Advertising Chair – Kathe Quigley
Hospitality Chair – Daniela Koyen
Historian – Wendy Martin

I would like to thank Mark Laverty, Laura Leigh and Karen Koch for giving of their time and talents over the past year. Thank you for offering your time and talents to SLAMTA. We appreciate YOU.

Thank you to **Jennifer Linn** for organizing our first SLAMTA studio recital on October 2nd. Students representing teachers within our membership played a varied and exciting program from Bach to Liszt! What a great opportunity for students to perform and enjoy playing for one another. Another studio recital is planned for spring of 2012 and details will be available on our website.

Looking ahead, some important reminders:

On October 28th (Friday) Dr. Jeffrey Brown and Colleagues will present “The Cross-Pollination of Spanish, French, and Jazz Styles in the Early 20th Century: Jeffrey Brown, Tammie Walker and Michael Stryker from Western Illinois University.

Steinway Gallery at 10:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you there!

State Auditions are **November 5-6** at Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph. Please check the MMTA website for details: www.missourimta.org. You should receive your time-slots this week.

Our annual Play-a-thon is scheduled for **Saturday, December 10th, 2011 from 11:00am - 7:00pm**, at Missouri Baptist University, in the Pillsbury Fine Arts Theater. Please see the Events Page on the SLAMTA website for specifics.

Registration as always will be on a first come, first served basis, and is open NOW. Please sign up to reserve your spot as soon as possible.

Musically yours
Laureen Di Bisceglie
SLAMTA: President

