



ST. LOUIS AREA
MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

SLAMTA Newsletter, September 2010

Dear friends and colleagues,

I trust you are all off to a wonderful start to the new academic year. That transition back to school/work always takes a while! I look forward to seeing many of you at the opening meeting on Friday, September 3rd at Steinway Gallery starting at 10:00 a.m. This combined meeting provides us a wonderful opportunity to meet other teachers and enjoy camaraderie with one another. Please join us in welcoming **Eric Zuber** to St. Louis. A reminder - he will perform again on Friday evening at Steinway Gallery at 6 p.m. – this is open to the public and parents and students are invited to attend.

District Auditions:

District Auditions are September 18 and 19 at St. Charles Community College. Please remember to thank Marlana Strasburg for all her hard work. We have over 300 entries this year which is fantastic! Please be sure to do your part and to be on time to monitor etc. Success depends on everyone's participation. I look forward to seeing you there!

Come and hear Andre Watts perform with the SLSO: Exciting opportunity!!!

50 tickets have been reserved at a HUGE discount for SLAMTA and PTRT members. The SLSO is giving us a 50% discount, and SLAMTA will pay a further \$10 per ticket for each SLAMTA member who signs up to go. PTRT will offer the same incentive. This means a 75% discount on the cost of the ticket. That means you only pay \$15 to go to this performance! The performance is on **Sunday, October 10, 2010 at 3 p.m.** If you are interested in going **please fill out the attached form, and mail to Lauren Di Bisceglie, with your check by September 15th. Please read the instructions carefully.**

EXCITING NEWS FROM PROGRAM CHAIR: JENNIFER SPOHR.

Master Class with Ruth Slenczynska: Thanks to the efforts of Gwen Peiper and underwriting from the Steinway Piano Gallery, we are pleased to announce that PTRT and SLAMTA will have the pleasure of presenting a master class with Ruth Slenczynska on Friday, October 1 from 10:00 a.m. to

noon at the Steinway Piano Gallery. Ms. Slenczynska has requested to work with students of varying levels and ages so we are requesting that teachers wishing to have their students considered please submit the name of the student, age, and title of work to be performed via email to Jennifer Spohr at jennifer@spohrpiano.com no later than September 15, 2010. Participants will audition in person at the Steinway Gallery on Sunday, September 26 at 3:00 p.m. Auditions will be anonymous, and the judging panel will consist of an equal number of members from each of the two professional groups. The names of the chosen candidates will be announced that evening after the judges reach their decision. We look forward to having Ms. Slenczynska back in St. Louis!

Watch this space for more exciting news about upcoming programs in the months ahead.

Wishing you all a wonderful and exciting year!

Warm Regards,

Laureen Di Bisceglie

SLAMTA: President