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Into 2012...

The month of January of 2012 brought with it a reminder that four months of the school year have fallen into a recent past. The events that occupied our minds as teachers and provided our students with incentives in the Autumn of 2011, in retrospect, provide a new energy and motivation in dealing with the numerous opportunities we are proud to offer our students through the rest of the school year.

The Fall Student Recitals brought to the stage of Steinway Hall many fine young performers; budding young composers each performed an original composition to appreciative audiences(also at Steinway Hall); the Fall Festival was a complete success as was the Fall Theory Test.

Last Fall the FWMTA welcomed five new members, and many of our longstanding members proved their pianistic prowess through either solo or duo live performances. This Spring semester 2012 we look with renewed energy to the laurels we members and our students can garner.
Rosemary Solomons, Editor

Upcoming Events

Teachers Meetings/Programs

Friday, January 13, 2012

Robin Hufford

Lecture/ Demonstration

The Luncheon/Meeting on this day was followed by Master Piano Builder and Technician Robin Hufford's lecture/demonstration, which was well received by attending members.

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday February 14, 2012

Dr. Helen Marlais

Lecture/Demonstration

Meeting sponsored by FWMTA and Piano Teachers Forum

Saturday May 5, 2012

Luncheon/Meeting

Home of Marsha Rapfogel

Student Recitals:

Saturday January 28, 2012 Student Recital was very well attended. Nine students played their own original compositions exhibiting a variety of forms and styles. Eleven other students performed pieces of varying styles making the program a very interesting one.

Nineteen FWMTA students entered original compositions at the local level. Of the compositions entered, fourteen were selected as winners and qualify to continue on to State. Student-composers performed their creations at the December and January student Recital Programs at Steinway Hall.

**Last two recital dates for the year:
March 24, and April 28, 2012**

Our thanks to **Lucy Yacante**, Recital Chair, for her untiring efforts in making the monthly recitals a special experience for our students, and for presenting the programs in her own inimitable manner!

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

February 12, 2012, Registration for Performance Contest due

February 29, 2012, Applications for Chamber Music Ensemble Music Contest due

March 3, 2012, Piano Solo Contest entries due

Recitals Deadlines:

March 16, 2012

April 20, 2012

Upcoming Recital Dates:

February 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Faculty Recital

Jose Antonio Cubela, piano

Martin Hall at Texas Wesleyan University

March 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Faculty Duo-Piano Recital:

Ilka Araújo and Jose Cubela, piano

Martin Hall at Texas Wesleyan University

March 24 from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m.

4th Annual Texas Wesleyan University

Youth Duo-Piano Competition

in cooperation with the *Fort Worth Piano Teachers Forum*

Martin Hall at Texas Wesleyan University

March 29 at 7:30 p.m.

An Evening of Chamber Music: The Virtuoso String Quartet

Steven Li, violin

Scott Jessup, violin

Sorin Guttman, viola

Hsinyi Wang, cello

Guest Faculty: Jose Antonio Cubela, piano

Martin Hall at Texas Wesleyan University

April 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Faculty Duo-Piano Recital:

Arjola Miruku and Jose Cubela, piano

Martin Hall at Texas Wesleyan University

April 28, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

UTA Faculty Concert: The UTA Symphony Orchestra and piano soloist John Solomons perform Tchaikovsky's Piano Concert No 1, Opus 26. Clif Evans directs. **Irons Recital Hall.**

Tickets \$5 / Students \$3. Tickets on line at www.uta.edu/music or at the door.

Congratulations to Mikhail Berestnev (student of Dr. Tamas Ungar) , winner of the South Central Division Young Artist Piano Competition. Mikhail will compete in the National MTNA Competition, March 26, 2012 in New York City.

Katelan Terrell (student of Dr. John Solomons) winner of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition, performs the Piano Concerto #2 by Brahms with the FWSO on **February 25, 2012 at the Keller High School Auditorium.** German Gutierrez directs.

The Fort Worth Civic Orchestra will hold its **Young Musician Concerto Competition** on Saturday, March 24th 2012, at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Contestants through 12th grade can choose any orchestral instrument or piano. For further information go to www.fwco.org. Application forms are available on the website. **Deadline is February 18, 2012.**

Teachers, it is not too late to enroll students for the local piano ensemble. They are to play "Polka" by David Karp. You can purchase a copy at Mr. E's Music on Hulen. These students will perform only on the Honors program, Tuesday, June 12 at 6:30 at Steinway Hall. Rehearsal dates are April 14 & 28, May 5 & 19, and June 9.

A call to all FWMTA members...Our Student Program Committees need you! Please call the Student Affiliate Chairperson to volunteer serving on a committee of your choice. Your involvement will be most welcome and greatly appreciated.

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