Northern Nevada Music Teachers Association

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November 2012 Newsletter

Submissions are due by the 4th of each month. <u>Typed e-mail is preferred</u> for articles. Hand-written articles are acceptable. Newsletter Editor addresses: Karen Hudson, 2055 Severn Dr, Reno, NV 89503

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Upcoming Events

11/14: Seminar at Carpenter's Music World, 10 a-noon. See article below.

11/30: Reno Youth Music Festival, Repertoire Approval Deadline; Sonnet Johnson,

sonnetpiano@gmail.com

12/01: Christmas Party, Steinway Gallery 12/3: MTNA National Conference \$295 Registration Deadline; \$345 from 12/3 -2/1; \$395 after 2/1

A Tempo

I would like to start out by saying thanks to everyone who participated in Silver State last month. We had 58 students and raised \$615 for the State. That was more than double last year!! Everything went smoothly thanks to all the time and effort of Nancy Kuncheff. We also thank our judges Betty Rich, Denise Smith and Elaine Courtney for hanging in there for a full day of performances!

I recently attended the State convention in Las Vegas Nov 2-3 and we had our board meeting and elected new officers. President of the NMTA will be Hanah Shields, VP Mallie Reicken, Treasurer, Brenda Swan, Secretary, Amy Jahn. We presented Meredyth Lewis with her Service Award. She was in charge of the competitions at the convention and did an excellent job. Cheryl Thornton received the Service Award for the LVMTA. She is the outgoing president and has done a great job. The current membership in MNTA as of Oct 15th is 19,323 and the NMTA is 178. Bill Moore was the guest speaker and gave an excellent presentation on the psychology of performance. We also had a panel discussion on making a living in music which was also informative.

Coming up this month is Wendell Carpenter's teacher discussion group on the mechanics of the piano. It will take place at Carpenters Music World – across the street from the Peppermill, on Wed Nov 14 at 10:00 am. A flier is attached with the details. We hope to see you there.

In December, will be the Christmas playathon at Reno Town Mall. Contact Ruth Brewer with any questions. We encourage you to put students on this as well, since it is our local fundraiser. The more the merrier as they say especially at the holidays!

Have a great Thanksgiving!

--Theresa Schmauder, NNNMTA President

Christmas Playathon

From: Ruth Brewer, rbrewer100@aol.com; 825-8252

Our annual holiday fundraiser will be held on Saturday, December 15th, at Old Town Mall. Teachers are encouraged to enter their pupils in this enjoyable event, a tradition of many years for our association. For details, please contact Ruth Brewer. An entry form is enclosed with this newletter: deadline is December 6th.

Deadline for Repertoire Approval

From: Karen Hudson, 747-5851, <u>KarenA.Hudson@gmail.com</u>

For the Reno Youth Music Festival, the deadline for repertoire approval is November 30th. Contac t Sonnet

Johnson, <u>sonnetpiano@gmail.com</u>, 825-9431, with any questions.

Newsletter Options

From: Karen Hudson, 747-5851; KarenA.Hudson@gmail.com

This issue will be the final issue mailed through the post office. Just as our state organization will be doing, we will be e-mailing the monthly newsletter to all members. Also, each month's newsletter will be available online at <u>nnmta.org</u> with full archives each year. Members whose dues are paid will receive the password to the website. If you need a hard copy, please print out the email which is sent in .pdf form and works with all printers. Beginning in December 2012, we will discontinue the postal mailings unless you notify us that you need to continue receiving them. This represents a significant savings to our organization of over \$800 a year in stamps, paper and ink. If you have any questions, please call me.

"What Makes a Piano Good" Seminar

From: Karen Hudson, Newsletter Editor, KarenA.Hudson@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 14th, 10 a.m. to noon, when Wendell Carpenter will offer a special seminar for our members on the construction, mechanics, and maintenance of the piano. He'll be able to answer all those questions you may have about tuning, keeping the strings free of dust and dirt, taking care of the sound board, making sure the pedals are in good order, and much more.

This event will replace our Teacher Discussion Group for November.

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