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LAPTF Newsletter

October 2015

October 14th Meeting

From the HEART, thought the HEAD, to the FINGERS.

Note that the October meeting is NOT on the **first** Wednesday of the month, but on the **second** Wednesday, October 14. The location is the Steinway Piano Gallery in Commerce Township.

Our guest lecturer is Dr. William Budai, Associate Professor of Piano and Associate Dean, School of Music at Campbellsville University in Kentucky.

This promises to be a very exciting interactive session. It will (1) provide an overview of the various types of improvisation, (2) provide a research-based defense of its importance for today's students, and most importantly, (3) provide many specific "hands on" activities that teachers can confidently use with students of any age or skill level. These activities include imitation, embellishment, the use of blues and jazz tetrachords, accompaniment patterns, incidental music, variations in texture and mood, chord substitutions, free improvisation, and much more.

Please join us for refreshments (coffee, tea, only) and conversation followed by the program.



Upcoming Events

"Rockin' the Keys" 2015

IMPORTANT: CHANGE OF DATE

The date for ***Rockin' the Keys*** has been changed to **Saturday December 12th** from the original date in November to give the students and teachers more time for preparation. All funds collected need to be turned in to Maxine Berghoff **at or before our November meeting** (instead of our October meeting).

All the forms are being changed to accommodate the new date and will be in the Newsletter or in a separate mailing.

Students and donors will be given the same credit for any funds already charged to SandCastles.

Call Maxine at 248-862-6193 if you have any questions or email berghoffstudio@att.net

Outreach Program

You should have received an email announcement that our first Community Outreach Recital is scheduled for **October 25** at Marycrest Heights, located at 15495 Middlebelt Rd. in Livonia from 2-3 pm. If you wish your students to participate, contact Ellen Nixon at ellelounixon@gmail.com with an estimation of performance time. You will then receive a registration form. The information you provide will assist us in putting the program together. Halloween Costumes encouraged. Special thanks to Ellen Nixon and Kathy Ranus for organizing this program.

Announcements

- Beginning with this meeting, refreshments available at monthly meetings will consist only of coffee, tea, water.
- Look for the **suggestion sheet** for programs and speakers. We need your input!
- Be prepared: the Hospitality Chair will be asking us to step forward to help with LPTF events.
- **Brenda Krackenberg** has offered to coordinate carpools for the Nelita True workshop at Albion College. Contact Brenda at bkrackenberg@gmail.com.
- **SAT Dates:** Levels 1-3, Sunday March 6 at Schoolcraft; Levels 8-10, Friday, March 11 at Steinway Gallery; Levels 4-7, Sunday, March 13 at Steinway Gallery.
- Oakland Piano Teachers Forum has extended an invitation for January 29, 2016. Randall Faber will be speaking on "Developing Musical Minds, Hearts and Communities." Farmington Community Library, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm.

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To Melissa Brown, our newest State certified teacher. Way to go! Melissa.

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Contact Information

- *For questions about this newsletter, contact Margarete Thomsen 734 - 451 - 9678*
- *Please be sure LPTF has your CURRENT email address to continue receiving this newsletter. Update personal information with Doris Edwards 734-464-*

Survey Participation We have been invited to participate in a survey to analyze to what extent piano teachers are using technology to support their teaching and administrative work. This can range from "video games" that teach students note reading, to applications that manage your billing and weekly schedule. Even if you're not using technology in your studio, it would be greatly appreciated if you would respond so that we have a balanced view of what people are actually doing! The survey is presented in lay terms based on your teaching responsibilities, and takes about 15-20 minutes to complete. Everyone who completes the survey will receive an email with a summary of results in January, 2016 when a presentation is scheduled at the Ann Arbor Piano Teacher's Guild in Ann Arbor (which you are welcome to attend). A formal written summary will also be submitted to all who participated and for publication. All names and emails will remain confidential; survey data will be presented as trends and percentages. Those who complete the survey will also be entered into a prize drawing after September 30, 2015. Please direct any questions to tbaetzel@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your participation!

To access the survey and fill out the form **2015 Technology Survey for Piano Teachers**, visit:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16L9W-zTDg-578sgYRrfUXDfU5McFIMHHmpeUEoH-Yg8/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link

Student Referrals Contact Debbie Cox. She will direct students to teachers in the area who have available lesson

spots. Contact her at dcgomsu@yahoo.com or 248-210-6036 include city and nearest cross streets.