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LAPTF Newsletter

November 2015

November 4th Meeting

VIVE LA FEMME!

Presenter: Dr. Silvia Roederer, School of Music, WMU

Intermediate level piano works by women, which demonstrate fascinating compositional trends of the 20th/21st centuries (MDML members new music and composers will be addressed.

Clusters, minimalism, exotic scales, mixed meters, no meters and extended techniques....let's embrace those newer trends and keep our studios vibrant! A performance and discussion of some favorites, and a look at standard notation for extended techniques.

Location: Steinway Piano Gallery, Commerce Township

Please join us for refreshments (coffee, tea, only) and conversation
Meeting begins at 9:30 am.

Upcoming Events:

"Rockin' the Keys"

December 12, 2015

Attention: All funds collected need to be turned in with accompanying paperwork to Maxine Berghoff **at or before our November meeting, November 4.**

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

Watch for an update in a separate email on Outreach Recitals.

Invitations to other events

October 30th, 2:30 pm. Nelita True's Workshop, "Make it Darker: Tone Production at the Piano, Albion College. Contact David Abbot for more information: dabbott@albion.edu
Brenda Krackenberg has offered to coordinate carpools. Contact Brenda at bkrackenberg@gmail.com

November 17th, 11:15 am, organized by The Tuesday Musical of Detroit, at the Piano Place, 1307 E. Maple Rd Troy. "Two pianos and More" where, as part of a great program, Helen Kerwin will play a Mozart Sonata for two pianos with Sam Wedes. No admission charge.

Keep this date marked on your calendar: 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.

Announcements

MMTA By-Laws have been changed and approved by the members at the MMTA Conference. Anyone interested in receiving the revised version, make contact MMTA President, Gail Lytle Lyra, gail@gaillytlelira.com

Reminders

- Remember to sign in for each meeting AND 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.
- **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.
- **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 are 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!

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. The final cutoff for receiving responses is November 1, 2015—the first Sunday of November. 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

CLASSIFIEDS

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[Young Chang 5'2" High Polish Ebony w/ bench. Built 1983. Serviced by Greg since new. Death in family. Priced to sell \\$3000](#)

Steinway Model B c. 1947: \$49,000. pond.gregpond@gmail.com
248-885-0103

Wurlitzer Spinet for sale--\$400 or best offer. Contact Sandra Smith at 734-427-2942.

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

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