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February Meeting:

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 /9:30AM

Guest Speaker: Dr. Lori Sims - WMU

Location: Steinway Gallery

Topic: Lecture-Performance on the Debussy Preludes

From the President's Desk:

Dear Colleges:

February is approaching and our Meeting's Agenda features the internationally acclaimed WMU Professor of Music Dr. Lori Sims. Gold medalist and prize winner of numerous piano competitions, she has performed throughout America, Europe and China. She was the first local artist to appear at the Gilmore International Keyboard Festival in Kalamazoo. Her teachers include Leon Fleisher, Claude Frank and Arie Vardi. Don't miss the opportunity to listen and benefit from her talent and insights.

In words from our program chair, Christina Dragone: "I'm excited for LAPTF to hear on Wednesday, Feb.3rd at the Steinway Gallery, WMU Professor of Music Lori Sims! Dr. Sims has graciously offered to present a lecture-performance on the Debussy Preludes, one week before her Gilmore Festival performance. A versatile, generous, and gracious musician with a unique and personal playing style, Lori Sims possesses a strong technique and large repertoire, extending from "big" works usually lying in the masculine repertoire, to intimate and delicate works.

LAPTF's monthly meetings keep offering our members the most versatile and useful array of presenters. The first musical gathering of the year was held on a rather mild and friendly January day. Our colleague and talented group member Ninette Popoff-Parks was the guest speaker for the occasion. She displayed a careful examination



on the use and analytical application of theory concepts to spark and rationalize an emotional and expressive interpretative outcome. A good question and answer period followed her exposition that stirred an interesting exchange of ideas among the teachers. It was a very dynamic and interesting meeting. Thank you Ninette!.

On a very sad note, we want to extend our most sincere condolences to two of our members, Caron Chen and Eric Parker who during the last two months have had to go through the very hard experience of losing their mothers. We give them our heartfelt support in their grief.

I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Sincerely

Alicia Operti
LAPTF President

Upcoming LAPTF Events:

Outreach Recital

February 14 at 2:00 PM

2016 at Waltenwoods, 42600 Cherry Hill, Canton.

Contact Ellen Nixon: ellelounixon@gmail.com 734-427 7496. Applications on the website.

Take advantage of this great opportunity for your students to get some experience playing their testing pieces in a relaxed atmosphere

S.A.T

Sunday, March 6, 2016 – Levels 1-3:

Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia

Friday, March 11, 2016 – Levels 8-10:

Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit, Commerce Township.

Late afternoon/evening

Sunday, March 13, 2016 – Levels 4-7:

Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit, Commerce Township.

All day



Reminder/changes of dates:

Work Meeting at Mt. Hope will be on February 24th.

SAT Performance Sheets date line has been extended to January 29

Judging Class for Technique and S.R

If you would like to be a sight-reading and technique judge you must attend one of the following refresher/training sessions:

Date: February 19th 10:00 – 11:15 am.

Location: Janice Derian's home, 12612 Glenview Dr., Plymouth 48170

Additional Information: Please bring previous judged S.R. and Technique rating sheets from your students. These will help clarify judging questions. These are critical to the ongoing judging process.

Confirm your attendance and email Janice Derian: janice@derian-toth.us
734-377-4223. If you have any questions feel free to correspond.

Eastern District Semi-Finals: April 16, 2016

Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit, Commerce Township

State Finals: Saturday, May 7, 2016

Michigan State University, College of Music, East Lansing

Honors recital:

Sunday, April 10, 2 PM at Steinway Gallery

Award for Piano Performance Excellence:

Audition Date: April 23, 2016

Recital Date: April 30, 2016

Invitations for other Events:

The Oakland Piano Teachers Forum:

Friday, January 29, 2016 at 10:30 AM - Farmington Community Library

Piano Day at Oakland University:

Sunday, January 31, 2016. Noon to 6:00 PM. For students age 10 to 18. (Registration Fee: \$35.00) Contact Deneen V. Stapleton, stapleto@oakland.edu for more information.



International Piano Competition:

(Beginners to 25 years old) in Volski, Russia, February 20-22. Winners have opportunity to perform with the Volski Symphony Orchestra. Flyer attached.

2016 MTNA National Conference:

April 2 – 6 in San Antonio, Texas

2016 State Conference:

October 9 – 11 in Midland, Michigan

Other Notes of Interest:

A Note from Maxine Berghoff:

“Our fund raiser ROCKIN’ THE KEYS 2015 for the benefit of SandCastles Grief Support Program for Children and Families was another success. A total of 10 teachers with a total of 96 students raised \$5,000.00 for Sand Castles in December 2015. It was a valuable event and fun for our students to be able to share their music to help someone else. All students who participated received memorable gifts engraved with Rockin’ the Keys. Those who raised at least \$50.00 were also given t-shirts to memorialize their participation”

Student referrals

Debbie Cox asks that you inform her by email if a student she sent you – via the LPTF piano teacher referral program – contacts you about lessons as currently she does not receive any teacher feedback Debbie needs your feedback so she can report referral results to the LPTF board. Debbie is seeing a current trend regarding lessons requests for piano lessons in the student’s home. If any LPTF teacher travels to student homes to teach please let Debbie know so she can refer those students accordingly.