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**March Meeting:  
/9:30AM**

**Wednesday, March 2nd 2016**

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Pamela Ruiten-Feenstra

**Location:** Evola Music of Canton

**Topic:** Dr. Pamela Ruiten-Feenstra will offer an exciting three-parts presentation, complete with detailed handouts and copies of her new books. This session will be very much participatory and interactive, so please come with an enthusiasm to learn and experience. Evola will be providing us with 2 pianos for this unique presentation, both heady and experiential!

1 Muse: Muse at work is an innovative approach to multi-sensorial music theory applications. It is one of 4 books Dr. Ruiten-Freenstra has just published.

2 Improvisation Society: Looking for fresh ideas for group lessons or fun ways to start improvising? Try out these participatory improvisation games for ideas and enjoy making music collaboratively.

Bach and improvisation: Something Borrowed, Something New.

Ruiten-Feenstra will demonstrate how to sleuth out ideas from Bach's WTC Prelude #1 as a prototype for your own improvisation. The clues are in Bach's music!

**From the President's Desk:**

Dear Colleges:



Our Vice President and Programs Chair continues to feed our limitless urge for high level, original, inspired and visionary ideas to enrich our musical world and help to boost the interest of our students. February's meeting fulfilled all our expectations with the visit of Lori Sims, who focusing on Debussy's Preludes gave an excellent presentation and performance. I regret so many of you missed that unique opportunity.

This month's meeting promises another unique experience so, try to arrange your busy schedule and mark that day as a special treat to you.

I hope to see you all at the meeting.

**Alicia Operti**  
LAPTF President

## **Upcoming LAPTF Events:**

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### **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

**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

**2016 MTNA National Conference:**

April 2 – 6 in San Antonio, Texas

**2016 State Conference:**

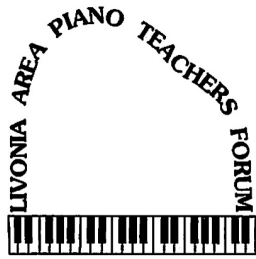
October 9 – 11 in Midland, Michigan

**Other Notes of Interest:**

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**Outreach Recital:** A Note from Ellen Nixon

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, 22 students from 5 LPTF teachers brought joy to the residents of Waltonwoods of Canton, with an hour long piano recital. This took place in their beautiful dining room, where many residents came to listen and enjoy a Valentine snack of chocolate dipped marshmallows and strawberries. The students were well received and a thank-you goes to all the teachers who participate!



## Members updates and changes

Christina Smith will be the new co-chair of the Website Committee working with Margarete Thomsen.

We welcome a **new member**:

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**Please update your records.**

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