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October Meeting:

Wednesday, October 5th 2016/9:30AM

Guest Speaker: Dr. Pamela Ruitter-Feenstra

Location: Evola Music of Canton

Topic: “Bach, the Art of Improvisation and More

Dr. Pamela Ruitter-Feenstra will offer a three-part presentation.

1 – Muse at work: Innovative approach to multi-sensorial music theory applications.

2 – Improvisation Society: Fresh ideas for group lessons or fun ways to start improvising. Improvisation games and collaborative music making.

3 – Bach and Improvisation: A demonstration of how to sleuth ideas from Bach’s WTC Prelude #1 as a prototype for our own improvisation. “The clues are in Bach’s music!”

The presentation will be complete with detailed handouts and copies of Dr. Ruitter-Feenstra’s new books.

Lunch with Dr. Ruitter-Feenstra will follow after the meeting. Please contact Isabelle Tulk if you would like to join

From the President’s Desk:

Dear Colleges:

I hope the summer has been a kind and enjoyable time for all of you and it provided all the promises foreseen at the arrival of Spring.

A very promising year lays ahead for our little enclave. Great speakers with interesting programs, lots of activities for our students and new ideas and experiences to share.



We welcome new Board members, Isabelle Tulk – Vice President and Eric Parker – Secretary.

Please, make a point to come to the meetings on time. We will start no later than 9:30 AM regardless of the number of people present at the time.

Some of our colleagues have had serious health problems during the past month from which they are slowly recuperating. Our multi-tasker, hardworking board member Doris Edwards has been struggling for a while. She will be in the hospital for few more days recovering from brain surgery before being transferred to a rehabilitation center. Her husband Al, took over the work and responsibility of compiling and printing the information for the 2016/2017 Year Book we will distribute at the meeting. Our organization recognizes and appreciates the effort he is making during such a demanding time on their family. Thank you Al, and thank you Doris for delegating and sharing your work with such an accomplished partner.

After many years of Susan Schlabach's diligent work, she is taking a break and our Historian Chair remains empty. There are many precious moments captured from LPTF's activities in the past and we want to keep storing many more from our present. Please volunteer some of your time to fill this position. I am sure Sue will be willing to inform and guide you on the work involved. Thanks to the always present hospitality of Steinway Society, the books will be stored in their building, with easy access for our members. We will always try to keep one or two available for you when the meetings are held at their location.

Remember, communication is essential if we want a dynamic and constructive organization. Please reach me or any of the board members with your concerns or information. Let's make this another LPTF successful musical year.

Sincerely

Alicia Operti
LPTF President



Upcoming LPTF Events:

Outreach Recital

Friday, October 28th at 6:30 PM

Marycrest Heights (located on Middlebelt Road between 5 and 6 miles, Livonia)

Costumes are encouraged, but not mandatory

Rocking the Keys

Saturday, December 3rd, 2016 - Laurel Park

Forms will be available at the meeting and also on the website.

Peggy Nielsen, from Sandcastles will be at the meeting providing more information.

Invitations for other Events:

2016 MMTA Conference:

Sunday, October 9 to Tuesday, October 11

The H. Hotel

111 W. Main Street

Midland, MI 48640

Other Notes of Interest:

Please refer to our website www.lptf.org for any other information regarding future events or calendar. We thank Margarete Thomsen and Christine Smith who are trying to keep it up to date. Applications for the different activities will also be available at the site.

I am attaching application for **October 28th. Outreach Recital**