



February Meeting: Wednesday, February 1st, 2017

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Guest Speaker:

Master Class with Dr. Tian Tian

Location:

Steinway Gallery, Commerce

Dr. Tian Tian will be visiting us again. Over a year ago, she gave an excellent demonstration on Chopin and the Development of Technique. This time, a Master Class will be the focus of her presentation.

The following are the students and the repertoire selected for the Master Class:

Brian Jian, student of Irina Semenova

Sonatina, op 55 #3. Allegro con spirit – Kuhlau

Caleb Xu, student of Brenda Krachenberg

Sonatina, op 13 #1 – 1st mov. – Kavalevsky

Maria Cheriyan, student of Alicia Operti

Rondo op 51 #1 – Beethoven

Catherin Hetchman, student of Mary Siciliano

Ballade in g minor - Chopin

The students will have the unique opportunity to perform on the piano used by the legendary Vladimir Horowitz that now is been exposed at the Gallery.



From the President's Desk:

Dear Colleges:

The beginning of the year emerged with the implementation of a computerized method to gather information for SAT students' and teachers' enrollment. January meeting was dedicated to help and guide the teachers who initially felt intimidated by the change.

The system is up and running with positive feedback from the users as it reduces and greatly simplifies the process.

We want to express our appreciation for the many overtime hours and work spent by the SAT team on this job:

Jeanne Thelen for steering us into the how-to.

Diana Munch, SAT Co-Chairperson, scheduling, questions, student's withdrawals, repertoire

Janice Derian – Volunteer assignments

Christine Smith – Registration and test printing

Brenda Krachenberg – Performance Judge arrangements.

Janice, the volunteer coordinator, will have sign-up sheet at the meeting. She needs volunteers.

We are also looking for someone to spearhead the food coordination for the March 5th and March 10th testing days.

On a sad note, our dear colleague and friend Ruth Jones have lost her husband of many years after a long illness. Our condolences to Ruth and her family for the irreparable loss.

I am pleased to report that Joan Haggard has recovered from her surgery and has resumed her role as chair of the Guild Auditions Committee. We thank Maxime Berkoff for feeling in during her absence.

A new baby has arrived at the Thelen's home. Anton Foster Thelen was born on January 19th weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz. Mom and baby are doing well. Congratulations to the family.

Please refer to the website for access to the student's forms for each test day as for any other information. We are trying to keep it updated.

Looking forward to see you at the meeting.

Alicia Operti