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**March Meeting:**

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 /9:30AM

**Guest Speaker:** Julia Siciliano

**Location:** Steinway Gallery

**Topic:** "Schuman and his extra-musical influences: E.T.A. Hoffman, Clara Wieck, and Frederic Chopin". Concert artist Julia Siciliano will give a fascinating talk and performance that you will not want to miss! Julia will use the miniatures of Schuman, from Kreisleriana and Carnival, and explore their literary and musical influences

**From the President's Desk:**

Dear Colleagues:

The big yearly challenge for our students is few days ahead. The extra activity it raises for us all is, in some way, mitigated by the early signs of spring. Very soon the pushing and hustling to get the best from each of our students will be over and the time to collect the results of our labor will be here.

Refreshments will be served with coffee during the next two meetings. Shinko Kondo graciously volunteered her services for the meeting in March and Jeannette Myers will take over in April. Thank you very much to you both.

Sincerely,

**Alicia Operti**  
LAPTF President



## **Upcoming LPTF Events:**

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### **S.A.T**

**Sunday, March 5, 2017 – Levels 1-3:**

Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia

**Sunday, March 12, 2017 – Levels 4-7:**

Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit, Commerce Township

**Friday, March 10, 2017– Levels 8-10:**

Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit, Commerce Township

Late afternoon/evening

**Honors Recital:** Sunday, March 26, 2 PM at Steinway Gallery – Registration: March 12 to March 19

The Honor's Recital is open to students of LPTF teachers who have received either a Superior rating at Federation, or a performance score of 67 or higher at Student Achievement Testing. This year the recital will be held at Steinway Piano Gallery on Sunday, March 26 at 2pm. Registration begins as soon as you receive your students' scores after March 12 testing, and ends on March 19. Registration period is short, so keep that in mind when you get your scores . . . if you will be sending registration form by mail, PLEASE ALSO SEND AN EMAIL to Ellen Nixon at [ellelounixon@gmail.com](mailto:ellelounixon@gmail.com), letting her know that you are entering students.

### **Award for Piano Performance Excellence:**

Audition Date: April 15, 2017

Recital Date: April 23, 2017

## **Invitations for other Events:**

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### **Grand Valley State University - High School Piano Day**

Friday, March 31, 2017 – Registration due by March 6.

Excellent opportunity for students planning to be a music major. Go to [www.gvsu.edu/piano](http://www.gvsu.edu/piano) for more information.

### **2017 MTNA National Conference:**

March 18 – 22 in Baltimore, Maryland



## **Other Notes of Interest:**

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This is a message received by Pat Minnick at the Schoolcraft Music Department. It might be of interest for some of you:

“I am a student at Wayne State University, and I currently play the organ at a church in Troy. Because I have taken on a new job and my schedule is now very full, I am looking for someone else to replace me. For anyone that is interested, you do not need to know how to play the organ - all they ask is that the student can play the piano. Could you please forward this email to your music students, or to any other departments you think there may be an interested student. They must have their own mode of transportation, as the church is located about 2 miles from Somerset Mall. They are a very nice church, the choir members are very friendly, as is the community, and it is maximum 7 hours per week (not including religious holidays). Please let me know if anyone is interested, as I am looking for this position to be filled as soon as possible. Thank you very much for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you soon! 248-962-5744

Kind regards,  
Greta M.

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