

LAPTF 2021 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

SAVE the DATE

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

9:30am - 11:30am



LAPTF Meeting Live

The “new normal” begins with ushering in the new season with our first meeting at the Livonia Rotary Park Pavillion 5 at Six Mile between Merriman and Farmington Roads. Bring a simple, cold dish to share (serving 6-8) and your own beverage. *All paper products and bottled water will be provided.*

A comfort station, walking path, and playground are on the premises. All members are encouraged to come in casual clothes and please invite fellow music teachers. Welcome new members and reunite with old friends. Get the latest news, upcoming events, and be a part of the LAPTF decision making. Please add to your calendar now. You don't want to miss this meeting. Hot topics include, our new website redesign, new logo election, new board members, APPE, and more.

Want to help with planning? Contact Sharon (livoniaptf@gmail.com) 734-634-2650.

Reading a good book about a favorite composer, method program, pedagogical topic of interest? Experimenting with a new app or off the bench activity? Want to review some new music with a fellow teacher or just get together for a duet sight-reading afternoon? eMail what you've been up to and would like to share with the members. It will be forwarded to the group. Things are gradually re-opening. Be encouraged and enjoy *comfortably and safely* getting together with fellow members. Make time this summer for music making and living more fully. Fall is right around the corner. Let's look forward to making our LAPTF re-entry a great one.

Sharon Rea Scholarship is accepting online applications for your students. Only a few student applications have been submitted. This is a great incentive for our students to enjoy music over the summer. Apply now.

Amazon Smile - It's simple and easy to support LAPTF every time you purchase through Amazon. Sign up. It makes a difference.

MEMBERSHIP News -

Welcome, new member, Marina Canciun! We look forward to meeting you at the meetings and events.

NEED TO RENEW your membership? Go to [MTNA](#) TODAY! Invite another teacher to join.

Member Contact Information - Don't miss student event opportunities and LAPTF information because your contact information is outdated or incorrect. Requests for Referral and Directory information have been sent. DO NOT delay updating your business contact information. The deadline (October 1st) is approaching.

Teacher Referral Directory - Our website is visited by the community for musical instruction and accompanists, in person or virtual lessons.

If you are interested in being included on this list, please fill out the form below. The form needs to be filled out annually. If you filled out the form last year it will be deleted and you must fill it out again.

The deadline is August 15th. [Teacher Referral Form](#)

PROGRAMS and EVENTS

Please feel free to contact any board or program coordinator, Linette Popoff-Parks, opus53@michiganmedcare.com with thoughts or your interest to get involved. The board is proactively seeking ways for more of you to be engaged, grow your business, and help strengthen the professional music teaching community with exciting student events and exciting programs.

Let's continue learning new ideas and refreshing the old ones together.

Rockin' the Keys is returning with LIVE performances, **SATURDAY, December 4, 2021 at Laurel Park Mall**. Teachers, get your students ready for an even better season of “giving back”. Sandcastles is a wonderful support group for children grieving from the loss of a loved one. More now than ever WE can help our students support other children in a meaningful way. Repertoire does not have to be Christmas music. Different musical genre is a good thing for this venue. This would be a great way for “member in good standing” points to be earned and **for one of your mature high schoolers** looking for a community service project to get involved. *START planning and **promoting** the idea in your studio.* Hear more details soon. Contact [Joyce McClure](#) 734-660-8103.

CONFERENCES

Attending state and national conferences supports the ongoing mission to grow and develop musically and professionally. Our LAPTF website link, [Teacher Resources](#), provides easy access to these two important events. Save these important dates.

[MMTA State Conference](#), **October 8, 9, 2021**, hosted by the Ann Arbor chapter.

[MTNA 2022 Conference](#), **March 26 - 30, 2022**, takes place in Minneapolis, MN. Check the website frequently for more information.

Honors Recital - Saturday, March 26, 2022 Student performance opportunities and musical growth are why we do what we do. Thank you, [Bin Feng](#), for volunteering to make this happen this year. Another committee member is needed. Please contact [Bin](#) to help and let's get our students back on the artist bench performing.

Award for Piano Performance Excellence - Saturday, April 23rd and 30th, 2022 - After a second year “cancellation”, this is a great opportunity for us to re-invent and start anew. Have some different ideas about what we could do to reinvigorate APPE? You are welcome to attend the next board meeting to discuss your ideas. We really want to hear from you and recharge our student opportunities.

Enjoy the summer, your family and friends. It is hot, but enjoy the fresh air and sunshine. Grow in optimism and the confidence in “possibilities”. We are teachers of one of the greatest gifts humans have and can share. Let us continue learning, reviewing, and sharing with each other and our students. See you at the park in September!