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# BCMTA Newsletter

## Broward County Music Teachers Association

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

By now, many of you are breathing a collective sigh of relief and are enjoying a time of rest and recuperation from our busy 2007/2008 season.

We certainly experienced one of the most event-packed musical school years ever, with the addition of the inaugural Steinway Competition, as well as the many other opportunities for evaluation and performance that BCMTA provides.

We are looking forward with great expectation to the many programs and concerts that will be offered to our membership in the coming year. Please note dates in your calendar and plan to be at as many events as you can.

Included in this newsletter is the 2008-2009 activities calendar. Please take the time to read it carefully and enter all dates for events and deadlines into your calendars. Please read about each event in the 08/09 yearbook, as there are many changes that have been made to facilitate the running of each event with less stress for those who are chairing them. This means that all

## President's Message

deadlines are firm and any event that does not receive your **accurately** completed registration forms in time will not be considered. Take special notice of minimum and maximum time requirements for the Messingschlager and the Steinway competitions. There are also some changes regarding entry fees and requirements for most of the competitive events.

I wish you all a wonderful summer!

Musically yours,  
Mary Beth Purchase



### Calendar of Events

- Aug 1, Executive Board Mtg
- Sept 7, 1<sup>st</sup> General Mtg & Open House
- Sept 12, Preparing Students for Student Day
- Oct 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> General Mtg

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*Thank you and best wishes to*

*Jan Kravets,*

*Past President, for her years of service and dedication to BCMTA!*

*Best of luck in your move to California!*

## BCMTA Board & Committee Chairs • 2007-2009

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**Greenspan & FSMTA President's  
Community Service Award**  
OPEN

Please contact BCMTA  
President, Mary Beth  
Purchase, if you would  
like to join a committee  
or serve on the board!



## Invitation from Morning Musicale (FFMC)

**Morning Musicale of Fort Lauderdale** cordially invites members of BCMTA to join our wonderful organization. The object of Morning Musicale is to promote music throughout our community, the state of Florida and the nation. We do this by having regular concerts, supporting the District Festival and State Jr. Convention, and by awarding scholarships to students who are pursuing careers in music.

Morning Musicale meets on the first Wednesday of each month from November through May at the beautiful Church By The Sea in Fort Lauderdale, where we enjoy social time, conduct a brief bit of business, and then hear a 45-minute program presented by professional musicians who are members or guests. These programs are free and open to the public.

Morning Musicale is the Florida Federation Senior Club for our area. Any teacher with a Junior Club should be a member of Morning Musicale. MMFL promotes the Royal Poinciana North District Festival, and features South Florida State winners in concert.

For BCMTA members, this offers a great opportunity to meet new colleagues, become affiliated with the Florida Federation of Music Clubs and its activities, and perform and hear outstanding concerts.

Membership dues are only \$25.00 per year. Please contact Catherine Gavin for more information and membership forms. Hope to see you soon.

*A message from Lois Silver, President  
Morning Musicale of Fort Lauderdale*

## Studio News

*Ethan Bortnick*, a 7 year old pupil of **Dr. Irena Kofman**, performed with The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, led by guest conductor Andrew Lane, on Sunday, June 1st. This was the final Family Fare concert of the season.

*Esther Umansky-Roth*, a student of **Dr. Irena Kofman**, with great thanks to the BCMTA for their sponsorship, will attend a piano summer camp at FSU in June.

*Mark Mayea*, a student of **Dr. Irena Kofman**, will attend the New Pultz piano summer program to study with renowned Russian pianist and pedagogue Vladimir Feltzman with the full support and generosity of Mr. Jeff Firestone, a Boca Raton patron of the arts.

Congratulations to the following students on their selection as a **Silver Knight** nominee. These students not only excelled in music but community service hours and high grade point averages. All received college scholarships.

• *Catherine Chang* from College Academy at BCC (**Marie Gomez**), *Aaron Ho* from St Thomas Aquinas High School (**Catherine Gavin**), *Robert Toha* from Piper High School (**Sue Colvert**), *Brittany Walters* from St Thomas Aquinas High School (**Wanda Wiranis**), and *Yodeline Guerrier* from Cardinal Gibbons High School (**Mary Beth Purchase**).

*Diana Heller* has a graduating senior who has been with her since Kindergarten. *Angela Wong* of Davie will attend Ithica

## Teacher News

*Diana Heller* has been awarded the Certificate of Experience as a Teacher of Piano from the FSMTA Certification Credentials Board. Her MTNA National Certification as Teacher of Music in Piano was awarded in 2002 and renewed in 2007.

**MTNA StAR Award Program...** The MTNA Student Achievement Recognition

College, New York, as a Cinema & Photography Major, with a minor in Piano Performance. Angela has been awarded the 60-point Gold Cup from FFMC for 11 years of Superior ratings in Piano Solo & Concerto. Angela has also been a talented team member in Duet, Duo, and Trio for many years as well. She has been my 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter, a delight to teach, and has set the bar high in achievement for the other students in my studio. We wish Angela all the best in her endeavors and will remember her for her musical inspiration and excellence.

*Brandon Richman* (9), student of **Donald Waxman**, placed honorable mention out of 424 nationwide composition applicants in the Piano Explorer Composition Contest.

**Judith Burganger's** graduating student *Joyce Wang* will minor in music at MIT. Joyce won HM in Gold Cup Concerto and MAII Piano Solo this year. Joyce has studied with Judith since 1996.

**Judith Burganger** is proud to announce that *Rachel and Jean Zhuang* won **1st place** in Jacksonville in **both** the FFMC Piano Duet MA I & Piano Duo VD III! In May, they won **1st place** in the FSMTA "Byrd Two-Piano Competition" held at the University of Florida!

*Kelly Oakes*, student of **Mary Beth Purchase**, placed 2nd in the nation, in the American Pen Women's Society National Composition Competition for her composition, *The Swan*.

(StAR) Award Program grants free one-year active national memberships to outstanding graduating music students. These students receive free MTNA, FSMTA and local association dues for one year. The purpose of this award is to encourage outstanding graduates to become involved in a professional association as soon as possible after they begin their career.

Please submit  
Studio News &  
Teacher News  
for the next  
newsletter!

*Thank you and  
best wishes to  
Jan Kravets,  
Past President, for  
her years of  
service and  
dedication to  
BCMTA!  
Best of luck in  
your move to  
California!*

## Graduate Pedagogy Course – Fall 2008

**Judith Burganger** invites all teachers interested in refining their intermediate teaching skills to consider joining her in the Graduate Piano Pedagogy I, MVK 6650, course in the fall. It begins on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August and runs through the first week in December.

It is given in her studio, room 254 in the AL Building, FAU Boca. Times are 10 A.M. to 12:45 P.M. The class consists of

demonstrations, practice teaching, lecture and observations.

If interested, please email Judith at [burgang@fau.edu](mailto:burgang@fau.edu) or [jburganger@comcast.net](mailto:jburganger@comcast.net). This course is part of the Graduate Certificate in Piano Performance and Pedagogy and can also be taken as an elective for the Master's degree.

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Piano  
Pedagogy  
Course

FALL 2008  
Boca Raton

## Musicthon: Thank You from the Louisiana MTA

*Note of Thanks from the Louisiana Music Teachers Association*

*Sent from:*

*Katherine Tobey  
tobeykath@cox.net*

*May 1, 2008*

*Dear [BCMTA],*

*On behalf of the Louisiana Music Teachers Association, sincere thanks for your support of our Students Helping Students fund. We are very grateful to the Broward County Music Teachers Association for your generous donation of \$1500. Congratulations on the success of your Musicthon! Please extend our appreciation to all the teachers and students involved. The LMTA students and teachers who benefit will be deeply touched.*

*With Best Wishes,*

*Katherine Tobey  
LMTA President*

**FindPianoWorks.com**

**A new resource for  
teachers!**



## Findpianoworks.com: Piano Repertoire Search

*Thank you to Peggy Gallagher for sharing her experience from this presentation at the MTNA National Conference in Denver ...*

Findpianoworks.com is an online searchable database of pedagogical repertoire and anthologies. Search for piano repertoire by composer, technique, level, and publishers.

The catalog includes three series of leveled anthologies including Masterwork

Classics (ed. Jane Magrath), KJOS Repertoire (ed. Keith Snell), and the Celebration Series (Frederick Harris).

What began as a personal project by authors Courtney Crappell and Kimberly Dreisbach has evolved into an excellent resource to help teachers choose the most appropriate piano repertoire for their students.

## Composition Contest

### Elementary Level:

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|-----------------|---|-----------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Matthew Reichenberger<br>"Homage to Mendelssohn"<br>(Donald Waxman) | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Kelly Oakes "The Swan"<br>(Mary Beth Purchase)         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Brandon Richman "Rings of<br>Uranus" (Donald Waxman)                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Lexi Rodriguez "Rhapsody"<br>(Barbara Kaskinen)        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Victoria Suss "Wish Upon a Star"<br>(Annamarie Cockreham)           | HM              | Erin Hughes "Austin's Journey"<br>(Mary Beth Purchase) |
| HM              | Hannah Gilman "Curving Hands"<br>(Nancy Kenney)                     |                 |  |

### Junior Level:

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|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Gabrielle Chou "Variations on an<br>Original Theme" (D. Waxman) | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Brittany Hooper "My Reason"<br>(Gail Smith) |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|

### Senior Level:

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Dustin Katzin "Theme and<br>Variations for Clarinet and<br>Piano" (Donald Waxman) |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Brittany Hooper "My Reason"<br>(Gail Smith)                                       |

### EVENT FACTS!

Composition  
Contest  
14 entrants

Steinway  
Competition  
9 Entrants

## Summer Music Camp Scholarships

The following students have been awarded Summer Music Camp Scholarships for the summer of 2008.

Esther V. Umansky-Roth (16), student of Irena Kofman, is attending the FSU Music Camp. Tori Purchase (15), student of Mary Beth Purchase, will attend music camp at UNC Greensboro. Staci Hill (15), student of Catherine Gavin, will attend the Eastern Music

Festival in Greensboro, NC.

The following students of Irena Kofman will attend the TOPS music camp at FAU: Nicholas Lee (13), Eugina Noh (12), Zach Xu (11), Katherine Liu (10), Minjoo Song (9), and Sasha Solomakina (8).

Congratulations to each winner and their teacher!

Please read on for  
the Pompano Beach  
Piano Competition  
Winner list!

## Steinway Competition

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Christina Lai (Maria Gomez)   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Connor Muatner (Harold Brown) |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Brandon Luong (Maria Gomez)   |


## Messingshlager Competition

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Gabrielle Chou (Maria Gomez)         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Robert Toha (Sue Colvert)            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Yimin Chen (Leonid Treer)            |
| HM              | Joshua Kornreich (Roxanne Stevenson) |

## FSMTA State Concerto Competition

- |                              |                 |                                     |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Junior Division</u>       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Matthew Reichenberger (Maria Gomez) |
| <u>Intermediate Division</u> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Christina Lai (Maria Gomez)         |





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## For Sale

*Baldwin Hamilton studio piano*...on wheels. Sound instrument, tuned regularly and in excellent repair (cabinet needs work). \$450 and you move it. Call Barbara Schaap 954-597-1856 or 954-501-5766.

*Yamaha Baby Grand Piano*...Ebony 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  feet Yamaha Baby Grand, Excellent Condition, Needlepoint bench, All offers considered. Call Peggy Keating 954.782.4117.

*Piano for Sale*... Beautiful upright console piano; high gloss white finish. Original owner; very lightly used, like new. It has been maintained in a consistent and appropriately controlled climate with a built-in dehumidifier/ Damp-Chaser piano life saver system. Includes matching bench. Buyer responsible for

transport/shipping/moving costs. Serious inquiries only, please call: 954.452.9502

*BCMTA Musicthon T-Shirts*... are available for \$10 each. Please contact Wanda Wiranis (wandapiano@aol.com or 954.587.1967) or Mary Beth Purchase (klassicallycool@bellsouth.net or 954.684.5334). Assorted sizes.

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*BCMTA Members are welcome to place FOR SALE items such as instruments in the newsletter at no charge.*

*Non-member advertising is welcome at a rate of \$15 per issue.*

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See Yearbook

We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.BCMTA.org](http://www.BCMTA.org)

## Yearbook News...

Please start checking your info in the current yearbook. Now is the time to begin making corrections, additions and deletions. Any info you have to improve the accuracy of our yearbook will be appreciated.

Barbara Schaap  
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## Newsletter Editor

Please send all newsletter submissions to the editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month's issue.

Teacher news, event information, yearbook updates, student news, and advertisements are all welcome!

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