

FROM THE EDITOR

All our members have ideas which need to be shared. Please consider the following:

1. Does this newsletter fill your needs and interests?
2. Please send news of you and your students by postal mail, telephone, or email.

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Reminders

Newsletter deadlines are

January 2nd

August 1st

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SUMMER 2019 Message

Greetings! Hope you are still enjoying a restorative summer, planning for a productive and rewarding Fall semester. There are many events listed in this newsletter. Please consider participating or attending whenever possible. Make note of the calendar dates; some exact dates are still uncertain so stay tuned.

Never be lost again! Directions to Everywhere mentioned in these Newsletters

Alexis Diner is located at the corner of routes 9W and 32 just north of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge.

King of Kings Lutheran Church is located at 543 Union Avenue, New Windsor, 12553.

From Newburgh: Follow route 9W south from Newburgh to Union Avenue (county route 69W). St. Joseph's Catholic Church is on the corner. Turn right onto Union Avenue and continue straight through 2 intersections: route 94 and route 32. Go up the hill and turn left soon after the Temple Hill Academy. If you arrive at the Temple Hill Road intersection, you've gone too far.

From Cornwall: Follow route 9W north to Union Avenue, turn left on Union Avenue (county route 69) and then as above.

From Vails Gate: Route 94 east to Union Avenue. Woodlawn Cemetery will be on the left. Turn left on Union Avenue (County Route 69) and as above.

From Newburgh or points west: get on Union Avenue South. Go past Walmart and turn left on Route 207/300. This is now Temple Hill Road. Turn left at the 2nd intersection (Matson's Deli is at the corner) onto Union Avenue. The church will be on the left, soon after the New Windsor Town Hall on the right, and just past Jager Dr. on the left.

The Schempf residence is at 26 Tamara Lane, Cornwall, NY 12518.

From Route 84: Follow route 9W south from Newburgh. Go through beautiful downtown. After the Forge Hill Road traffic light, take the right exit onto Route 218 and then make the 2nd right onto Main Street. After the traffic light, take the second left onto Tamara Lane. Go to the last house on the right.

From Woodbury Common area: Take route 32 north through Central Valley, Highland Mills and Mountainville. Turn right at the Quaker Avenue traffic light and take the 4th right off the traffic circle onto Main Street. After the traffic light, or after Prima Pizza depending upon your orientation, take the second right onto Tamara Lane. Go to the last house on the right.

From Vails Gate Five Corners (where routes 94, 32 and 300 converge in chaos): Take route 32 south – keeping McDonalds to your right and continue about 1 mile. Turn left at the Quaker Avenue traffic light and continue as above.

Sapphire (formerly "Elant"), Goshen (Arden Hill Life Care Center) is on 46 Harriman Dr., Goshen, NY 10924

From Newburgh area: Take Route 207 to the Government Center. Go through the Craigville-Scotchtown Road intersection (there will be a light) and turn left on Church Street. Turn right on South Street and go over Route 17M. Turn left on Harriman Drive into the Arden Hill campus.

From Monroe area: Take NY-17 West towards Chester. Take 17M East, exit 125, towards South Street. Turn left onto 17M, left onto South Street, and left on Harriman Dr.

From Middletown: Take NY-17 East towards I-84. Take 17M East, exit 125 towards South Street. Make a slight right onto Harriman Drive.

Sapphire, Fishkill is just off Route 9-D in Fishkill, NY

From Newburgh: Cross the Newburgh Beacon Bridge. Take the first exit past the toll booths. At the end of exit ramp, turn left and go over I-84. Proceed about ¼ to ½ mile. Observe the Elant sign on right as you go around a bend. Turn right onto Robert Kasin Drive, the road to Elant. Park in lot or along the driveway and enter the building.

From Wappingers Falls: Take 9-D south almost to the Newburgh-Beacon bridge. After the Renegades Stadium, start paying attention. Elant is near the entrances for the Castle Point VA hospital but on the left/east side of 9-D.

Woodland Pond, New Paltz, NY 100 Woodland Pond Circle, New Paltz, NY 1251 This is off N. Putt Corners Road, north of Route 299 (Main Street), just to the west of the NY State Thruway.

Joanne Raichart lives at 35 McLaughlin Way, Washingtonville, NY 10992. From Newburgh, take Route 9W to just beyond the city limit and turn right onto Route 94, continue through Vails Gate Five Corners for over 8 miles. Just past the Stewarts shop in Washingtonville, turn right onto North Street and continue for about half a mile. Turn left on Ahern Blvd. and then take the first right onto Woodfield Dr. Then take the first right onto McLaughlin Way. Joanne's house will be on the right.

Jean MacDonald lives at 58 Pinehurst Circle, Monroe, NY 10950 Put this address in your GPS or call her for directions 928-9182

ORIGINAL COPIES OF MUSIC

Hudson-Catskill Music Teachers Association as associated with the New York State Music Teachers Association **strictly adheres to copyright laws**. Photocopies of music are **NEVER** allowed for performances. Additionally, it is against the © law. It is each teacher's responsibility for students to be prepared with original copies of music. Photocopied music could result in a student being unable to perform. We certainly do not want to disappoint anybody on the day of a special program. We need to set a good example by using good published editions. However, for practice or emergency teaching purposes, did you know that there is an excellent website for free public-domain classical music? www.imslp.org

REVISED DRESS CODE

The revised dress code for recitals is **Black and White**. Girls: Long skirt or long dress below the knee. No long fingernails. BOYS: Dress shirt and tie, long pants. All performers must wear dress shoes (NO sneakers). JEANS of any color are unacceptable.

Teachers, please advise parents of the proper attire well in advance of each program. Without exception, these must be dress-up events.

Short Fingernails Please! Pianos and teachers do NOT appreciate long claws.

\$\$\$\$ Membership and Dues Reminder \$\$\$\$\$ **DUES REMINDER**

Thanks to all who have already paid their dues and a friendly reminder to all other HCMTA members who have not yet paid their dues. We have many interesting programs that teachers and students in which you will want to be participants. Therefore, please remit dues to National prior to September 1. Our local will then be notified that you are a member in good standing and your eligibility will not be questioned. **Note the updated Membership Roster.** If a new member lives in your area, please welcome that person warmly!

Looking forward to seeing you all in the upcoming months, Janet Nelson Nickerson

Recital Etiquette

HCMTA welcomes family and friends to our recitals. Recital performers have studied and practiced many hours to prepare themselves for these important afternoons. Please encourage your students to remain for the complete programs. Each student is entitled to have a full audience for his/her performance. Many of us have more than one event on any given day. However, our calendar is prepared well in advance to enable families the opportunity to set aside the allotted time.

Please avoid disruptions during recitals! This includes creating origami out of programs, messing with candy wrappers, and texting on cellphones.

Performers should be allowed to have a quiet hall while performing. Conversation should be curtailed when the recital commences. Turn off cell phones! Occasionally younger children become restless; parents should feel free to leave the recital hall with the child so as not to disturb the performers and the audience. Please remind students and families that "we are here to listen."

REPORTS

Community Service Recitals



March 16 at 2:30 program in Sapphire – Goshen. LOTS of students, eager audience!

On March 10th seven piano students represented the studios of Fenlan Lin and Janet Nelson Nickerson at our Annual Community Service Day Program at Sapphire – Fishkill. We were well received and treated to juice and cookies before leaving. Hopefully next year we will have a few more participants.

Organized and reported by Janet Nelson Nickerson



**HUDSON CATSKILL MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
COMMUNITY SERVICE RECITAL
Sunday March 10, 2019
2:30 p.m.
Sapphire Rehab and Long Term Care
Beacon, New York**

Arabesque	Victoria Wiley	F. Burgmuller
Silver Moon Boat	Claire Felts	Chinese Folk Melody
Back Streets of Paris	Victoria Pou	B. Dodson
Bagatelle Tarantella (Op. 14 Nr. 8)	Michael DeFazio	A. Diabelli F. Lynes
Ivan's Song (from Adventures of Ivan)	Xaveor Rutaquio	A. I. Khachaturian
Hungarian Dance (Op. 39 Nr. 9)	Destiny Woolward	H. Reinhold
Prelude in C Sharp Minor (Op. 3 Nr. 2)	Tyler Wang	S. Rachmaninoff

Participating Teachers: Fenlan Lin, Janet Nelson Nickerson



BachFest 2019 Young Performers, Cornwall-on-Hudson

Oliver Jang, Julian Lazaro, Andrew Wu, Eric Willis, Thit-sar Kyaw, Sasha Cuthbert, Eliana Barth, Sasha Winward, Emerson Barth, Arnav Nair, Alex Zhu, Richard Deng, Shiven Dabhi, William LaCombe
(Students of Ariana Barkeshli, Olga Dusheina, Ada Margoshes, Beverly Poyerd, & Ruthanne Schempf)

UPCOMING EVENTS

An End-of-Summer Social -- All are Welcome!

To chat -- To play -- To relax

At the home of Janice Nimetz in Harriman, rescheduled for Wednesday, August 28, from 10 until 1 p.m. Janice will provide 2 pianos and a light lunch. Food donations MOST welcome. This is a Perfect Way to fire up the new academic year with Fun and Yum!

Contact: Janice Nimetz 783-1242

Executive Board short meeting & Pedagogy Discussion

Bring your teaching observations, complaints, questions, etc. and enjoy the camaraderie with a nosh.
Wednesday, September 11 at 10 a.m. at the Schempf Piano Studio, Call Ruthanne: 534-2166

Teacher Play-in

If you have something you're working on but need that extra motivation only an audience can provide, plan on attending this low-pressure play-in. We all benefit by playing for each other, regardless of goal. If you have the time, music and inclination, consider the invitation!

Wednesday, October 16 at 10 a.m. at the Schempf Piano Studio

Contact: Ruthanne Schempf 534-2166

TEACHERS RECITAL

It is requested that we limit our performance total time to **ten (10) minutes** at the annual Teachers Recital. This time can be divided between duet and solo in any way, as long as any one person's total time does not exceed 10 minutes (though the hook will not come out if you play more slowly than expected and are out of your seat for 10 1/2 minutes). Let's have more participation by even more teachers.

Don't let your students have all the fun, come join your teaching cohorts in concert! Please let Margaret Small know what solo or ensemble work you'd like to present but do it soon! The program deadline is October 16.

King of Kings Lutheran Church in New Windsor on Sunday, October 20 at **4 p.m.**

NO NYSMTA State Conference this year.

Full information about the Competitions, MTNA and Empire State, is available online at

<http://www.nysmta.org>

HCMTA Music Festival – Auditions & Honors Recital

Once again, the HCMTA Music Festival will be at SUNY New Paltz Music Department, located in College Hall on the SUNY New Paltz campus. Directions are included in this newsletter. Judges are Andrew Schmidt from Jamestown, and our HCMTA colleague, Dr. Janice Nimetz.

Adjudications on November 15-16; Honor Recital on the next day, Sunday, November 17, 2:00 p.m.

Official address: SUNY New Paltz Music Department 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz, NY 12561.

Start preparing your students NOW.

Be sure to have music from three different style periods.

Please make every effort to stay within the time allotments for your student's level.

Contact Ruthanne if you have questions about that.

Packet of information is included in this mailing

Contact: Ruthanne Schempf (845) 534-2166

Teacher Play-in

To alleviate the winter doldrums, consider joining fellow members in a play-in. We all benefit by playing for each other, regardless of goal. If you have the time, music and inclination, consider the invitation!

Wednesday, January 29 [snowdate is Feb 5] at 10 a.m.

At Jean MacDonald's studio, Monroe Contact: Jean MacDonald 928-9182

58 Pinehurst Circle, Monroe, NY 10950

PEDAGOGY DISCUSSIONS

Bring your observations and questions and have a field-day of pedagogy brain-storming.

Held at **Ruthanne Schempf's Studio in Cornwall**, this will be at 10 a.m. on February 26

Please contact Ruthanne Schempf ahead of time: 534-2166

STUDENT MASTER CLASS with Dr. Alex Peh

CANCELLED!! Alas, Alex is overbooked but will try for next calendar year.

Community Service Recitals

Each year, we encourage our students to perform at three different health-care facilities. Performing is good for everyone! Not only do we bring joy and hope but we gain a different performance experience. Let's give back to our community! **Dates are tentative!** Stay tuned.

Contact Janice Nimetz 783-1242 for the **March 13 at 2:30** program in Sapphire – Goshen.

Contact Janet Nickerson 561-0763 for the **March 20 at 2:30** p.m. program in Sapphire – Fishkill.

Contact Valentina Shatalova 256-9837 for the **March TBA** program at Woodland Pond

Teacher Play-in

To celebrate the first stirrings of spring, join all fellow members in a play-in. We all benefit by playing for each other, regardless of goal. If you have the time, music and inclination, consider the invitation!

Wednesday, March 25 at 10 a.m.

At the Schempf studio, Cornwall Contact: Ruthanne Schempf 534-2166

National Guild of Piano Teachers Auditions Four locations

Date: TBA Redeemer Lutheran Church **NEW PALTZ** Contact: Valentina Shatalova 256-9837

Date: TBA Vincitores' Pianos **POUGHKEEPSIE**

Contact: Carol Padron 452-4225

Date: April TBA Cornwall-on-Hudson Presbyterian, **CORNWALL** Contact: Ruthanne Schempf 534-2166

Date: TBA Miller Studios, 158 Commonwealth Ave., **MIDDLETOWN** Contact: Diane Miller 342-2206

Annual Spring Recital

This was cancelled in 2018 and 2019 due to lack of interest and conflicts with student requirements. The date has been moved to better coordinate with NYSSMA.

Don't forget to send your best students to perform on our Annual Spring Recital. It's scheduled for April 26 at 3 p.m. at King of Kings Lutheran Church in New Windsor, NY. Send your applications to Joanne Raichart, 496-4247 or ask her for more information.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Date & Time: May 20 10 a.m.

Venue: Alexis Diner, Newburgh

Come join everyone; put in your professional "oar."

BachFest 2020

Thank you to everyone who sent students to BachFest last year. The Young Performers' programs were chock full of fine students who all said they enjoyed playing and hearing everyone else.

The twenty-first annual Hudson Valley BachFest will take place over two weekends in June.

The festival will include a Keyboard Recital in Wappingers Falls, at Zion Episcopal Church on Saturday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m., a Choral & Orchestral Concert at Vassar College on Sunday, June 7 at 3 p.m., and a Chamber Music Concert on Sunday, June 14 at 3 p.m. Two different Young Performer concerts will be held simultaneously at 2 p.m. on the following Saturday, June 13, at the Cornwall Presbyterian Church and also at the New Paltz United Methodist Church. It is possible that we will add a Poughkeepsie location as well.

Please be planning ahead to send students. Applications will be available online:

www.hudsonvalleysocietyformusic.org Information should be sent to schempfr@gmail.com and to emilyfaxon@aol.com

Tickets will be available online or at the door: Keyboard concert: \$15 (students and youth free); Chamber Music Concert: \$15; Choral & Orchestra Concert: \$20. The church services and Young Performers concerts are free.

For directions and for up-to-date information about the programs and the performers, please check the website www.hudsonvalleysocietyformusic.org or call (845) 485-1648, 534-2166, or 534-8368.

Other Updates, Notices, Biographies

Be thinking of friends who are having medical “adventures” or those who are travelling, or those who are needing a friendly call or visit.



Hudson-Catskill Music Teacher Association Member **Alexander Marrero** attended the 40th Annual Northeast Regional Conference for the College Music Society. The event took place in the Tell School of Music at Millersville University in Pennsylvania on Saturday March 16th and Sunday March 17th. One of the highlights of the conference featured duo piano performances involving classical pieces by female Russian composers, presented by Julia Mordyakova (Music Department Chairperson at the Mississippi University for Women) and Valentine Bogdan (Professor of Music Composition at the Mississippi University for Women). Alexander Marrero served as a Session Chair for a combination Clarinet and Piano Lecture Recital at the Conference featuring Ruth Aguirre (Doctoral Candidate at Teachers College) and Elsa Lee (Faculty Member at Columbia University) entitled : Changing the Demographic Landscape: Supporting Latinx Music Students in Higher

Education. At this time, Alexander is currently serving on the Cultural Inclusion Council for the College Music Society. Here's a link to the conference booklet:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AiCUuuEbXLD3nCIZrtZcUYveJUHNVLIV/view>

The Howland Center Check out the website: www.howlandmusic.org or ask to get on the mailing list:
P.O. Box 224, Chelsea, NY 12512

Hudson-Catskill MTA – Treasurer's Report for February 13, 2019 – May 22, 2019
Executive Board Meeting

Account I – Business Savings Account - Scholarship

OPENING BALANCE:		\$8402.38
Income:		
Teachers Recital	\$195	
Interest	\$0.21	
Expenditures:		
Account Transfer \$80 (student awards)		
Account Transfer \$501.99 (former general fund)		
CLOSING BALANCE:		\$8015.60

Account II – General Fund

OPENING BALANCE:		\$2676.25
Income:		
Dues \$60		
Account Transfer \$80 (student awards)		
Account Transfer \$501.99 (former general fund)		
Expenditures:	\$1575.55	
CompuDat Systems website \$300		
Transfer to Scholarship Fund (Teachers Recital) \$195		
CLOSING BALANCE:		\$2823.24

Auditions, Festivals, Competitions, Recitals, and Workshops, OH MY!

We try to offer many performance goals for our students. Why not consider utilizing several opportunities?

- HCMTA offers multiple opportunities for local performances and workshops. Take advantage of this!
- NYSMTA has state level competitions. Attend our state conferences and become familiar with the process!
- NYSSMA auditions are coordinated through our public school systems. Get to know your students' school music teachers and make certain your students are signed up. Also, discover where and when the NYSSMA sites are and work with your student school district music teachers to register them. You cannot register your students on your own. Cooperation is the "key."
- Piano Guild Auditions are held in the spring, usually before NYSSMA. Our local sites are Poughkeepsie, New Paltz, Middletown, and Cornwall-on-Hudson.
- The Federation of Music Clubs also holds auditions in the spring. Contact Diane Miller.
- Our HCMTA Festival is held in November in order to avoid conflicts with the spring audition schedules. This is the only locally held festival that uses two out-of-district judges and awards actual cash prizes. The standards for preparation are higher but a satisfying challenge for diligent students.