

Barbara Wing

A Sound Beginning



Pianist Barbara Wing will present a workshop on her unique approach to teaching music. She will draw examples from her published collections of original pieces that engage students aurally and develop good music reading skills. This proven method is suitable for children and adults beginning piano lessons and for transfer students in need of remedial instruction.

Barbara Wing is a nationally known presenter who speaks on pedagogy topics at music profession conventions and music teacher association meetings. She is a graduate of Wellesley College and the University of Maryland. Ms. Wing is a past Director of Education at the Levine School of Music and founder of the school's Professional Studies Program that provides continuing education courses to music teachers in the Washington area. She performs frequently as a chamber music player and with her duo piano partner, Elizabeth Lane. She currently teaches piano and piano pedagogy at the Levine School and at her home in Bethesda. To learn more about Ms. Wing's teaching and her publications, please visit her website at www.barbarawingstudio.com.

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October meeting:
Bonnie Kellert
presents
Mendelssohn

NVMTA Event Descriptions and Applications for 2009-10 are now available on www.nvmta.org.

The workshop to discuss Fall Festival literature scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th has been cancelled.

President's Message

With the summer drawing to a close, and all the activities that come with beginning a new academic year, it's a good time to take a minute to remind ourselves of the responsibility we have as independent music teachers. We are fortunate, indeed, to be able to work with children and to have a part in nurturing their development. I know that many of you regularly try new things in your studios each year. Attending our monthly meetings, with the great programs by well-known musicians and pedagogues is a good way to get new ideas and a wonderful opportunity to learn from others. As a dear friend once told me: the great thing about being a musician is that we can always get better.

As many of you are aware, 2010 is the 60th anniversary of NVMTA and in the weeks to come, I will be sharing with you some ideas about ways in which we can celebrate this important milestone. I welcome your suggestions and ideas for celebrating this event.

I hope to see you all at our first meeting on Wednesday, September 30 at WCA. This will be a good chance to catch up with friends as well as an opportunity to add a little more juice to our batteries before we begin the new academic year. I wish you all a year of inspired and committed teaching!

Jim Litzelman, President

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Thomas Mastroianni, pianist, (BS and MS - Juilliard, and DM - Indiana University) is President of the American Liszt Society, Director of Piano of the Amalfi Coast Music and Arts Festival, and Professor Emeritus at The Catholic University of America. He is a 1992 recipient of the Medal of the Hungarian Liszt Society. His piano performances, lectures and master classes have been presented in 20 countries on four continents.

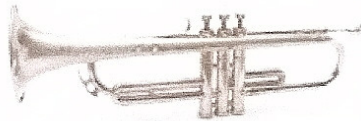
NCTM Grant and Scholarship Opportunity

MTNA nationally certified teachers have made a commitment to continuing education. The Piano Technicians Guild (PTG) recognizes this by sponsoring two scholarships available only to MTNA certified members. One annual scholarship in the amount of \$750 is to be used specially for Recreational Music Making. The other, in the amount of \$1,000, furthers teaching skills through continued education and performance study.

This is an exceptional opportunity to receive scholarship to continue teacher training, attend a conference or study with a master teacher.

Additional information and the application form may be found on the MTNA website, www.mtnacertification.org. Click on "Resources." All entries must be postmarked by December 1, 2009. Don't delay. Apply today!

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Evening Appointments



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If you wish to be listed on the NVMTA Website in our Teacher Referral List, please fill out the form which appears on the website, and send your \$35 check made out to NVMTA, to Peggy McNulty, 1209 Stable Gate Ct., McLean, Va. 22102.

Your listing is good for one year and it's up to you to check to renew your listing every year. If you have questions, please contact Peggy at Peggy.McNulty@Verizon.net.

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With Sympathy

We extend our condolences to Dr. Patricia Parker, an NVMTA member, on the death of her husband, Donald Paxton. Mr. Paxton passed away in August after a long battle with renal cancer.

Cards may be sent to Patricia Parker, 6785 River Road, Manassas, VA 20111-4302.

Free Brian Ganz Concert

This fall the Virginia Chamber Orchestra, under its new music director Emil de Cou, will feature pianist Brian Ganz playing TWO concerti: Bach's BWV 1056 and Beethoven's "Emperor". The concert will also include Copland's "Appalachian Spring" as originally written for 13 players.

The concert will take place on Sunday, September 20th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Ernst Community Cultural Center on the Annandale campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003. For more detailed information see the press release on our website: www.virginiachamberorchestra.org or contact Bobbie Gholz at (703) 354-4555 or bdgholz@aol.com.

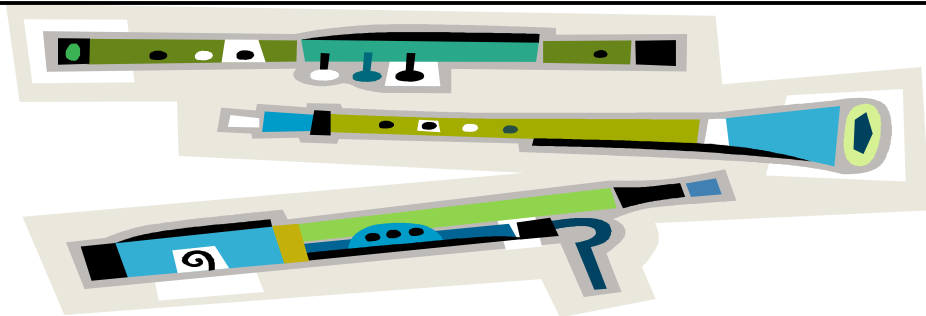
The Odeon Chamber Music Series presents

Petronel Malan, pianist

Ms. Malan, originally from South Africa, is a multiple Grammy Award nominee and gold medalist of several international piano competitions. She will play a program of Haydn, Beethoven, Griffes and Rachmaninoff. Admission is free but a donation is suggested. Please join the reception following the event to celebrate the opening of the 10th season of the Odeon Chamber Music Series!

The concert will take place on Sunday, September 27, 2009 at 4 p.m., at: Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church, 3241 Brush Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042.

For more information, check www.odeonchambermusicseries.org or contact mariko-hiller at (703) 200-7489.



Mpingo Clarinet Quartet Concert

The *Mpingo Clarinet Quartet* looks forward to its concert in the Old Town Hall Performance Series at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9th. The program includes the Divertimento by Alfred Uhl, Three Pieces by Gershwin, Sonata for Two Clarinets by Poulenc, Moto Perpetuo by Paganini, Dances for Three by Schikele, as well as works by Corelli, Desportes, and Schumann.

Mpingo Quartet members are Christopher Hite, Robert Little, Larry Bocaner, and Nancy Genovese.

HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION FOR STRINGS

The FMMC High School Competition for Strings, open to students in grades 9-12, will be held on Monday, November 2, 2009 at the Sumner School and Museum, 1201 17th Street, Washington, DC. This event is held in memory of Gus Johansen.

The deadline for applications is October 14, 2009.

Prize awards are \$700, \$500 and \$300. The first prizewinner will participate in a recital at Strathmore Hall on Friday, November 27, 2009. Other prize winners will have an opportunity to perform in FMMC events throughout the year.

For information please call Suzanne Richardson, (202) 232-4355 or email torichardson@verizon.net.

Arlington Youth Orchestra Auditions

The inaugural season of *Prelude: The Arlington Youth Orchestral Program*, conducted by NVMTA member Jennifer Wade, announces auditions on September 19th and 20th. *Prelude* is an intermediate string ensemble for students in 5th through 10th grades. For further information on this exciting new Arlington based ensemble and its unique audition process, please visit the website, www.PreludeVA.org. The deadline for audition applications is September 14th. Applications can be submitted online.

SPRING FESTIVAL NEWS

Even though Fall approaches, it is actually time to prepare for Spring Festival! Spring Festival will be held on March 12-13-14, 2010 at Oakton High School.

Items of Note:

- Area Chairs: mandatory meeting at end of September, time and date TBA.
- **Returning teachers:**

-Online registration will be open November 1 to December 15. Please send to Marilynne Jost an estimate of the number of entrants from your studio. All registration must be completed by December 15.

-Please select music early in order to be ready for deadline.

-Please regularly check both www.novaspfestival.org, the festival site, and your e-mail for updates

- **New teachers and those returning after an absence:**

We welcome all teachers interested in Spring Festival. Please come to the Newcomer's meeting which will outline Festival procedures and objectives. Please contact host Amy Rothstein at (703) 827-9513 for details.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Festival year! Chairs Marilynne Jost, (703) 242-2808 and Julie Hixon, (703) 222-7776.



Young People and Italian Music Inaugural Piano Competition

Principal Judge --- Maestro Almerindo D'Amato

1st age group	Student	Teacher
1st place	Hana Flores	Zina Stepanova
2nd place	Nathan Chow	Karen Christiansen
3rd place	Emilie Cheng	Arda Andonian
hon. mention	Madeline Du Boyce	Zina Stepanova

2nd age group

1st place	Stephanie Su	Valentina Brausburg
2nd place	Sabrina Yen	Mei-Chung Wang
hon. mention	Yande Thiaw	Nediana Pavlova

3rd age group

1st place	Annelisa Crabtree	Arda Andonian
2nd place	Tommy Board	Arda Andonian
3rd place	Peter Ahnn	Arda Andonian

4th age group

1st place	Antonio de la Pena	Nediana Pavlova
2nd place	Elena Hadjimichael	Nediana Pavlova
3rd place	Michael Jiang	Nediana Pavlova

PECANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

You may sign up to place Pecan orders at the September meeting. Plan ahead for the holidays and place your orders early. Pecan halves are available plain as well as cinnamon glazed or chocolate-covered and come attractively packaged in foil bags ready for that special someone. Orders may also be placed by phone or mail and the deadline to order is October 10th. The number of orders received will be the number of orders placed and pecans will be available by early November. Proceeds from pecan sales go to the scholarship fund. Please direct orders or questions to this year's Head Nut, Marilynne Jost, (703) 242-2808.



Fall Festival



Now is the time to begin choosing repertoire for Fall Festival, to be held on Saturday, November 14 at Cherrydale Methodist Church.

Fall Festival is a non-competitive event in which students at any level play two pieces, one traditional classical and the other contemporary. The contemporary selection must include at least one recognized contemporary idiom or device. For ideas about repertoire and contemporary idioms please visit www.nvmta.org, Fall Festival Event Description and Collection of Contemporary Literature.

In past years pianists, string players and singers have participated and this year is no exception: we welcome all instrumentalists to the Fall Festival. With the wealth of repertoire available, discovering new and exciting pieces for your students can be great fun!

Please contact co-chairs Laura Marchisotto Bogart (703) 556-9317, laurapianostudio@gmail.com and Martha Smith (703) 243-7164, Martha.smith@comcast.net.

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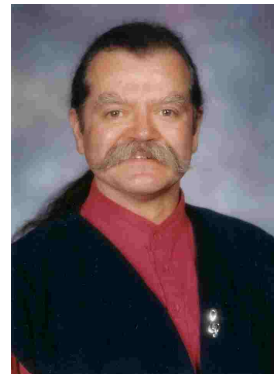
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CALENDAR (see also www.nvmta.org/Calendar)

SEPTEMBER	3 Thu	POSTMARK DEADLINE: Sept. 20 Judged Recitals
	16 Wed	Board Meeting , Jordan Kitts, 10:00 am
	20 Sun	Judged Recitals , WCA, 2:00, 3:15, & 4:30 pm
	20 Sun	Young Artists Musicale , GMU, 6:00 pm
	23 Wed	POSTMARK DEADLINE: Oct. 3 General Recitals
	30 Wed	Regular Meeting: 9:45am , WCA, Program: 10:30 am
OCTOBER	1 Thu	Newsletter deadline
	2 Fri	POSTMARK DEADLINE: Fall Festival applications
	3 Sat	General Recitals , WCA, 2:30 & 3:45 pm
	12 Mon	Columbus Day
	14 Wed	POSTMARK DEADLINE: Single Line Skills
	15 Thurs	POSTMARK DEADLINE: Oct. 18 Judged Recitals
	18 Sun	Judged Recitals , WCA, 2:00, 3:15, & 4:30 pm
	28 Wed	Regular Meeting , WCA
NOVEMBER	1 Sun	Young Artists Musicale , GMU, 6:00 pm
	2 Mon	POSTMARK DEADLINE: Nov. 11 General Recitals
	5-8 Thu-Sun	VMTA Fall Conference , Virginia Tech, Blacksburg
	11 Wed	Veterans Day
	14 Sat	Fall Festival (VMTA) , Cherrydale Methodist Church, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
	14 Sat	Skills Day: Single-Line Instruments (VMTA) , St. Tomas à Becket Catholic Church
	15 Sun	General Recitals , WCA, 2:30 pm & 3:45 pm; Newsletter deadline
	26 Thu	Thanksgiving