

Karina's Korner

The school year is well under way and I'm sure all of our studios are back in full swing. A quick look into our 2009-2010 schedule reveals many opportunities to come together and enjoy the ability to continue promoting the future of music and music education in our society. We will get the privilege to work with the Dr. Yelena Balabanova two times this year. In late February and early March we will welcome Dr. Milica Jelaca-Jovanovic and Mr. Jee Wong as our Adjudicators. We should also be getting a visit from both, our state President, Jani Peterson, and our District III Vice-President, Mary Ellen Cavelti, later this year. And who can forget the 2010 Conference in Olympia in June! These and other dates are on our newly updated website: www.westsoundmusicteachers.org. So, mark the upcoming events on your calendars and don't miss these opportunities to stay involved and get connected with your colleagues.

Speaking of colleagues, I hope all of you are going to the Bremerton Symphony concert this Saturday. One of our own is performing the Schumann A Minor Piano Concerto. If I don't see you there, may the wrath of Schumann's ghost be upon you.

All the best in the new year,

Karina Gordievich, President

Current Events

Bremerton Symphony Concert Features Irene Bowling



We are proud to announce that WSMT co-founding member, Irene Bowling will be the featured pianist with the Bremerton Symphony this Saturday (Oct. 24th). Irene will be performing the beloved Schumann Piano Concerto in A Minor. Information about this concert was recently forwarded to all West Sound members.

Yelena Balabanova Workshop

A "*Russian Piano Literature as a Reflection of the Teaching Method and vice versa*" Workshop with Yelena Balabanova will be held on Friday, October 30th @ 10:00 AM at Ted Brown Music store in Silverdale. Please invite other teachers. Fee for a non-West Sound member is only \$10. Prior to the Master Class, I would like to hold a brief chapter meeting @ 9:30 AM to discuss some upcoming events and announce other news.

This workshop covers the beginning and intermediate Russian repertoire, available and published in US, and looks at it from the prospective of consistent building on technical and artistic skills. It reflects the wide range of fundamentals of the Russian method as presented in the various selected pieces, analyzed during the workshop. The main goal of the workshop is to discuss how the American teachers and students will benefit from the Russian method and literature. Participants take home many hand-outs.

There will be a Q&A session at the end. Contact: Karina Gordievich (360) 801-5888 or karinavg@msn.com.

About the Clinician

Dr. Yelena Balabanova, ICS founder, was raised in the Moscow region of Russia, where she began her musical training at the age of four. She received a Bachelor's degree in Piano Performance and Pedagogy Summa cum Laude from the Moscow Gnesins' Music College at the age of 19. She holds a Master's degree in piano performance, pedagogy, chamber music and accompanying Summa cum Laude from the Russian State Academy of Music in Moscow and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she studied with Larry Graham and Robert Spillman. Dr. Balabanova has taught at the State School of the Arts in the Moscow region of Russia, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and at the Renaissance Music Academy of Virginia, also frequently performing and judging state and international competitions. She is a sought-after clinician on

such issues as injury prevention, artistry, and performance practice. Dr. Balabanova received the National Teacher Recognition Certificate from the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts for the exceptional artistic achievements of her students both in performance and composition. After working as an Artistic Director of API and Colorado MTNA Competition Chairman, currently she is a MTNA Washington Chairman for the Arts Awareness and Advocacy.



"How'd he do that?"

Future Events

Yelena Balabanova Master Class

On Saturday, February 6th, Yelena Balabanova will be back with us to hold a follow-up Master Class on Russian Piano Literature. This will be a collaborative event with KMTA. There were some quick responses for entering students into the master class, and it is almost full. At this moment, I have Claire Marshall's and Elizabeth Foster's students signed up. We only have two more slots left.

Please contact Karina Gordievich (360) 801-5888 or karinavg@msn.com.

2010 Adjudications

We will have two separate dates for adjudications this year: February 26-27 on Bainbridge Island with Jee Wong for all teachers except Irene, Karina, and Julie, and March 5-6 for Bowling Studios teachers with Milica Jovanovic. All forms and money ***must*** be in my hand no later than January 15, 2010. Since the deadline is so soon after the holidays, be sure to prepare your students early and begin

reminding them of the deadline before Christmas break. All forms are available at www.wsmta.net. Feel free to call or e-mail if you have any questions. Playoffs for the state recital will take place March 7th at Bowling Studios (more details to follow).

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Membership

WSMTA welcomes new member, Joann Richardson, NCTM, who teaches piano and organ. A long-time KMTA member, Joann is currently WSMTA Organ Chair.

Other Events

Young Composers Concert

Hello students and teachers,

Save the date for the fifth annual Young Composers Concert, Saturday February 6, 2010, 7:00 pm at the Bainbridge Island Commons, 402 Brien Drive, Waterfront Park, Winslow, Bainbridge Island.

The Young Composers Concert is sponsored by the Bainbridge Community Piano Association and is held annually in conjunction with the Washington State Music Teachers Association Young Composers Project.

The Young Composers Concert is open to all young composers in the region. Students may also enter their compositions in the WSMTA YCP and receive written comments from a WSMTA approved adjudicator. The deadline to mail applications to the YCP is Tuesday February 17. Students of teachers who are not members of the WSMTA may enter their compositions in the YCP with an additional fee.

It is not necessary to enter the YCP in order to play in the concert. Further information and an application form for the concert will be posted soon, as well as rules and guidelines for the YCP.

Elizabeth Foster

First Sundays at the Commons Presents

For more information go to: www.firstsundaysconcerts.org

First Sundays at the Commons presents the Icicle Creek Piano Trio (Ensemble-in-Residence at the Icicle Creek Music Center in Leavenworth, Washington) on Sun., Nov. 1 at 4:00 p.m. The trio is comprised of Jennifer Caine on violin, Sally Singer on cello and Oksana Ezhokina on piano. The program includes Beethoven's Piano Trio in E-flat major, Circulo for Piano Trio by Turina and Shostakovich's Trio in E minor.

Bulletin Board

Calendar of Events

Oct. 24: Bremerton Symphony Concert with Irene Bowling, 7:30 p.m. (see article)

Oct. 30: Workshop with Yelena Balabanova, 10:00 a.m. (see article)

Nov. 1: Icicle Creek Piano Trio at the Commons. (see article)

Jan. 15: Deadline for submission of Adjudications registration forms to Julie. (see article)

Feb. 6: Yelena Balabanova Master Class. Time and location TBA. (see article)

Feb. 6: Young Composers Concert at the Commons. (see article)

Feb. 26-27: Adjudications, Bainbridge Island. (see article)

March 5-6: Adjudications, Bowling Studios. (see article)

March 7: State Recitalist Competition at Bowling Studios. (see article)

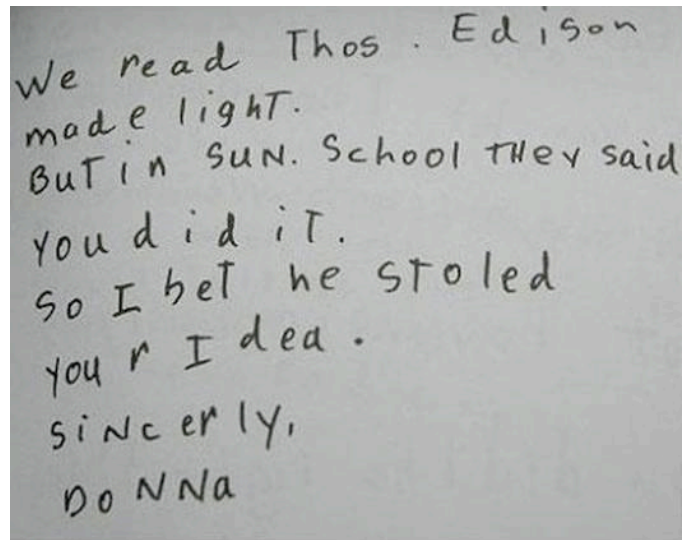
June 21-25: WSMTA 2010 Conference in Olympia.



Humor?



"I was sure Ethyl said we should meet here?"



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"One more wisecrack and you're dead meat!"

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