

SDMTA Newsletter

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President's Message

Your spring SDMTA Newsletter is appearing earlier than usual this year in order to get the news out about our upcoming joint conference with the Dakota Sky International Piano Festival. The schedule is being finalized and there will be many exciting and educational events included in two very full days. These include concerts, workshops by our own members and guest artists of Dakota Sky, master classes, and the social events (banquet, luncheon) at which we catch up on each other and our organization. The full schedule is included in this Newsletter. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us June 26-28, 2014 at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls

The headliner artist for Dakota Sky and our SDMTA conference is the internationally-known pianist and educator, Jon Kimura Parker. He will present a solo recital on Saturday evening. Friday's events with Dr. Parker include a workshop about analyzing music for better memorization, and a master class with the students of the Dakota Sky Young Artist Program. There will be a recital Thursday evening by former Sioux Falls resident Angelina Gadeliya, and workshops by Dr. Gadeliya, Dr. Paul Sanchez, the founder of the Dakota Sky Festival, and by our own members. Remember that continuing educational credit is available for attending the conference. Public school teachers

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can earn contact hours for recertification through the South Dakota Department of Education and music teachers can earn points for certification through MTNA or SDMTA.

Our conference will take place at the Belbas Theater in the Washington Pavilion and across the street in the First Congregational Church. There will be ample parking and with everything in one location, no need to travel between venues. The Washington Pavilion is located in the heart of downtown Sioux Falls, with shopping and many fine restaurants within walking distance. Hotels and motels for all preferences and budgets are located throughout Sioux Falls.

The registration fee to attend the conference events remains at \$40 for SDMTA members. Payment of the registration fee will also entitle members to attend the SDMTA/MTNA competitions, which will take place at Augustana College in Sioux Falls on November 7-8, 2014. You will notice that the registration form for the conference does not include meals. Due to rising food and service costs, the Conference Steering Committee decided that it would be more economical for our members to purchase their own meals at the scheduled group events. Leonardo's Café in the Pavilion will be available for box lunches on Friday and coffee and refreshments throughout the day. Hospitality will be available at the First Congregational Church. We are finalizing banquet details, and that information will be on the SDMTA website soon.

South Dakota Music Teachers 60th Annual Conference promises to be an exciting, educational, and inspiring event. We hope to see you all in Sioux Falls in June! For more information on the Dakota Sky 2014 Festival, see <http://www.dakotasky.org>. Complete details on the SDMTA conference can be found at <http://www.sdmata.org/state-conference/index.html>.

- Susanne Skyrn

Meet a Member

Name: Mary Ermel Walker

Home: Brookings, SD

Member SDMTA since: 2001

Born: a long time ago!! 9/1/55

Raised: Yes! In Fountain, Colorado - went to Fountain-Ft. Carson High School

Education: B.M. UNC in Greeley, CO. M.M. San Francisco Conservatory.

M.Ed. USF (Sioux Falls). D.M.A. (ABD) NDSU. All degrees in piano performance except the Education degree from Sioux Falls

Current jobs: Instructor at SDSU, Organist at First Lutheran, Private Piano Teacher

Family: One son, Dorian - a senior at MSU at Moorhead

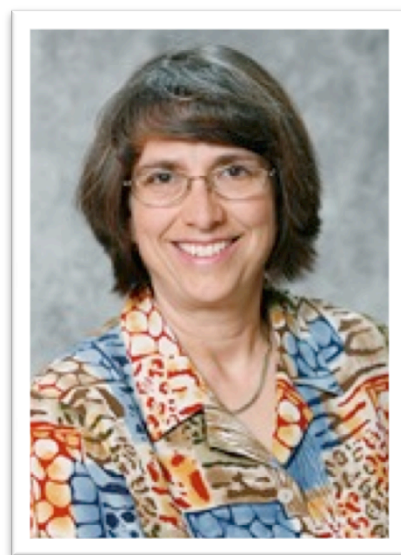
Favorite Composers: Bach, Mozart, Rachmaninov, Bach, Debussy, etc.

Favorite Pianists: Vladimir Ashkenazy, Martha Argerich

Most Influential Musicians/ Teachers: Daniel Graham, Andrew Froelich, Robert Groves

Hobbies/ Activities: Who has time for that!! Reading, pets

Why I like SDMTA: Friendship with fellow teachers!!



SOUTH DAKOTA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION STATE CONFERENCE

- JUNE 26TH – 28TH 2014 -

All information can be found through the SDMTA website at

<http://www.sdmata.org/state-conference/index.html>

Pre-registration is available anytime after May 15th with details available on the web site.

Workshop and Conference details will be posted as they become available
so check back often!

SDMTA Board Listing

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Cheryl Koch, Registration
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Newsletter Deadlines

Winter: January 15

Spring: May 15

Fall: September 15

Welcome New Members

Pamela	Baker	Brookings
Miguel J	Beal	Rapid City
Elaine	Bond	Summerset
Kathryn	Butterfield	Sioux Falls
Kortney	Brunner	Nisland
Dr. Marie-Elaine	Gagnon	Vermillion
Bailey	Geist	Aberdeen
Mary C	Handcock	Long Valley
Muriel	Kaufman	Freeman
Hannah	Kuelbs	Sioux Falls
Shu	Li	Sioux Falls
Darren	Matthes	Sioux Falls
Lori Ann	Miller	Spearfish
Stephanie	Oeltjenbruns	Bruce
Jessica	Perkins	Aberdeen
Dr. Andrew	Robinette	Brookings
Terry V.	Walters	Vermillion
Amber	Waseen	Spearfish
Sheila	Williamson	Brookings
Dr. Tammy	Yonce	Brookings



Local Association News

AAMTA

Aberdeen Area Music Teachers Association has a membership of 16 music teachers, including two student teachers, Bailey Geist and Nicole Merriman. We met five times during the year for regular business meetings.

Members and their students participated in the following activities:

- Christmas Music in the Mall, organized by Katie Miller, December 14, 2013
- NSU Piano Day 2014, co-sponsored by NSU, conducted by Marcela Faflak, February 1, 2014
- Student Composition Recital, organized by Helen Anderson, April 12, 2014

*Submitted by Marcela Faflak,
AAMTA President*

BHAMTA

Greetings from the Black Hills! Our association has enjoyed another busy and productive year. One of the highlights was the recent Duet Extravaganza, chaired by Nola Culver and conducted by Cora Fried. Despite a last-minute date change due to inclement weather, students and teachers gathered in Rapid City on March 8th at the Rushmore Mall to perform for an appreciative audience on six keyboards provided by Bachelder's Plummer Piano and Organ. BHAMTA

welcomed several new and returning members to our January meeting, hosted once again by the talented Joan Iverson. We continue to sponsor regular recitals in both the Northern and Southern Hills, and look forward to our annual Spring Festival on May 3 at Black Hills State University and the 2014 SDMTA Conference.

*Submitted by Jim Margetts,
BHAMTA President*

BMTA

The Brookings Music Teachers Association held 5 regular business meetings this year. We welcomed several new members to our ranks including Andrew Robinette, Sheila Williamson, Stephanie Oeltjenbruns and Pamela Baker. BMTA students participated in a Student Composition Recital in November, and many of our students provided music for the Festival of Trees at the Community Cultural Center during Advent. Our numbers were down for our Annual Junior Piano Festival which was held in March, but the students who did participate were well prepared and had a wonderful day of playing. We are currently in the process of planning a Piano Carnival for next Fall.

*Submitted by Tammy Knudtson,
BMTA President*

HAMTA

The Huron Area Music Teachers Association (HAMTA) had a very eventful 2013-2014 season. Our membership roster includes Beth Neitzert, Beverly Bigge, Brenda Ruedebusch, Laurie Hamm, Barb Valer, Kristi Kattner, Eric Bliss, and Geri Peterson. We conducted five regular business meetings. At the end of each meeting members of the group presented programs on different areas of teaching technique. The HAMTA Piano Extravaganza was held on October 27 where students performed duets and ensembles on a stage with eight pianos. During the holiday season, each teacher programmed individual studio recitals at local nursing homes and within their churches. The 2014-2015 season will kick off with the tri-annual HAMTA Boy's Recital.

Huron Area Music Teachers (HAMTA) Officers
President: Beth Neitzert
Secretary: Beverly Bigge
Treasurer: Laurie Hamm

*Submitted by Beth Neitzert,
HAMTA President*

SFMTA

Report not submitted



PIPE ORGAN

Two Pipe Organ Encounters in our region this summer!

The American Guild of Organists established the Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) program close to thirty years ago in order to give teenagers the opportunity to learn more about the organ and to provide an environment for teenage organists to get to know each other. Pipe Organ Encounters usually last Sunday afternoon through Friday afternoon during a week in the summer in the form of a summer music camp. The POE program has been very successful since its inception and is held every summer at four or five different locations across the country.

The future of the piano and organ are inseparably intertwined . . . the need for pianists to learn the fundamentals of organ technique to assist area churches that need organists for services, weddings, and funerals and assist area choirs with organ accompaniment and the need for organists to be fine pianists to accompany in a wide variety of settings in addition to teaching piano in an informed and sensitive manner are so important.

If you have a talented young person who might be interested in pursuing organ study or learning more about the "King of Instruments," could you please share the attached brochures with them? The South Dakota Chapter of the American Guild of Organists has sponsored six POE's in the past. Notice that there are two POE's in our region this summer--in Manhattan, Kansas and Fort Collins, Colorado. I have attached the brochures. Both have wonderful faculty and exciting weeks planned for the young people to explore the organ.

Marilyn Schempp

South Dakotans Attend MTNA National Conference

SDMTA members Arlene Krueger, Diane Ketel, Marilyn Schempp, and Susanne Skyrn attended the MTNA National Conference in Chicago, IL, held March 22-27. Session topics included teaching with technology, collaborative piano, musician wellness issues, and teaching various types of repertoire. As always we came away with new ideas to try in our own



teaching. There was also the opportunity to see friends and colleagues from across the country and hear some very wonderful playing by young artists competing in the various auditions. One of the most inspiring events of the whole conference was hearing Byron Janis speak about his life and his battle with arthritis. Despite an early onset of a particularly crippling type of this disease, Janis has continued to perform and advocate for young musicians with arthritis. He celebrated his 86th birthday at the conference and received a standing ovation and heartfelt rendition of "Happy Birthday to You" from the hundreds of people in attendance at his session.

An especially exciting event at the conference was an awards ceremony at the Annual Meeting of MTNA members, at which South Dakota was recognized as the state with the best growth and retention rate of the whole West Central Division. When I was told of this pending award in February, I was somewhat incredulous—SDMTA, like so many other organizations, seems to be constantly dealing with a dwindling membership base. But the statistics showed that we had a 2.21% growth rate at the end of 2013, and by February 2014 our growth was up to over 6%! I attribute this in part to the friendliness and welcoming spirit of our members and I thank you all for your efforts to recruit new members and make them feel welcome. It was an honor to represent South Dakota at the 2014 MTNA National Conference!

Susanne Skyrn

**Join us in June as the
SOUTH DAKOTA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
partners with the
DAKOTA SKY INTERNATIONAL PIANO FESTIVAL
for an amazing musical and educational experience!**

Over a two and one-half day event,

- You can get contact hours for recertification through the South Dakota Department of Education.
 - You can earn points for certification through the Music Teachers National Association or through SDMTA.
- Most important, you can learn from national artists for your personal growth as a music teacher.

The conference will be held at the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science and First Congregational Church in Sioux Falls, SD, June 26-28, 2014. The Dakota Sky Festival, in its eighth season, extends from June 14-28, features a wide-range of recitals, children's events, lectures, and a Young Artist Program. (Details may be found at www.dakotasky.org.) The workshops for the last weekend, however, are just available for registrants of the SDMTA Conference.

Pre-registration is available anytime after May 15th.

The details will be available on this web-site <http://www.sdmta.org/state-conference/index.html>

On-site registration will be open before the 7:30 p.m. concert on Thursday and beginning at 8:00 a.m. Friday.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Details will be posted on this web-site as they are developed. Check back often!

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014

5:00 p.m. SDMTA Board Of Directors meeting [place to be announced]

6:30 Registration begins in the West Lobby of the Belbas Theatre, Washington Pavilion

7:30 **RECITAL**
by DR. ANGELINA GADELIYA
[Belbas Theatre]

Dr. Gadeliya grew up in Sioux Falls but her career as a pianist has taken her far and wide. Read her complete bio at

<http://www.dakotasky.org/2014-artists/-angelina-gadeliya>



FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2014:

- 8:00 a.m. Registration begins in the West Lobby of the Belbas Theatre.
All Friday events take place at the Belbas Theatre.
- 9:00 **Workshop: Dr. Susanne Skyrn**
Spanish Piano Music: What Makes it "Spanish?"
This session will explore the musical elements that create the unmistakable sound of Spanish music and explore elementary and intermediate teaching pieces that employ Spanish characteristics. Dr. Skyrn will offer suggestions for teaching interpretive and technical problems in these pieces.
- 10:00-10:50 **Workshop: Dr. Jon Kimura Parker**
Analyzing Music for Better Memorization
Typical analysis of music focuses on understanding a composer's creation of structure, and the developmental use of motives. While this is important to the performer and certainly informs interpretive decisions, "Analyzing Music for Better Memorization" puts structure and development into the context of supporting a reliable memory. Dr. Jon Kimura Parker will discuss these issues, and identify some of the more common "Memory Traps" that need to be identified before they become bigger problems in performance.
- 11:00-11:50 **Workshop: Dr. James Margetts**
Tackling Piano Technique
Being from the state of Nebraska means that Husker football is never far from the minds of my students. In this workshop, I will draw comparisons between familiar football patterns and the ways in which they can help to teach a healthy approach to the keyboard.
- 12:00 noon No-Host Luncheon & Question/Answer Session
with a Panel of Artists and Teachers on *The State of the Arts*
- 1:00-1:50 p.m. **Workshop: Dr. John Walker**
Beethoven's Advancements in Piano Technique
This workshop will explore the different style periods of Beethoven, and look at the new technical demands made by his piano works. Also included will be discussion of Beethoven's pedaling effects and metronome markings, and how to work out the technical difficulties of certain pieces.
- 2:00-5:00 Listen and Learn as the participants in the Dakota Sky Young Artist Program
perform in a Master Class for Jon Kimura Parker
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- 7:30 p.m. **RECITAL by pianists from the DAKOTA SKY YOUNG ARTIST PROGRAM**

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2014:

9:00 a.m.

Workshop: *Technology for the music teacher*

The panel presenting this workshop will introduce many new trends for incorporating technology into your music teaching. It will include ideas ranging from apps for your tablets, electronic keyboard ideas, compositional software, etc.

10:30

Coffee/Hospitality

11:00

Workshop: Dr. Susan Keith Gray

Strategies for Sight-Reading [details available later]

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Lunch [on your own]

1:30

Workshop: Dr. Angelina Gadeliya [1st Congregational Church]***Exploring the art of tone production and technique for the intermediate pianist***

This seminar is designed for those teaching intermediate piano, and will address various aspects of tone production and how to develop sensitivity of touch. Dr. Gadeliya also will explore the tools needed to master inspiring compositions from Baroque to Contemporary through a synthesis of musical and technical elements as well as the efficient use of the body.

3:00

Coffee/Hospitality

3:30

Workshop: Dr. Paul Sanchez [1st Congregational Church]***Elements of Andalusian Deep Song in the Piano music of Isaac Albeniz***

Elements of Andalusian Deep Song, or cante jondo, are prevalent in many of Isaac Albeniz' works for piano. This presentation will explore these Deep Song features in selected representative works appropriate for pianists of various skill levels. To help illuminate these stylistic elements, the author will draw on his experiences as a Fulbright Fellow in Spain with Alicia de Larrocha and his interest in the Deep Song poems of Federico García Lorca.

5:00

Banquet and General Business Meeting [to be announced at a later date]

7:30

RECITAL**by DR. JON KIMURA PARKER**

[Belbas Theatre]

A veteran of the concert stage,
Jon Kimura Parker also is a committed educator as
Professor

of Piano at The Shepherd School of Music at Rice
University. Read his complete bio at

<http://www.dakotasky.org/2014-artists/-jon-kimura-parker>

