

A Letter from the President
March 22, 2010

Dear Fellow WMC Members,

Finally we are at the beginning of the spring season. The last week or so has been beautiful giving us a taste of warm weather in anticipation of what is to come. With the warmer weather of spring comes an onslaught of musical activities. Actually our activity picked up at the end of February and will continue on into June. I will recap activities that have already taken place and then enumerate those that are yet to come. Please read carefully and note changes that have been made on your calendar. Print it and post it wherever it might help.

- ◆ **The NFMC Festival** took place at the end of February and the beginning of March. Many students had the opportunity to perform and the event was a complete success. Thanks to all who helped out.
- ◆ **The Kiki Thomaidis Scholarship Competition** took place March 6. The 9 winners were featured in a winners' recital on Sunday, March 7 at St. Paul United Methodist Church. The Thomaidis family, who founded this Scholarship Competition in their mother's memory, was represented by Irene Cimino, who presented the students with their awards. What a treat to hear them all play! Congratulations to winning students and their teachers.

Division I

1 st Place	Dylan Muramoto	Conquistador by Jenni Whitley	Teacher: Laura Riski
2 nd Place	Matthew Kim	Treasures from the Sea by Martha Mier	Teacher: June Shuffett
3 rd Place	Carlos Noel	El Zapateado by Dennis Alexander	Teacher: Elaine Brady

Division II

1 st Place	Christine Logan	The Firefly by Anton Bilotti	Teacher: Elaine Brady
2 nd Place	Renfred Harper	Andalusian Rhapsody by Timothy Brown	Teacher: June Shuffett
3 rd Place	Joyce Lee	Tale of the Tempest by Gretchen Heller	Teacher: Elaine Brady

Division III

1 st Place	Haley Vaseghi	Prelude II by George Gershwin	Teacher: Lana Bailey
2 nd Place	Laura Logan	Spanish Dance by Anton Bilotti	Teacher: Elaine Brady
3 rd Place	Lauren Gall	Melodie op.3 no 3 by Serfei Rachmaninoff	Teacher: Elaine Brady
	Esther Quansah	Valse Brilliante by Glenda Austin	Teacher: June Shuffett

- ◆ **The March House Concert and WMC meeting** was a great success. Six members participated in the five scheduled performances including Michael Munayer, Katie Largent, Grace Reid, David Salisbury, John Schroeder, and June Shuffett. Two new members, Michael Munayer and Katie Largent, were welcomed and a short meeting followed. The evening of music was followed by a club social.
- ◆ **WMC Program, "Sing of Myself" by Leslie Bennett**, took place this past Saturday evening. The music was wonderful and the program was very well attended. We are so fortunate to have such musical talent in our club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL EVENTS

- ◆ **Board Meeting - Tuesday, April 13 at 9:30 am** –Betty McCary has offered her home for our meeting (1608 Ashford Place, Woodbridge). We have much to discuss since our two previous board meetings had been canceled. Please plan to attend if you are able.
- ◆ **Saturday Evening Performance - Music for Trumpet and Piano with John Schroeder and June Shuffett - April 17 at 7:30 pm at St. Paul UMC.** We heard wonderful excerpts from the upcoming program at the house concert in March and are looking forward to hearing the program in its entirety.
- ◆ **Senior Scholarship Competition - Monday, April 19 at 6:30 pm at St. Paul UMC.** All students who are presently high school seniors are encouraged to compete. Postmark deadline for applications is April 5. Please contact Cyndy Elmore, chairman, if you have any questions. Note: Cyndy's email address is wrong on the application. Be sure to make this change: Welmore664@comcast.net.
- ◆ **Mary Smart Preliminaries - Saturday, April 24 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm at the Manassas Baptist Church.** Please encourage your eligible students to participate. Winners will go on to compete in Williamsburg on June 5th at the VFMC Convention.

MAY EVENTS

- ◆ **National Music Week (May 2-9) Celebrations** – Please address any questions to NMW chairman Laura Riski to Laura@riski.biz. Events are listed below:
 - **Gold Cup Recital** - Sunday, May 2 at 2:00 pm at St. Paul UMC. All Gold Cup Recipients and Senior Scholarship Winners will perform.
 - **Student Recital** - Sunday, May 2 at 3:00 pm at St. Paul UMC. Due to increased member interest in having a springtime recital opportunity for all students rather than just those eligible for gold cups, we have scheduled an additional recital this year. Please encourage your students to take advantage of this additional performance opportunity.
 - **New Dominion Choraliers** - Monday, May 3 at 7:30 pm at Westminster at Lake Ridge.
 - **Crookston Music Studio Harp Ensemble** - Tuesday, May 4 at 1:00 pm in the McCoart Building Atrium.
 - **June and Robert Shuffett (Piano/Violin Duo)** – Wednesday, May 5 at 2:00 pm at Emeritus at Lake Ridge.

- **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Sanctuary Choir** – Thursday, May 6 at 7:30 pm at Westminster at Lake Ridge
- **Music Through Words: A Workshop for Budding Composers with Leslie Bennett** – Friday, May 7 at 7:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Church. This is an opportunity for your students to attend a workshop where they will learn about or improve upon their compositional skills.
- ◆ **Donna Baldwin's Program on May 8 HAS BEEN CANCELED.** Donna, one of our very own members, is unable to perform at this time. We wish her well and hope to engage her to perform sometime in the future.
- ◆ **Saturday Evening Performance - Attacca String Quartet - May 22 at 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church** (12975 Purcell Rd., Manassas). You won't want to miss an electrifying performance of this quartet from Julliard. *Please note the new date, time and place for this program, rescheduled from February.*

JUNE EVENTS

- ◆ **VFMC State Convention** – June 2-5 at the Crowne Plaza – Fort Magruder in Williamsburg, VA. The finals of the Mary Smart Competition take place on Saturday of this event. Members of our club are also members of NFMC and VFMC and therefore are welcome to attend this convention. See me for more information.
- ◆ **Spring Luncheon – Tuesday, June 15 at 11:30 am at Madigan's in Occoquan.** Installation of Officers will take place as well as a board meeting following the luncheon. *Note the new place for this event. Our originally scheduled place of meeting, Ospreys Landing, is now closed for business.*
- ◆ **House Concert – Saturday, June 19 at 5:00 pm at the home of Leslie Bennett.** This is our final house concert of the 2009-2010 season. Please think about performing and/or attending that evening to end our fiscal year. We will have a short meeting and a social hour following the performance. Donna Baldwin is unable to continue as House Concert Coordinator at this time. I will step in as contact person for this event.

We have had several new members join us in the last month or so. I want to welcome all of you to the WMC club and encourage you to get involved. I've included your email contact information so members can add you to their directories.

- Barbara Graham – Gbgraham17@aol.com - piano (King's Touch Academy in Occoquan) – 703-489-4413
- Katie Largent – katieKT@verizon.net - piano (performed at the last house concert)
- Nancy Zacharczyk – nancyz@mris.com - piano
- Michael Munayer – mikel676@yahoo.com - violin (performed at the last house concert)

NEXT YEAR – 2010-11 SEASON

- ◆ **September Program** – Over the last two years we have established September as the month in which our Member's Only Program is presented. This is a public program in which members (solo, duos, or other ensemble groups) perform. This has been very successful and we want to continue it into the future. If you are interested in performing in this public program, please contact June Shuffett at musicnowornever@aol.com. June is our program coordinator and is in the process of planning next year's members' concert. If we have too many members for one program we may try to schedule another some time during the year.
- ◆ **October Meeting** – This coming year we are going to combine our meetings with house concerts. We are planning our first actual meeting as a combined pot luck/program/meeting. We will welcome our new members and provide general information about our club (and its affiliations with NFMC and VFMC) and specific information about events for the upcoming year. Then we will listen to music and socialize with other members and their families as we eat. I hope this will be a successful way to begin a new year for the Woodbridge Music Club.

Next year's WMC application form will be coming out in the next few months. When it comes, please be sure to complete the NEW Application form and send it in with your dues for next year. Our club has grown tremendously over the last two years. It is only through the recruitment of new members that a club can continue to grow. Spread the word about our club and encourage others to join. Please share your ideas for programs, workshops, and other types of offerings that we might incorporate in the future and continue to check on the website for news and information about the Woodbridge Music Club. (All of these newsletters can be found on that site.)

Sincerely,
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