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This is just a reminder that the Music Theory Olympics are coming!

The Music Theory Olympics are a "Jeopardy" style event where music students of varying levels are placed on teams and answer music theory questions both individually and as a team. Prizes are awarded after each round, with a grand prize at the end! A promotional flyer and study guide are on the CMTA website [Activities section]. The date is Saturday, June 8, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. It will be held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church (1500 East Rio Road). The deadline for registration is Wednesday, June 5, 2013, and any area music students are eligible. This activity is free for students of CMTA teachers and \$5.00 for all other participants.

Melody Day is the Chair (434.295.4854/melody@daysongstudio.com). Registration forms are available in the Members' Area/event and competition forms.

Mark your calendars! We would love to have several more teacher volunteers--please contact me for more information. A good time will be had by all!

Do you have Library materials checked out?

Hello Everyone,

As my first and last request as acting CMTA librarian, I would ask of you to please check through your materials and submit a list of anything you still have checked out from the CMTA library BEFORE June 15th, as we will need the information to conduct our annual inventory in order to update the information for the new yearbook.

You may send an email to me at: lstogoski@gmail.com or call me at 434-823-6612. If you wish to return them, you may drop them off at the library found in Toko's studio, The Music Emporium, located at 233 Hydraulic Ridge Rd. #104 across from Albemarle High School. **Please call Toko at 973-2931 in advance, before heading out to her studio to check its operating hours.**

Thank you very much for your cooperation!

Lisa Stogoski

June Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 19th, at 9:00 at the home of Mike Anderson

HOW TIME FLIES!
VMTA 2013 Conference

It's that time of year again, time for the Fall VMTA Conference. WAIT!! It's not FALL--and didn't we just go to the conference a couple of months ago?? It can't be that time again!?!

But yes, VMTA is yet again hosting it's annual conference, only this year they're trying something new. Here's a chance to enjoy a wonderful vacation, maybe including the family, plug into a fantastic music event with award winning concerts, enrich your teaching with inspiration and new ideas, and all in a stunning venue--our very own Wintergreen Resort.

The convention workshops are always outstanding: using visual imagery to spark musical creativity, "inside the Bach Inventions", the art of teaching Mozart, technique and artistry together, just to name a few. Top notch concerts are presented every day by Caroline Hong, The Wintergreen Academy, and the Wintergreen Festival Orchestra. Plus, you get to meet colleagues from around the state and interact with them, finding how much you have in common but also being challenged by their new ideas. And, last but not least, we have the best chapter in the state...at least we think so. We've had members drive all the way to the conference just to attend "our group" dinner. The whole experience of being together in workshops and other events outside of our normal paths helps make us a more cohesive, "family" group and improve who we are as teachers. So I challenge you to attend. If you don't feel you can stay over or are not sure it's for you, come for just one day--just \$30 for a one-day registration. That's how I got started and haven't missed another one since then. But also it's only \$50 for the whole event and close enough to drive each day. Come to Wintergreen with us!!

VMTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Wintergreen Resort

Register on-line at www.music-usa.org/vmta or by sending in the form found in your most recent NewsNotes.

Contact Barbara Moore to let her know you are going and/or if you'd like to get information on rooming with someone and carpooling.

FYI: Most of us are opting out of the Banquet this year in favor of a dinner out together at a local restaurant. Most members who indicated already that they were going were planning to commute each day, especially on Saturday. You will need to know this to make decisions about how to register.

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From Membership Chair:

If you have not renewed your membership for 2013-2014 yet, please do so as soon as possible. Our local cutting date for the referral list on the web site is July 15, so if your renewal is not confirmed by July 15th, your name would be removed from the list on July 15th. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at nkdonahue@embarqmail.com

Noriko Donahue

Your Input Needed! ***2013 CMTA Survey***

Planning for next year is already under way, and your input is needed! Let us know how CMTA can better serve your needs as a teacher by filling out the survey at the link below. It should take less than three minutes and having every member's input is invaluable! Just copy and paste this link into the address bar on your web browser. Thanks!

<http://kwiksurveys.com/s.asp?sid=vmum797tvllly3z142857>

President's Letter

The New School for Music Study was founded in Kingston, New Jersey in 1960 by Frances Clark and Louise Goss. If you are unfamiliar, it is a nationally known school recognized for excellence in piano training. Last summer I attended one of their seminars, and the following anecdote was shared. At the time the school was founded, there was discussion over what to name the school. Frances Clark was championing the name 'The New School,' and was challenged as to why to name it that (because wouldn't it sound silly to have a school named the 'New School' after it had been around for a while?).

Her response was: **"We need to name it the New School, because if it isn't new, I don't want anything to do with it."**

On behalf of the membership, I would like to express sincere thanks to all of the members who worked to enhance our teaching this year through CMTA. There are too many people to mention individually, but I would specifically like to thank Barbara and Michelle for all of the time and effort they put into this organization over the last two years. I know that everyone is very grateful for the work they've done, and we appreciate it very much!

What keeps you 'new' as a music teacher? How do you stay innovative in your teaching, current on good teaching practice, and enthusiastic about guiding your students? With summer coming, we are all looking forward to a break and some time off (which definitely helps me with ALL that stuff!) There are many people who are already working hard to create a great series of offerings for next year through this organization. If you have thoughts on how CMTA could better serve you, now is the time to speak your mind. If you haven't yet taken the survey, please do, and if you have more to say or thoughts that weren't covered in the survey, please feel free to contact me or anyone else with your ideas.

I hope you have a great summer, and find different ways to keep yourself 'new' in preparing for next year!

Mike Anderson
President

Program Note

If you have suggestions or requests concerning programs for 2013-2014, please contact Susan Black <scwblack@comcast.net>. Planning is already underway for next year and your ideas are important, so don't delay!