



Keynotes

A Newsletter of Pittsburgh Piano Teachers Association

May 2016

MAY 18, 2016

10 AM

Christ Church at Grove Farm

**(Student performers should arrive at 9:30 AM
For photographs.)**

Program

**The Winners of
PPTA Student Composition Competitions
and
PPTA Student Performance Competitions
Solo Performance
Duet Performance**

*Performances followed by
May Reception*

All students, families, and teachers are welcome

PLAN TO STAY FOR OUR SPRING RECEPTION!

Since our February meeting was canceled due to inclement weather, our winning student composers will be performing at our May meeting, along with the winners of the Solo and Duet Performance Competitions.

Instead of our traditional Spring Luncheon, we would like to honor these students by inviting them and their families to join us for a Spring Reception immediately following the meeting. We are kindly asking EVERY teacher attending the meeting to please bring either an appetizer or dessert to share, and also any necessary

serving utensils. Punch will be provided by the Social Committee. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Miller at 412-720-1051 or Raelene Bluhm at 910-233-6515.

2016-17 Membership Dues

The deadline for sending in your dues is **June 1**. Dues will be collected at the May 18 meeting, or may be mailed to the Treasurer, Cindy Karell.

S*T*A*R Evaluations

We look forward to the S*T*A*R Evaluations Honors Recital on Sunday, May 29 at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall at Christ Church at Grove Farm.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER:

**Tricia Mack, 620 Hiland Ave., Coraopolis,
PA 15108**

(724) 683-1169, TriciaLGlorioso@gmail.com

Student of the Month

We are in need of a new Chairperson for Student of the Month. Please contact Andrea Doyle for more information. It's not too early to sign up student performers for next year.

PPTA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD UPDATE

The Annual PPTA Scholarship Award Program received one complete application for 2016. However, the \$1,000 scholarship award to a graduating high school senior was not awarded due to the applicant's withdrawal from the April 30 audition. Check the PPTA website frequently for more information on the 2017 scholarship audition date and additional updates to this valuable resource and important program.

PA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS NEWS

Congratulations to our own Charlene Hubbard who is the new Vice President of the Pa Federation!

Senior Club Rating Sheets

All PPTA members may fill out a Senior Club Rating Sheet for Federation. This form is available on our website at www.pghpianoteachers.org, under "Links." Please print out, complete and send to Joan Stanisha, St. Barnabus Village, 5850 Meridian Rd., Gibsonia, PA 15044, jstanisha@aol.com, or bring to the May meeting.

Also, for those members who have a Junior Music Club (Federated Studios), please go PPTA's website and download the **Junior Rating Sheet**. Please print out, complete and mail to Joan at the above address or give to her at the May meeting.

REMINDER of PPTA SAVINGS

As a member of PPTA you are entitled to discounted tickets for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and The Pops.

These are the final weeks for seasons so take advantage of the opportunity to hear some awesome music!!!

PSO and POPS tickets have a link on the PPTA website under "student activities".

May 13-15 Elektra and Der Rosenkavalier

June 10 & 12 "The Earth: An HD Odyssey"

June 17-19 Season Finale

June 24-26 The Film Music of Howard Shore

2016 PPTA PERFORMANCE COMPETITION WINNERS

Early Elementary Solo (up to age 9)

First Place: Summer Ji, student of Anne Lin

Second Place: Henry Manciu, student of Phyllis Kiser

Third Place: Jason Liu, student of Mary Lynne Bennett

Honorable Mention: Emily Menke, student of Chad Twedt

Elementary Solo (up to age 11)

First Place: Yoonyoung Cho, student of Sung-Im Kim

Second Place: Eva Twedt, student of Chad Twedt

Third Place: Gabrielle M. Boudreau, student of Sha Wang

Early Intermediate Solo (up to age 13)

First Place: Eric Liu, student of Anne Lin

Second Place: Elenora Twedt, student of Chad Twedt

Third Place: Michael Hsieh, student of Harry Coleman

Honorable Mention: Caroline Kenney, student of Jeff Harris

Honorable Mention: Selena Xiao, student of Jing-I Jang

Intermediate Solo (up to age 15)

First Place: Allison Williams, student of Roberta Negri-Albert

Second Place: Olivia Tong Wu, student of Sung-Im Kim

Third Place: Nancy Xu, student of Anne Lin

Early Advanced Solo (up to age 17)

First Place: Chelsea Chao, student of Jing-I Jang

Second Place: Bridget Wang, student of Anne Lin

Third Place: Roshie Xing, student of Sha Wang

Advanced Solo (up to age 19)

Honorable Mention: Megan Ye, student of Anne Lin

Primary Duet

First Place: Alex Sun and Leona Chen, students of Chad Twedt

Second Place: Jason Liu and Micah Jabbour, students of Mary Lynne Bennett

Third Place: Nicolette Lyscik and Nia Delsanto, students of Suzanne Givi

Elementary Duet

First Place: Elenora and Eva Twedt, students of Chad Twedt

Second Place: Sophia Shi and Jessica Tang, students of Harry Coleman

Third Place: Alyssa Yen and Eileen Hu, students of Anne Lin

Junior Duet

First Place: Monica Chen and Rachel Lee, students of Marina Lupinacci

Second Place: Katie Lin and Karen Lin, students of Anne Lin

Senior Duet

First Place: Emma Kim and Gary Peng, students of Marina Lupinacci

Second Place: Hannah Mueller and Grace Mueller, students of Connie Phillips

2016 Student Composition Competition Winners

PRIMARY

- FIRST PLACE "My New Best Friend"
Emma Blodgett, student of Pat Rossi
- SECOND PLACE "Minion March"
Mason Briggs, student of Karen Elstner

ELEMENTARY

- FIRST PLACE "Spring Into Autumn"
Dylan Byersdorfer, student of Pat Rossi
- SECOND PLACE "Bad Dreams"
Noah Reaoch, student of Kim Jamison
- THIRD PLACE "Moody Weather"
Maera Williams, Student of Pat Rossi
- HONORABLE MENTION I "Feelings"
Andrew Byersdorfer, student of Pat Rossi
- HONORABLE MENTION II "Jumping Jack"
Toby Crytzer, student of Pat Rossi

JUNIOR

- FIRST PLACE "An Autumn Walk" -
Gabrielle Howell, student of Pat Rossi

SENIOR

- FIRST PLACE "Generic Ragtime"
James Fenn, student of Anne Lin
- SECOND PLACE "Furiosity"
Jonah Glunt, student of Scott Anderson
- THIRD PLACE "Come and Go"
Cindy Hsieh, student of Harry Coleman

YEARBOOK DEADLINE

* Please send any information to be included in the 2016-17 PPTA Yearbook to Andrea Doyle by June 30th.

PPTA 80TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

* It's official! The Pittsburgh Piano Teachers Association has been granted a Mayoral Proclamation by Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto commending us on our 80 years as an arts organization. Congratulations to us, and to all our dedicated teachers throughout our 80 years; so many lives have been enriched by piano music in Pittsburgh!

* We are planning an 80th anniversary bash for the late Fall! All teachers, students, and some guest members of the community will be invited to perform solos and duets/duos at a Play-a-Thon and reception. Much more information will follow, so please watch in upcoming Keynotes. Pull out some favorite pieces and practice this summer!!