



Keynotes

A Newsletter of Pittsburgh Piano Teachers Association

MARCH, 2016

MARCH 16, 2016

**Christ Church at Grove Farm
10:00 AM**

Student of the Month
Robbie Halpner

In Celebration of Black History Month
"A Tribute to Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald"

Presented by PPTA Member
Marcia Goulding

And

"Original Rag", Scott Joplin
performed by PPTA Member
Dee Ann Symington

Program

"Finding Technique That Works"
Presented by
Dee Ann Symington

Followed by *"Studio Talk"*,
an open forum discussion, with a variety of
practical topics to be addressed.

Hospitality Table

Please sign in at the Hospitality Table when you
arrive on March 16.

Happy 80th Anniversary, PPTA!

Cake will be served at our March
meeting, in observance of our Founders'
Day.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Robbie Halpner, age 16, is a 10th grader at Upper St. Clair High School. Robbie has studied piano for 10 years; for the past seven years he has studied with Scott Anderson. In addition to classical piano, Robbie studies jazz, composition, arranging, and music technology with Scott.

At school, Robbie participates in wind ensemble, jazz ensemble, the musical pit orchestra, and marching band. As a freshman, Robbie founded a student-led percussion ensemble and currently acts as arranger and co-director. This year, he created a middle school drum line to act as a feeder program for the high school marching band.

For the past 5 years, Robbie has attended the Interlochen Center for the Arts Summer Program, and this year, is excited to broaden his musical scope as the keyboard player for *The Academy*, one of the 22 world class corps of Drum Corps International (DCI). Robbie has earned recognition as a first place winner of the PMEA Composition Contest; a first place winner of the Pennsylvania PTA Reflections Arts Contest; and this year was thrilled to earn a position with the PMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Band. Robbie plans to pursue a career in music and is honored to once again be performing for the PPTA.

Robbie will be performing an excerpt from the first movement of Hummel's Piano Sonata in F minor, Op. 20.

DUET PERFORMANCE COMPETITION
DATE CHANGE

Please make note that the dates for the **Primary and Elementary Duet Competitions**, to be held at Mt. Hope Community Church, have been changed from **Saturday, April 23** as stated in the handout "Venues, Addresses and Dates for Solo & Duet Competitions" to **Saturday, April 30** as stated originally in the Yearbook and on the PPTA Website.

DATES TO REMEMBER

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR PPTA SOLO AND DUET PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY **MARCH 15, 2016**

APPLICATIONS FOR THE PPTA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD MUST ALSO BE POSTMARKED BY **MARCH 15, 2016**

PLEASE SEE THE PPTA WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE COMPETITION INFORMATION

DEADLINE FOR EVALUATIONS IS **APRIL 1, 2016**
ALL STUDENT INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO LEE KIKUCHI BY THAT DATE.

PMTA CONFERENCE 2016

June 10.11.12, 2016

Seven Spring Resort, Seven Springs PA

Pa. Music Teachers Association extends an invitation to all PPTA members.

www.pamusicteachers.org

ALLE-KISKI MUSIC DAY CAMP

June 19-24, 2016

Our 25th year in New Kensington

www.allekiskimusicdaycamp.org

Patricia Rossi, Director

STUDENT COMPOSITION COMPETITION WINNERS PERFORMANCE RESCHEDULED

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.

GPS RECITAL UPDATE

Our last GPS Recital for 2015-16 will take place on Sunday, March 20, 3:00pm at the Piano Gallery on the West End (formerly the Steinway Gallery of Pittsburgh)
Deadline for submitting student to Sha Wang is Monday, March 14.