



Keynotes

A Newsletter of Pittsburgh Piano Teachers Association

November 2016

NOVEMBER 16, 2016

**Christ Church at Grove Farm
9:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

Welcome

Andrea Doyle, President

In Celebration of American Music Month

Fantasia on an Ostinato by John Corigliano

Performed by James Iman

Program

"The Business of Running a Piano Studio"

Alison Peters, CPA

and

Rebecca Wanovich, CLU, ChFC
of Pierson and Scott

Program Notes

We welcome Alison Peters, CPA and Rebecca Wanovich of Pierson & Scott today. Alison (who is Carol Karl's daughter) is a CPA who has her own firm. Rebecca is an Insurance Agent, as well as a Financial Consultant at Pierson & Scott. They will be leading us in a discussion of issues related to taxes, accounting, and insurance. We look forward to learning how to apply what we will learn to our piano studios. There will be handouts available and time for questions.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Please contact our Student of the Month Chairperson, Tricia Mack, to sign your student up for a future month.

DECEMBER GPS RECITAL

Our next GPS (Great Performers Series) recital for 2016-17 is on Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 pm at Wallace Presbyterian Church. Please e-mail Andrea Doyle for more information, or to sign up student performers. Teachers are welcome to perform if space is available.

80TH ANNIVERSARY PLAY-A-THON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

1:00-6:00 PM

CHRIST CHURCH AT GROVE FARM

All members, students, and friends are welcome to come and stay for as long as you can for Student and Teacher Performances, Refreshments, and a display of Memorabilia from the past 80 years! There will be continuous performances in Fellowship Hall throughout the day and the refreshments and memorabilia will be set up in Room 101, just off Fellowship Hall. Come, enjoy, and share your memories.

Hospitality Table

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

PPTA STAR EVALUATIONS

The planning meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 9 at 9:30 am at Christ Church at Grove Farm. All teachers interested in entering their students in Evaluations, as well as those who would like to learn more about the program should attend. Contact Suzanne Givi or Lee Kikuchi with any questions.

DECEMBER PPTA HOLIDAY MIXER

Instead of our traditional Holiday Breakfast and Meeting, we are planning a Holiday Mixer! Please come to meet and mingle with PPTA members and guests on Thursday December 29, 2016 at Andys Wine Bar anytime during Happy Hour from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Andys is located in the lobby of the beautiful Fairmont Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh at 510 Market Street. A live jazz performance begins at 7:30, for those who would like to stay longer. Parking is available in the hotel building.

Student Composition Competition Update

This is a reminder of the Student Composition Competition coming up in a few weeks. The entry deadline is December 19, so, teachers, get your students ready. Applications and Rules are posted on our Website, but I will have a few copies available at the October and November General Meetings.

Chairman, Carol Karl

VIP RECITAL POSTPONMENT

Due to the uncertainty of the PSO schedule, we are sorry to say that we are postponing our December 2 VIP recital until further notice. For those who were preparing to perform, please consider signing up for the December 11th GPS recital at Wallace Presbyterian Church. Contact Andrea Doyle for more information.

Time to Renew

The PPTA group subscription to *Clavier Companion* magazine will expire with the Jan./Feb. 2017 issue. The group rate is still \$20 per person. If you would like to renew, or if you would like to be a new subscriber, please make your check out to Mimi Priano and mail it to her at 1932 Stoltz Road, South Park, PA 15129. Checks may also be turned in at the November meeting. **Checks must be received before November 17, 2016.**

WELCOME TO PPTA!

Please add to your yearbook, the following new members.

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