



Keynotes

A Newsletter of Pittsburgh Piano Teachers Association

September 2016

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

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

*A complimentary light breakfast will be
Served at 9:00 AM*

Welcome

Andrea Doyle, President

Student of the Month

Caitlin Mulvihill

Program

Dr. Randall Faber
Faber Piano Institute

Student of the Month

This month's student of the month is Caitlin Mulvihill, a student of Marilyn Loutitt.

Caitlin is in the 10th grade at Shadyside Academy where she plays the keyboard as a member of the jazz band. Caitlin has studied piano for ten years. She has participated in the PFMC's Jr. Festival and has been awarded three Gold Cups. She has also participated in the National Guild's Auditions performing National programs for nine years. Caitlin is an actress and performs in the Fall and Winter drama/musical productions at her school. This past summer, she attended the Berklee College of Music workshop studying music production.

2016-17 Yearbooks

The newest edition of your PPTA yearbook is completed. **Come early to the September meeting to pick up your copy!** Be sure to take a few moments and read through this valuable source of information on all things PPTA!

Attention, All Chairpersons

Please check the yearbook and the website to make sure that all information pertaining to your department is accurate. Please report any changes necessary to President, Andrea Doyle.

Hospitality Table

Please sign in at the Hospitality Table when you arrive on September 16, and be sure to pick up your copy of the "snippets" of the repertoire for the 2017 Performance Competitions.

September Program Notes

We are pleased to welcome back Dr. Randall Faber! Dr. Faber and his wife Nancy are well known as authors of the best-selling Piano Method, Piano Adventures and as co-founders of the Faber Piano Institute.

Dr. Faber is a Steinway Artist and has given recitals throughout the United States, Canada and Asia. He has also gained international attention as an educator and researcher. His research on motivation and talent development has been featured in journals and media around the world.

We look forward to Dr. Faber's presentation, "Developing Musical Minds and Hearts."

October GPS Recital

Please mark your calendars for our first GPS (Great Performers Series) Recital of the year on Sunday, October 23, at Christ Church at Grove Farm at 1:00 pm. Please e-mail Suzanne Givi for more information, or to sign up student performers. Teachers are welcome to perform if space is available.

TAKE NOTE!

***Teacher Composers:** Attention! There will be a Teacher Composition Competition this year. Marilyn Loutitt is the chairperson; please contact her for more information or to enter your composition. Entry deadline is October 19, 2016; all entries must be received by this date.

Discounted PSO tickets are available for PPTA members and their students: The promo code for discounts on the PSO concerts is "psoppta"

Please save the afternoon of Saturday, November 19th for our 80th Anniversary Play-a-Thon. More information coming soon!

IN MEMORIAM

This month we remember former PPTA member Mary Jane Harvey. We also remember Dean Streator, husband of former member Lois Streator, for whom the Streator-Smith Scholarship was established for PPTA-PMTA.

Reserving Recital Dates at Christ Church

Christ Church has instituted a new policy, which was effective September 2015 for those wanting to reserve recital time. **Recitals dates cannot be reserved more than six months prior to that date.** As always, the PPTA owned Steinway and Kawai grand pianos are available to members for their recitals at Christ Church. The \$200 fee includes a \$100 rental fee to the church, and a \$100 security deposit to PPTA (which is refundable if the piano is left in good condition.) (Two separate checks)

If the recital is scheduled after 3:00 p.m., the church also charges a \$25/hr staffing fee. Members of PPTA are entitled to one recital per year (Sept. through June) at the above rates. Further recitals may be scheduled for the above charge plus \$100. Contact Suzanne Givi, sgivi@outlook.com for additional information. **Please do not call the church directly.**

FEDERATION NEWS

The Pittsburgh District meeting will be held on Oct. 1, 2016 at Christ Church. There will be a light breakfast, lunch, with a business meeting in between, and afternoon program. The meeting will be from 9:30am to approximately 2PM. Please contact Joan Stanisha or Charlene Hubbard for more information.