



Keynotes

A Newsletter of Pittsburgh Piano Teachers Association

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April 20, 2016

**Christ Church at Grove Farm
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Student of the Month
Ryan Liang

PROGRAM

“There’s Always Room for Dello Joio: Piano Gems by Norman Dello Joio for the Teaching Studio and the Concert Hall”

Presented by Nanette Kaplan Solomon

Nanette Kaplan Solomon received early piano training at the Juilliard School, and holds both a BA and from Yale University, and received her DMA from Boston University. Nanette’s many awards include a fellowship to Tanglewood and an award from the French Piano Institute in Paris. Recital appearances have included many performances and conferences in the United States and in Europe. Nanette was Professor of Music at Slippery Rock University in PA.

Hospitality Table

Please sign in at the Hospitality Table when you arrive on April 20th.

PPTA *Membership Renewal* (2016-2017) letters will be mailed soon. You may fill out and return by mail, or forms will be collected at the May 18th meeting.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Ryan Liang is in the sixth grade at Falk School. He has studied piano with Jo Ann Wagstaff for two and a half years. He also plays the saxophone in the school band. He recently received a Superior rating in the Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival sponsored by the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association.

Ryan’s favorite subject in school is Math. He’s learning the Chinese language at home and Spanish at school. He plays three sports: Ultimate Frisbie, Soccer, and Basketball, but says that he likes Ultimate Frisbie best.

Ryan lives in the Summerset neighborhood of Squirrel Hill.

SOLO and DUET PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

Please make note to check all dates and locations for the Solo and Duet Competitions; especially note changes for Level 4. Please check the PPTA website for updated information. Under the heading of “Student Activities” you will find a link to Performance Competition information.

New Member – Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome our new member:

J. Paul Pepper
209 Cedar Hill Drive
McMurray, PA 15317
(412) 558-0560

Spring Reception – May PPTA Meeting

At the May 18th PPTA meeting, both competition and composition winners will be performing. 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. 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 724-687-7141.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

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GPS RECITAL Report from March 20, 2016

Our final GPS recital of the year was a lovely event held at the Pittsburgh Piano Gallery (formerly the Steinway Gallery) in the West End. We thank the Roscoe family for providing us with this performance space. Twelve students and one teacher performed; five of our teacher members sent students: Deb Busche, Andrea Doyle, Phyllis Kiser, Dee Ann Symington, and Sha Wang. Special thanks to Sha Wang for hosting this event. Please consider joining us next year in one of our recital event!

FEDERATION NEWS – APRIL 2016

It's time to fill out your Senior Club Rating Sheet. Please go to PPTA website (pghpianoteachers.org) and click on LINKS, then click on Senior Club Annual Report. We ask all members to please fill out and return by mail to Joan Stanisha (New address: St. Barnabas Village, 5850 Meridian Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044) by May 15th. Junior counselors may also fill out that specific form and return to Joan, who will forward to the National Chairperson. Joan will also be at the May meeting to collect those forms.