



Gateway Arch East

Music Teachers Association

April 2025 Newsletter

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Letter from the Editor

Hello friends!

The weather seems close to deciding to be warmer, and I cannot be more excited as early blooms have started to appear and more green is coming through. I hope this Spring is exciting and encouraging for each of you.

We just had our GAE Masterclass with Dr. Yuko Kato on March 29th. It was a valuable experience for students, teachers, and parents alike. Please find more information in the News from Members section, and enjoy the pictures of our students!

As we look forward, AIM performance exams are just around the corner, but so is the student recital on May 10th. Please take note of the details below and start planning which of your students you would like to perform for this recital.

As always, I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Joe

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AIM Performance Exams

SWIC - April 26 and 27

SIUE - April 26

Saturday, May 10

GAE Student Recital

The recital will be held at Bothwell Chapel at McKendree University at 4:30pm. The students who played last year had a great time performing for each other and hearing their peers, and this year should be just as exciting. If you plan to have students perform in this recital, please fill out [this](#) form. Thanks!

Friday, May 16

End of Year Business Meeting

A meeting to discuss business, elections, Member-of-the-Year selection, etc. As in previous years, we will be meeting at Bandana's Bar-B-Q in Collinsville. The meeting will begin at 11:00am.

SIUE AIM Performance Exam Update

Please take note that the SIUE AIM Performance Exam has been moved from April 19th to April 26th, 2025. If this affects you or your students, please take the necessary steps to prepare them for this change. Thanks!

MTNA Professional Certification

It is a great time to take advantage of the MTNA Professional Certification Program!

For information, go to the MTNA website: <http://www.mtnacertification.org/> or contact

Gill Cerbin, ISMTA Certification Chair at: gillcerbin@yahoo.com

MusicLink Letter of Acknowledgement



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March 21, 2025

Gateway Arch East MTA
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Dear Deb,

The teachers and students of the MusicLink Foundation thank the Gateway Arch East MTA for their contribution of \$50. We will dedicate this contribution to the memory of Frances Gregg and Dr. Stephanie Owen.

Currently we have reached over 8200 students across the country. We will keep you abreast of our progress through our eLINK newsletters and annual report. Your support allows MusicLink programs to grow in communities across the country, bringing the opportunity for long-term musical development to promising young students who may normally be unable to afford private instruction.

This letter confirms that no goods or services were offered in exchange for your donation. The MusicLink Foundation is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization (EIN 54-2030766). Your donation is tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Sincerely,

Joanne Haroutounian

Joanne Haroutounian, PhD
Executive Director
MusicLink Foundation



LEIGH GERDINE COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
Department of Music

Webster University's Department of Music is hosting the [2025 Piano Camp](#) at our home campus in Webster Groves, July 14-18 from 1-5 p.m.

This is an exciting opportunity for students entering 6th to 12th grade in Fall 2025 interested in improving their piano skills over the summer.

Students will have the opportunity to study piano performance with daily private lessons, interactive sessions, visits from multiple guest artists throughout the week, and a solo recital on Friday open to parents and the public.

We hope you will consider sharing or recommending this camp to your students. **More information about Piano Camp and how to apply is available [here](#).**

Please feel free to email co-directors [Caroline Hixson](#) or [Matt Pankratz](#) with any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Caroline Hixson and Matt Pankratz
Classical Piano Camp Co-Directors
[Webster University Department of Music](#)

PIANO CAMP

JULY 14-18, 2025, 1:00-5:00 P.M.
Webster University Campus
Students entering grades 6-12
(in Fall 2025)
Tuition: \$475
Application Deadline: Two pre-screening YouTube videos (two contrasting pieces) submitted for review by June 7, 2025

 **SCAN TO VISIT OUR SUMMER PROGRAM PAGE**

The graphic also features three photographs of students playing the piano and a teacher interacting with students.

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Register [here](#)

March 2025
GAE Treasurer's Report

Account balance 3/28/2025	\$8,510.69		
	2024-25 Budget	March 2025	YTD
INCOME			
Memberships	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$160.00
AIM Entry Fees	\$2,115.00	\$525.00	\$1,850.00
Yearbook Ads	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,355.00	\$525.00	\$2,060.00
EXPENSES			
AIM Expenses Total	\$1,530.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
AIM Medals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AIM Misc. Supplies	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AIM Pins	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AIM Printing & Mailing	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ISMTA Student Foundation	\$315.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Student Award Checks	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SWIC Foundation Arts Fund (donation for use of facilities)	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
AIM Syllabus for New Members	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ISMTA Foundation Fellow Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Member of the Year Conference Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
President's Conference Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Printing/Mailing (yearbook, newsletter, other besides AIM)	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$10.29
Programs (includes May 2024 McKendree donation for use of recital hall)	\$900.00	\$150.00	\$804.87
Teacher's Assistance Fund (partial dues scholarship for new members and partial reimbursement of first time certification fee)	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Website Expenses	\$357.87	\$0.00	\$132.92
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,107.87	\$400.00	\$1,398.08

News from Members

The GAE Masterclass with Dr. Yuko Kato on March 29th was successful and valuable for all who were able to attend. A special congratulations to Selina Wang (student of **Gill Cerbin**), Doug Aiken (student of **Joseph Welch**), and Sarah Nee (student of **Melissa Ray**) for performing in this masterclass. Dr. Kato was praised for her insight, skill, and encouragement through her teaching.



On March 23rd, **Dr. Joseph Welch's** students at OTSL Artists-in-Training performed with the American Spiritual Ensemble at the Cathedral Basilica in collaboration with Dr. Everett McCorvey. Dr. Welch also performed with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra's Harry Potter themed concert on March 7th and 8th. He also played a couple SLSO concerts in February, including one with Joe Buck and former St. Louis Cardinal Adam Wainwright!

