



Gateway Arch East

Music Teachers Association

January 2024 Newsletter

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Letter from the Editor

Hello, friends!

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season filled with beautiful music. The Christmas caroling event sounds like it went very well; I wish I could have been there!

Our next event is coming up quickly. We will have a duet jam session at SWIC on Friday, January 19 at 10am. Please see the additional information below and RSVP asap if you would like to purchase the lunch.

There is much more in the newsletter regarding our busy spring. I'm especially looking forward to the masterclass and student recital - be thinking ahead about students who should participate in these events!

The video project is (still) on my to-do list. Thank you so much to everyone who participated. I will get it assembled and distributed soon!

Joe

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Upcoming GAE Events

Friday, January 19 at 10am

Duet Jam Session

We will have a Duet Jam Session in the [Schmidt Art Center at SWIC](#), followed by lunch. Bring duets of any difficulty, and we'll take turns reading for a fun time!

The jam session will be followed by an optional lunch at 11:30am, catered by Aramark at SWIC. The menu is a noodle bar: Cavatappi Noodles, Red Sauce, Roasted Chicken, Meatballs, Steamed Broccoli, Garlic Bread, and Choice of Drinks. The price per person is \$11.95 and you may pay the GAE through Deb Meier, who will write one check for the group.

Please RSVP asap to theteam@drjosephwelch.com if you plan to attend the lunch so we can give an accurate count to the caterers.

Please note that there is no fee for the jam session and you are not obligated to stay for lunch if you want to join us just for the music.

February 17-18

AIM Theory Exams

Saturday, March 23

Masterclass with Alla Voskoboynikova at UMSL

More information to come soon. Be thinking about students you may want to participate! It will be a great opportunity for students to polish pieces they are preparing for AIM!

April 27-28

AIM Performance Exams

Saturday, May 4

Student Recital

To celebrate all our students' progress this year, we will host a student recital in May. Details are being finalized, but get this on your calendar now (and your students' calendars!) so we have many participants!

Friday, May 10

GAE Annual Business Meeting

As is our tradition, we will have our annual business meeting at Bandana's BBQ in Fairview Heights. As far as meetings go, this is a fun one! Join us for good food and great company!

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

AIM Examinations 2024

Just a reminder:


SWIC - Wed., Jan. 17, Midnight deadline – Level 3-12 Theory Registrations due to the following: Student Registration & Fee Form to Deborah Meier along with a check for the total fees. Teacher Judging Form and a second copy of the Student Registration & Fee Form to LeAnn Halvorson. Forms are available in the AIM Supplement and on the website.

SIUE - Wed., Jan. 31, Midnight deadline – Level 3-12 Theory Registrations due to the following: Student Registration & Fee Form to Deborah Meier, 626 Lillian, Collinsville, IL 62234, along with a check for the total fees. Send a second copy of Student Registration & Fee Form to Huei Li Chin. Forms are available in the AIM Supplement and on the website

December 2023 GAE Treasurer's Report

Account balance 12/11/23	\$7,636.67		
	2023-24 Budget	December 2023	YTD
INCOME			
Memberships	\$205.00	\$0.00	\$190.00
AIM Entry Fees	\$2,115.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Yearbook Ads	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,370.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
EXPENSES			
AIM Expenses Total	\$2,014.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
AIM Medals	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AIM Misc. Supplies	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AIM Pins	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AIM Printing & Mailing	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ISMATA Student Foundation	\$294.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Student Award Checks	\$825.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
SWIC Foundation Arts Fund (donation for use of facilities)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AIM Syllabus for New Members	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ISMATA Foundation Fellow Donation			
Member of the Year Conference Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$25.00	\$21.07	\$21.07
President's Conference Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Printing/Mailing (yearbook, newsletter, other besides AIM)	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$20.38
Programs	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$224.95	\$150.00	\$224.95
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,883.95	\$171.07	\$541.40

MTNA Research Survey



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Sponsored Message: This is a paid advertisement.

Dear Gillian,

We are writing to request your help in a research study that we are conducting related to memorization in solo piano performance. We would be grateful for your support with this project.

The purpose of this survey study is to examine piano instructors' experiences with and beliefs about performing solo piano literature from memory without the aid of musical notation. A secondary purpose is to investigate the relationship between memorization in solo piano performance requirements for piano majors in higher education and the application of memorization in solo piano performance in post-graduation settings. We hope that results may provide informative data and help piano instructors better prepare students for current trends related to memorization.

The survey will take approximately 8–10 minutes to complete. All answers will remain confidential, there are no known risks, and participation is voluntary. You may stop taking the survey at any time without penalty. If there are survey items that make you uncomfortable, you can skip these items.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could complete the survey and forward the information below to any colleagues who are currently teaching applied (either pre-collegiate or collegiate) piano lessons.

You can access the survey here:

Survey Link: https://msstate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5dQ8zgtspjNmeEK

News from Members

GAE members had a wonderful time at our Christmas caroling event. We gathered at **Gill Cerbin's** home and read through Christmas music together. It was a wonderful time! Thank you for hosting, Gill!



A reminder from LeAnn Halvorson: The deadline for AIM Theory Registration at SWIC for levels 3 and higher is January 17th for SWIC. The registration form needs to be emailed to: LeAnnHalvorson@musicperceptions.com or snail mailed to LeAnn Halvorson, 511 Arch View Ct., Columbia, IL 62236. Your payment and registration form needs to be emailed to: Deb Meier debmeier70@gmail.com or snail mailed to Deb Meier, 626 Lillian, Collinsville, IL 62234. You will find the other information for AIM including SIUE and Performance AIM deadlines and registration forms in the attached supplement. I hope we have a lot of students participating. Students learn a lot while preparing for the Achievement in Music Exams.

Dr. Joseph Welch had a busy December with holiday concerts: Opera Edwardsville's December Concert, Christmas at Blackburn, Gospel Christmas (SLSO), and Home Alone (SLSO).

From **Karen Koch**:

Our STL PTRT organization has booked a nationally known presenter for a Zoom presentation on January 5. I heard most of this presentation last year when Laura Chu Stokes presented it for the MTNA Conference in Reno. She is a longtime friend and business associate of mine, and after many years in which she and her mother founded and ran E-Z Notes music education materials, they are closing their retail operation due to health issues. However, she has created a special order form for our PTRT that will offer their remaining products at a 50% discount which I believe she will honor through January 2024. I thought it might be of interest to the GAE members as well, so here is the information for any who might like to Zoom in on that day, or perhaps order something. She will be happy to disperse more inventory that is left. Can you spread the word?

Thanks so much. All good wishes for a spectacular year ahead!

Karen

An invitation to our friends in Gateway Arch East Chapter MTNA from St. Louis Piano Teachers Round Table

"TURNING LEMONS INTO LEMONADE: PRODUCTIVE LESSONS WHEN STUDENTS HAVEN'T PRACTICED "

ZOOM Presentation: 10 AM CST, Friday, Jan 5, 2024. Zoom Link:

<https://appstate.zoom.us/j/6739933319>

Presenter: Laura Chu Stokes of E-Z Notes and contributing writer for Alfred Music Publishing Co.

Special Bonus: Opportunity to purchase E-Z Notes products @ 50% discount!

After 33 years in business, E-Z Notes is closing retail sales for their classic products that have been well-loved through the years. Laura is a personal friend of mine, and she offered that

significant discount on their remaining inventory for our PTRT members. There will be a flat rate shipping fee of \$10 per address, so if any would like to merge your shipments, you can save on shipping as well. Just mention that in the NOTES on the order form. TO ORDER:

1. Go to e-znotes.com website to view the products that are shown on the order form below. (Although the website says “wholesale only”, this doesn’t apply to us. Laura has created a special VIP form below for us to use, and she will personally handle our orders.)
2. Complete the attached order form with your name, contact information and the number of product(s) you wish to purchase. Laura will personally contact you to get your shipping information, accept your payment (Paypal, Venmo, or check), and answer any questions or requests you may have.

USE THIS SPECIAL ORDER FORM : [EZ Notes - orders](#). (When you fill out the form, it will be visible to her and she will confirm each order using the contact information you provide on the form.

To learn more about the eligible products for this discount, you can follow these links:

Youtube links:

- [EZ Notes magnetic staff board w/ Fit-A-Rhythm Insert](#)
- [Large 18x24 magnetic staff board with accessories](#)
- [EZ Key / Scale Blocks](#)
- [EZ Rhythm Blocks](#)
- [Single extendable magnetic staff - magnetic or adhesive back](#)
- [Single extendable magnetic keyboard - magnetic or adhesive back](#)

Any other items on the e-znotes.com site are also available - please email Laura with price inquiry. All EZ Notes items are priced at the 50+% discount off regular pricing.