



Gateway Arch East

Music Teachers Association

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Letter from the Editor

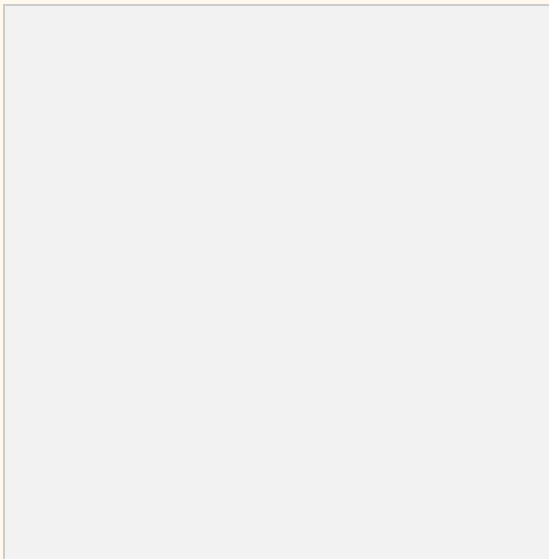
Hello, friends!

I trust you're all having a good spring!



Congratulations to the teachers and performers who participated in the masterclass with Dr. Lee. If you were unable to attend, the

link to watch the class is in this newsletter.



I am so excited for our trip to see Lise de la Salle and the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra perform Chopin Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor, op. 21! Additional details will be sent to those who are attending. If you want to go but haven't let us know yet, please contact theteam@drjosephwelch.com asap!

AIM Performance Exams are just ahead, which signals the end of our year. Be sure to join us in May for our business meeting at Bandana's in Fairview Heights. I would be thrilled to see all of you there!



Joe

2023 Calendar of AIM Deadlines and Exam Dates

Please remember to submit AIM Performance registrations!

SWIC Deadline Dates

Sat./Sun., Apr. 29 & 30 – AIM Performance Exams, all levels. Saturday exams are 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-5:00 p.m. Sunday exams are 1:30-5:00 p.m.

SIUE Deadline Dates

Sat., Apr. 22 – AIM Performance Exams, all levels. 12:30-4:30 p.m. Confirm all dates and times with Huei Li Chin

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 15, 8pm

GAE Visits the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra

Lise de la Salle plays Chopin Piano Concerto No. 2

Powell Hall

The Gateway Arch East Music Teachers Association (ISM/MTA) and friends will be seeing the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra perform on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 8:00pm at Powell Hall. The concert will feature a performance of Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 by Lise de la Salle. We will be meeting the artist after the concert. Tickets are in the Dress Circle and are \$60 each.

Friday, May 12, 11am

GAE Business Meeting

Bandana's Bar-B-Q

Fairview Heights

Join us for our end of the year business meeting! We will be in the group room at Bandana's Bar-B-Q in Fairview Heights.

March Masterclass with Dr. Junghwa Lee



Dr. Junghwa Lee gave a wonderful masterclass for GAE students on Saturday, March 25. [You can watch the class here.](#) Congratulations to everyone involved!

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

Website Manager

The Gateway Arch East is looking for someone to manage our website. Tara will be stepping down from the role in May. If you are interested, please contact President Gill Cerbin at gillcerbin@yahoo.com or (618) 980-5870.

The 2023 MTNA Foundation Fellows, including GAE's **Amy Jo Sawyer**, ninth from left.



Upcoming Performances and Opportunities

Masterworks
 CHILDREN'S CHORUS
Voices of Spring:
Sing We and Chant It
A Madrigal Faire

with Samantha Arten, guest soprano
 Dr. Stephen Mager,
 Artistic Director and Conductor

Sunday, April 23, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Heritage Hall, St. Paul United Church of Christ
 115 West "B" Street, Belleville, IL

Tickets at www.singmasterworks.org

Music from the Renaissance
 Desserts and Beverages will be served.

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Sing We and Chant It: A Madrigal Faire

Featuring the Masterworks Children's Chorus with Samantha Arten, soprano
 Sunday, April 23, 2023, at 3 pm
 Heritage Hall, Saint Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville
 115 West "B" Street, Belleville, IL

Music for treble chorus, harpsichord, and more: madrigals and ballads from Elizabethan England, and songs and dances from Renaissance Italy, France, and Germany, with desserts and beverages to be served as part of this enchanting afternoon of Renaissance treats.

Masterworks
 CHORALE and ORCHESTRA
 Dr. Stephen Mager, Conductor

A Schubert Spring
Sunday, April 30, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
 St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church
 1411 Cross Street, O'Fallon, IL

The Music of Franz Schubert
 with Stella Markou, guest soprano
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Tickets at www.singmasterworks.org

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A Schubert Spring

Featuring the Masterworks Chorale and Orchestra with Stella Markou, soprano
 Sunday, April 30, 2023, at 3 pm
 St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, 1411 Cross Street, O'Fallon, IL

Lyric Viennese inspirations by Franz Schubert, the "Prince of Song" - this concert features the lyrical Mass in G for chorus and orchestra, along with several of Schubert's most famous Lieder (German art songs), including Du bist die Ruh ("You are Repose") and An die Musik ("To Music"); and Schubert's famous Ave Maria and the virtuosic Der Hirt auf dem Felsen ("Shepherd on the Rock"), sung by guest soprano Stella Markou (University of Kansas) with clarinetist Jeanine York-Garesche.



The Tuerck Young Artist's Music competition, sponsored by the Belleville Philharmonic Society, will be held on the morning of April 22nd. It is an excellent opportunity for young musicians to highlight their musical talents and potentially receive a cash prize. Please help get the information out to your students. I am attaching a flyer, the application and the rules.

Contestants must be Juniors and younger and live or study music in the Illinois counties surrounding Belleville. Musicians who play orchestral instruments, including percussion, harp, and piano, are welcome to perform with selections composed with orchestral accompaniment.

The Belleville Philharmonic holds the contest to honor the BPS youth orchestra founder, George Tuerck. BPS features winners at the December Belleville Philharmonic Youth Orchestra concert. Whether students win or not, the opportunity to audition and get feedback is a great experience.

Any students who are not eligible because of age or residency are encouraged to apply to the Belleville Philharmonic Stars of Tomorrow Competition. That competition will be in October.

Tuerck Concerto
Competition
 Saturday, April 22nd
 Belleville Philharmonic Hall
 Auditions scheduled starting at 8:30 am
 Open to Metro-East Illinois
 High School Juniors & younger
 Homeschool students welcome

Win Prize Money

For rules & application
 Email
 byo@bellevillephilharmonic.org
 or call/text 618-670-8702

In Remembrance: Laura Schindler

Schindler, Laura Ann, 79, passed peacefully on Thursday , March 23, 2023. Beloved wife of John C. Noto. Dear Stepmother of Gina Harris (Steve), Lisa Wilson (Dan), Eric Noto (Angie); Step grandmother of Damion, Ashley, Shawn, Jacob, Sammy, Riley, Caden, and Logan; Step great grandmother of Elliot; dear sister of Gail Turek (David Kuby) Aunt of Molly Turek, Amy Thompson (Michael), Jonathan Turek, Laura Turek (Gordy); Great Aunt of Michaela, Gregory, Brook, Zosia; cousin of Joan Berg; dear colleague and friend.

In 1982, Laura started her private piano studio and was an outstanding teacher in the St. Louis area for decades. She attended grade School at St. Thomas of Aquinas and high school at St. Elizabeth's Academy graduating in 1961. Although Laura did not have biological children of her own, she treated her students as such. Many of them came to understand that her "bark was worse than her bite." When students were falling behind in their piano studies, she made her expectations quite clear. On the flip side, she was also kind and encouraging when she sensed the need. Her teaching reflected in her students as some competed and won international piano competitions, many won state and local competitions, while others went on to perform with chamber groups and orchestras.



But Laura was more than just music. She was a living example in her time, attitude and actions. The dedication she demanded of herself, she also expected from her students. Some have gone on to become piano teachers in their own right, others are physicians, professors of music at prestigious schools such as Princeton. One former student committed his life to the advancement of music that he is now President of the Oregon Symphony! Laura was also generous. Whenever more was needed to hone skills and prepare for upcoming competitions or performances, she would find a way to donate her time to such causes. She cared very deeply for her students, and they are forever grateful for the lifelong skills she taught them.

SERVICES: The family will receive friends Wednesday, March 29th in the Great Hall of Ambruster Chapel, 6633 Clayton Rd. From 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. the Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 am, on Thursday, March 30th at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church (3140 Meramec St, St. Louis, MO 63118 phone: (314) 353-7470) Interment, Mount Olive cemetery (3906 Mt Olive Rd, St. Louis, MO 63125) In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Laura's Scholarship fund, send funds via PayPal using email address: LSchindlerScholarship@yahoo.com, thank you.

The Family would like to invite you to share photos and memories of Laura here on her Memorial page. Please submit your photos to AmbrusterChapel@yahoo.com.

March 2023 GAE Treasurer's Report

Account balance 3/31/2023	\$8,446.98		
	2022-23 Budget	March 2023	YTD
Memberships	\$210.00	\$5.00	\$205.00
AIM Entry Fees	\$1,300.00	\$2,115.00	\$2,115.00
Yearbook Ads	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,585.00	\$2,120.00	\$2,370.00
EXPENSES			
AIM Expenses Total	\$925.00	\$506.09	\$546.59
AIM Medals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AIM Misc. Supplies	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AIM Pins	\$120.00	\$212.09	\$212.09
AIM Printing & Mailing	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ISMSTA Student Foundation	\$180.00	\$294.00	\$294.00
Student Award Checks	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SWIC Foundation Arts Fund (donation for use of facilities)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AIM Syllabus for New Members	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ISMSTA Foundation Fellow Donation	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Member of the Year Conference Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
President's Conference Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Printing/Mailing (yearbook, newsletter, other besides AIM)	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$32.13
Programs	\$1,200.00	\$150.00	\$600.00
Teacher's Assistance Fund (partial dues scholarship for new members and partial reimbursement of first time certification fee)	\$136.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Website Expenses	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$74.95
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,876.00	\$656.09	\$1,703.67

News from Members

In the past couple of weeks, **LeAnn Halvorson** published early intermediate level piano sheet music pieces, “Celtic Sun,” and “Footprints on the Window.” They are available at: www.sheetmusicdirect.com and www.sheetmusicplus.com as digital downloads. “Celtic Sun,” is an Irish Tune that was written to thank my neighbor who decorated her neglected flower pot. “Footprints on the Window,” depicts the bus ride in cold N.D. It begins and ends in D flat Major and has a diversion to whole tone once inside the bus.

Emilia Higgins, piano student of **Stephanie Owen**, was accepted on March 15, 2023 as a piano major at University of Alabama Tuscaloosa with a generous scholarship.



Dr. Joseph Welch just wrapped music direction of Blackburn College’s production of “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown.”

Amy Jo Sawyer was in Reno at the MTNA Conference last week where she was honored as an MTNA Foundation Fellow from Illinois. She and **Karen Koch** ran into each other the day before Amy's big awards banquet. Karen was helping in the Keys to Imagination booth in the exhibit hall, and they attended some wonderful sessions given by many of the leaders of our profession, such as Randy Faber, Melody Bober, Kevin Olson, and Tom Gerou.



Do you have feedback on the newsletter? We would love to hear from you! Let us know what you want to see more of and what we no longer need to include: theteam@drjosephwelch.com