



Gateway Arch East

Music Teachers Association

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Letter from the Editor

Hello, friends!

I hope everyone had a wonderful time at the Jonathan Biss and SLSO concert! I was teaching and could not attend, but I heard great things about the performance!

Our October is going to change a bit. It seems very few members are available for the studio crawl. In light of that and feedback about travel, Joan had an excellent idea of how to pivot. Read more about it below. I hope you will participate!

This means our next major event is the state conference. I will be going and I hope to see many of you there! This will be followed by our November meeting. It is still in need of someone to host at their home. If you are willing to have the group meet at your home, please let us know at theteam@drjosephwelch.com

I hope you are all well and enjoying every minute of teaching. I was speaking with a colleague today about how quickly the semester is flying by. It seems unreal we are already approaching midterms! Please take care of yourselves and stay well!

Joe

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Studio Crawl Pivot Update:

We are reaching out to music students at our regional colleges and asking them what questions they have about running an independent studio. After collecting them, we will send out the questions to our members who will record video responses, along with a short tour of their teaching set-ups. The videos will be compiled and shared with young musicians who may be interested in joining our group. Another email with details will follow. Our goal is for many GAE members to participate!

November 3 - 4, 2023

ISMTA Annual Conference. Registration is now open. This conference will be at Northern Illinois University. Updates will be posted on <https://ismta.org/conference/> as they are available.

November 10, 2023

We will get together and share our favorite AIM teaching repertoire. We are looking for a location for this event. Please let us know if you would be willing to host this event at your home! (Please reach out to theteam@drjosephwelch.com)

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

MTNA Discount at Office Depot

Using the MTNA Discount at Office Depot can be tricky. At least it was for me. How many of you have tried to use it? If other members of our group wish to use the discount, they should register their own account at www.odpbusiness.com/mtna Just click the blue REGISTER button and complete the form that appears, that's it! I found the process of placing an order to copy something confusing, but I wrote down the instructions I followed and you can use them (see attachment) if you are as confused as I was. Everything is done online. You do not need to show your membership card when picking up orders. If someone sets up an account using the link above, the MTNA discount will be applied to all orders placed from that account. Also, if you want to take advantage of the \$.05 copies, you must first choose "black & white" before choosing 20 lb. paper, otherwise the default is 24 lb. paper and it will cost \$.06 per copy. Good luck!

Deborah Meier

GAE Treasurer

AIM Exam Changes

Dear AIM Coordinators,

The state AIM committee has made important changes to the grading and awards found on page vii of the 2014 Syllabus. Attached is a page for you to distribute to your membership.

Two of the changes:

- 1) Passing score for any exam is now 70 or higher, rather than 65 or higher.
- 2) A plaque is awarded to a student with a final score of 80 or higher on BOTH the theory and performance exams. The theory and performance exams will NO LONGER be averaged together to determine the score for receipt of a plaque.

The score recommendations have been revised slightly. Please see the [linked page](#).

Thank you,

Nancy Liley, ISMTA Director of Education

MusicLink Information

Make a Difference through MusicLink!

Do you believe that every child should have the chance to take music lessons? Are you currently reducing your normal fee by at least half for a student in financial need? Are you interested in reaching out to a promising student in need through music lessons?

1. Log onto the website at www.musiclinkfoundation.org.
2. At the top of the Home Page, click on “How to Participate.”
3. If you want to volunteer – complete the “Teacher Volunteer Form.”
4. If you are already teaching a student at half or less of your normal fee, complete the “MusicLink Registration Form.”

Belleville Philharmonic Orchestra Performance



Philharmonic Society of Belleville presents

A Grand Romance

Belleville Philharmonic Orchestra
Joseph Choi, conductor

Glinka: Ruslan & Ludmila Overture
Sikora: Preludio Sinfonico
Clara Schumann: Piano Concerto in A minor
May Phang, piano
Brahms: Symphony #2

Free
October 21, 2023
7:30 pm

St Paul United Church of Christ
115 W "B" St, Belleville, IL
www.bellevillephilharmonic.org



News from Members

Dr. Joseph Welch has been named the ISMTA Teacher of the Year. Congratulations Dr. Welch!

Dr. Welch recently performed as Artist-in-Residence for Opera Edwardsville's outdoor concert. This free concert in Edwardsville City Park included performances by Emily Birsan, Alexandra LoBianco, Margaret Gawrysiak, Key'mon Murrah, Limmie Pulliam, and Robert Mellon.

