



Gateway Arch East

Music Teachers Association

May 2023 Newsletter

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Letter from the Editor

Hello, friends!

I'm not quite sure how we have already reached the end of the academic year, but nonetheless, we are here! I trust you're all doing well and enjoying some of the nicer weather.

Speaking of weather, a group of us braved the tornado warnings and severe storms to see Lise de la Salle and the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra perform Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor, op. 21! The performance was stunning and we had the pleasure of meeting Lise after the concert.

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



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Upcoming Events

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. Here is the address: 4608 N Illinois St, Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Note from the President:

"Thank you to Joe for providing our regular, newly designed, and informative newsletter, and for a great year of programs. Our final meeting of the 2022/23 year will be at Bandana's Restaurant, May 12th at 11:00am. I hope to see many of you there. If there are any items you wish to be added to the agenda, please email or text me in advance at gillcerbin@yahoo.com or 618-980-5870.

If you have a nomination for Teacher of the Year, please send this to me in advance of the meeting.

Tara Wright is stepping down from looking after the GAETMA website. Thank you Tara for doing this for the past few years. We are looking for someone to take over this role. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to take this on we would love to hear from you.

And finally, thank you to all of our members who have helped make this year a success"

-Gill Cerbin

Gateway Arch East MTA Agenda

May 12, 2023 Business meeting and luncheon

Bandana's BBQ – 4608 N. Illinois Street, Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Welcome – Gill Cerbin

Secretary Report – Joan Witte

Treasurer Report – Deb Meier

AIM Report – Gill Cerbin

AIM Dates for 2023

New Business:

Gill would like to thank the following officers for completing the 1st year of their 2 year term. Also, thank you to all the chairpersons for their help this year.

- President – Gill Cerbin
- VP – Joe Welch
- Secretary – Joan Witte
- Treasurer – Deb Meier

Current other jobs:

- AIM Chairperson - Gill Cerbin
 - AIM Theory - LeAnn Halvorson
 - AIM Performance - Joan Witte
 - AIM Repertoire Checkers - Debbie Meier, Ruth Stith, Mary Anderson, Huei Li Chin
 - AIM SWIC Exam Printing, Collating, Binder Preparation - Gill Cerbin/LeAnn Halvorson
 - AIM SIUE Exam Printing, Collating, Binder Preparation - Huei-Li Chin
 - AIM Site Coordinator for SIUE - Huei Li Chin
 - AIM Site Coordinator for SWIC – Gill Cerbin
- Webmaster - Tara Wright (resigning 2023)
- Certification - Gill Cerbin
- Membership – Joe Welch
- Newsletter - Joe Welch
- Yearbook Directory/AIM Supplement - Debbie Meier

Electronically printed music

Election of Webmaster (vacant position)

By-Laws

Nomination for Member of the Year for GAEMTA

Nomination for Teacher of the Year for ISMTA

Membership Renewals

ISMTA 2023 Conference

A.O.B.

AIM EXAMINATIONS REPORT 2023

- 90 students were originally scheduled to participate in the AIM 2023 examinations.
 - 5 teachers (37 students) at SIUE
 - 6 teachers (53 students) at SWIC or remotely.

- 36 of the 37 SIUE students completed successfully:
 - 1 student did not take the performance examination

Passing at higher levels were:

- 2 level 9
 - Karis Chen, student of Dr Huei-Li Chin
 - Margaret Stacy, student of Millie Ho
 - 1 level 10
 - Davin Rich, student of Dr Huei-Li Chin
 - 2 level 11
 - Emma Curtright and Liesel Johnson, students of Melissa Ray
- 50 of the 53 SWIC students completed successfully:
 - 1 student withdrew before the examination
 - 1 remote level 10 student is still to be tested
 - The level 12 student will complete by August

Passing at higher levels were:

- 2 level 9
 - Linnaea Ellis, student of Karen Koch
 - Noelle Stith, student of Ruth Stith
- 2 level 10
 - Callie Ferguson, student of Karen Koch
 - Nolan Sawyer, student of Amy Jo Sawyer
- 1 level 11
 - Aidan Sawyer, student of Amy Jo Sawyer

Pending:

- 1 level 10
 - Kaytlin LaDuke, student of Amy Jo Sawyer
- 1 level 12
 - Brenton Goyea, student of Amy Jo Sawyer

All successful students of levels 9 – 12 receive plaques and checks.

Numbers were up this year and will hopefully continue to climb as we emerge from the Covid pandemic of the previous couple of years. A thank you to all judges, teachers, copiers, schedulers, and students for their participation.

Gill Cerbin NCTM
GAEMTA AIM Chair

May 1st, 2023

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.

In Memoriam

Brenda Lee Conroy, age 76, of Peoria, passed away on April 7, 2023 at her residence in Peoria, IL. Brenda was a long-time active member of West Suburban MTA before moving to Peoria. Brenda was an active member of the Illinois State Music Teachers Association (ISMTA), where she was the President from 2003 to 2005. Prior to becoming President, she was the ISMTA Competition Chair for almost 30 years.

A Memorial Service for Brenda will occur at 3 PM on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at Mount Olive Missionary Church, 5718 North University Street in Peoria. Visitation will occur from 1-3 PM at the church. Pastor Mark Douras will officiate.

Memorials may be made to Mount Olive Missionary Church, First United Methodist Church, 1023 N 6th St, Chillicothe, IL 61523, ICC Educational Foundation, 1 College Drive, East Peoria, IL 61635 or Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Fund, PO Box 235, Morton, IL 61550.

April 2023 GAE Treasurer's Report

Account balance 4/30/2023	\$7,853.07		
	2022-23 Budget	April 2023	YTD
Memberships	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$205.00
AIM Entry Fees	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$2,115.00
Yearbook Ads	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,585.00	\$0.00	\$2,370.00
EXPENSES			
AIM Expenses Total	\$925.00	\$506.09	\$1,165.50
AIM Medals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AIM Misc. Supplies	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AIM Pins	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$212.09
AIM Printing & Mailing	\$120.00	\$43.91	\$84.41
ISMTA Student Foundation	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$294.00
Student Award Checks	\$375.00	\$476.00	\$475.00
SWIC Foundation Arts Fund (donation for use of facilities)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
AIM Syllabus for New Members	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ISMTA 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	\$769.91	\$2,322.58

News from Members

Daniel Fry is currently teaching music at University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis two days a week, but he is moving to the Bentonville, AR area in May. Because of this, he is leaving the GAE. He wanted to share that he is impressed with the communication that this chapter does, as well as the special topics and guests. He hopes to regroup down there with local teacher groups or chapters.

Please welcome **Jade Heuer** to the GAE: “I’m Jade Heuer, a senior attending McKendree University for Music and a minor in psychology. I have been playing music for almost 17 out of the 22 years I’ve been alive. Piano was my introductory instrument, but I have been specializing in percussion since 4th grade! I currently teach a small number of students that I travel to.

Melissa Ray recommended that I join your group and become a member. She has been a joy to have in my life as our University Pianist! Learning from her has been wonderful. Post graduation, I will be working part time at my local church as the youth pastor. I will hopefully obtain more students and compensation with having that as another part time job. Thank you for welcoming me!”

Alex Petrabor, piano student of **Dr. Stephanie Owen**, has been accepted into Berklee School of Music in Valencia Spain starting August 2023.

Stephen Leatherman, piano student of **Dr. Stephanie Owen**, won 3rd prize in the George Tuerck piano concerto competition April 22, 2023. He performed from memory the first movement of Mozart’s Concerto No. 20 in D minor, K. 466.

Highlights of **Dr. Joseph Welch**’s April include a masterclass at Highland Music School, Celebrate Powell Concert, OTSL AIT adjudication and recital, and the Robert Ray Tribute Concert at SLSO. He is currently at a conference learning how to be a college department chair, but is taking full advantage of seeing Washington, D. C.!

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