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Music Teachers Association

February 2025 Newsletter

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Letter from the Editor

Hello, friends!

This school year has started with a flurry of activity, and it promises to be an exciting semester of performances and student success. AIM theory exams are this month, so please review those procedures. There is more information both here and on the website.

I'd also like to put another quick plug in for the masterclass with Dr. Yuko Kato, which is coming up on March 29th. If this is something you would like your students to participate in, there is a sign up link below. I am confident it will be a valuable experience for students, teachers, and parents alike. I taught with Dr. Kato at SIU-C and she is a thoughtful teacher and wonderful person!

It's hard to believe we are already a full month into 2025, but I am excited for everything that is coming up. See you all soon!

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AIM Theory Examinations

Please take note of the theory exam dates below. For more information and the relevant forms to fill out, please visit the GAE [website](#).

SWIC - Feb 22 and 23

SIUE - Feb 15

March 15 - 19

MTNA 2025 National Conference

This conference will be in Minneapolis, MN. Find out more here:

<https://www.mtna.org/MTNA/Engage/Conferences/Conferences.aspx>

March 29

GAE Masterclass

Dr. Yuko Kato will be giving this masterclass at SIUE at 11:00 am. Please start bringing up this masterclass to your students to see if they are interested. Teachers can sign up your students [here](#).

May

GAE Student Recital

After a wonderfully successful recital for GAE students last May, we anticipate returning to McKendree on May 10. Details are being finalized, but be thinking ahead about students you might have participate in this celebratory performance!

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

Job Opportunity as Catholic Music Coordinator

Scott Air Force Base is trying to fill a Catholic Music Coordinator position in Belleville.

The services are held Monday through Thursday from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM and Sunday from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, with rehearsals to be scheduled and coordinated with the chapel staff and the pay rate will be \$1,275 a month. More information can be found [here](#).

January 2025
GAE Treasurer's Report

Account balance 1/27/2025	\$7,985.69		
	2024-25 Budget	January 2025	YTD
INCOME			
Memberships	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$160.00
AIM Entry Fees	\$2,115.00	\$925.00	\$925.00
Yearbook Ads	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,355.00	\$925.00	\$1,135.00
EXPENSES			
AIM Expenses Total	\$1,530.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$0.00	\$604.87
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	\$0.00	\$948.08

AIM Reminders

Just a reminder that Repertoire forms are due by Wednesday, March 19. Forms are available in the AIM Supplement and on the website. Send SWIC forms to: Mary Anderson (postal mail only: 342 N. 43rd St., Belleville, IL 62226), or email to Deb Meier or Ruth Stith. SIUE forms are also due March 19 and should be sent to Huei Li Chin. Remember to send snail mail early so that it arrives on time. Electronic forms are more dependable and can also be sent early. Debbie requests that if you send them to her, send them as early as possible. She likes to take care of this matter early, and it's likely that most students will know for sure what repertoire they are playing by early March. Check out the AIM calendar of events and deadlines [here](#). Thank you!

News from Members

Sophia Toone, vocal student of **Dr. Stephanie Owen**, won the lead of Fiona in Shrek at Belle Valley School in Belleville on Dec 8 2024.

Dr. Joseph Welch completed another great winter residency for OTSL's AIT Program with Dr. Everett McCorvey. They successfully negotiated the weather, pivots to zoom, and reschedulings. The students who participated will perform with Dr. McCorvey and the American Spiritual Ensemble in March.

