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## Letter from the Editor

Hello, friends!

We had a great time at our September picnic and recipe swap! It was fun to casually visit with friends and make new acquaintances. There was so much delicious food! We had a great time swapping studio “recipes” - favorite tools or strategies we love to use. There was so much exciting and useful information! Thanks to everyone who joined us!



Our next event is a Zoom meeting with Dr. Benjamin Schoening, who will present about the influence of music on presidential politics. There is a clickable link in the email, as well as in this newsletter, to join the meeting. There is also a phone number for anyone who would like to call in instead.

Of special note is the upcoming ISMTA Conference. Check out the information about it and registration details in this newsletter.

I am *almost* done with outdoor concerts for the year. Thank goodness, as it is starting to really cool off. I hope you’re all finding time to take in the joys of autumn!

Joe

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Friday, October 21, 10am**

**Dr. Benjamin Schoening**

**Music and Politics**

**via Zoom**

As we head into election season and are flooded with campaign ads, have you wondered how music affects elections? Co-author of “Don't Stop Thinking About the Music: The Politics of Songs and Musicians in Presidential Campaigns”, Benjamin Schoening, will provide us with a look at music's historical influence on the campaign trail and its role in elections.

**Topic: Music and Politics with Dr. Benjamin Schoening**

**Time: Oct 21, 2022 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://blackburn.zoom.us/j/89652604847?pwd=emVFZlZlZ6eUdmRTlPTCtodURPTGtMdz09>

**Meeting ID: 896 5260 4847**

**Passcode: 848507**

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**Dial by your location**

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**Friday, November 18, 9am**

**Dr. Diana Dumlavwalla**

**The Inclusive Studio**

**via Zoom**

Diana Dumlavwalla will provide us with an overview of some types of disabilities we may encounter in the studio, as well as suitable adaptations and modifications we can use to create an inclusive studio, meeting the needs of each individual student.

Additional resources will be recommended.

## **Upcoming Performances**

**The Masterworks Chorale** is presenting its first concert of the season, *Poetry in Music: For Better or for Verse* on Saturday, October 8th at 7:30 pm at the Carmelite Monastery (9150 Clayton Rd in St. Louis), and on Sunday, October 9th at 3 pm at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church (1411 Cross St. in O'Fallon). The concert will feature vibrant European standards, including works by Bach, Monteverdi, and Mendelssohn; selections from the Black spiritual tradition; and recent works by contemporary American composers, including Eric Whitacre and the esteemed Alice Parker. Admission is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors/military and \$10 for students. You can purchase tickets via Masterworks website ([www.singmasterworks.org](http://www.singmasterworks.org)) or at the door.

**The No-Name Chorale** will perform their concert, *The Fruit of Silence*, on November 6 at 3:00pm. The concert is at St. John UCC in St. Charles, MO. A calendar of additional performances and other No-Name opportunities are attached to the newsletter email.

**Lisa Cripe** shares: One of my best memories of my childhood years, sometime between 2nd and 7th grade, is attending an Indianapolis Symphony concert with my father with the tickets given to us by my piano teacher. I know that made a lasting impression upon me. I believe my teacher may have purchased a pair of season tickets to grant to her various student families. What a gift!

Lisa has shared links to some student and family appropriate concerts and resources:

<https://www.slso.org/en/tickets/family-concerts/>

<https://www.slso.org/en/edu/youth-orchestra/yo-concerts/>

<https://www.slso.org/en/tickets/special-offers/>

<https://www.slso.org/en/edu/schools-and-teachers/>

<https://www.slso.org/en/edu/ipo/>

<https://www.slso.org/en/tickets/groups/>

<https://www.slso.org/en/com/in-the-community/>

## **Auditions and Job Openings**

**Masterworks Chorale and Masterworks Children's Chorus** accept new members throughout the year. Lisa Cripe sings with MW and assists with MWCC. The MWCC audition is very simple: Dr. Mager usually asks the student to sing a simple song like My Country 'Tis of Thee, and families are welcome to visit a rehearsal to participate/observe. Additional information is attached to the newsletter email.

Be sure to check News from Members below for information about a masterclass at SLU!

## ISMTA Conference Information

After two years of having virtual conferences, it will be exciting to get together at the upcoming conference! The Illinois State Music Teachers Association (ISMTA) is hosting the 2022 State Conference on November 4-5, 2022 at [Eastern Illinois University](#), Charleston, IL. Go to <https://ismta.org/conference/> for more information. Let's have a great representation from Gateway Arch East this year—the driving distance is only about 2 ½ hours -- sure beats driving all the way to Chicago!

Registration opens September 15.

Early registration deadline October 23.

### **Registration Fees:**

[Registration \\$100 \(Early Bird\) / \\$130 \(Regular\)](#)

[Students \\$0 \(Must still register and pay for meals.\)](#)

[Single Day \\$75 / 95](#)

To attend the Friday night banquet or lunches (for an additional fee), you must register by October 23.

### Conference Hotel:

[Unique Suites Hotel](#): Thursday \$90.90 before tax. Friday \$92.70 before tax. Call to make the reservation and request the ISMTA conference rate.

[EIU Dorm](#) \$25: Reservations can be scheduled by contacting the Conference Services Office at 217-581-7482 or by e-mailing Matt Boyer at [mboyer@eiu.edu](mailto:mboyer@eiu.edu). Guests can pay by cash or check.

## News from Members

**Stephanie Owen's** student, Landan Pierce, has been busy! Landan has been selected to add to a video of West Coast Rag in California; he will play *Elite Syncopations* and *Easy Winners* by Scott Joplin. The video will air in October 2022. Landan also recently performed for a fundraiser in Okawville, where he sang and played Elton John's *Tiny Dancer*, *Skyline Pigeon*, and *60 Years on the Run* and Billy Joel's *Vienna*.

**Ruth Stith** shares that there is a masterclass for high school students coming up that is sponsored by SLU. She is the coordinator, so any questions can be directed to her. Here is the info:

Saint Louis University's Department of Fine and Performing Arts is pleased to sponsor a piano masterclass for local high school students led by world renowned pianist Kariné Poghosyan. A current faculty member of the Manhattan School of Music conservatory, and critically acclaimed for her recent Carnegie Hall performances, Ms. Poghosyan will offer the class on Friday, November 11, 2022, 4:30-6:30 PM on the campus of Saint Louis University. Students selected to participate in the masterclass will also perform in a recital that evening with Ms. Poghosyan.

High school students aged 14-18 are invited to audition to perform in the masterclass by submitting this [form](#) along with a recording of a complete work or movement of a work not to exceed ten minutes in duration. Students selected for the masterclass will perform the work submitted for the audition. The deadline is October 21, 2022. Students accepted will be notified by October 31.

The masterclass is open to the public and will include a Q&A session along with refreshments. The evening recital will be free and open to the public and will take place at Saint Francis Xavier College Church at 8:00 PM. Read more about Ms. Poghosyan [HERE](#).



Opera Edwardsville hosted their second annual, free outdoor performance at Edwardsville Library Park. **Dr. Joseph Welch** performed with the all-star cast of singers from around the world. Opera Edwardsville's next performance is their Fifth Anniversary Celebration on December 3 in Dunham Hall. Tickets will be available through the SIUE Arts & Issues Series. Joe's

additional upcoming performances include the SLSO In Unison Young Artists' outdoor performance at Spring Church (Oct 8) and acting principal keyboardist with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra (Oct 14 and 15).

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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: [pianowelch@gmail.com](mailto:pianowelch@gmail.com)