

GATEWAY ARCH EAST CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri, Apr 15 GAE Meeting 10 AM Miller Music. "Modern music Gems for the 21st Century Piano Teacher" presented by Annette Burkhart.

Sat/Sun Apr 16-17 & 23-24 AIM Performance Exams, All levels. SWIC.

Fri, May 20 GAE Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting.

Ruby Tuesday Restaurant, Fairview Heights.

GAE in APRIL MEETING –NOMINATIONS AND MUSICAL GEMS

As the 2015-16 teaching year comes to a close it is time to think ahead. Annette Burkhart will be the presenter at our April 15 meeting. Her topic: **Modern Music Gems for the 21st Century Piano Teacher**. This presentation will survey quality teaching material from the 20th century and beyond. Ms. Burkhart will be playing portions of repertoire chosen from all levels up to Early Advanced. A special emphasis will be placed on Lowell Liebermann's *Album for the Young*. Teaching tips and practice hints will be included in the discussion. Additionally, many pieces are assigned their ISTMA level, as outlined in the syllabus. An annotated hand-out will be included.

MARCH MEETING: INTEGRATING LOCAL LANDMARKS

Lauren DiBisceglie, brought a combination of musical Youtube performances and local architectural details in her Power Point presentation "Imagery and Artistry, A visual Presentation". Unfortunately the ambient light in the room canceled the effect of some of the dazzling photos, but her message came through clearly: using imagery in teaching broadens students' understanding of historical performance conventions and expressive playing. Her photographs of St. Louis architecture spanned Baroque, Classical, and Romantic examples. Following her presentation, several members viewed the MTNA live Webinar presented by George Litterst, nationally known music educator, clinician, author, performer and music software developer, and Ratko Delorko, German pianist and early music scholar. The topic of how to realize Baroque and Classical ornamentation offered new understandings of scholarly research on this often-puzzling area.

President LeAnn will ask for volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Two-year officers' terms are ending for President and Secretary, although some are eligible for a second term. According to our By-Laws the nominating committee consists of three members appointed by the President, but volunteers for the committee and/or for offices are always welcomed and appreciated.

AIM INSTRUCTIONS AND REMINDERS (from Joan Witte)

AIM Performance Exams for 2016 have 73 students enrolled from Levels 1-12. Exams will be held at SWIC April 16-17 and 23-24, and at SIUE

SURVEY TO HELP WITH UPCOMING YEAR PROGRAMS

Have you sent in your 2-question survey page pertaining to programs you would like to see at upcoming GAE meetings? This is an opportunity to express what you may have told the person sitting next to you, or thought to yourself, but did not yet share with members who have accepted the responsibility to help with making GAE a helpful, worthwhile organization. For your convenience you can simply select the survey at the end of this newsletter, copy it and email it back to kk@musicedmarket.com. I will pass it along to the program chairman.

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