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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Friday, Nov. 20 “Can Recitals Happen in a Pandemic? Yes, they can.” A Zoom**

**10:00 a.m. Meeting presented by GAE member LeAnn Halvorson.**

**NOVEMBER MEETING**

Our November meeting will be presented by GAE member LeAnn Halvorson. She has served our chapter in several roles which include President, A.I.M. Co-Chair, A.I.M. Theory Scheduler and Secretary. She is also Chair of the ISMTA Independent Music Teachers Forum and has done numerous presentations at the state level. She will share her expertise about how to do an online recital.

Here is the information needed in order to attend the **meeting on Friday, November 20th, at 10:00 a.m.**

Joseph Welch is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
  
Topic: GAE:  LeAnn Halvorson  
Time: Nov 20, 2020 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)  
  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://blackburn.zoom.us/j/96544015687?pwd=VE92STNOVjNhM3Zzb3RuM2ZmdnZNdz09>  
  
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Find your local number: <https://blackburn.zoom.us/u/aozsXq1WK>

**OCTOBER Meeting update**

Chris Goldston’s October presentation was very informative and it was fun to get a look at his home studio. If you missed the program and would like to view it, use this link: <https://youtu.be/zSryulgaiPk>

**ISMTA 2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

The ISMTA 2020 Virtual Conference was free to all teachers and will be available online for an extended period of time.  Go to ismta.org/VirtualConference2020 to access all of the conference information. You may use the drop menu or the side-bar menus to the right to navigate through the Virtual Conference at your convenience. While most of the events were pre-recorded, a number of interactive meetings and sessions were held on Friday and Saturday, November 6-7.  Both days concluded with an evening social, where attendees were placed in break-out groups to reconnect with old friends and meet new colleagues. I found it interesting to connect with new people in this format because local association members often sit together with someone they know and don’t always take the chance to interact with new colleagues. In one group, I got to chat with Craig Sale, this year’s Illinois Foundation Fellow who now resides in Arizona. I know him personally as he was our daughter’s pedagogy teacher at Concordia University in Chicago and he recognized me. It was fun to say “hello!”

I look forward to attending more of the pre-recorded sessions. You will find it especially interesting to watch some of those by Peter Mack, our Conference Clinician.

[Sessions](https://ismta.org/VConf_Sessions)

* [Pedagogy Sessions](https://ismta.org/VConf_Pedagogy)
* [Masterclasses](https://ismta.org/VConf_MasterClasses)
* [ISMTA Presentations](https://ismta.org/VConf_Presentations)
* [National Conference Replays](https://ismta.org/VConf_NatlReplays)

**MOY – GILL CERBIN**

Our GAE **Member of the Year** for 2020-2021 is [Gill Cerbin](mailto:gillcerbin@yahoo.com). Because this year’s conference was a virtual conference, we celebrated Gill’s award during the interactive “Happy Hour” on Friday evening, November 6. Congratulations, Gill! Be sure to check out the Archived Interactive Events at <https://ismta.org/VConf_Interactive> to view the Awards Ceremony featuring all of the Illinois Members of the Year, Teacher of the Year, and our Illinois Foundation Fellow, Craig Sale.



**Gateway Arch East MTA (GAEMTA) Member of the Year**

**Gill Cerbin**

Gill has played the piano from the age of 6, studying with Ella Pounder, OBE, and Phyllis Palmer in the UK. After pursuing a career in business, she came to the USA in 2002, became a licensed Kindermusik® teacher, and has taught piano from her private studio since 2006.

She is a nationally certified teacher of piano (NCTM) with the Music Teachers National Association, and an active participant in her local chapter of the Illinois State Music Association, serving as Vice President responsible for Programs 2016-2018 and current term, as well as 2019-2020 A.I.M. Music Examinations and Certification Chairs.

Gill loves to teach and perform in collaborative ventures, accompanying vocalists and instrumentalists, hosting musical soirees and giving duo performance talks. She was the Scott AFB spouses’ choir Director Accompanist for several years, performing regularly at local senior homes and Scott AFB. She has given piano duo coffee concert fundraiser recitals on behalf of Belleville Philharmonic Orchestra. She has presented and performed piano duos for St. Louis music teachers as well as Illinois teachers at the State Conference in Chicago.

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND NOTES**

Lauren Cerbin, daughter, and voice student of Dr. Marc Schapman and Dr. Joe Welch, won two first prizes in the international Great Composer Series Competition in The Art of Opera and The Art of Music Theater.

From Heidi Shepherd: Recently, I was surprised but happy to receive a phone call from Marshall Gurley. After putting off writing him for months following his attack, I finally decided to do so in the hopes he would get it untampered.  Not only did he receive my card of concern but he decided to call me!  In our conversation, he expressed gratitude for all of the well wishes sent by GAE members since learning of his unfortunate attack.  He asked me to let all those who did write him know of his appreciation. He was surprised to receive so many kind and encouraging notes and was really uplifted by them. He also asked that I relay that he is at the address we have (in our GAE roster) but is looking for a residence for the visually impaired/blind. Heidi also wishes everyone the best and happy holidays!

From President, Deborah Meier, I will be sending out the 2020-2021 Yearbook/Membership booklet very soon. This will include a list of our current membership with their addresses and a calendar of programs and events. Thanks for your patience.

**LEANN HALVORSON BIOGRAPHY**

## This will be my 41st year in teaching piano. I love teaching and have a one year Certificate in Piano Pedagogy, and an Associate Degree in Commercial Art from Valley City State University, Valley City, N.D. My Bachelor’s degree in Piano Performance, and Level One Orff Certification is from the University of Mary, Bismarck, N.D.

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## Piano teaching is continuing online with private lessons, but I’m researching into ways to continue teaching in small partner student groups online. Piano and organ performance is continuing, live, at: Christ United Church of Christ in Dupo, Illinois and sometimes also at St. Luke’s Methodist Church in St. Louis. I’m often adjudicating for American College of Musicians - Guild; Mid-America Music Association; National Federation of Music Clubs and Achievement in Music Exams.

