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GATEWAY ARCH EAST CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

July 2015

<http://gatewaymusicteachers.org> Illinois State Music Teachers Association

President: [LeAnn Halvorson](#); Vice President/Programs: Mary Anderson; Secretary: Stephanie Owen; Treasurer: Karen Koch



UPCOMING EVENTS (See details below)

Sat, July 11 Day of Play at Schmidt Art Gallery, SWIC. 1:30-2:30 PM

July 30-Aug 1 National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy, Lombard IL

Fri, Aug 21 GAE 2015-16 Opening Membership Pot-Luck Brunch. 10 AM. Miller Music.

Fri, Sept 11 Co-sponsored Workshop with St. Louis Area Music Teachers and St. Louis Piano Teachers Roundtable with donation from St Louis Steinway Gallery: Fred Karpoff Workshop- morning and afternoon sessions.

Other programs TBA.

DAY OF PIANO PLAY

Voice, instrumental and piano students of GAE members are invited to perform at this year's Day of Play at the Schmidt Art Gallery on the SWIC campus to be held Saturday, July 11. This is a performance opportunity in a recital format from 1:30-2:30 on that day. Heidi Shepherd h.shep8@gmail.com will chair the event and would like to have the names of participating students by Friday, July 10. Teachers will introduce their own student performers.

2015-16 OPENS WITH AUGUST BRUNCH

Mark Friday, August 21 on your calendar for the opening meeting of GAE. It will be a great time to invite area teachers to become new members, and the attraction will be pot luck dishes and a sharing session of ideas to "Jump Start Your Teaching Year". If you know a teacher who does not belong, extend an invitation. We will have invitations posted at both Lacefield and Miller Music to attract non-members as well. If you have a Studio Policy you are willing to share, bring about dozen copies WITH THE PRICING BLOCKED OUT. (This is to be in compliance with the MTNA legal agreement not to price-fix!)

The current officer slate will continue for the 2015-16 year, and other assignments have been volunteered or accepted as follows:

- 1) AIM Liaison – Amy Jo Sawyer
- 2) Certification – Catherine Burge
- 3) Membership – Debbie Meier
- 4) Newsletter & Public Relations – Karen Koch
- 5) Directory Editor & Aim Performance Supplement – Joan Witte
- 6) AIM Performance Scheduler – Joan Witte
- 7) AIM Theory Scheduler & Aural Exam CE Recorder – LeAnn Halvorson
- 8) AIM Repertoire Checkers - Debbie Meier, Ruth Stith & Mary Anderson
- 9) AIM Exam Printing, Collating, Teacher Binder preparation - Gill Cerbin
- 10) AIM Site Coordinator for SWIC – Heidi Shepherd
- 11) AIM Site Coordinator for SIUE – Huei Li Chin
- 12) Schubertiad & Day of Play Coordinator for SWIC – Heidi Shepherd
- 13) Member of the Year for 2014-15 – Karen Koch

The current annual exam fee for AIM student entries will be the same for 2015-16: \$15 for Levels 1-2, and \$20 for Levels 3-12. A change for next year is that teachers of AIM participants will be required to judge one half day for every six students in order to adequately staff the exams. A separate AIM Information Booklet will be created by Joan Witte as a convenient reference for AIM participants. This will contain all the AIM deadlines, policies and forms, and can be downloaded or provided in hard copy.

Lauren Halvorson has accepted the position of website editor. Any changes in member contact information should be sent to [Joan Witte](#), who is creating the '15-16 Year book.

MILLER MUSIC OFFERS MUSIC BARGAINS

Steve Miller reported via LeAnn Halvorson that he has bought out Exeter Music (formerly Schmitt Music in O'Fallon), and has thousands of books at very reasonable prices as a result. The selection in this huge sale can be seen at his store in Swansea, and it includes many method books being used by GAE teachers.

PUBLISHERS' SUMMER WORKSHOP

AUG 4 Wynn Ann Rossi, Alfred Publishing, 9 AM at MR Music STL. [RSVP](#).

CLAVIER COMPANION BARGAIN RATE

For those who may be interested in subscribing to Clavier Companion, you can save \$5 off the regular rate of \$24.95 for only \$20. Please let [Debbie Meier](#) know if you are interested. We need a total of 5 or more members to qualify for the group rate.

ALL DAY WORKSHOP TO OPEN GAE 2015-16 YEAR

Be sure to put Friday, September 11 on your calendar now! Three St. Louis area music teacher organizations, including GAE, along with Steinway Piano Gallery are co-sponsoring a wonderful opportunity to attend an international quality presentation in our own back yard. Dr. Fred Karpoff will be presenting an all-day workshop at the Steinway Gallery from 9:00 AM to 3 PM on the topic of his specialty of mastering piano by mastering the body with "Three

Dimensional Technique”.

He received the Frances Clark Keyboard Pedagogy Award from MTNA in 2011 and is a Steinway artist. He has performed on four continents, and is currently Piano and Ensemble Arts and co-chair of the keyboard department at the Setnor School of Music at Syracuse University, which has honored him with the Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award. In order to share his approach to playing without tension, he has created an extensive online videos library (Entradapiano.com) which is available by subscription. However the cost of this workshop is a benefit of your GAE membership. Additional details of his St. Louis workshop will be forthcoming.

TIDBITS

GILL CERBIN and **STEPHANIE OWEN** have been accepted as presenters for the 2015 ISMTA State Conference in Chicago November 6-7.

LEANN HALVORSON has finished creating her new AIM workbooks except for Levels 9-12. Wedding planning for daughter Lauren is also on the docket.

LEANN HALVORSON and **DEBBIE MEIER** attended the 8-day long Keyboard Ensemble Technology Seminar (KETS14) in Edmond, Oklahoma in June. This event was the 14th year and it was led by Susan Ogilvy, well-known for her innovative approach to teaching children of all ages. Besides writing piano solos for Alfred Publishers and for the "Celebrate Piano!" method, she and her husband Jim compose digital keyboard ensembles for their company, Ogilvy Music. She maintains her studio in Denton, TX and also travels throughout the U.S. training teachers how to use the Clavinova. As a state and national clinician she conducts digital ensemble concerts across the country.

BONUS #1

[Do You Need a Piano to Start Lessons?](#) Get ready to laugh at this 3 minute 20 second video by a clever teacher and her alter-ego!

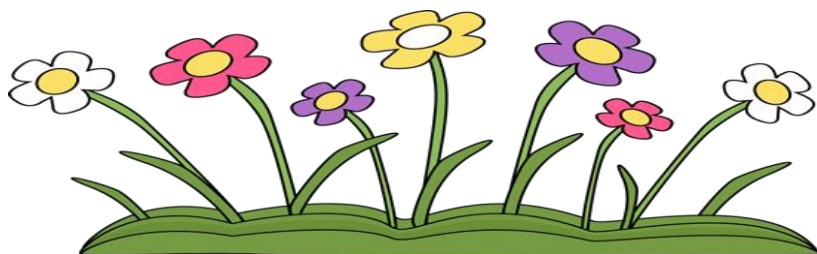
BONUS #2

Do animals have a sense of rhythm? At least elephants do! Watch this video!, 12-Bar .Blues Duet with an Elephant.

BONUS #3

Why you should attend meetings, workshops, conferences, and how to afford it! "The Blessing of Professional Development Tithing" by Elissa Milne.

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