



Gateway Arch East

Music Teachers Association

Summer 2024 Newsletter

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Letter from the Editor

Hello, friends!

I trust you are enjoying the break in the weather!

The summer rolls along to its inevitable conclusion as we prepare for a new academic and GAE year. The Executive Board met over the summer and has been planning activities for you. The calendar is mostly tentative for now, but included in this newsletter for your planning purposes.

I would like to draw your attention to the first event, which happens right away on August 24! I really hope you'll join us and encourage friends to meet as we gather and compare notes about best practices for juggling busy lifestyles!

Details for the other events are being finalized, so more information will be available in the September newsletter.

Please take care of yourselves, and I hope to see you soon!

Joe

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24-25 GAE Activities

August 24th at 10am

Round-table, Coffee and Brunch

June's
430 S Main St
Shiloh, IL

Come join a casual, round-table conversation with members who are busy as teachers, performers, parents, business owners, etc. The goal is to offer life and schedule management suggestions, promote camaraderie and friendship among members with similarly busy music lives, and encourage one another. Coffee is on the GAE!

September 27th

Performance Lecture

A performance and lecture by Gill and Abbey to highlight and represent duets written by female composers at 10:00am.

October 19th

Guest Presentation by Daniel Kuehler

[Dr. Kuehler](#) will share what cognitive science can teach us about learning music efficiently and securely.

November 1st - 2nd

ISMTA conference at Millikin University in Decatur.

December 13th*Christmas Party*

An informal gathering playing Christmas music at Gill's house with refreshments!

January TBD*Schubertiad*

Held at SWIC, this event could include individual performances for the group, duets, or presentations; it will be a great chance to socialize and hear each other play.

February*AIM Theory Exams.***March 8th***Masterclass*

A masterclass for students to learn from a guest teacher. Details are currently TBD.

April*AIM Performance Exams.***May 3rd or 10th***Student Recital*

End of Year GAE Student Recital for students to have a chance to perform for their peers, parents, and teachers.

May 16th*End of Year Business Meeting*

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

Piano for Sale

Used Yamaha Digital Piano P-115 for sale for a current price of \$500. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Sean at (618) 973-5948.

Arch Cup Contest

Students play one memorized piece for a judge. Each student will receive adjudication comments and a rating (Gold, Silver, or Bronze). Depending on the rating students may receive a trophy, ribbon, or certificate. The contest will take place at Webster University on October 13th, 2024. Applications are due by September 14th. For more information, click [here](#).

Executive Board Meeting

The GAE executive board recently had their annual board meeting to discuss budget, business, and activities for the upcoming academic year. You can read the meeting minutes [here](#). Additionally, we would like to encourage any members who would like to step into a board role for the 2025-2026 term to get in touch. We would love to see some new faces in these positions!



Join the Belleville Philharmonic Orchestra - Auditions Open Now!



CLASSICAL MUSIC, NUTCRACKER, HOLIDAY POPS - JOIN OUR ORCHESTRA!

We are thrilled to announce that auditions for the Belleville Philharmonic Orchestra are now open! We are looking for talented musicians to join us for the 2024-2025 season's exciting concerts. Whether you play Strings, Woodwinds, Brass, or Percussion, we want to hear from you! This is a fantastic opportunity to be a part of a vibrant and dynamic community of musicians and to showcase your skills in a wide variety of genres. So, if you are passionate about music and want to be a part of something truly special, don't hesitate.

Audition sign-ups: [here](#)

July
2024 GAE Treasurer's Report

Account balance 7/26/2024	\$7,660.85		
	2024-25 Budget	June-July 2024	YTD
INCOME			
Memberships	\$190.00	\$95.00	\$95.00
AIM Entry Fees	\$2,115.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yearbook Ads	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,355.00	\$145.00	\$145.00
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	\$0.00
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	\$0.00
Printing/Mailing (yearbook, newsletter, other besides AIM)	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Programs (includes May 2024 McKendree donation for use of recital hall)	\$900.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
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	\$132.92	\$132.92
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,107.87	\$257.92	\$257.92

Note From Treasurer

This is just a friendly reminder to send in your MTNA membership dues if you haven't already done so. Last year's count was 23 members and we'd love to see everyone back! If you know of others that may benefit from our group, please invite them to join us or send Joe or myself an email so that we can contact them directly. We currently have 12 members: Mary, Karen, Amy Jo, Gill, LeAnn, Debbie, Stephanie, Huei Li, Rebecca, Bob, Joe, and Joan. If your name is not listed but you have paid your dues, it won't show up until sometime in early August as it takes awhile for the information to get sent out to each local chapter.

Secondly, as Yearbook Editor, I will be working on the new Yearbook in August. If you have any changes in address, phone number, or other information you want listed under your name, please contact me. If you have no changes, I will keep all information the same (including the Web Yearbook) as what was listed this past year.

Debbie Meier, GAE Treasurer

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News from Members

Karen Koch is part of the 8-hand Piano Ensemble at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood. Their 2024 Performance was Sunday, July 28 at 9 AM as part of the Con Spirito Concert Series at the church. They performed Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 3", Gurlitt's "Rustic Pictures, Op 190"; "Rondo" by Smetana, "Four Arkansas Travelers" arr. by Kevin Olson; and "the Stars and Stripes Forever", arr by Mack Wilberg. Karen and her duet partner, Charles Croissant, also performed "Vocalise" by Rachmaninoff that morning.



Joe Welch had an eventful summer which included performing, teaching, and learning. He performed for Opera Edwardsville's sixth opera for children on July 13th. The cast and creative team were wonderful, and the audiences loved the show. Joe also attended the Eastman Leadership Conference in June, which was such a full and informative experience! There were incredible presenters, great connections, and so much good food and entertainment.



Amy Jo Sawyer received a 2nd place award in the American Accordion Association Composition Contest. "Recuerdos" (Memories) was performed by Zachary Grindle. Zachary also performed "Recuerdos" in a recent Accordionist and Teacher's Guild International Competition, and he received a Superior Award. Pictured are Amy Jo, Zachary Grindle, and Frank Busso Jr., President of the American Accordion Association.

