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December 2024 Newsletter

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Letter from the Editor

Hello, friends!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! With the holidays so close together this year, I'm certainly feeling the crunch of finals, performances, and Christmas shopping. I hope you're all doing well at this busy time of year!

Gill's Christmas party is coming up this Friday! Please remember to let Gill know if you are planning on going, and feel free to bring any duet or ensemble Christmas music you would like to play together.

I wish you all health and a festive holiday season!

Joe

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Christmas Party

Gill will host a get-together at her home at 10:00am for Christmas Caroling! This laid-back event gives us an opportunity to casually make music with friends. We will gather around the piano, take turns playing, and sing festive tunes! There will be refreshments. The address is 231 W. Waters Edge Dr., Belleville.

February

AIM Theory Examinations

Please take note of the theory exam dates below. For more information and the relevant forms to fill out, please visit the GAE [website](#).

SWIC - Feb 22 and 23

SIUE - Feb 15

SIUE AIM Performance Exam Update

Please take note that the SIUE AIM Performance Exam has been moved from April 19th to April 26th, 2025. If this affects you or your students, please take the necessary steps to prepare them for this change. Thanks!

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

Job Opportunity as Catholic Music Coordinator

Scott Air Force Base is trying to fill a Catholic Music Coordinator position in Belleville.

The services are held Monday through Thursday from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM and Sunday from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, with rehearsals to be scheduled and coordinated with the chapel staff and the pay rate will be \$1,275 a month. More information can be found [here](#).

Job Opportunity at Steinway Piano Gallery St. Louis



STEINWAY & SONS

Dear Friends in Music:

We are expanding our staff in Saint Louis to include an additional associate in sales and marketing. The position will offer a career path to someone who would like to represent the world's finest pianos.

I'm asking my friends in the music community to pass this information on to former students or colleagues that might enjoy joining us in this full time position. If you know someone who has the qualifications listed below, please ask them to contact me directly.

- Bachelor of Music in piano performance
- Superior communication skills
- Highly motivated
- Familiarity with web based communication and social media applications

Click the box below for a more detailed list of responsibilities and qualifications.

Sincerely,

Gerry

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FEB. 14-16, 2025 | KIRKSVILLE, MO

Piano

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY
FESTIVAL & COMPETITION

PRIZES:

**Full 4 Year Piano Scholarship
to Truman State University**

Including tuition, room, and board

Partial Truman Piano Scholarship

\$8,000 in scholarship (\$1,000 piano scholarship plus
\$1,000 TruMusic Scholarship per year for 4 years)

Guest Artist Recital:

Dr. Oliver Jia

Assistant Professor of Piano,
Bilkent University

PERFORMANCE AND INSTRUCTION OPPORTUNITIES:

Winners' Recital and Professional Recording

Masterclasses with Oliver Jia

Lessons with Dr. Elizabeth Crecca



REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS:

2 solo pieces in contrasting styles (memorized)

PRELIMINARY AUDITIONS:

Digital recordings must be submitted online at music.truman.edu/piano

ELIGIBILITY:

High school seniors and transfer students eligible for all prizes and opportunities.

Ages 14-20 eligible for Winners' Recital, masterclass, and lessons.

Students wishing to qualify for scholarship awards must apply for admission to Truman
by: **January 15, 2025.**

Use the QR code above for more information

or contact with any questions:

Dr. Elizabeth Crecca, Assistant Professor of Music, Piano
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November
2024 GAE Treasurer's Report

Account balance 11/9/2024	\$7,050.69		
	2024-25 Budget	November 2024	YTD
INCOME			
Memberships	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
AIM Entry Fees	\$2,115.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yearbook Ads	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,355.00	\$20.00	\$200.00
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	\$100.00
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	\$100.00
Printing/Mailing (yearbook, newsletter, other besides AIM)	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$10.29
Programs (includes May 2024 McKendree donation for use of recital hall)	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$604.87
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	\$0.00	\$132.92
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,107.87	\$0.00	\$948.08

News from Members

Aidan Sawyer, piano student of **Amy Jo Sawyer**, was a finalist in the University of Missouri St. Louis “Young Artist Competition” held Nov. 22. **Gill Cerbin** provided the piano accompaniment. Aidan performed the 1st mvt. of the CONCERTO NO. 3, opus 50, by Dimitri Kabalevsky. You can watch a recording of this performance [here](#). Aidan was also 1st chair trumpet in the recent Illinois Music Educators Association (ILMEA) Concert held Nov. 23 at Belleville West High School.



On November 22nd, **Dr. Joseph Welch** and his students at Blackburn performed a recital of original songs they wrote this semester as part of a singer-songwriter training seminar. They were joined by Dr. Kim McLean, their clinician. Everyone’s performances were successful!