



# Gateway Arch East

Music Teachers Association

October 2024 Newsletter

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## Letter from the Editor

Hello, friends!

Welcome to spooky season! For me, the scariest thing right now is how quickly this year is going by! I hope you're all enjoying the changing weather, leaves, and autumn festivities.

Congratulations to Abbey and Gill on a wonderful performance and presentation last month!

We are looking forward to Dr. Daniel Kuehler's presentation on October 19 about cognitive science and efficiently learning music. It will surely be an insightful and valuable experience for us all, so please be there and feel free (and encouraged!) to invite others to learn alongside us!

Our [ISMTA Conference](#) is at the very beginning of next month at Millikin University. Please note that today, October 10, is the last day to get the conference discount on the hotel rooms. Early registration for the conference is available until October 23.

Please stay well, and enjoy as many pumpkin spice flavored foods and drinks as you can!

Joe

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## Upcoming GAE Events

### October 19th

*Guest Presentation by Daniel Kuehler*

[Dr. Kuehler](#) will share what cognitive science can teach us about learning music efficiently and securely. It will be held at SIUE's John C. Abbott Auditorium at 10:30am. Abbott Auditorium is in the basement of Lovejoy Library. Visitor parking is available in Lot B, where you can pay at a kiosk.

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### November 1st - 2nd

*ISMTA conference at Millikin University in Decatur*

### December 13th

*Christmas Party*

Gill will host a get-together at her home 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.

## **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](mailto:gillcerbin@yahoo.com)

## **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. For more information, click [here](#).

## **GAE 2024 - 2025 Yearbook**

Please take a moment to look over this year's Yearbook, which has important information regarding membership, leadership, GAE ethics, events, and more. You can find it [here](#), and it will also be available on the GAE website.

## **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](#).

September  
2024 GAE Treasurer's Report

<b>Account balance 9/24/2024</b>	\$7,720.85		
	<b>2024-25 Budget</b>	<b>September 2024</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>Memberships</b>	<b>\$190.00</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>
<b>AIM Entry Fees</b>	<b>\$2,115.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Yearbook Ads</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,355.00</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>AIM Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$1,530.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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
ISMSTA 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
<b>AIM Syllabus for New Members</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>ISMSTA Foundation Fellow Donation</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Member of the Year Conference Expense</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>President's Conference Expense</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Printing/Mailing</b> (yearbook, newsletter, other besides AIM)	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Programs</b> (includes May 2024 McKendree donation for use of recital hall)	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$29.87</b>	<b>\$154.87</b>
<b>Teacher's Assistance Fund</b> (partial dues scholarship for new members and partial reimbursement of first time certification fee)	<b>\$140.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Website Expenses</b>	<b>\$357.87</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$132.92</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,107.87</b>	<b>\$129.87</b>	<b>\$387.79</b>

## ISMTA Conference News

Medals and workbooks can be pre-ordered for pickup at the state conference and the shipping cost will be waived. Deadline for conference pre-orders is October 28. Only a small number of these items will be available for purchase at the conference, so please encourage your members to pre-order. At checkout, use coupon code ConfFreeShip. This coupon is for conference attendees only. If items are pre-ordered but the purchaser later wants them shipped, shipping will be added to the total. Chapter chairs may also pre-order pins for pickup at the conference using the same code ConfFreeShip.

## Letter of Thanks from the MTNA Foundation Fund

Dear Gateway Arch East Chapter – ISMTA Board of Directors:

Thank you so much for your thoughtful financial gift of \$100.00 to be applied to the Jennifer Cohen Fellow Fund. We are incredibly touched by your kindness and generosity. The Gateway Arch East Chapter – ISMTA is a very special group of music teachers within MTNA and ISMTA, and you, its leaders, are truly making a difference, not just in Illinois, but also across the country through your affiliation with MTNA. And, for that, we are extremely grateful!

Through your gift, the Foundation Fund will be able to provide more grants and awards to music teachers and students who are working to achieve excellence in their field. MTNA is a strong and steady organization because of affiliates like the Gateway Arch East Chapter – ISMTA who genuinely care and show their commitment through action and example.

The MTNA Board and Staff join me in sending warmest personal regards and all good wishes to you and the Gateway Arch East Chapter – ISMTA. You represent all that is good and honorable in our association.

Sincerely,

Brian Shepard

*Chief Executive Officer*

## News from Members

After a several year hiatus, **Joan Witte** was back to playing the harp again, performing with the pit orchestra for “Meet Me in St. Louis” at the Looking Glass Playhouse in Lebanon, IL, on September 19-22 and 26-29.

**Gill Cerbin** and **Abbey Hayden**’s performance lecture was a success and well enjoyed. In attendance were Joan, Deb, Mary, Amy Jo, LeAnn, and Lauren (Gill’s daughter). Abbey and Gill performed a program of duets composed by female composers. They will be performing this program again at the ISMTA State Conference on November.

At Blackburn, **Dr. Joseph Welch** held a songwriting bootcamp that was led by the Rev. Dr. [Kim McLean](#). It was an inspirational way to kick off work this semester! In just three days time, he and his students all wrote and performed their first songs of the semester - and this is just the beginning. They’ll share their work on a Nov 22 performance.