
NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear CFMTA Members,

Now that we are settling into the Fall term, you should take a look at the exciting year we have planned for you. Please go to our new website www.cfmta.net to check it out. Meanwhile, I'd like to remind you of our first event - The Fall Prelude of September 15th, Tuesday 9:00 am at the Music Shack. Enjoy a continental breakfast, followed by the meeting, and concluded with a very special piano/violin performance by artists Rickman and Kroumovitch. Two exciting door prizes will be given to some lucky teachers as well!

RSVP soon to Cheryl Tschanz at ctschanz@mac.com

Our new Executive Board wishes to make this year's schedule relevant and interesting for our members. In addition to the usual events for students, we have included members meetings. This will provide teachers with an opportunity to network with each other, learn studio strategies from master teachers, and to perform our favorite pieces for our peers in an informal setting. Be sure to check our website and note the dates.

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Richard Cass and Jack Roberts. He studied

FALL PRELUDE ARTISTS

Routa Kroumovitch was born in Riga, Latvia. She began playing the piano at age four and the violin at age six, in the prestigious Music Academy of the Latvian Conservatory, with teacher Anete Zvaigzne.

Referred to as one of the best wish violinists of her generation, Kroumovitch participated in numerous concert tours and recorded on radio and television throughout the former USSR, in cities such as :Leningrad, Vilnius, Talin, Moscow. In 1971 she was chosen to represent Latvia in a special concert at the Kremilin in Moscow.

Shortly afterwards, Kroumovitch attended master classes and had private lessons with Galina Barinova in Moscow, and later with David Oistrach. This great teacher said of her “Kroumovitch is a violinist of exceptional talent with an expressive,

In 1987 Kroumovitch immigrated to the United States. In 1989 she became a professor of violin, viola and chamber music at Stetson’s School of Music, Florida, where she teaches today.

Dr. Michael Rickman, Professor of Piano at Stetson University has been described as “a resourceful and sensitive pianist, technically in control and emotionally rewarding”. He has achieved critical acclaim on three continents. A South American critic wrote “a discriminating pianist whose masterful touch equaled the challenges of each passage” (El Mercurio-Santiago).

Dr. Rickman, a native of Asheville, North Carolina, holds degrees from Mars Hill College and the University of North Texas where he was a pupil of

further with Karen Shaw of Indiana University.

In summer of 2007, Dr. Rickman joined Routa Kroumovitch and others at the prestigious summer music school’s Schern International Music Festival at Voels am Schlern, Italy.

Dates to Remember

October 17, Saturday at 7:00 pm is our first Student Recital. This will be held at the Steinway Galleries in Altamonte Springs. Teachers of all instruments are invited to enter students to perform. This is an ideal way to prepare students for future exams, recitals or simply to showcase their best effort for the Fall term.

October 20, Tuesday morning from 10:00 - Noon, our first Membership meeting will feature CFMTA's Nancy Shackelford as our guest presenter. Her topic is "A Menagerie in Your Studio" which is a delightful insight into the various personality-types that we teachers encounter weekly. Try not to miss this! It will be held in the Mary Martha Parlor at All Saints Church, Winter Park, 338 East Lyman, on the corner of Fairbanks/East Lyman. Refreshments will be served.

November 13 - 15th our association will once again present the annual Play-a-thon at the Fashion Square Mall. Wendy Chilton has prepared all the arrangements so that the proceeds will benefit the Steinway charitable piano donations fund.

December 5, Saturday from 5:00 - 6:30 pm at All Saints Church Winter Park, will feature the "Festival of Old Instruments" once again. It was such a success last April, that we anticipate a great time with students performing on the harpsichord, 18th century square piano, and the chamber pipe organ. This is be a Christmas theme, and refreshments will be served.

December 11, Friday at 7:00 pm will be our first Holiday Party at the home of our Vice President, Dr. Cheryl Tschanz. Live music (from our members) and refreshments will be enhance our jolly party. Put this on your calendar!

Prize Winners of the May 2009 Annual Student Competition

Primer Level

First: Kayla Shen (Zalina Gurevich)
Second: Caitlin Chen (Oleg Barsov)
Third: Elisabeth Arganovsky (Oleg Barsov)

Level 1

First: Mia Shoguist (Zalina Gurevich)
Second: Natalie Shen (Oleg Barsov)
Third: Odok Ebru (Lianna Gheorghita)

Level 2

First: Allan Zeng (Laurent Boukobza)
Second: Christopher Eng (Drucilla Engel)
Third: Valentine Agranovksy (Zalina Gurevich)

Level 3

First: Wong Enoch (Oleg Barsov)
Second: William Freeman (Laurent Boukobza)
Third: Leo Buyanskiy (Oleg Barsov)

Level 4

First: Kevin Tsai (Anne McLean)
Second: Jessica Crandall (Priscilla Heffield)

**Congratulations go out to these talented young people
and our dedicated CFMTA teachers!**