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Sunday March 26th, 2023

3:00 PM

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In collaboration with the
Stamps Quartet

Sunday April 30th, 2023

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear MMTA Members,

We are thrilled to announce that all our Spring events are confirmed, and they will be happening as listed in our calendar of events. You may visit our website for registration deadlines and all information to prepare for the upcoming events!

Our annual fundraising is approaching, and we are counting on each of you to have a successful event in support to our scholarship's funds. Please mark your calendars and bring as many friends and colleagues as you would like. It will be a great afternoon to see each other and to have some refreshments after the concert.

The 2nd Pat Simpson Winners' Concert will be a collaboration with the UM Stamps Quartet. Congratulations to all winners' students and teachers. Please note that the next edition for this event will be in November 2024. Moving forward, this competition will take place every two years.

The rule that requires members to attend 2 events to enter students in the Scholarships and Honors Recital Auditions has been updated. Starting in January 2023, MMTA teachers will be able to attend the 2 required events in an extended period from January to December of the year prior to entering students. It is the member's responsibility to sign up the attendance form when attending an event. The application form to enter students will require teachers to state the dates when they attended the 2 events. MMTA will not provide this information to teachers if they don't keep this record themselves. Chairperson will verify attendance to accept the application form. As an alternative to meet this requirement, MMTA teachers may enroll a minimum of 2 students in the Fall Recital and/or Spring Recital. Each Recital counts towards 1 attendance requirement.

It is with much sadness that we received the news that our long-time member Ms. Rieko Nakashima passed away on December 26th, 2022. She was always very supportive to MMTA sending donations and registering her students for our events. On behalf of MMTA, we sent flowers to her funeral in appreciation for all the years she dedicated to our association and to music education. Thank you, Zelda Jensen, for helping with this and for being present in the funeral services. We recently received news that she left a donation to MMTA in her state. Once we have more information and details on how we will use it, we will share it with you all.

Forever thankful to Ms. Rieko!



Marianela Gonzalez, MMTA President

FALL EVENTS:

FALL STUDENT RECITAL

As chair of this event, I am happy to say that the Fall Recital was a major success in many ways. We had a great turn out of talented students; kids, teens, and adults with a combined total of 48 students. Due to the high volume of students performing, the recital lasted about three hours. The MMTA was very happy to return to the Steinway Gallery after two years without having this venue available due to worldwide closures because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Special thanks to Paul Posnak and Yianni Illiadis for hosting the event as well as the teachers that helped with event logistics. I also want to thank the participating teachers: Sahily Cánovas, Luca Cubisino, Eva Garrucho, Joana Gonzalez, Yianni Illiadis, Carl Lauderman, Olga Lopez, Emily Nourishirazi, Debora Sanchez, Rosa Scott, Ludmila Vaserstein, and Ariana Vidal.

On behalf of the MMTA, we would like to extend our gratitude to Solange Merdinian, Manager of the Steinway Gallery, for being so gracious to be the host venue of our event.

Carl Lauderman, Chairperson Fall Recital



MASTER CLASS

with Dr. Roberta Rust

Four well prepared students performed for Dr. Roberta Rust on October 15th, 2022.

The masterclass was held at Christ Congregational United Church of Christ in Palmetto Bay.

Student: Bryce Meachum

Teacher: Soo Jung Kwon
Suite Bergamasque, Prelude by
Claude Debussy

Student: Pablo Pupo

Teacher: Marianela Gonzalez
Sonata Op. 10 #2, Mvt. 1
by L. van Beethoven

Student: Federico Galleazzi

Teacher: Paul Posnak
Deux Arabesques, No.1 by Claude
Debussy

Student: Lilli Thiessen

Teacher: Luca Cubisino
Fantaisie in F# Minor, Op. 28
Mvt. 1 by Felix Mendelssohn

*Submitted by Acting Chair:
Zelda Jensen*

To support our scholarships, please send your donation through
Zelle: miamiMTAinformation@gmail.com (all lower case)

Thank you!

2nd PAT SIMPSON CONCERTO COMPETITION

The auditions for the Pat Simpson Concerto Competition were held on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at the Steinway Gallery and Recital Hall in Coral Gables. The three distinguished judges were Dr. Roberta Rust, Director of Keyboard Performance at Lynn University; Dr. Marina Radiushina, Pianist and Artistic Director of the Miami Chamber Music Society; and Ross Harbaugh, cellist on the faculty of the UM Frost School of Music.

All five contestants were very well prepared, and the judges were impressed and highly complimentary in their written comments.

The Winners were:

First Prize: Aleksandra Deshavaia, Piano, Mozart Concerto in A Major, K. 414,
Teacher: Luca Cubismo

Second Prize: Alexander Litvinenko, Violin, Accolay Violin Concerto
Teacher: Konstantin Litvinenko

Third Prize: Alexa Vidal, Piano, Haydn Concerto in D Major
Teachers: Olga Lopez and Ariana Vidal

The three Competition Winners will be presented in concert on Sunday, April 30, 4:00 PM at St. Thomas Episcopal Church accompanied by the UM Frost School Stamps String Quartet, who will also perform a string quartet on the second half of the program.

Dr. Paul Posnak
Concerto Competition Chairperson



3rd Pat Simpson Concerto Competition
will be held on November 2024

***Moving forward this event will take
place every 2 years***

FUNDRAISING GALA:

The MMTA Board is pleased to announce the date for this year's Fundraising Gala! Save the date!

Date: Sunday March 26, 2023, at 3:00PM

Location: St. Thomas Episcopal Church 5692 SW 88th St.

The Fundraising Gala is more of a family event for the MMTA, to acknowledge and support the efforts of the many educators in this association. All students at any level are invited to participate. Teachers are encouraged to perform with or without their students and refreshments are available with time to meet and great afterwards.

This venue is exciting for us as a first-time performance space. The acoustics are wonderful in this beautiful and historic church. One of the best features is a magnificent Bosendorfer grand piano that everyone will enjoy playing.

Please check our website for forms and fees.

Hope to see you there!

Jay Harragin, Chairman Fundraising Gala

STUDENT DAY:

All instructions to prepare for this exam can be found in our website under Non-Competitive Events.

Examinations will take place on April 15th, 2023 at FIU. Deadline to register is March 18th.

Registrations Forms and Checks made to FSMTA District 6 to be sent by MAIL only:

Marianela Gonzalez

13309 SW 42 St. Miami 33175

For any questions, please contact chairperson: Marianela Gonzalez

info@vivaceartsconservatory.com

PIANO JUDGES NEEDED FOR STUDENT DAY

As you may know, Student Day is a comprehensive program and Judges must be trained in advance to be able to judge this exam. If you would like to become a recognized judge in the FSMTA website for our district, please contact the chairperson, Marianela Gonzalez.

We count on you to have well prepared judges for this event in Miami!

In Memoriam:

Rieko Nakashima

December 18, 1948 - December 26, 2022

Miami, Florida - Miami Dade College Professor and Continuing Music Ed Piano Teacher, Rieko Nakashima, passed peacefully on December 26, 2022 in South Dade. She celebrated her 74th birthday just a week before, surrounded by devoted piano students and friends.

After graduating from the Julliard School of Music, Rieko Nakashima moved to Miami and began her music teaching career at Miami Dade College. She dedicated over forty years to the profession and her piano students of all ages in South Florida.

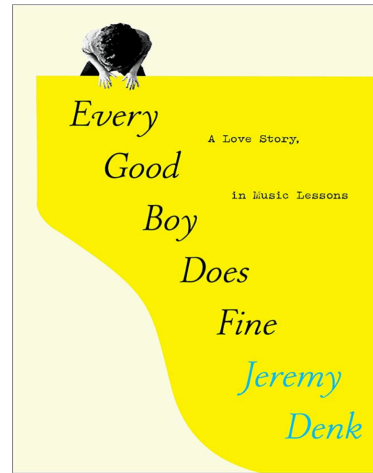
Visitation services for Rieko Nakashima took place on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at the Stanfill Funeral Home from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in Pinecrest at 10545 South Dixie Highway.

Published by the Miami Herald on Jan. 4, 2023.

MEMBERS NEWS:

Since I have your attention, I'd like to shout out a book that is perhaps the best book I've read in the past few years. The book is "Every Good Boy Does Fine" by Jeremy Denk, an autobiographical paean to his past music teachers. Denk's writing is thoughtful, inspiring and witty and the subject matter runs the gamut from profane to profound. This is a book to be enjoyed by teachers of any musical instrument, students or musicians of any persuasion. I cannot recommend this book highly enough except to say, get a copy of it now. You will probably want to reread and keep this one.

Jay Harragin, MMTA Treasurer



You are invited to a special concert on Sunday, Feb. 19 with our Vice President and Director of Programming, Dr. Paul Posnak.

2022 • 2023
MMC
Martha/Mary Yamaha Concerts
Paul Posnak, Founding Artistic Director

Rachel Barton Pine
with Paul Posnak

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 19
4PM

The classical and contemporary violin mastery of boundary defying artist **Rachel Barton Pine** is complemented by the versatility and musicianship of internationally renowned pianist **Paul Posnak**. Together they present "American Traditions," a celebration of the violin's folk music roots, from the European dance music of early immigrants to its transformation into a uniquely American style thanks to the influence of African-American music. Featuring works by Florence Price, William Grant Still, Antonin Dvorak, Mark O'Connor, H.T. Burleigh, Maurice Ravel, and more.

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If you can't attend, watch live online - visit our site and click on the YouTube link.

After the concert please join us in La Merced Chapel for an exhibit featuring the work of students from Miami Arts Studio 6-12 at Zelda Glazer.

Made possible by the Youth Arts Enrichment (YEP) Grants Program at the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, and produced in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Foundation for New Education Initiatives, and Parent Academy.

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Marianela Gonzalez, Editor T&O for this Issue.

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Thank you!