

FROM THE EDITOR

All our members have ideas which need to be shared. Please consider the following:

1. Does this newsletter fill your needs and interests?
2. Please send news of you and your students by postal mail, telephone, or email.

**Dress Code change!**

We have changed performance dress to Black or Black & White.

**We have a website! Did you know?**

Please give feedback and suggestions.

[www.HudCatMusicTeach.org](http://www.HudCatMusicTeach.org)

Remember to patronize our favorite MTNA meeting place: the **Alexis Diner**. It's great for more than just meetings! Located at the confluence of routes 84, 32 and 9W, this is convenient for everyone.

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WINTER 2012 Co- Chair's Message

HI, ALL HCMTA MEMBERS!

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO ALL! Even without the snow we know it's winter because the temps have been down in the 20s & 30s and the winter wind last week had a bitter chill, penetrating even the warmest of down jackets and mitts!. Speaking of wind reminds me of Chopin's Opus 25, No.11 Etude in A minor, nicknamed "The Winter Wind" which I heard Horowitz play in Chicago's Orchestra Hall several times, since it was one of his favorite encores. Ruthanne also plays it fearlessly, fingers flying on that daring, descending cascade of chromaticism, giving a chill to all who listen. Maybe "Winter Pieces" would be a fitting theme for our Play-In next month!

January 4 is our HCMTA Festival Review so let's have a good turnout to discuss pros & cons of all the features of this program. We are very grateful to Ruthanne Schempf and her good relationship at New Paltz, that makes it possible to have such a fine venue for our Festival Auditions and Honors Recital. We'll hear a report of how many students participated, how many teachers, reactions of the judges, and feedback of all sorts. Bring your ideas for all the aspects for next year. Thank You, Ruthanne for chairing this big event for us!

January 22 (29) is the date for Studio Theme Recitals, to be held at Janet Nickerson's Studio, New Windsor. The Theme for all is "Program Music". Please contact Janet ahead of time about your students who are participating, and the pieces they are playing. All students from Elementary AB through Advanced AB are welcome to participate.

February 1 (8) is our Teacher Play-In, held at the Schempf Studio, 26 Tamara Lane, Cornwall. As you know, she has two grand pianos so any of you who are working on Duo-Piano works can try them out! Remember, all of us are compassionate listeners, so it's the most supportive audience any of us has to hear us play.

February 19 is the Studio Ensemble Recital at Florence Grenis' Studio at 3 pm. Vocalist and instrumentalists are welcome---the more the merrier! Please call Florence ahead with the information about participants and pieces to be played.

February 22 (29) will be our Executive Board at 10am at Alexis Diner. We will be looking at all the past events and the future events for the rest of the year, with an eye as to how to include more members, what new themes to use, what new ideas to incorporate, etc, etc.

March 18 is for our Community Service Recitals at 2:30pm. The Elant/Goshen Recital is chaired by Janice Nimetz; and the Elant/Fishkill Recital is chaired by Janet Nickerson. In a spirit of giving, the students play for the folks living in these two facilities and the people just LOVE to see and hear the students. So, call either Janice or Janet to let them know the names of your students participating, and what they will be playing.

It is yet another opportunity for students to play for others, and give these folks in the facilities some happiness through music.

March 21 will be another Teacher Play-In, which is at Paula Bresnan's Studio. Opportunity knocks for all of us to play what we've been practicing! There is no designated theme, so it's an open choice, whatever you would like to share with the other MTA'ers.....Baroque, Classical, Romantic, or Contemporary. You know, John Cage wrote a piece where he sits at the piano for just over four minutes of silence, 4'33"...

National Guild of Piano Teachers Auditions have three main sites: New Paltz with Valentina Shatalova in charge; Middletown with Diane Miller in charge, and Poughkeepsie, with Carol Padron in charge. The New Paltz dates are April 23-26. Middletown week will start with Monday, April 30 in Cornwall-on-Hudson; May 1-4 will be in Middletown. Poughkeepsie Guild auditions are scheduled for May 3-4. Those who are members of "the Guild" can be priming students designated to play the Auditions.

Enjoy the winter, snow or no snow, because our music gives us life, joy, and happiness. As our friend, Marjorie Schempf, used to say, "Our Music gives us a reason to get up every morning and practice!" Dear Marjorie---we miss her!

Viva la Musique!  
Margaret Small, Chair

## *Never be lost again! Directions to Everywhere mentioned in these Newsletters*

**Janice Nimetz** lives on Lake Sapphire in Harriman.

From Woodbury Common: Proceed south on Rte. 17. Just after the defunct overhead railroad pass (about 4 lights after the Common) turn right onto Grove Street, which will take you into the center of Harriman. At the 3-way Stop in Harriman proceed straight onto Church St. (the firehouse will be on your left, the Harriman Deli on your right). You will come to a light (Citgo gas across the street). Continue straight. Church Street now becomes Harriman Heights Rd., County Rte. 71. Proceed for about 1 mile. Just after Sapphire Elementary School on your right you will arrive at Sapphire Rd. Turn left onto Sapphire. Sapphire Rd. will become narrow, there will be a sign saying Dead End (or some such thing). Continue past the sign up the small incline and around the right curve. Just beyond the curve is a fork in the road. Bear left at the fork onto Lake Shore Dr. We are the 4th house on the right, at the intersection of Premium Point Rd., which sign sits on our property.

**Janet Nelson Nickerson** lives on 10 Valley View Drive, New Windsor, NY 12553

From Newburgh: Follow route 9W south from Newburgh to Union Avenue (county route 69W). St. Joseph's Catholic Church is on the corner. Turn right onto Union Avenue and take an immediate left onto St. Joseph Place, proceed to top of hill, bear left on Valley View Drive to 2<sup>nd</sup> house on right, #10 Valley View Drive.

From Cornwall: Follow route 9W north to Union Avenue, turn left on Union Avenue (county route 69) and then as above.

From Vails Gate: Route 94 east to Union Avenue. Woodlawn Cemetery will be on the left. Turn right on Union Avenue (County Route 69) to St. Joseph Place, just before route 9W. Turn right on St. Joseph Place and then as above.

**Florence Grenis** lives at 7 Summit Ridge, Newburgh 12550.

From 9W north of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge, turn west on Fostertown Road. The Balmville School will be on the east side of 9W. (There is a stoplight at this intersection) Drive west on Fostertown Road and pass the Fostertown Elementary School and then pass the Methodist Church at an intersection. As Fostertown Road goes uphill, Summit Ridge is on the left. The Grenis home is on the right hand side, several houses in.

From 32 north of the Route 300 intersection, turn on Fostertown Road. After Sarvis Lane, the road goes downhill. Partway down, turn right onto Summit Ridge.

**Alexis Diner** is located at the corner of routes 9W and 32 just north of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge.

**Union Presbyterian Church** is located at 44 Balmville Road, Newburgh 12550. It is a former private mansion across the street from the Powellton Country Club. Balmville Road runs mostly parallel to 9W. From the north, turn left at the Fostertown Road intersection. Then stay to the right, keeping the famous Balmville Tree on your left. Continue past Chestnut Lane; the church will be ahead on the left. From most other points, take 9W north and turn right (east) onto Chestnut Lane, just north of the Newburgh-Beacon bridge. (There is a traffic light at this intersection.) Then turn right onto Balmville Road and then left onto Beech Street to reach the church parking lot.

**Elant, Goshen (Arden Hill Life Care Center)** is on 46 Harriman Dr., Goshen, NY 10924

From Newburgh area: Take Route 207 to the Government Center. Go through the Craigville-Scotchtown Road intersection (there will be a light) and turn left on Church Street. Turn right on South Street and go over Route 17M. Turn left on Harriman Drive into the Arden Hill campus.

From Monroe area: Take NY-17 West towards Chester. Take 17M East, exit 125, towards South Street. Turn left onto 17M, left onto South Street, and left on Harriman Dr.

From Middletown: Take NY-17 East towards I-84. Take 17M East, exit 125 towards South Street. Make a slight right onto Harriman Drive.

**Fishkill Health Related Center** is just off Route 9-D in Fishkill, NY

From Newburgh: Cross the Newburgh Beacon Bridge. Take the first exit past the toll booths. At the end of exit ramp, turn left and go over I-84. Proceed about ¼ to ½ mile. Observe the Fishkill Health Related sign on right as you go around a bend. Turn right onto Robert Kasin Drive, the road to Fishkill Health Related. Park in lot or along the driveway and enter the building.

From Wappingers Falls: Take 9-D south almost to the Newburgh-Beacon bridge. After the Renegades Stadium, start paying attention. The Fishkill center is near the entrances for the Castle Point VA hospital but on the left/east side of 9-D.

**SUNY New Paltz, College Hall** (Music Department) is located at the corner of Route 32 and Plattekill Avenue in New Paltz.

From Poughkeepsie: Cross the Mid-Hudson Bridge and take the right exit ramp onto 9W North.

Turn left onto 299 West. Once in New Paltz, turn left onto Route 32 South. M&T Bank will be on your right. Park in the lot near the corner of 32 and Plattekill. Walk down the stairs, continue straight, keeping the loading dock towards your left. Enter the door at the left back corner and once inside, turn right and up 2 stairs.

From Points South and North: Take NY State Thruway to Exit 18, New Paltz. After toll, make a left onto Route 299 West. Follow directions above.

From Points North: Take Route 32 South to New Paltz. Make a left onto Route 299 East (Main Street). Make a right at the next traffic light onto 32 South. Follow directions above.

**The Schempf residence** is at 26 Tamara Lane, Cornwall, NY 12518.

From Route 84: Follow route 9W south from Newburgh. Go through beautiful downtown. After the Forge Hill Road traffic light, take the right exit onto Route 218 and then make the 2<sup>nd</sup> right onto Main Street. After the traffic light, take the second left onto Tamara Lane. Go to the last house on the right.

From Woodbury Common area: Take route 32 north through Central Valley, Highland Mills and Mountainville. Turn right at the Quaker Avenue traffic light and take the 4<sup>th</sup> right off the traffic circle onto Main Street. After the traffic light, or after Prima Pizza depending upon your orientation, take the second right onto Tamara Lane. Go to the last house on the right.

From Vails Gate Five Corners (where routes 94, 32 and 300 converge in chaos): Take route 32 south – keeping McDonalds to your right and continue about 1 mile. Turn left at the Quaker Avenue traffic light and continue as above.

## Reminders

Newsletter deadlines are

January 2<sup>nd</sup>

April 1<sup>st</sup>

August 1<sup>st</sup>

Please send copy to:

Ruthanne Schempf

26 Tamara Lane

Cornwall, NY 12518

Or email to

[schempfr@newpaltz.edu](mailto:schempfr@newpaltz.edu)

### **ORIGINAL COPIES OF MUSIC**

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### **REVISED DRESS CODE**

The revised dress code for recitals is **Black and White**. Girls: Long skirt or long dress below the knee. No long fingernails. BOYS: Dress shirt and tie, long pants. All performers must wear dress shoes (NO sneakers). JEANS of any color are unacceptable.

Teachers, please advise parents of the proper attire well in advance of each program. Without exception, these must be dress-up events.

**Short Fingernails Please! Pianos and teachers do NOT appreciate long claws.**

**\$\$\$\$ Membership and Dues Reminder \$\$\$\$**  
**DUES REMINDER**

Thanks to all who have already paid their dues and a friendly reminder to all other HCMTA members who have not yet paid their dues. We have many interesting programs scheduled for 2010-2011 that teachers and students in which you will want to be participants. Therefore, please remit dues to National prior to September 1, 2010. Our local will then be notified that you are a member in good standing and your eligibility will not be questioned. Note the *updated Membership Roster*. If a new member lives in your area, please welcome that person warmly!

Looking forward to seeing you all in the upcoming months, Janet Nelson Nickerson

**Recital Etiquette**

HCMTA welcomes family and friends to our recitals. Recital performers have studied and practiced many hours to prepare themselves for these important afternoons. Please encourage your students to remain for the complete programs. Each student is entitled to have a full audience for his/her performance. Many of us have more than one event on any given day. However, our calendar is prepared well in advance to enable families the opportunity to set aside the allotted time.

*Please avoid disruptions during recitals! This includes origami out of programs, messing with candy wrappers, and texting on cellphones.*

Performers should be allowed to have a quiet hall while performing. Conversation should be curtailed when the recital commences. Turn off cell phones! Occasionally younger children become restless; parents should feel free to leave the recital hall with the child so as not to disturb the performers and the audience. Please remind students and families that "we are here to listen."

**REPORTS**

**Pedgagogy Discussion I**

Loads of teaching stories were exchanged by Margaret Small, Lynn Cunningham, Paula Bresnan, Carolyn Topliff, Jean MacDonald, and Florence Grenis at Florence's lovely home on September 21. We plan another meeting like this on **MAY 2**. Please mark your calendars!



**TEACHERS RECITAL**



King of Kings Lutheran Church in New Windsor on Sunday, November 6 at **4 p.m.**

### ***HCMTA Music Festival – Auditions & Honors Recital***



Our HCMTA Music Festival was held in SUNY New Paltz Music Department on November 11-12. Pictured above are our two judges: Maura Hall and Alicia Lewis, both from the Saratoga area. Participation has increased ever-so-slightly over three years. In 2009 we had 25 students; in 2010 there were 27, and this year, 28, with 9 teachers sending students. Good work everyone!

The Honor Recital was held in the same SUNY New Paltz space on Sunday, November 20, 2:00 p.m.



Little Scherzo	<b>Phillip Ko</b>	Kabalevsky
Moonlit Shores	<b>Joshua Clinton</b>	Massoud
Prelude in C minor	<b>Ilia Klimenchenko</b>	J.S. Bach
Menuet & Rondeau	<b>Oliver Golund</b>	Rameau
Ecossaise, D.145 no.4	<b>Matilda Rooney</b>	Schubert
Prelude in E, BWV 937	<b>Aleena Sirota</b>	J.S. Bach
Sonatina Op. 27 no. 18	<b>Brian Rhee</b>	Kabalevsky
Harmony of the Angels, Op. 100 no.21	<b>Lia Krempf</b>	Burmüller
Reverie	<b>Jacqueline Evans</b>	Debussy
Venetian Boat Song, Op. 19 no. 6	<b>Fouad Chouairi</b>	Mendelssohn
Toccata	<b>Ruby Bard</b>	Khatchaturian
The Swallow	<b>Brandon Copping, Honorable Mention</b>	Burgmüller
Consolation, S. 172 no. 3	<b>Salil Biswas, Honorable Mention</b>	Liszt
Prelude No. 4 (from Six Little Preludes)	<b>Dale Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	J.S. Bach
Prelude Op. 6, no. 6	<b>Andrew Merck, 1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Muczynski

Participating Teachers

Paula Bresnan, Patricia Corby, Florence Grenis, Carol Losee, Ada Margoshes, Joanne Raichart,  
Ruthanne Schempf, Valentina Shatalova, & Margaret Small

Judges

Maura Hall & Alicia Lewis

ADULT STUDENT AFTERNOON

Our annual Sunday afternoon for adult students was held on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Janet Nelson Nickerson Studio. As usual it was a fun afternoon of playing, food, and conversation. Several of the students have performed for the past several years; compliments were bestowed by each other on the progress that was noticed. We hope more teachers and students will participate in 2012.

-Janet Nelson Nickerson

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Studio Theme Recitals

Studio Theme Recitals will be held on January 22, 2012. (Snow date is January 29). Elementary A & B, and Intermediate A students will perform at 2:30 p.m. Intermediate B and Advanced A & B students will perform at 4:00 p.m. Students should arrive at the Janet Nelson Nickerson Studio fifteen minutes before performance time. Both groups will have the same theme, "Program Music."

We hope to see many of you and your students in attendance.

Contact Janet Nickerson by January 10.

### Teacher Play-in

To alleviate the winter doldrums, consider joining fellow members in a play-in. We all benefit by playing for each other, regardless of goal. If you have the time, music and inclination, consider the invitation! One caveat for the allergic: the Schempf house is the home of George and Ira, two cats.

Date: February 1 [snowdate is Feb 8] at 10 a.m.

Venue: Schempf studio, Cornwall Contact: Ruthanne Schempf 534-2166

### NEW PALTZ PIANO FEST

New Paltz Piano Fest is scheduled for February 4 (snowdate is Feb. 11) at 7:30 p.m. at the New Paltz High School. Everything piano, and LOTS of keyboards and pianists, and all on one big stage!! Valentina Shatalova and Carol Losee are at it again. Come and support this unique event.

<http://www.newpaltzpianofest.com/>

### STUDIO ENSEMBLE RECITAL

Here's that opportunity for student ensembles: duets, trios, chamber music, etc. This is a fun learning experience for all involved. Held at the Grenis Studio in Newburgh, this will be at 3 p.m. on February 19.

Please contact Florence Grenis by February 5.

### Community Service Recitals

Each year, we encourage our students to perform at two different health-care facilities. Performing is good for everyone! Not only do we bring joy and hope but we gain a different performance experience. Let's give back to our community!

Contact Janice Nimetz for the **March 18 at 2:30** program in Elant – Goshen.

Contact Janet Nickerson for the **March 18 at 2:30** p.m. program in Elant – Fishkill.

**National Guild of Piano Teachers Auditions Three locations and times**

Date: April 23-26 Redeemer Lutheran Church **NEW PALTZ** Contact: Valentina Shatalova 256-9837

Date: May 3-4 Cuneen-Hackett Center, **POUGHKEEPSIE** Contact: Carol Padron 452-4225

Date: May 1-4 First Baptist Church, 11 Mulberry St., **MIDDLETOWN** Contact: Diane Miller 342-2206  
**April 30 Cornwall** Presbyterian Church, **CORNWALL** Contact: Ruthanne Schempf 534-2166

**DATE CHANGE!!! Pedagogy Discussion part II**

We had such a good time talking about our teaching that we wanted to continue again.

Date: May 2 at 10 a.m.

Venue: Grenis Piano Studio

Contact: Florence Grenis 564-7040

**Annual Spring Recital**

Don't forget to send your best students to perform on our Annual Spring Recital. It's scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at King of Kings Lutheran Church in New Windsor, NY. Send your applications to Janet Nickerson, or ask her for more information.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Date & Time: May 16 10 a.m.

Venue: Alexis Diner, Newburgh

Come join everyone; put in your professional "oar."

**BachFest 2012**

Thank you to everyone who sent students to BachFest 2011. The Young Performers' program was chock full of fine students who all said they enjoyed playing and hearing everyone else.

The thirteenth annual Hudson Valley BachFest will take place over the weekend of **JULY 20-22**. The festival opens on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Cornwall Presbyterian Church in Cornwall-on-Hudson with the Keyboard Marathon. This year's Keyboard Marathon theme is "Goldberg Variations" performed by a team of pianists. An organist may join in the fun as well. On Saturday July 21 at 2 p.m., Young Performers will perform at the same location. **Please be planning ahead to send students for this coming July. Information should be sent to [schempf@newpaltz.edu](mailto:schempf@newpaltz.edu) and to [emilyfaxon@aol.com](mailto:emilyfaxon@aol.com)**  
The Saturday evening 7:30 p.m. Organ recital & Choral program will be held at Christ Episcopal Church in Poughkeepsie, NY.

In honor of Bach's lifelong dedication to religious music, several area churches will hold Bach Services on Sunday morning, July 22. Please consult the website for further information  
The final BachFest concert will be on Sunday, July 22 at 3:30 at the Cornwall Presbyterian Church and will feature a Brandenburg Concerto, plus more chamber music.

Suggested donation at the door: Friday: \$10; Saturday evening: \$15; Sunday afternoon: \$12. The church services and Young Performers concerts are free.

For directions and for up-to-date information about the programs and the performers, please check the website [www.hudsonvalleysocietyformusic.org](http://www.hudsonvalleysocietyformusic.org) or call (845) 485-1648, 534-2166, or 534-8368.

**Studio Ensemble Recital** Application Form  
 February 19, 2012 at **3:00** p.m. (students must be there by 2:45 p.m.)  
 Refreshments: provided by each participating teacher  
 Deadline: February 1, 2012

Student Names	Tel.#
Teacher's Name	Tel.#
Name of Composition (including BWV, Op., K. #)	
Title of Movement	
Composer	total minutes:

Duplicate as needed (one form per student!) and send to:  
 Florence Grenis 7 Summit Ridge Rd., Newburgh, NY 12550

**Community Service Recital Elant - Goshen** Application Form  
 March 18, 2018 at **2:30** p.m. (students must be there by 2:15 p.m.)  
 Deadline: March 1, 2012

Student Name	Tel.#
Teacher's Name	Tel.#
Name of Composition (including BWV, Op., K. #)	
Title of Movement	
Composer	total minutes:

Duplicate as needed (one form per student!) and send to:  
 Janice Nimetz P.O. Box 90, Lake Sapphire, Harriman, NY 10926

**Community Service Recital Elant - Fishkill** Application Form  
 March 18, 2012 at **2:30** p.m. (students must be there by 2:15 p.m.)  
 Deadline: March 1, 2012

Student Name	Tel.#
Teacher's Name	Tel.#
Name of Composition (including BWV, Op., K. #)	
Title of Movement	
Composer	total minutes:

Duplicate as needed (one form per student!) and send to:  
 Janet Nickerson 10 Valley View Dr., New Windsor, NY 12553

**Annual Spring Recital** Application Form  
 May 6, 2012 at **3:00** p.m. (students must be there by 2:45 p.m.)  
 Deadline: April 24, 2012

Student Name	Tel.#
Teacher's Name	Tel.#
Name of Composition (including BWV, Op., K. #)	
Title of Movement	
Composer	total minutes:

Duplicate as needed (one form per student!) and send to:  
 Janet Nickerson 10 Valley View Dr., New Windsor, NY 12553

## Other Updates, Notices, Biographies

The editor would very much like to feature more biographies. If you have not seen your mug (with or without beverage) and life story in this newsletter, please send it in! Otherwise, you could get a phone call or worse, a fabricated biography. If you'd rather not be described in print, please let this editor know.

### **Auditions, Festivals, Competitions, Recitals, and Workshops, OH MY!**

We try to offer many performance goals for our students. Why not consider utilizing several opportunities?

-HCMTA offers multiple opportunities for local performances and workshops. Take advantage of this!

-NYSMTA has state level competitions. Attend our state conferences and become familiar with the process!

-NYSSMA auditions are coordinated through our public school systems. Get to know your students' school music teachers and make certain your students are signed up. Also, discover where and when the NYSSMA sites are!

-Piano Guild Auditions are held in the spring, usually before NYSSMA. Our local sites are Poughkeepsie, New Paltz, Middletown, and starting this spring, one day in Cornwall-on-Hudson!

-The Federation of Music Clubs also holds auditions in the spring. Contact Florence Grenis or Diane Miller.

-Our HCMTA Festival is held in November in order to avoid conflicts with the spring audition schedules. This is the only locally held festival that uses two out-of-district judges and awards actual cash prizes. The standards for preparation are higher but a satisfying challenge for the diligent student who has been motivated to do NYSSMA, Guild, and/or Federation.

In the "Never say there's nothing to do" department...

THE HOWLAND CENTER has released their 2011-2012 schedule of concerts. Check out the website: [www.howlandmusic.org](http://www.howlandmusic.org) or ask to get on the mailing list: P.O. Box 224, Chelsea, NY 12512

There are MANY concerts on the schedule. Here are two:

Jeremy Denk plays Mozart Sonatas on Sunday, January 15 at 4 p.m.

Jeremy Denk plays more Mozart on Sunday, February 12 at 4 p.m.

Ann Schein will be giving a piano recital in Newtown, Connecticut on March 11 at 3 p.m. in Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street, Newtown, Connecticut.

Friends, this is not difficult to find! Here's a map: [Map](#)

<http://www.newtownfriendsofmusic.org/concerts.htm>

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Hoff-Barthelson Music School has many interesting concerts and events such as:

Seymour Lipkin – Master Class on Saturday, March 25 at 2 p.m.

Garrick Ohlsson – Spring Benefit Concert on Saturday, April 22 Time TBA

<http://www.hbms.org/index.php>

### **To Get to Hoff-Barthelson from Northern Westchester by car:**

Take the Bronx River Parkway southbound. Pass the Westchester Country Center in White Plains, and continue for 4 miles to Exit 12, Crane Road in Scarsdale, which exits to the left. Proceed straight on East Parkway (parallel with the train station) to the first traffic light. Turn left on to Popham Road and proceed three blocks up the hill. Make the third right on to School Lane. The Music School is directly on your right.

## Calendar Update and Details

### **Studio Theme Recitals**

Date: January 22 (snowdate is Jan. 29)  
Venue: Janet Nickerson Studio, New Windsor  
Contact: Janet Nickerson 561-0763  
2:30: Elementary A-B – Intermediate A  
4:00: Intermediate B – Advanced A-B  
Theme for both: “Program Music”

### **Teacher Play-in**

Date: February 1 (snowdate is Feb 8) 10:00 am  
Venue: Schempf studio  
Contact: Ruthanne Schempf (845) 534-2166

### **Studio Ensemble Recital**

Date: February 19 (no snowdate) 3:00 pm  
Venue: Florence Grenis Studio, Newburgh  
Contact: Florence Grenis 564-7040

### **Executive Board Meeting**

Date: February 22 (snowdate is Feb 29)  
Venue & Time: Alexis Diner, 10 a.m.  
Contact: Margaret Small (845) 534-9485

### **Community Service Recitals**

Date: March 18 2:30 p.m. in Goshen  
Date: March 18 2:30 p.m. in Fishkill  
Venues: Elant/Fishkill: Contact Janet Nickerson  
Elant/Goshen: Contact: Janice Nimetz

### **National Guild of Piano Teachers Auditions**

Date: April 23-26  
Venue: New Paltz  
Contact: Valentina Shatalova 256-9837

### **National Guild of Piano Teachers Auditions**

Date: April 30  
Venue: Cornwall Presbyterian Church, 222  
Hudson Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson  
Contact: Ruthanne Schempf 534-2166

### **National Guild of Piano Teachers Auditions**

Date: May 1-4  
Venue: First Baptist Church, 11 Mulberry Street,  
Middletown  
Contact: Diane Miller 342-2206

### **National Guild of Piano Teachers Auditions**

Date: May 3-4  
Venue: Cuneen-Hackett, Poughkeepsie  
Contact: Carol Padron 452-4225

### **“Provocative Pedagogy” Returns**

All teaching topics discussed. We bring our own  
experience and ideas!!

Date: **May 2**  
Venue: Grenis Studio  
Contact: Ruthanne Schempf 534-2166

### **Annual Spring Recital**

Date & Time: May 6 3 p.m.  
Venue: King of Kings Lutheran Church  
Contact: Janet Nelson Nickerson 561-0763

### **Annual Membership Meeting**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
Date & Time: May 16 10 a.m.  
Venue: Alexis Diner, Newburgh

### **Planning Meeting**

Date & Time: May 30 10 a.m.  
Venue: Alexis Diner, Newburgh