

March 2010

Characteristics of Polish Folk Dances Legato and Rubato in the Music of Frederic Chopin and Karol Szymanowski

The presenter for our March 16 meeting is Dr. Anna Kijanowska, a wonderful pianist and teacher, and an expert on the music of Polish composer Karol Szymanowski. She will discuss and demonstrate the dances of Chopin and Szymanowski.

Hailed by The New York Times (2007) as "An excellent young Polish pianist," Anna Kijanowska (key-en-OFF-ska) has distinguished herself internationally as a recitalist, chamber musician and concerto soloist. A devoted promoter of the music of Karol Szymanowski, her recording of his Mazurkas (DUX, 2005) has already gained substantial recognition and was recently named by Adrian Corleoni of Fanfare Magazine "as superior to any other interpretations that came before or after hers." Mr. Muse of the Classik Reviews called the performance a "revelation," while Mr. Leonard of All Music Guide noted, "Kijanowska's performances are amazingly virtuosic, astonishingly charismatic, astoundingly empathic and completely compelling."

Past and upcoming engagements include solo recitals at Carnegie and Merkin Halls in NYC, the National Gallery of Arts and the Kennedy Center in Washington DC, Harvard University in Boston, North-West University in South Africa, the French Institute in New Delhi, India, the Polish Embassy in Tokyo, Singapore and Bangkok, Chinese Conservatory in Beijing, concerts in Brazil, Chile, Mozambique, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand, and orchestral appearances in the Ukraine and Poland (Piano Concerti by Lutoslawski and Gorecki). As a chamber musician, she has collaborated with such eminent performers as Charles Castleman, Diane Monroe, and Basil Vendryes.



The March meeting
is Tuesday
March 16, 2010 at
Stone Ridge School

9101 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland

9:30 Coffee
10:00 Business meeting
10:30 Program

Ms. Kijanowska began her musical education in Poland at the age of seven, and gave her first recital at age eight. In 1992, she entered the Szymanowski Music Academy in Katowice, where she studied with Jozef Stempel. After receiving her Master of Music Degree in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from the Music Academy in Wroclaw, she was awarded a scholarship to study with Dr. Madeleine Forte (pupil of Alfred Cortot and Wilhelm Kempff) at Boise State University in the United States. She holds a Doctorate and a Master of Music in Piano Performance from the Manhattan School of Music in New York, where she studied with Byron Janis, Mykola Suk, Sara Davis Buechner and Marc Silverman. Ms. Kijanowska is currently a visiting professor at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas, and she is a former faculty member of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, and the Levine School of Music in Washington DC.



Pianists to present Chamber Concert Recital

Piano students of Michiko Yurko and Naomi Kusano will present a chamber concert recital on Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 2:30 pm. This is a lovely, annual event when students, ages 4 to adult, perform with a professional string trio (Julianna Chitwood and Elizabeth Cunha, violins, Annelisa Guries, viola, and Marie D'Andrea, cello). The literature is standard piano repertoire with accompaniments that have been commissioned over the years. Parents from both teachers' studios are involved with the preparation arrangements and will provide a lovely reception. Michiko and Naomi would be most honored for members and their students and families to attend.

The recital will take place at The Inter-Faith Chapel, 3680 So. Leisure World Blvd., Silver Spring, MD 20906

Please come join us to see the possibilities for your own studio. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Naomi at suzuki-pianoinncc@gmail.com.

Lu-Bennaman Recital Rescheduled

Pianist San-qing Lu-Bennaman was sadly forced to postpone her recital that was scheduled for Saturday, February 13 due to snow.

It has been rescheduled for March 20, 2010, also a Saturday. San-qing will be playing a program including works by Rachmaninoff and Chopin at the Piano Company's New Galleria Showroom in the White Flint Shopping Center at 7:00 pm. Admission is free.

Pennsylvania Music Teacher's Conference Invitation

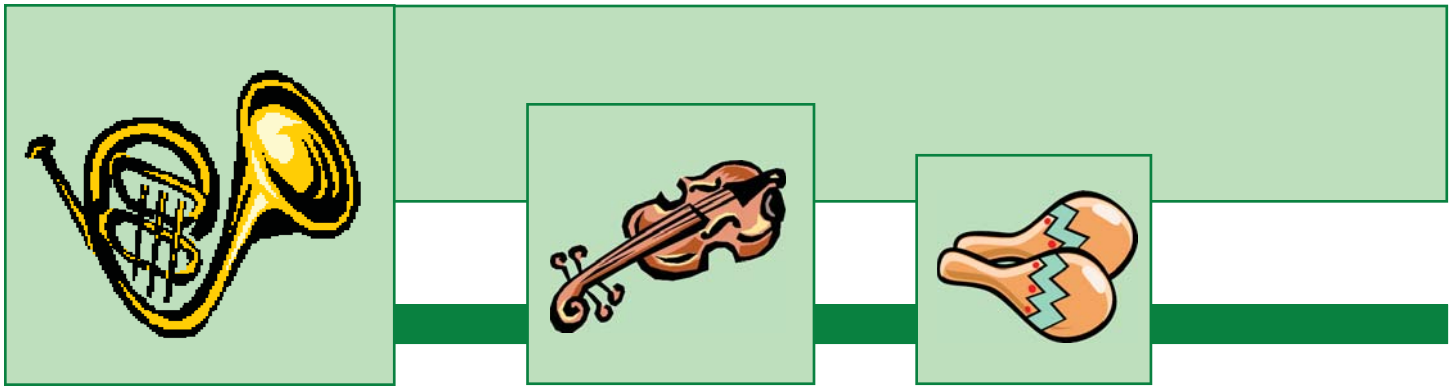
The Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association (PMTA) would like to share its fabulous June 11-13, 2010 conference and venue with our colleagues in the surrounding states! The 2,200-acre Omni Bedford Springs Resort and Spa has been a healing place, a presidential retreat, and a luxurious escape for over 200 years, and after a \$120 million restoration and expansion, is one of the nation's finest resorts. Centrally located just 4 miles from the Bedford exit of the PA Turnpike, the resort is within easy driving distance from surrounding states. (Washington, DC – 2 hours; Baltimore – 2 hours; Morgantown, WV – less than 2-1/2 hours; Wilmington, DE and Akron, OH – 3-1/2 hours; Columbus, OH – 4-1/4 hours)

Our hotel conference rate of \$149 for a single or double room is available for 3 days pre and post the conference dates – a perfect opportunity for a tax-deductible "mini vacation" for you and a guest! In addition to the "headliners", we will offer an incredible variety of music and wellness workshops and lecture recitals by PMTA members.

Please visit www.pamusicteachers.org (About PMTA/"For the Record" Conference 2010 and Conference tabs) for complete conference and registration information.

We would be honored to have you join us!

–Jacqueline Herbein, President
Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association



Notes from our President

Mother Nature has not been cooperative with some of our MCMTA events this year! Our Festival of Music celebrating the 200th birthday of Chopin and Schumann on February 7 landed during the weekend "Blizzard of 2010." Luckily, our chairman Susan Roberts was able to reschedule it for February 28.

Our program and general meeting scheduled for February 9 had to be canceled due to the fact that it landed between the two blizzards of 2010. We were so sorry to miss the program by Mr. Luis de Moura Castro. However, our program chair, Immanuela Gruenberg, spoke to Mr. de Castro, and he indicated he would be willing to come next year to present his program to our group.

Mea culpa! I forgot to mention two of our MCMTA members who were involved in the convention in January. Bonnie Kellert gave a wonderful presentation on "Suggestions for Identifying and Achieving an Expressive Performance," which I attended, so don't know how I missed out on mentioning it! Also, I forgot to mention member Linda Fotis, who was one of the vendors at the convention.

One sad note: longtime member Lyle Asch passed away on December 30, 2009. I pass along our condolences to her family.

I hope to see all our members at the general meeting on March 16, 2010!

– Lori McCarthy
MCMTA President



Summer Job Announcement

Dramatics Director/Instructor: Dramatics Director needed for top-notch boys summer camp in Maine. Camp Skylemar, seeks a current teacher, graduate student or recent college graduate with musical and theatrical background to direct dramatic productions this summer. Director should have leadership, directing, teaching experience and enjoy working with children. Must be fun, a responsible role model, energetic, creative, and possess a desire to inspire and excite campers & staff. June 13 – August 14. \$2,500 - \$3,500 (depending on experience). We also cover travel expenses, lodging, excellent food, laundry service, and internet access. Great facilities, beautiful lake-front setting. Warm, welcoming, family atmosphere. Director also involved with other fun camp activities and special events.

Apply online at www.skylemar.com or email jobs@campskylemar.com.

Upcoming Events:

The next MCMTA meeting is March 16, 2010
Elementary "Spring Fling" Recital is March 20, 2010
Upcoming meeting dates are April 13 and May 11

We're on the web: <http://MCMTA.MSMTA.org>
Please join us at YahooGroups.com
(List name is MCMTA)

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Cynthia Cathcart. phone 301-587-6267.
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(please put MCMTA in the subject line)

Member News

Musical Arts International Inc. will present its Spring Concert "Pro Musica Washington" on March 13, 2010 Saturday at 8:00 pm at Latvian Lutheran Church, 400 Hurley Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850. It will feature Hidetaro Suzuki, violin, Zeyda Ruga Suzuki, piano, Seldon Lampert, violist, & Robert Newkirk, cello. The program: Mozart Piano Quartet in G minor, Beethoven Kreutzer Sonata for violin and piano, and Brahms C minor Piano Quartet. Tickets: Adult \$20, Student/Senior \$15. Please call 301-933-3715 for more information or discount tickets. Web site: www.musicalartsinternational.org

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