

## Forward

This is my second year to chair MSMTA student activities. The student activities ran very smoothly this past year, partly due to the diligent work of all the chairs and partly due to the enthusiasm of the participating teachers. We are also indebted to Gary Dinn, for his day-in and day-out assistance to coordinate with board members and outside organizations; to Joselyn Makowski, for her dissemination of important messages year-round to members concerning student activities through her role as editor of MSMTA newsletter.



We will miss Carole Kriewaldt for her chairmanship of the Piano Ensemble Festival this coming year. She resigned from her post due to health reasons. She handled the Piano Ensemble event very efficiently and professionally. Especially before, during, and after the event, she posted all relevant information including assignments and student schedules on her own Web site. I love her style.

Dr. Jean Hsu also did an excellent job as chair of the Piano Concerto Competition last fiscal year. She picked up the speed right from the beginning as a first-time chair and handled the event just like an old-timer—probably due to her serving as conductor of a local symphony orchestra. Her coordination with the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra for the winners' concert was spotless, and the conducting of her own string ensemble to accompany the junior winners was commendable.

I also want to thank the rest of the chairs for their jobs well done. They spent time and efforts to make the events possible and successful.

I would like to welcome the new chairs. Our president Gary Dinn searched and appointed a new chair for the most elaborate Music Theory Testing Program: Dr. Hui-Yen Chang, to replace the outgoing Dr. Deborah Brown who resigned due to her new teaching job in New York. As to the Piano Ensemble Festival, I pursued Katherine Williams to be a 'come-back kid' to chair—she resigned several years ago to take care of her new babies. "Babies and chair do not mix," she said. Now the babies are grown up and she is happy to chair again. Another new chair is Joselyn Makowski who took charge of the MSMTA

Convention at Hood College in November 2002. She did a beautiful job.

This year's venues include the following:

- University of Maryland College Park, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center  
Gary Dinn coordinated with this venue. The events to be held at this facility are:
  - Piano Ensemble Festival (3/23/2003)
  - Voice Solo and Ensemble (3/30/2003)
  - String Solo (3/30/2003)
  - Guitar Ensemble and Solo (3/30/2003)
  - Piano Solo (5/24-25, 2003)
- University of Maryland Baltimore County  
The event to be held at this facility is:
  - E. R. Davis Piano Competition (6/1/2003)
- McDaniel College, Westminster, Maryland--formerly Western Maryland College  
Judith Ferencz coordinated with this facility—she is a faculty member of this venue. The events to be held are:
  - Piano Concerto Competition (1/19/2003)
  - Chamber Music Festival (4/27/2003)
  - Doris Chase Sonata Award (5/11/2003)
  - Gottlieb Piano Competition (5/11/2003)
- Jordan Kitt's Music, College Park  
The event to be held is:
  - Strings Plus Ensemble (3/9/2003)
- Church of the Latter Day Saints of Jesus Christ, Gaithersburg, Maryland  
Dr. Chien-Tai Chen arranged for this facility. The event to be held is:
  - Jack Weaver String Competition (4/5/2003)

Steve Cross informed me at the last minute that he could not finish the project of publishing this handbook due to other commitments. I had no choice but to start from scratch by scanning my own hard copy of *MSMTA Student Activities Handbook 1999-2000* and modified from that point on. The publication of this handbook was thus delayed.

I hope this will be a very fruitful year for MSMTA student activities. Have a happy holiday!

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