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Dear Members:

I would like to thank all of you for giving the newly elected board and me the honor of serving you. In addition, I would like to give special thanks to Heidi and her team for their leadership and diligence on behalf of LVMTA and all our students. They have helped us immensely during our transition, and done a yeoman's job in keeping us organized and running smoothly. Our goal is to keep LVMTA on the right course – the path that previous boards so successfully laid out for us. Our passion is making music in our society and we are committed to helping promote the financial security, professionalism, and artistry of music teachers. As opera singer Marilyn Horne stated at the 2008 MTNA convention, "Teachers, you're the ones who really count. You are the ones who are in the trenches." Teachers, it's onward and upward!

Cheryl Thornton, President

OPENING SOCIAL

Friday September 12th

Place TBA

Put this event on your calendar now! Tell your friends!

Upcoming Events

Ensemble Festival Registration	Sat. Aug. 30
Silverstate Registration	Sat. Aug. 30
Opening Social	Friday Sept. 12
Ensemble/Silverstate FEES DUE	Sat. Sept. 13
Ensemble Festival	Sat. Sept. 27
Board Meeting	Fri. Oct. 3

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LVMTA *Events*

Ensemble Festival 2008 is Fast Approaching

Now is the time to start those **duets, duos, trios, quartets or quintets** if you haven't already. We are excited about the terrific response we had last September and look forward to having many more students and teachers join this event. The purpose of this festival is to provide an opportunity for teachers and students to perform ensemble music in a formal recital setting and to learn from that experience through an adjudicator's remarks. Teachers & students will choose whether they are working toward the optional NFMC Junior Festival requirements (see NFMC Junior Festival Bulletin for rules). Performance time limits, categories and all other details are found in last year's LVMTA's directory on pages 45-46.

Ensemble Festival 2008 will be held on Saturday, September 27 in Doc Rando Hall at UNLV. This is the only venue for all **NFMC piano ensemble entries** as well. They are no longer done in conjunction with the solo entries during the Spring. The online registration will begin on Saturday, August 30 and will conclude on Saturday, September 13.

If you are interested in being involved this year on a teacher ensemble or need ideas for ensemble music in your own studio, please contact Laurie Swain, 363-3378, lspliano@cox.net. Also we still have several handouts from our "Ensemble" workshop done at an LVMTA meeting in the fall of 2005 and several fine ensemble selections in our own LVMTA Ensemble Library available for checking out. This festival is a great way to start your studio off in the Fall! We are looking forward to hearing from all of your students!

TERRIFIC CERTIFICATION OPPORTUNITY....

Many of you were a part of a certification journey that Carol Stivers started back in 1994. Now in 2008, Mallie Riecken has agreed to start a series of classes on music theory, music history, etc. to prepare the music teacher for NMTA Certification. We will start the class in the fall and probably do it in blocks. If you are interested in getting nationally certified and attending these classes in preparation, please contact Laurie Swain, State Certification Chair (363-3378 or lspliano@cox.net) for more detail

FESTIVAL MUSIC REVIEW - OCTOBER17 !!!

This summer will be a great time to choose your Festival music for next year! Discover your favorites and come share them with us at Bonnie's Music Shoppe on Friday, October 17. Do mark this on your calendar NOW!

Mallie Riecken, Program Chair

LVMTA *community*

FREE SUMMER MUSIC CLASSES

Sing! Move and Dance Play Instruments!

For Children and Parents!

MUSIKGARTEN, the popular music and movement series, invites you and your child to take advantage of its regional Workshop in Las Vegas.

Children will learn songs, explore movement and listening activities, play instruments and be taught by early childhood music specialists, all as part of a teacher training Demonstration Classes.

Check the classes that you and your child would like to attend then return this sheet to Hanah W. Shields at 6397 Spring Meadow Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89103 by Saturday July 12, 2008. Enrollment is limited, so sign up now.

All Classes are held at First Presbyterian Church

1515 W. Charleston Ave.

Las Vegas, NV 89102

Monday July 21

_____ Baby Demonstration Class 4-18 months

10:30-11:00

Each child should be accompanied by one caregiver.

Tuesday July 22

_____ Toddler Demonstration Class 1 ½ to 3 years

10:30-11:00

Each child should be accompanied by one caregiver.

Thursday

_____ Cycle of Seasons 3-5 years

10:30-11:30

The parent or caregiver should join the class at 11:15

Friday

_____ Demonstration Class TBA

10:30-11:15

Parent's name _____

Child's name _____ Date of Birth _____

Phone Number _____

Questions? Call Hanah at 338-8643 or email trvlteacher@hotmail.com

TENTATIVE Calendar 2008-2009

Day/Date	Event	Time	Location/Contact
August			
Mon. 25	Classes Begin		
Fri. 29	Newsletter Deadline	(Sandy Soltis)	88keys@embarqmail.com
Fri. 29	Board Meeting	9:45 am	
Sat. 30	Ensemble Festival & Jr. Festival Piano Ensemble Registration Begins		www.lvmta.org
Sat. 30	Silver State Online Registration Begins		www.lvmta.org
September			
Mon. 1	Labor Day (No School)		
Fri. 12	Opening Social	10:30 am	TBA
Sat. 13	<u>Deadline</u> Ensemble Festival Registration/Fees		www.lvmta.org
Sat. 13	<u>Deadline</u> Silver State Registration/Fees		www.lvmta.org
Sat. 27	Ensemble Festival	9:00 am	UNLV
October			
Fri. 3	Board Meeting	9:45 am	TBA
	Newsletter Deadline	(Sandy Soltis)	88keys@embarqmail.com
	Staff Development Day (No School)		
Sat. 11	<u>Deadline</u> Student Recital Reg/Fees Oct. 25		
Sat. 11	Silver State Competition		UNLV
Fri. 17	<i>General Meeting-Jr. Festival Music</i>	10:15am	<i>Bonnie's Music Shoppe, East</i>
Sat. 18	Junior Festival Flute Registration Begins		
Wed. 22-Sat. 25	World Piano Pedagogy Conference (WPPC)		Dallas, TX
Sat. 25	Student Recital		
Sat. 25	Silver State Winner's Recital		TBA
Sat. 25	<u>Deadline</u> Junior Festival Flute Online Registration/Fees		
Fri. 31	Nevada Day (No School)		
November			
Fri.7 –Sun. 9	NMTA State Convention		UNLV, Las Vegas
Sat. 8	<u>Deadline</u> Play-a-thon Reg/Donations		<i>East-Megan Dougherty, West ??</i>
Mon. 10-Tues. 11	Veteran's Day (No School)		
Sat. 22	Junior Festival-Flute		UNLV
Thurs. 27- Fri. 28	Thanksgiving Day-Family Day (No School)		
Sat. 29	Deadline Student Recital Reg/Fees Dec. 16		
December			
Friday 5	Board Meeting		
	Newsletter Deadline		
Sat. 6	Play-a-thon East		Galleria Mall

LVMTA 2007-2008 Calendar

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location/Contact</u>
December (Continued)			
Sat. 13-14	Play-a-thon West		FAO Schwartz
Sat. 13	Student Recital		
Sat. 20	Winter Break	(No School December 22-January 5)	
January			
Fri. 2	Bolognini Alumni Recital	6:30 pm	UNLV Doc Rando Hall
Sat. 3	Bolognini Registration <u>Begins</u>		www.lvmta.org
Sat. 3	Jazz Festival Registration <u>Begins</u>		www.lvmta.org
Mon. 5	Classes Resume		
Fri. 9	Board Meeting	9:45 am	
	Newsletter Deadline		Sandy Soltis
Sat. 10	<u>Deadline</u> Jazz Festival Reg. <u>Ends</u> /Fees due		Yvonne Cloutier
Sat. 10	<u>Deadline</u> Junior Festival		Heidi ElHalta
	Teacher Studio Fees Due		
Mon. 12	<u>Deadline</u> Bolognini Registration <u>Ends</u> , Fees due		Hanah Shields
Mon. 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed (No School)		
Fri. 23	Staff Development Day (No School)		
Fri. 30	<i>General Meeting</i>	10:15 am	Family Music-West
Sat. 31	Jazz Festival		UNLV
Sat. 31	Junior Festival Online Registration <u>Begins</u>		
February			
Fri. 6	Board Meeting	9:45 am	
Sat. 7	<u>Deadline</u> Junior Festival Student Fees		Heidi ElHalta
Mon. 9	Junior Festival Online Registration Scheduling <u>Ends</u>		
Fri.13- Sun.15	Bolognini Festival Weekend		UNLV
Sat. 14	<u>Deadline</u> Student Recital Reg./Fee Feb. 28		
Mon. 16	Presidents' Day (No School)		
Sat. 28	Bolognini Winner's Recital		UNLV/Doc Rando
Sat. 28	Student Recital		
March			
Mon. 2	Staff Development Day (No School)		
Fri. 6	Board Meeting	9:45 am	
	Newsletter Deadline		Sandy Soltis
Sat. 7	Deadline Musicianship Exams & Fees		Doris Chase
Sat. 14	Junior Festival-Piano and Guitar	ALL DAY	UNLV
Fri. 27-Apr. 1	MTNA National Convention		Atlanta, GA

SUMMER 2008

April

Fri. 3	Board Meeting	9:45 am	
Sat. 4- Tues.12	CCSD Spring Break		
Sat. 18	Musicianship Exams Theory Portion		UNLV
Fri. 24	<i>General Meeting</i>	10:15 am	Music World

May

Fri. 1	Board Meeting	9:45 am	
	Newsletter Deadline		Sandy Soltis
Sat. 2	Musicianship Exam Technique & Repertoire	ALL DAY	UNLV Alta Ham Hall
Sat. 16	<u>Deadline</u> Student Recital Reg/Fee May 30		
Mon. 25	Memorial Day Observed		
Fri. 29	Potluck Planning Meeting	9am-12am	
	Newsletter Deadline		Sandy Soltis
Sat. 30	Student Recital		

This is a tentative calendar only...please see your directory at the end of August for exact information

Attention Teachers

Learn to teach MUSIKGARTEN

Music, movement and singing for children age 4 months to 6 years

Summer Workshop July 21-25

First Presbyterian Church

1515 W. Charleston

Special Pricing and Discounts available

Certification, Licensing and Credit are available

Contact Hanah Shields for more information

338-8643 or trvltrcher@hotmail.com

Changes in Bolognini Competition

Due to budgetary concerns, serious changes must be made for the future of this competition. Listed below are the ideas the board and committee have determined would be in the best interest of the future of Bolognini. The membership's input, especially those who have entered this competition in the past, or plan to in the future, is welcome.

- First and foremost, to maintain the integrity of the competition, adjudicators will still be invited from outside Nevada.
- Fee structure may be changed to represent Junior and Senior Divisions.
- The three day weekend needs to be eliminated.
- The Chamber Ensemble Competition will take place on Friday late afternoon/evening.
- There will be NO rehearsal times for pianists.
- Competition will still run all day Saturday.
- Master Classes with guest artists will be offered on Sunday at a venue other than UNLV.
- The date for 2009 is February 13-15.

Changes in Jazz Festival

January 31, 2009

- ◆ Selections must come from the Jazz, Ragtime or Blues genres. **NO POP.**
- ◆ All music must be memorized.
- ◆ There will be a separate categories and individual students will be judged on their own merits.
 - ◆ 1. Elementary
 - ◆ 2. Intermediate
 - ◆ 3. Advanced
 - ◆ 4. Original Composition
 - ◆ 5. Arrangements or any original rag or jazz piece (The Entertainer, Solace, etc.)
- ◆ Judges will select the top 5 performers (one in each category) for special recognition.

For more information regarding this event, please contact

Co-chairs: Yvonne Cloutier 263-9028 and Michele Johnson 362-4853

Silverstate Competition new co-chairs Nancy Haywood and Katia Melkamini

Serious changes (especially with time limits) need to be made for this competition. Please contact these two teachers IMMEDIATELY to help with this committee. These changes must be approved by the state board in order to be implemented this coming year..