



## *Noteable Notes*

**Friday, October 2, 2015**

**Miller Piano Company**

5236 East Independence Boulevard

Board Meeting: 9:30

Social: 9:45

General Meeting: 10:15



### **President's Message**

Dear Forum Friends,

How heartening it was to see so many smiling faces at the first meeting of our Forum New Year.

Many thanks to Michael Lehtinen for beginning our year with an outstanding program – I took away many helpful tips and was inspired by Dr. Kristen Lanier's energy. Thanks also to Kristen for sharing the power point presentation and to Michael for passing it along to our membership.

Please join us for our October meeting where we continue the theme of educational learning theories

as Adrienne Dohn, CMS Special Education Program Director and Kathy Russell, CMS Special Education Teacher, share about teaching students with learning disabilities. Our October meeting is Friday, October 2, 2015.

Also, please do not forget the Concerto Auditions application deadline – October 10, 2015. You may find your online applications at [charlottepiano.org](http://charlottepiano.org). Be sure to check your Forum Yearbook Comprehensive deadline for all deadlines and events.

Enjoy the cooler Fall air...

*Pamela*

**October Program:  
Teaching Students with Learning  
Disabilities presented by  
Adrienne Dohn, CMS Special Education  
Program Director and Kathy Russell,  
CMS Special Education Teacher**

Who is this child I am going to teach? Does this child have autism, or any type of challenges in learning styles? How can I reach this child? The most important piece of the puzzle is to remember that the student is first and foremost a “CHILD.” The second thing to remember is that the student wants to learn music. What a joy to teach a child a new skill! We may not have all the answers but we can certainly help you try to figure out how your student learns.

*Michael Lehtinen, Program Chair*

**Student Recital**

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 Miller Piano Co.  
5236 E. Independence Blvd.

Email or call Lib Hughston with name of student, piece and composer, and general level of difficulty. [libhugh@carolina.rr.com](mailto:libhugh@carolina.rr.com) 704-365-0399

*Lib Hughston, Student Recital Chair*

**Referral 704-366-8473 or 704 577 3136**

Referral continues to get calls and those calls have been properly and carefully answered. Several new teachers have called and they were welcomed. If they attend our meetings and let us get to know them, maybe we could help them get students. Contact the referral if you have openings or travel. You all have been advised to make sure that your info is on the website.

*Lois Harris, Referral Chairman*

**Concerto Auditions**

Online Application forms for the Concerto Auditions are up and running! Go to the member portal of the CPTF website, enter the password “cptf member”, click on Auditions and you will find an Instruction page, a teacher agreement, a Teacher Application (to be printed and mailed) and a Student application **TO BE FILLED IN ONLINE AND SUBMITTED!!** We are seeing applications on the online response form so the system is working! Deadline for all applications is October 10.

Please let me know if you have any questions – 704-543-0422 or [jbradner@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jbradner@carolina.rr.com)

Looking forward to hearing our many wonderful students this fall!

*Janice Bradner, Concerto Auditions Chair*

**Community Service**

Congratulations to Debbie Blanzky who performed duets with her students for an hour at CMC Mercy Hospital. (They played the grand piano, located upstairs.) Don't forget that Halloween is right around the corner! It's not too early to distribute Halloween music to your students...and plan a Halloween Party at a local assisted living facility. The Activities Directors and residents are looking forward to having your studio on their fall activity calendar! And, be sure to keep me updated on your studio's community service activities, so that you and your studio can be recognized in the Noteable Notes! The CPTF Website has a wonderful email link for sending your community service announcements to me.

*Diane Higgins, Community Service Chair*



## Scholarship and Endowment

Scholarship and Endowment gratefully acknowledges the financial gifts from the following persons and groups for the CPTF 2015-2016 season. Your support helps us pass along the gift of music. Did you know that the Scholarship & Endowment Fund accepts financial gifts throughout the year. These funds support the CPTF Auditions' awards and provide scholarships for piano study. Contributions are tax deductible. Contact Ginger Wyrick for more information.

Christina Beekman-Chin  
Deborah Blanzly  
Mary Boyd  
Dolores Broadway  
Barbara Caine  
Pat Dorazio  
Sue Dorsett  
Kay Farmer  
Ellen Fong  
Linda Francis  
Joyce Furst  
Margaret Gallagher  
Lois Harris  
Jan Herboth  
Delores Heyd  
Amy House  
Lib Hughston  
Martha Iley  
Jordan Kvanvig  
Lee Lanier  
Michael Lehtinen  
Janet Little  
Robin Love  
Carolyn McMahan  
Pamela Mullins  
Betty Rose Neal  
Carolyn Nelson  
Margaret Louise Norwood  
Paul Nitsch  
Dzidra Reimanis  
Alina Rothenberg  
Dylan Savage  
Annette Shaw  
Toni Skains  
Scottie Stamper  
Gloria Stipp  
Larry Stratemeyer  
Phyllis Teague

Trang Tran  
Natalya Vorobyeva  
Glenda Warren  
John Whitaker  
Regina Ziliani

*Ginger Wyrick, Scholarship & Endowment Chair*

## Sounding Board October 23

10:00 till noon  
Southern Park Music School  
4805 Park Rd. Suite 230  
Margaret Louise Norwood will be featured.  
For more information, contact:  
Michael Lehtinen 704 806 6924

*Patsy Spencer, Sounding Board chair*

## Hospitality

If anyone would be interested in helping provide hospitality refreshments one month, please contact Debbie Blanzly at 704-609-5519 or [debbieblanzly@gmail.com](mailto:debbieblanzly@gmail.com).



**Beautiful table, Debbie!**

**CHARLOTTE PIANO TEACHERS FORUM  
GENERAL MEETING  
September 11, 2015**

**President Pamela Mullins** called the meeting to order at 10:17am.

**Chaplain Ginger Wyrick** led the invocation and read a blessing for the New Year which was specially formulated for piano teachers. The minutes for the May meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**First Vice President Jordan Kvanvig** announced three new members of the Charlotte Piano Teachers Forum.

1. Deborah Aitken – Professional member
2. Dr. Lenore Schmidt – Professional member
3. Brittany Smith – General member

**Corresponding Secretary Alice Daugherty** reported sending three cards to members over the summer. A get well card went to Gwyn Tobias for her knee operation. A birthday card was sent to Martha Iley on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. A sympathy card was sent to Betty Russell on the death of her mother. She also reported that Yvonne Musterman just lost her mother in law.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Auditions Committee Chair Janice Bradner** announced that the dates for the Concerto Auditions are November 14<sup>th</sup> at Queens University with applications due by October 10<sup>th</sup>. She informed the membership that there would be no requests this year for early or late performance times stating that it is increasingly difficult to accommodate requests as entrants increase. She also offered hard copies of the application to anyone who does not have access to a computer. The new password for access to the applications for Auditions on the Forum website is: member cptf.

**Solo Auditions Chair Susan Lynch** announced that the information previously included in the yearbook is now found on the Forum website. This includes the Repertoire List, Composer List and Theory requirements. If there are any problems concerning this members are encouraged to e-mail Susan with questions.

**President Pamela Mullins** standing in for **Community Chair Diane Higgins** reminded members to submit any studio activities in the community to Diane and she will include these in the monthly newsletter “Notable Notes”. **Newsletter Chair Toni Skains** informed the Forum membership that the new deadline for entering a submission to the newsletter is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. She reminded members to submit entries to the newsletter in a Word document attachment as opposed to the body of an e-mail. She also expressed the need for members to send any changes in contact information to the Yearbook committee.

**Yearbook Chair Glenda Warren** told Forum membership that yearbooks are available and can be picked up outside the meeting room. The yearbook has some new features. There is a Comprehensive Calendar with deadlines and dates for activities related to the Forum. There is also a list of other music organizations with contact information on page 18.

**Special Committee Report**

**Ad Hoc Committee member Barbara Caine** standing in for **Ad Hoc Committee Chair Margaret Louise Norwood** read this statement:

“The CPTF Ad Hoc Committee for Bylaws and Standing Rules is working to streamline and clarify procedural guidelines by which officers and committee chairs carry out their duties. We are glad to be part of the Forum’s ‘new look or ‘makeover’, as Madame President calls it.

The Ad Hoc Committee will continue working under the advice of an attorney to assure that our documents are in proper ‘legalese’ and are in compliance with FTC antitrust guidelines.

We sincerely hope the suggested revisions will allow most of the Forum’s business proceedings to remain in the boardroom where they belong, to free up more time at our monthly general meetings for camaraderie and for enjoying our presenters. Once revisions are complete, everything will be posted online.”

Ad Hoc Committee Members: Barbara Caine, Jan Herboth, Michael Lehtinen, Margaret Louise Norwood, Alina Rothenberg, Glenda Warren, Ginger Wyrick, and Pamela Mullins, *ex officio*

### Announcements

Sue Dorsett is chair of CMTA and has cards to fill out in the back of the meeting room. Students receive awards for participating in various musical activities. A cost is involved.

Lib Hughston announced that next Saturday is the NCMTA workshop. Two clinicians play through the whole Auditions list with Junior A starting at 9:00 and Senior A starting at 1:00. Any questions should be directed to Lib.

**President Pamela Mullins** read an announcement from Margaret Louise Norwood which stated:

“I have been in close contact with the chairman of the Symphony Guild’s Young Artists Competition several times over the summer, most recently just a few days ago. Due to contract issues and the symphony having more outreach concerts this season, the Guild is having a very difficult time scheduling the Youth Festival, and, subsequently, the Young Artists Competition. The chairman hopes to get some kind of notice online soon – keep checking the website at [symphonyguildcharlotte.org](http://symphonyguildcharlotte.org) for YAC news.”

Matthew Manwarren is presenting a recital this Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> at Steinway Piano Gallery at 4-5pm. An RSVP is suggested. There is no cost for the recital.

Amy Harris announced a Queens Faculty Concert to be held at Queens University on September 24 at 7:00 pm.

**Programs Chair Michael Lehtinen** introduced Dr. Kristen Lanier, an administrator for CMS who spoke on learning styles.

**President Pamela Mullins** adjourned the meeting at 11:33 and invited members to lunch at Ruby Tuesdays.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Ruthie Pound, Recording Secretary**

## Attention all Forum Members

During the year, it is requested that you promptly report **ANY CHANGES** of address, e-mail, phone, etc. to:

Toni Skains  
[taskains@gmail.com](mailto:taskains@gmail.com)

Thank you!



Kristen Lanier, September Presenter

## *Welcome New Members!*



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# Announcements



## Famed Horowitz Piano Arrives in Charlotte— Public Access Offered

The legendary Steinway & Sons Model D Horowitz Piano, CD 503, has arrived in Charlotte to begin a unique area tour that will include philanthropic concerts and public playing opportunities. This stunning piano—a nine-foot grand and one of Steinway’s most revered designs—is hosted by Steinway Piano Gallery – Charlotte and will travel to five additional destinations throughout the region. The tour provides a rare opportunity for the public to see, hear, touch and even play the fabled piano that accompanied classical titan Vladimir Horowitz (1903-1989) on tours. Tour-stops will also feature concerts and “perform-a-thons” to raise money for Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte.

Horowitz is widely considered one of the greatest pianists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. His colorful personality and astounding performances enthralled audiences for decades. Early in 1934, Steinway & Sons presented Horowitz and his wife Wanda with a Steinway Model D, Serial #279503, as a wedding present. In the early 1940’s, this piano was replaced with #314503, now known simply as CD 503. This is the piano Horowitz kept in his New York townhouse. It was known to be one of the legendary concert pianist’s favorite instruments, and he used it in many recitals and recordings in the 70’s and 80’s. He would always insist that this piano be his exclusive touring instrument, and he required that it be craned out of his Manhattan apartment and delivered to the concert venue regardless of distance or cost.

The arrival of CD 503 in Charlotte marks the beginning of the piano’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour celebrating Horowitz’ triumphant return to Moscow at the end of the 1985-1986 concert season. This performance was more than a recital; it represented the first time Horowitz felt safe to return to his native Russia since 1925. His historic performance, and his presence in his former homeland as an

ambassador of peace, became emblematic of the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

- Beginning **September 24**, the piano will be featured at Queens University Charlotte as part of a special faculty celebration. The Ronald McDonald House “perform-a-thon” will be continued at Queens over the following weekend.
- On **October 1**, the historic Duke Mansion will showcase the piano as part of a celebration welcoming the new president of Wingate University. David Books will perform a piece from Vladimir Horowitz’s historic 1986 Moscow concert.
- The piano will move on **October 4** to Winthrop University, which is also welcoming a new president this year. Dr. Matthew Manwarren will perform during a special anniversary concert (free and open to the public), which will include a selection taken directly from Vladimir Horowitz’s program from the 1986 Moscow concert. On the Saturday prior, the public will be offered the opportunity to play the piano (donations to Ronald McDonald House Charlotte are requested but not required).
- On **October 5**, the Horowitz piano will return to Steinway Piano Gallery – Charlotte. At this time, the public is invited to schedule time to play the famous instrument; again, a donation to Ronald McDonald House Charlotte is requested but not required.

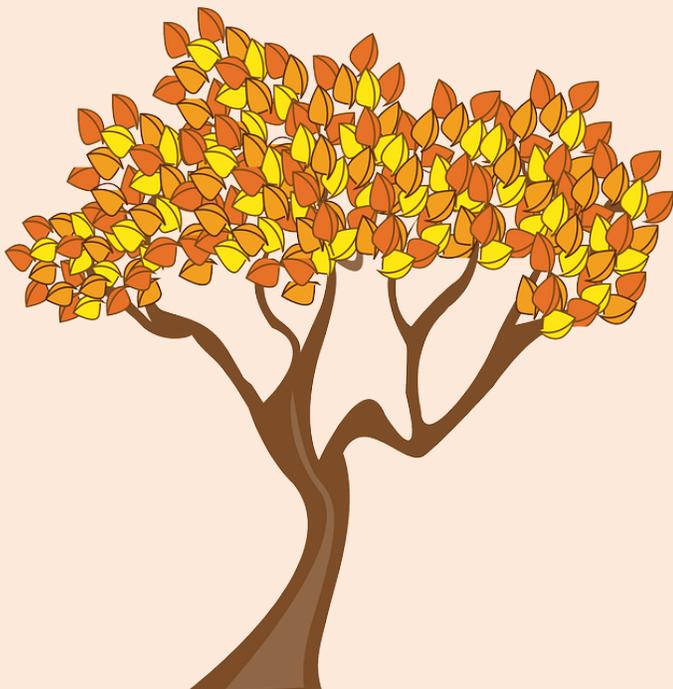
To learn more about the Horowitz Piano’s Charlotte tour or to schedule playing time, please call (704) 817-2877 or visit [www.steinwaypgch.com](http://www.steinwaypgch.com).

*Submitted by Mark Love*

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*Deadline for Noteable Notes is the 20<sup>th</sup>  
of the month, no later than 5:00 pm  
E-mail all submissions - exactly as you  
have it printed- to  
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### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Oct. 2 – CPTF meeting

Oct. 10 – registration deadline for CPTF  
Concerto auditions

Oct. 15 – registration deadline for  
CMTA Student musician Certification  
Event Chair: Sue Dorsett,  
[suedorsettmusic@gmail.com](mailto:suedorsettmusic@gmail.com)

Oct. 15-18 – NCMTA Conference –  
Meredith College, Raleigh, NC  
Details:  
[www.ncmta.org/conferences.html](http://www.ncmta.org/conferences.html)

Oct. 23 – CPTF Sounding Board – 10:00  
AM – 12:00 Noon  
Location: Southern Park Music School  
Chair: Patsy Spencer

Oct. 26 – registration deadline for  
Charlotte MTA Beethoven Composition  
Event Chair: Diane Higgins,  
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