

# CONCENTO

December 2nd, 2019

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## Overture

Greetings!

Here is a concise Overture to fit everyone's busy December schedule!

I attended Dr. Oksana Ejokina's pedagogy class during the month of November, as did many others. It was wonderful! Many thanks for her preparation and willingness to share her knowledge with us. I wanted to share with you a few of the points she made on student practicing (which can be easily assimilated to our own practicing). We had much discussion, several students to observe (including our own very brave selves) and handouts for each session. I love teaching piano and practicing for the intellectual growth I gain, as well as for creative outlet. This class helped clarify some of these things for me. A few brief points follow:

### Practice should be efficient, effective, engaged and enjoyable

**Efficient:** thoughtful, not mindless repetition; begin at various points of the piece; target problem areas; practice on a schedule

**Effective:** Have a targeted goal in mind before beginning; be specific about the problem areas that need to be addressed; decide which practicing approach would work best for each section; practice musicality and phrasing as well as technique

**Engaged:** Effective and efficient practicing only occurs when we LISTEN to what we play; make a plan, take ownership for practicing time; be creative

Enjoyment comes from progress!

Wishing joy for you and yours this Christmastime!

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\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*

Our December chapter meeting will be held at the home of Karen Hollenback. Her address is 15009 SE 171 St, Renton, WA 09058. This will be on Tuesday, December 10th, at 9:30am.

WSMTA State Honors Recitalist Competition (from WSMTA website):

Student type/Age: Regular/MusicLink students – under 19 years of age by June 30 of MAP event year  
Performance Requirements:

- A student must perform two solo pieces in the Chapter Music Artistry Program
- Piano and vocal soloists must perform both pieces from memory
- Winners of the Piano Competition shall not be named until the above requirements are confirmed
- Memory is optional for organists, brass and woodwind soloists, and piano ensembles (WSMTA recommends memorization of one piece for soloists)
- Memory is not recommended for open instrumentation ensemble category
- All music must meet the repertoire guidelines listed above for each respective category

Winner Requirements (for performance at WSMTA Conference)

- WSMTA State Recital performers must perform the piece selected at the State Recital Competition
- The performance must fit into five minutes, time monitors will stop it by clapping
- Cuts are allowed
- Performers are limited to a single piece or individual movements of suites, sonatas or other groupings by the same composer that can be performed as musical units

A TEACHER MAY ENTER A STUDENT IN ONLY ONE CHAPTER'S WSMTA RECITAL COMPETITION

## Chapter Honors Competition (CHC)

The Chapter Honors Competition (CHC) will be on Saturday, March 7th, 2020 at Green River College. Our two judges for this year have been confirmed: Nino Merabishvili and Tanya Stambuk. It will be a great competition! **Estimates** are due by the November

chapter meeting. Please email Julie Swienty at [julieswienty@gmail.com](mailto:julieswienty@gmail.com) with as accurate an estimation of student participation numbers as possible. We need to know if we can fit everyone in one day. If we exceed 50 students, we can expand to Friday, March 6th, as both judges and locations have said they're available.

### **Music Artistry Program (MAP)**

Our chapter's Music Artistry Program is February 21 - 23, 2020. Already, many of my students are preparing at least one of their pieces for the Music Artistry Program preparations! This year, MAP's are scheduled for the week of February 21-23, 2019. The registration deadline is December 20th, 2019 at midnight. **Estimates of the number of students who will participate are due at the November chapter meeting.** As of October, there were 13 teachers who said they were participating. To register you and your students, go to [wsmta.org](http://wsmta.org), log in, click on the member dashboard, and click "register for MAPS." (Note that you will not be able to register if your membership dues for the year have not been paid). No late registration entries will be accepted. The student chapter fee is \$5.00 per student. Please be prepared to pay this separate fee at the January meeting or send in the mail to Julie Swienty at 29118 152nd Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98042. **Checks** (no cash, please) should be made out to SKCMTA, and received no later than January 20. **If you have questions on the registration process, please call Julie at 253-266-7804 or email her at [julieswienty@gmail.com](mailto:julieswienty@gmail.com).** The newsletter attachment gives specific information on this subject.

A request is made for a piano teacher for the City of Kent Parks and Recreation Department. Lessons are offered three times a week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays from 3:00-9:00pm. Lessons are 30 minutes and always filled. They are frantic to find teachers (or a teacher) to fill this void from the one who just moved. They are flexible with times and this is a paid position. If interested call Rachel at 253-856-5009.

Please see MAP, CHC Registration and financial attachments

### Minutes from November chapter meeting:

Lena conducting, 37 members in group

Heather White: receipts for reimbursements: don't need to wait for meetings. Fill out forms found online.

Treasurers report in Concento

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Recital Saturday 23 applications received

Send email for recital deadline being extended. Need more students for 2 sessions. Difficult to get into church to see if there is a keyboard in addition to piano.

YAMS was this last weekend. Masterclass. Oksana students won some categories Young artist competition. Friday pedagogy classes open for all. Payment expected. Jeff Gilliam worked with many students. Very encouraging.

MAP next event. Email Julie to add students. Deadline today.

Books for garage sale catalogued. Monies paid for it go for scholarship fund. Oksana will be paid, and excess money goes to scholarship fund. Karen. hollenback suggested monies go for general account. Suggested a donation to the church in Auburn where pedagogy classes are held.

We have opportunity to make changes in dues. Now is the time to make decision to increase chapter dues. Yearly \$5 increase for next 3 years was not implemented this past year. How to make up the difference for lack of increase? Mary Kay suggested that we tell National that we will go up to \$35 for our chapter. Karen said we could look at what other chapters charge. Lena called a vote. Motion was called by Heather White to increase dues to \$35 For this coming year. Sally suggested a waiver for financial hardship. Do we have a line item budget assessment for financial waivers? Karen suggested that 2 people look at the budget to ascertain this. Heather White prefers not to be on that committee since she is the treasurer. Moved and seconded to increase our dues to \$35. motion passed with majority support.

Karen went to competitions in Spokane (MTNA state). Wonderful performers. Plans underway for state conference in Pullman, Washington State University. June 17th. Proposals deadline just passed. Possible workshops for high school students.

Samantha said she will work on waiver forms. Website up and running.

Lena said we need people for nominating committee. Lena said she will step out of president position when someone steps up for it. In June her term expires but will step out as soon as someone can take over. Sally volunteered to be on nominating committee.

One more change for yearbook: Ella Mae Durkee.

South King County Music Festival June 6th. Recitals can be held there. Mary Kay and Julie will hold their recitals there. \$100 for two hours. See Mary Kay to schedule.

Oksana and violinist will be performing at Green River, 7:30 admission free. Wednesday night, November 13, 2019 in performing arts center theater.

Deadline coming up for early bird registration to national conference in Chicago. Good airline deals on Alaska Airlines. Nyaho will teach a session on Tuesday morning on retaining and attracting students.

Sally said she will be giving a concert benefit for Jews for Jesus, \$10 Kent Christian Center on Canyon Drive.



# South King County MTA

## PROFIT AND LOSS

January - November, 2019

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations	3,238.00
Membership Dues	725.00
Service/Fee Income	5,681.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$9,644.50</b>
GROSS PROFIT	<b>\$9,644.50</b>
Expenses	
Charitable Contributions	500.00
Dues & subscriptions	50.00
Education and Training	2,624.50
Meals & Entertainment	544.00
Other Business Expenses	152.72
Purchases	183.78
Reimbursable Expenses	34.90
Rent & Lease	525.00
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,614.90</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>\$5,029.60</b>
Other Income	
Interest Earned	5.58
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$5.58</b>
Other Expenses	
Scholarship (Gibson Music Scholarship)	1,000.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
NET OTHER INCOME	<b>\$ -994.42</b>
NET INCOME	<b>\$4,035.18</b>

Registration Form  
WSMTA South King County Chapter Honors Competition  
Saturday, MARCH 7, 2018

Please complete the following and return by mail or in person to Julie Swienty  
*before the start of the January 14th, 2020 meeting (in my hands by 9:30 a.m.)*

A random drawing (lottery) to determine playing order will be  
conducted during the chapter meeting break.

Only those teachers who have completed the registration forms  
(and have paid on or before the meeting) will be eligible for the drawing.

**Results of the drawing are final.**

TEACHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (\$35.00 PER STUDENT): \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

SOUTH KING COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
PRIOR TO JANUARY 14, FORMS AND CHECKS CAN BE MAILED TO:

Julie Swienty  
29118 152nd Ave. SE,  
Kent, WA 98042

**Please contact Julie with questions at [julieswienty@gmail.com](mailto:julieswienty@gmail.com) or 253-266-7804.**



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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

January - November, 2019

	TOTAL
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net Income	4,035.18
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	0.00
<b>Total Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>\$4,035.18</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Opening Balance Equity	6,140.84
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>\$6,140.84</b>
<b>NET CASH INCREASE FOR PERIOD</b>	<b>\$10,176.02</b>
<b>CASH AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>\$10,176.02</b>

MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
DUES VERIFICATION SHEET

**S King County Chapter  
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Note: If you do not enter dues amounts in the 2020-2021 fields your members will be billed the same amounts as indicated in the 2019-2020 dues column.

	DUES AMOUNTS	
<b><u>CATEGORY</u></b>	<b><u>2019-2020</u></b>	<b><u>2020-2021</u></b>
<b>GENERAL</b>	\$25.00	35.00
<b>SENIOR</b>	\$12.50	12.50
<b>COLLEGIATE</b>	\$10.00	10.00
<b>ASSOCIATE</b>	N/A	
<b>RETIRED</b>	N/A	
<b>PRORATE*</b>	N/A	

*\*Proration is only available to new members to the association who join for remainder of the membership year between January 1 to June 30*

S King County Chapter Policies: Senior dues: 65 YEARS OF AGE AND THE LAST FIVE YEARS CONSECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP W/MTNA

- The policy stated above is correct and require no changes.
- A change in the policy as stated is needed. The policy change/addition is below:  
Heather L White

Type your name Heather White

Your signature

Signature: Heather White  
Heather White (Nov 19, 2019)

Email: southsoundpiano@gmail.com