

**SKAGIT VALLEY CHAPTER WSMTA  
2019-2020  
Music in Artistry Program**

**March 12-14, 2020**

**Location: First Lutheran Church, 2015 E. Blackburn,  
Mount Vernon, WA**

**Visiting Artist: Dr. Jensina Oliver**

**PURPOSE**

Music in Artistry (MAPS) is an educational evaluation program operated by our State organization that is administered by local chairmen and available to all chapter members. Each student performs two memorized pieces from standard piano literature for evaluation by a trained and experienced Visiting Artist. A written evaluation is given to the student as well as a short one-on-one teaching session in front of an audience of other participants, parents and teachers. Students may still participate even if their pieces are not memorized, but will receive a different certificate and may not be eligible for other events such as Conference Recital Competition.

In addition, each teacher must choose an oral, written or combination oral-written evaluation from the same adjudicator. This evaluation provides constructive comments on the strengths and weaknesses evidenced in the performances of the teacher's group of students. Upper level students (late intermediate and above) who perform two memorized pieces are allowed to participate in our chapter's Conference Recital Competition which provides opportunities for our students to perform in Honors Recitals either in our District or at the State Conference.

**PIANO MAPS**

All details of the program, including fees, requirements and forms, are found on the WSMTA website at [www.wsmta.org](http://www.wsmta.org). Skagit Valley Chapter charges a \$3 per student chapter fee, to be paid/sent separately to the chapter committee chair. Teachers need to print out all the necessary forms from the WSMTA website and make two copies of the completed form – one copy to submit to committee chair with student fee payment and one copy to keep.

**TIMELINE / IMPORTANT**

- At our October meeting participating teachers need to provide the number of students in each level in writing to our chairmen.
- Due date is January 18th for all registration forms and student Chapter Fees to be received by our current committee chair.
- Do NOT pay student Chapter Fees online – the \$3 per student should go directly to our chapter.
- Ensembles should be registered with just one student name (to eliminate a duplicate charge)
- At our February meeting the master schedule for all teachers will be distributed, depending on the actual dates and the required approval from our state chairmen.

Please see the WSMTA website for details of rules and regulations.

**NON-KEYBOARD MAPS**

String and Voice MAPS opportunities are available pending requests from teachers. Please contact the District Vice-President if you are interested. Participating students may perform in the District Non-Keyboard Playoffs, arranged by the District Vice President, as needed.