



QUOTE FOR FEBRUARY

“You will be a musician when not only your hands but also your heart and mind are full of music.” Robert Schumann

N E W S L E T T E R

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Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. No meeting during March.

9:30 AM MAY 10 JEFFREY GILLIAM from WWU

Performers for our public master lessons will be Isaac Parks, 17, playing the Rachmaninoff Prelude in G Minor and Rachel Scott, 10, who will be performing the Venetian Gondola Song No. 2 from Mendelssohn's Songs Without Words. Isaac is a student of Jeanne Sparks and Rachel is a student of Barbara Van Vliet. Bring a copy of the music if you would like to take notes on Jeff's ideas. Jeff will also update us on the process of choosing a new Steinway at the Steinway Factory in New York.

We will have a brief business meeting following the presentation and then we will enjoy a potluck luncheon. Senior, Accompanist and Church Musician Awards will be handed out at the meeting. They will not be mailed. Please bring a favorite salad or something else delicious to share with your music teacher friends! Our meeting will be held at the studio of Sue Van Nortwick, and we will enjoy the hospitality of her lovely home. Join us for the last meeting of the 2010-11 year!

DIRECTIONS

From North:

Exit 225 (Anderson Road) Go East (left) over overpass to Cederdale Road (Union 76) on the corner turn right. Cederdale Road to Nelson Road (3.4 miles) turn left. Continue up Nelson Road to Burkland Road turn right. First house on the left - white colonial with white fence around it

From South:

Exit 221 off I-5. Go East (right) to Cederdale Road (Frontage Road runs beside I-5). Turn L on Cederdale. Turn Right on Johnson Road (first road you come to). Turn Left on Burkland. First house on right - white colonial with white fence around it

BENEFIT RECITAL

Our second annual benefit recital will be on Saturday evening, May 7 at 7 PM. Please encourage your students and their families to attend this wonderful evening of piano music performed by Dr. Yelena Balabanova. This year we will also enjoy hearing a marimba player "extraordinaire" Judi Spencer. Judy is currently in Bellevue before leaving for London Royal College of Music position. Dr. Balabanova will perform solo piano for the first half of the program. Her choices include Rachmaninoff, Liszt, Mendelssohn and three contemporary pieces. The second half of the program will be a duo with Yelena and Judi, performing piano and marimba, including a modern piece by Creston, a fun arrangement of American folk tunes by Granger, and Rhapsody in Blue. A reception will follow the program. Suggested donations for the concert are Adults \$12 Students \$7 Families \$30.

A MEDLEY OF INFORMATION



MAY

11 SALLY KIRK

JUNE

4 JUNE SMITH
7 LYNNE RITTENHOUSE
8 SUSAN SUTTLES
27 KRISTINA JONES

JULY

2 SUE VAN NORTWICK

AUGUST

21 BARB VAN VLIET

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 7 Benefit Recital by Yelena Balabanova & Judi Spencer
MAY 10 May meeting, Jeffrey Gilliam, master teacher

Questions for Seniors

We would like to focus on seniors for our June newsletter again this year. (These questions are for all seniors, not just those with senior awards.) Please send the answers to these questions to Barbara Van Vliet.

1. Name/age/ school/ piano teacher
2. Favorite piece of music you have studied. Why?
3. Favorite composer
4. What do you enjoy doing besides music?
5. What are you planning to do after high school?
6. Why do you like to play the piano?



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