

Member News

We are very saddened by the loss of our longtime member and colleague, Lorene Turnbull, who passed away January 1, 2008. Lorene will always be remembered for her many hours of service to our organization. She served on the Colossal Keyboard Concert committee as co-chair for many years; she was an active board member and currently was serving as our Historian. She also was editor of NMTA's newsletter and received NMTA's Service Award at the Tri State Conference in Kansas City.

We will miss her hard work ethic, always without complaint, but most importantly we will miss her kind and gentle spirit.

Sympathy cards may be sent to Scott Turnbull, 12311 Westover Rd., Omaha, Ne. 68154.

Studio Openings

Lori Longbottom-Piano
12326 Farnam St.
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697-9830

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathies to Margaret Spiker whose husband passed away in December.

The MTNA Conference in Denver, Co. should be very exciting this year. Among the conference highlights are the featured Guest Artist, Lang Lang. You are able to register on line at www.mtna.org. Start making plans now. The dates of the Conference are March 29-April 3.

Event Updates-

Edna Taylor Composition Contest-

The registration deadline is January 12. The participants will be performing their pieces at the composition recital Saturday, February 23, located at Schmitt Music. The recital will begin at 3:30 pm. Winners will be announced at the close of the recital. Contact Laima Starcic, 734-1458, chairperson for further information.

Senior Scholarship

We are looking forward to awarding a deserving senior this scholarship of \$1000.00! Entry deadline is January 31, 2008. Please review qualifications on the OMTA web site. The winner will be announced in the February Newsletter and acknowledged at the Spring Luncheon. Contact Chairperson-Diane Hill, 330-1899 with any questions. e-mail- dihill@tconl.com

Young Artist-

Entry deadline is February 1, 2008. This event showcases OMTA's top talent. The recitals are excellent and everyone is encouraged to attend. We are still looking for a few people to serve on The Young Artist Committee to work the day of the event, please contact Janet Acker, Chairperson at- 933-8619, Email-ackerpiano@cox.net.

Trophy Festival-

Entry Deadline is March 8. This is a great spring event that is popular with students and parents alike. The event will be held on April 19 at First Central Congregational UCC, 36th and Harney. Forms for the 2008 event will be available soon. Chairperson-Joyce Miller, 333-0715 e-mail-jmiller@tconl.com.

NMTA District-

The festival will be held on May 3, 2008. Chairperson-Diane Hill, 330-1899 e-mail-dihill@tconl.com.

This and That

Just a reminder to all members.....

If your e-mail address has changed, Please notify Kaye Haar, dkhaar@cox.net.

Upcoming Programs

The program on February 14, will be featuring Dr. Rick Andrews from Augustana College.

He will be discussing Guidelines for Performance, Pedagogy, Listening and Stylistic Interpretations in reference to Claude Debussy's Preludes, Book One.

This should be very good! You won't want to miss this!

On March 14 Karen Kushner from the Kansas City area will be our guest speaker.

Of course do not forget about the Spring Workshop featuring Maurice Hinson on April 18!

Thank you Cathie Sutton for your continued diligence in producing inspirational and educational programs!

