

BAMTA Beat - May 2020

President's letter

BAMTA May 20 newsletter

Dear BAMTA friends,

Wow – this is bittersweet that I am writing my last note to you as the BAMTA president. Thank you for allowing me to serve the organization in this way. It has been my privilege and honor to work with such amazing colleagues in our wonderful association.

We have many things to be proud of this year. What fun we have had during our socials getting to know each other better, creating more time to talk shop and feel the camaraderie that exists among us as teachers. We were able to produce a fun and exciting Multiple Piano Festival in November, engaging new teachers and students in this annual event. Along with that concert and the benefit concert given by Shieko Uno and the Una Corda players, we raised approximately \$5,000 to fund our scholarships.

We were able to update and secure our website. We have started to work on updating the BAMTA constitution and bylaws. We supported local students by awarding a graduating senior award and dispersing scholarship funds to two young musicians.

We heard many engaging presentations by leaders in the field, pushing us to refine our own teaching styles and giving us tools to do so. I am proud that we were able to respond quickly to the rapidly-changing lesson format. Many of our teachers moved seamlessly into teaching online lessons, gracefully navigating new set-ups and helping our students do the same.

All of these accomplishments from this year will serve us well moving forward. I am excited for Amy Watt to take over the reins as president and for the many qualified and gifted BAMTA teachers who will be serving on the board next year. Thank you for your gift of leadership. We look forward to another wonderful year together in 2020/21.

With the current pandemic situation, we will need to make some decisions next year as to what the Multiple Piano Festival and monthly meetings will look like. At this point, we are “all systems go”. We are planning to hold the Multiple Piano Festival and are excited to hear the new repertoire selections presented at our monthly meeting on May 20. This will be a Zoom call. If you are new to the festival, this is a perfect time to join the Zoom call to see what it's all about. I promise you, your students and their families will love the experience. Please let me know if you would like more information.

Our May meeting is on Wednesday, May 20 and will be on Zoom. Please let me know if you would like to join the call by sending me an email at jill@icepianostudio.com and I will send you the joining information.

-9:00 am - general membership meeting (open to all BAMTA members) – we will vote on the slate of officers for 2020/21 (see information below)

-10:00 am - preview of repertoire selections presented by Karen Ziegler and Rebecca Martin for the Multiple Piano Festival 2020

Congratulations to Tobias Lincoln and his teacher Richard Capp for earning the Graduating Senior Award. We are proud of your accomplishments and wish you all the best for a bright future.

Congratulations also to Bethany Parker and her teacher Ken Sider for winning the senior division of the 2020 CSMTA Concerto Competition. We are proud of you!

Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your president. I will always treasure the experience.

Gratefully,

Jill Ice
BAMTA President

2020-21 slate of officers – to be voted on at the May 20 general membership meeting
President – Amy Watt

Vice President for Membership - Shieko

Vice President for teacher enrichment – Sherilyn Coldwell

Treasurer – Jill Ice

Secretary – Amy Briggs

Members at large – Raisa Voldman, Carolyn Meyer

Thank you, upcoming board members! We appreciate your willingness to serve and share your expertise with us.

BAMTA Scholarship Committee Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed to serve on the BAMTA Scholarship Committee. Our work will be done during the month of June. I would again like to make this an online committee. Members of this committee cannot have a student applying for a scholarship. Please contact Mitzi Babb (mitzi@thebabbs.com) if you would like to serve on this committee.

OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AWARD

Tobias Lincoln has been named as the winner of the Outstanding High School Senior Award for 2020. Tobias began Early Childhood Music classes with Kitty Keim, NCTM, former BAMTA President, and originator of this award. Since age 6, he has studied with Richard Capp. Some comments from Richard's letter of recommendation include:

" There are students who seem to have an intuition, an aptitude, and an intellect that embraces the piano. Tobias is one of those students.

Tobias has always been a dedicated student. His work at lessons and his practice at home have demonstrated his love of music and his desire to excel as a pianist. Tobias' quiet demeanor belies his passion and intensity for discovering and devouring new music.

Of the many students I have had, Tobias stands out as the most talented and most dedicated to the music of the piano. He will present a full-length solo recital this summer that includes works by Debussy, Chopin, Kapustin, Scriabin, Liebermann, Barber, Bach, Schumann, and Mozart."

Tobias' musical activities include Multiple Piano Festival, Kids for Bach, Federated Music Club, CU Summer Music Academy, Private organ study, American Guild of Organists Summer Study Scholarship, Church service music, Fairview Marching Band, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band.

Tobias says, "After high school, I plan to attend either St. Olaf College or Grinnell College. I'm excited to continue developing my love for music and science by pursuing a double major in biology and piano performance. I'm also considering pursuing organ study and neuroscience in college. Although I don't have a direct career path in mind for music, I would mostly like to continue playing so that I can expose myself to a larger repertoire and develop even further as a musician. I plan to pursue a research-oriented path in science, and may even integrate my interests in music and science as I study at a liberal arts college"

Thank you to the Award Committee, Susan Rudosky, Ken Siders, and Lacey Wheeler for their consideration of the three outstanding students who were nominated. It is truly astonishing to see what accomplished, talented, multi-faceted students we encounter as music teachers. What a gift it is!

Richard Capp, Chair



Massive Studio Sale

Harmony MusicTree is shuttering it's doors. Major discounts and savings on books, materials, shelving, file cabinets, furniture, and decor. Many items FREE!

Social distancing requires by-appointment-only. Please contact Lacey Wheeler to setup an appointment to shop the sale. Everything must go by June 15!

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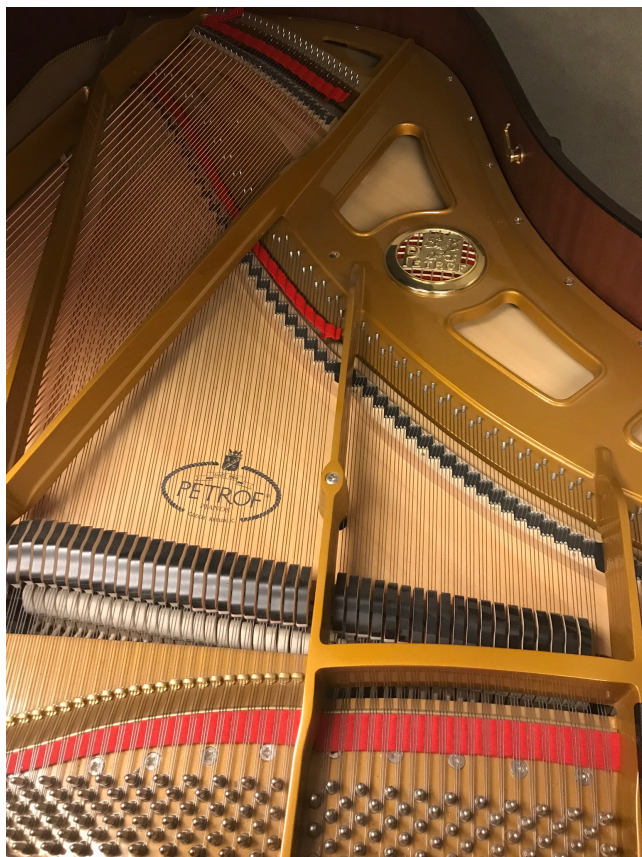
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