

Ka Leo Na Mele

"The Voice of Songs" a publication by and for the members of HMTA



Letter from the President: *Helen Chao-Casano*

This is my final newsletter note as President. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the association as a member of the executive board. Steve and I moved here in the summer of 1997 and it was shortly after that I was welcomed as a new HMTA member. Hawaii became "home" before I knew it, and I found a "home" with HMTA as well. There was always room for new ideas and "doers" and there still is. Please make time to welcome and invite new members to join the HMTA community. You never know – the next new member may end up serving on the board for 10+ years like me.

I want to thank the 2008-2010 board for their service and dedication – **Kay Goshi**, the busiest woman I know, who can make things happen by sheer determination and getting a committee of like-minded to do, do, do; **Glenn Nagatoshi**, the unsung hero of this board as well as many previous boards for his modest backstage leadership and work on the student competitions (and much more); **Sheryl Shohet**, fearless proofreader and a virtual gardener of good ideas, as well as Glenn's string counterpart in the competition leadership; **Christine Suehisa-Jang**, an incredibly talented and capable newsletter and convention booklet editor, as well as an enthusiastic and positive colleague; **Susan Rudosky**, intrepid

minute taker, who actually attempted to tape record a board meeting for use for minutes, thank goodness for Susan, as we rely on her memory for accuracy; **Eiko Yano**, who is still recovering from me twisting her arm for a second term as a consummately organized and "on it" treasurer; **Barbara Dyer**, my predecessor as past President, who brings wisdom and perspective to all conversations and whose cool head prevails in times of trial (must be all that marathon running!); and **Mark Russell**, who nearly matches my penchant for considering "the other side of the coin" and engages in spirited debate which always illuminates issues for the benefit of the organization.

The new slate of officers for the 2010-2012 was announced and voted in at the Annual Business Meeting on September 6, 2010. (Please see the slate on page 4). I wish them all the best and I hope that you will join us in continuing to energize and recognize the HMTA as a vibrant and vital musical and professional organization.

Aloha,
Helen



Photo L-R, Front Row: Jonathan Korth, Susan Rudosky, Steven Casano, Shizuko Mukaida, Sheryl Shohet, Mark Russell, Jeannette Chun, Joanna Fan, Christine Suehisa-Jang. 2nd Row: Eiko Yano, Bichuan Li, Kay Goshi, Barbara Dyer, Gail Taira, Diana Canada, Ethel Iwasaki, Helen Chao-Casano. 3rd Row: Wendy Yamashita, Suzanne Machbitz, Glenn Nagatoshi. Photo taken at the HMTA Annual Meeting and Luncheon on September 6, 2010 at Punahou School.

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HMTA 43RD ANNUAL CONVENTION: "A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC"

The HMTA 43rd Annual Convention entitled "A Festival of Music" will be held on October 30, and November 6-14, 2010. The convention committee, led by HMTA 1st vice-president, Kay Goshi, has been working hard to plan all of the events. This year's convention will begin with competitions and end with Pianomania. Following is the schedule of events and details on how to obtain tickets. Hope to see you there!

Saturday, October 30, 2010:**HMTA Junior Artist Piano and String**

Competitions. This year, over 100 students will participate in these local competitions. To observe the competitions, come to the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Music Department. Free admission. The schedule is as follows:

- PIANO Competitions:
 - ▶Pre-Level: 1PM-1:40PM, Room 36
 - ▶Level I: 8AM-9:20AM, Room 36
 - ▶Level II: 2PM-4PM, Room 36
 - ▶Level III: 9:50AM-11:50AM, Room 36
 - ▶Level IV: 2:15PM-3:25PM, Orvis
 - ▶High School State: 8AM-1:15PM, Orvis
- STRING Competitions: (*All competitions will take place in Room 212.*)
 - ▶Pre-Level: 7:40AM-7:55AM
 - ▶Level I: 8:10AM-8:48AM
 - ▶Level II: 10:30AM-11:18AM
 - ▶Level III: 9:10AM-10AM
 - ▶Level IV: 12:15PM-1:39PM
 - ▶High School State: 2:10PM-6:10PM

Saturday, November 6, 2010:**MTNA Piano, String and Voice Competitions.**

Winners from these competitions go on to compete in the Southwest Division Competitions on January 7-9, 2011 at the University of California, Santa Barbara. If they win at the SW Division, they go on to compete at the National Finals, which are held during the MTNA 2011 National Conference on March 26-30, 2011 in Milwaukee, WI. The schedule is as follows:

- MTNA PIANO Competitions: (*All competitions will take place in Orvis Auditorium.*)
 - ▶Junior Competition: 12:40PM-2:10PM
 - ▶Senior Competition: 8AM-11:40AM
 - ▶Young Artist Competition: 2:30PM-3:35PM
- MTNA STRING Competitions: (*All competitions will take place in Room 212.*)
 - ▶Junior Competition: 1PM-1:40PM
 - ▶Senior Competition: 2PM-3:30PM
 - ▶Chamber Music Representative: 4PM
- MTNA VOICE Competitions:
 - ▶Young Artist Representative: 5PM, Room 36

Sunday, November 7, 2010, 2PM:

HMTA State Honors Recital. Winners from the HMTA Junior Artist Competitions will perform at UH Manoa, Music Department, Orvis Auditorium. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the Orvis Auditorium box office one hour prior to the concert.

Thursday, November 11, 2010. 4PM:

HMTA Teachers' Fundraiser Concert. Come hear your fellow HMTA members perform in groups of three or more. Ukulele artist, **Jake Shimabukuro**, will perform along with **Iggy Jang** on violin. **Carole Kai** will emcee this eclectic program. Concert will take place at UH Manoa, Music Department, Orvis Auditorium. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the Orvis Auditorium box office one hour prior to the concert. **HMTA members may pre-purchase tickets by e-mailing hmtainfo@gmail.com by October 27, 2010.** Please leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you. All proceeds will benefit the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Music Department renovation efforts.

**Sunday, November 14, 2010, 2PM:**

PIANOMANIA. This 10-piano extravaganza will feature over 350 students from Oahu and Kauai.



Guest conductors include **Henry Miyamura, Grant Okamura** and **Tom Bingham**. **Keoki Kerr** will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Don't miss this grand event which will take place at the Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall. Tickets are \$15. **HMTA members may pre-purchase tickets by calling Lynn Kimura at 623-0621 or e-mailing her at lkkimura@hawaii.rr.com by October 15, 2010.** After that date, tickets may also be purchased at the Blaisdell Box Office or kiosk, Ticketmaster (charge-by-phone & internet) or Ticketmaster Outlets for \$15.00 plus applicable service fees.

Calendar

October 10 ~ 4PM HPTA 4th Annual Scholarship Benefit Concert

Featuring guest artists from UH and the local community. HPTA scholarship recipients will also perform. All proceeds support scholarships for the UH and KCC piano programs.

UH Manoa Music Dept., Orvis Auditorium
\$20/general, \$10/students, seniors, UH faculty and staff (ID required).

October 15 ~ 7:30PM

Rachel Schutz, soprano Jonathan Korth, pianist

Featuring selections by Strauss, Babbitt, Boulanger, Ives and Purcell.

UH Manoa Music Dept., Orvis Auditorium
\$12/general, \$8/students, seniors, UH faculty and staff (ID required).

October 28 ~ 7:30PM

Iggy Jang, violin; Scott Anderson, clarinet; Jonathan Korth, piano

Contemporary music for violin, clarinet and piano. Works by Bartok, Berg, and Cone.

UH Manoa Music Dept., Orvis Auditorium
\$12/general, \$8/students, seniors, UH faculty and staff (ID required).

October 30, November 6-14

HMTA 43rd Annual Convention

Competitions, Concerts and Pianomania comprise the upcoming convention entitled "A Festival of Music"

See page 2 for more details.

December 18 ~ 4:30PM

HMTA Student Recital

This recital "Celebrating the Holiday" will be held at the Arcadia Retirement Residence, 1434 Punahou St., Honolulu, HI, 96822, from 4:30PM-5:30PM.

Contact Elaine Lu at violaine4@yahoo.com or call 422-2926 by December 11, 2010 to submit students.



WELCOME TO NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS!

Pauline Bai, cello; **Fumie Endo**, piano; **Richie Hamada**, piano;
Yukiko Iwamoto, piano; **Jennifer Kim**, piano; **Stanley Kim**, cello;
Yuka Yahagi Lee, piano; **Lisa Nakamichi**, piano;
Duane Padilla, violin; **Virginia Shepherd**, piano

HMTA YEAR-IN REVIEW: 2009-2010

Since its founding in 1968, HMTA's mission has been "To promote the professional growth and development of its' members and to further the art of music by providing programs that encourage and support teaching, performance, composition, and scholarly research." HMTA always hopes to plan events which will fulfill the purpose of our organization. Here's a look back at the events that HMTA provided this past year.

- **September 2009:** The Annual Membership/Business Meeting was held at the Wai'olae Country Club. A workshop entitled "Sustainable Teaching/Recession Proofing Your Studio" was presented by Helen Chao-Casano.
- **October 2009:** HMTA member, Elaine Lu, reinstates the HMTA Student Recitals, the first of which was held on October 31, 2009 at UH Manoa, Room 36. Many students participated and also performed in costume!
- **November 2009:** HMTA holds the 42nd Annual Convention with events at UH Manoa and Mozart Music House. The convention artist was pianist William deVan, and the convention finale was the Teacher's Fundraising Recital in which 29 members performed. \$3000 was raised and donated to the UH Music Department.
- **December 2009:** HMTA Student Recital held on December 12, 2009.
- **January 2010:** Winners from the MTNA Competitions perform at the MTNA Winners Concert on January 3rd, 2010 at UH Manoa, Orvis Auditorium. Those winners went on to compete at the MTNA Southwest Division Competition which was hosted right here in Honolulu at the UH Manoa!
- **March 2010:** HMTA Student Recital held on March 3, 2010. Several HMTA members head to the MTNA National Convention and Competition held in Albuquerque, NM. Our own Ethel Iwasaki was inducted into the MTNA National Board of Directors for 2010-2012.
- **May 2010:** HMTA Student Recital held on May 22, 2010.
- **June 2010:** The HMTA Membership Luncheon was held on June 17, 2010 at the Wai'oli Tea Room. Close to 30 members attended. Members were able to catch up and enjoy a delicious lunch.
- **September 2010:** The Annual Membership/Business Meeting was held at Punahou Music School on September 6, 2010. Members were treated to a performance by Jonathan Korth, Bichuan Li and Thomas Yee on one piano. The HMTA Board for 2010-2012 was elected.

HMTA BOARD OF OFFICERS FOR 2010 - 2012

The 2010-2012 HMTA Board of Officers was elected at the Annual Membership / Business Meeting held this past September at Punahou Music School. Their term officially begins in November 2010.

- President: Kay Goshi
- 1st Vice President: Glenn Nagatoshi (president-elect)
- co-1st Vice President: Barbara Dyer
- 2nd Vice President: Sheryl Shohet
- 3rd Vice President: Christine Suehisa-Jang
- Past President: Helen Chao-Casano
- Treasurer: Lynn Kimura
- Secretary: Elsa Serion
- Parliamentarian: Carol Nakaganeku



THANK YOU! to the HMTA Board of Officers who served in 2008-2010:

President: Helen Chao-Casano; 1st VP: Kay Goshi; co-1st VP: Glenn Nagatoshi; 2nd VP: Sheryl Shohet; 3rd VP: Christine Suehisa-Jang; Past president: Barbara Dyer; Treasurer: Eiko Yano; Secretary: Susan Rudosky; and Parliamentarian: Mark Russell.

THANK YOU! to student recital chair, Elaine Lu who also served in 2008-2010.

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