

MMAMTA Newsletter – December 2023

On Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 10:48:12 PM EST, Miyamoto, Peter M. <miyamotop@missouri.edu> wrote:

Dear MMAMTA Members:

Happy Holidays! Music Teachers enrich the lives of so many, expanding the minds of their students and often opening the door to a life of music making and appreciation. As we reach the end of the year, I hope you are able to take a moment to reflect on the importance of our task, and to replenish your energy and commitment to your students as we move forward into a new year!

Reminder that the first MMAMTA event of 2024 will be the 2024 MMAMTA Teachers' Recital and semi-annual meeting, which will take place on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 3pm at the home of Jan Houser (1108 Boonville Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65109). A big thank you to Jan Houser for agreeing to host and to Kay Webb for organizing.

We encourage all members to attend the meeting (please RSVP to me at MiyamotoP@missouri.edu if you plan to attend). If you are interested performing, please submit your name and musical selection to Kay Webb at webbvocalarts@gmail.com. Any selection is welcome, but we especially welcome pieces that correlate with the new year, goals, and freedom, since it Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday is a few days after the event.

Looking forward, reminder that:

Jan 18 is the deadline to register for the Missouri Federation of Music Clubs Festival

Feb 1 is the deadline to request a block of time for the MMAMTA Musicathon. (Andrew Weir, Columbia Chair, and Jan Houser, Jefferson City Chair). Event is set for Feb 24 in Jefferson City (See Handbook for details). An update on the Columbia event is expected at our January 14 meeting.

Note: the MMAMTA/Odyssey Pre-Collegiate Aria/Concerto Competition that in past years has taken place in mid-January follows a different schedule this year, with March 1 application deadline, March 10 Competition, and winners performing on April 5.

I'll try and send out a more comprehensive calendar for the spring at the beginning of the year.

In the meantime, today happens to be Beethoven's Birthday. In honor of his birthday, and as a way of sending some calming energy to you as we enter the height of the busy holiday season, I'm sending the link to a video I made a few years ago of the middle movement of the Sonata Op. 13. Enjoy this and the rest of the Holiday Season! <https://youtu.be/uOeR8UG1Lus>

Sincerely,
Peter Miyamoto,
MMAMTA President