

On Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 11:28:37 AM EDT, peter miyamoto <petermiyamoto@gmail.com> wrote:

To All:

Hope you are all well as we finish up the academic year

1) Reminder that the May 24, 2024 at 11am is the date we set for the MMAMTA Spring Meeting and lunch - I hope you all can make it. We had hoped to hold it at JJ's Cafe at Nancy Dreier's suggestion - but unfortunately their private space was not available. Instead, our meeting will be held in the private room:

Friday, May 24 at 11am

PARK RESTAURANT, 4380 Nocona Pkwy, Columbia, MO 65201

2) Kevin Olson, pianist/composer, has been confirmed for a Fall Workshop event scheduled for August 16-17 (sorry for not more notice, I only got the confirmation from MMTA that we got the matching grant very recently). We normally have the artist present 3 sessions on the Saturday, but at the last meeting, members mentioned it would be great to perhaps hold a recital of Olson's pieces (I think student or teacher performances) on Friday night, August 16 and three events on Saturday including perhaps a master class on the student performances. I have booked Whitmore for Recital/Master Class possibilities on Friday afternoon/evening and Saturday afternoon, and any lecture Mr. Olson would present can happen on Saturday Morning in FAB 145 or one of the classrooms in the new building.

a. My first question is if we can fill a recital of students/teachers playing Kevin's works for August 16.

b. Does anyone have a list of all of Kevin's works?

Once I know that we will have enough performers to hold the event, I can easily get a google-doc sign up for performers/pieces as a second step - I think we'll want to avoid any doublings of pieces. Finally, we'll have to quickly vote on the two additional topics for Kevin to present (I will send out a separate email about that later, but hopefully very soon).

3, LOCAL NEWS: Of course, congratulations to all of your students who have worked so hard throughout the academic year, and especially to those transitioning or graduating and moving on to other places! Other news:

a. Congratulations to **Melissa Loehnig Simons**, our Membership and Scholarship Auditions Chair, who after 11 years at Central Methodist University has been named Dean of the Swinney Conservatory and Chair of the Fine Arts Division (and Full Professor)!

b. A celebration of longtime MMAMTA Member, **Anne Manahan**, has been RESCHEDULED to Sunday, June 23 at First Baptist Church. I think the event is at 2pm but am not 100% certain, but will send a reminder with the confirmed start time closer to the date.

c. Now is a good time to remember to renew your MTNA membership and rejoin MMAMTA. The membership runs until June 30 and turns over July 1 - you don't want to lapse in membership!

So, very Quickly RIGHT NOW, can you:

Reply (not reply all) to this email and let me know:

- 1. If you will attend the Friday, May 24 meeting at Park Restaurant in Columbia**
- 2. If you are hoping to sign up students for the Kevin Olson Concert on August 16.**

Thank you so much! Looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks, and hearing from you sooner! There will be a few more emails soon as we set up the Kevin Olson event.

Best,
Peter Miyamoto, MMAMTA President