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May our words be *Dolce*, Our hearts be *Giososo*, Our spirits, *Con Fuoco*, and all our teaching, *Con Amore*



**Wed. Jan. 20 9 am Executive Board Meeting, Carswell**

**Wed. Jan. 20 9:45 am Monthly Meeting, Carswell**

**Wed. Jan. 20 10:45 am Program**

*Chris Goldston: Music of Margaret and Chris Goldston*

\* Deadline for RPTA Scholarship Entries

**Sat. Jan. 30 Deadline for Feb. 7 Musicale entries**

**Sun. Feb. 7 3 pm Musicale, Ruggero Piano Co.**

**Feb. 7-13 Ruggero Piano Company Piano Sale**

### **From the President:**

Ever wonder what the MTNA Foundation does?? "The MTNA Foundation Fund is committed to keeping America's musical future alive for future generations by supporting comprehensive programs that nurture the creation, performance, study and teaching of music." It accomplishes this through the funding of the MTNA Grants program. Each year there are grants awarded to MTNA members through the Teacher Enrichment Grant, and the MTNA affiliated associations' grants; these can be local associations, state associations, or new associations. The raffle at the NCMTA annual conferences supports these endowments. For more information, go to [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org) or ask me ☺.

A note to teachers of young composers, the NCMTA Composition Competition application deadline will be in the summer of 2010. Send in your entries!! RPTA has not been very well represented in this newly formed competition. When preparing composition entries for YAA, go ahead and make extra copies for the state competition.

Speaking of composers, we will be welcoming Chris Goldston to our January monthly meeting. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Diane



Thank you to all who remembered me with cards and emails after the loss of my grandfather. Your thoughts and kind words were so encouraging.

---Marie Willett



### Scholarship Deadline

The deadline for Scholarship Audition Student Applications is

12:00 NOON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20.

Please remember that a copy of the student's birth certificate is required with the application and \$30 fee. Checks for fees must be from the teacher, not from the students.



Many thanks,  
the Scholarship Committee, Carole Nicholson, Chair

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January Program:

*Chris Goldston: Music of Margaret and Chris Goldston*

When Brenda Bruce emailed me the information for the January program, she wrote something that really made me think. She wrote, "Make a special effort to support these people; they make special efforts on our behalf." I can only imagine the amount of work that is done to prepare for one of our programs. Over the last couple of years, I have attended most of the programs that RPTA has offered. I have never been disappointed. I leave every program with a new idea to try at a lesson, a confirmation of a teaching technique, or a renewed energy to pass on my knowledge to a new generation of students. I hope many of you have had similar experiences. After receiving Brenda's email, I realized that I did not really know much about Chris or Margaret Goldston. So, as Chris spends his time preparing for our program, I thought I too would prepare. Did you know:

- Chris Goldston received his BM in piano performance from UNC-G
- Chris played saxophone and percussion in high school and in college.
- Chris began his piano studies with his mother, Margaret Goldston.
- Chris and Margaret have composed over 100 pieces.
- Chris now lives in Chicago where he is an active teacher and clinician.

This is just a start. I will spend more time at [chrisgoldston.com](http://chrisgoldston.com) before the meeting to learn more about this very accomplished man. I hope you will, too.

-Melissa Jeffreys

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**RPTA General Meeting**  
**December 9, 2009**  
**Carswell Hall, Meredith College**

- Meeting was called to order by President, Diane Blanchard. 22 members attending.
  - **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were approved as written
  - **Treasurer's Report** – Lafrida Shewmake-Preston reported \$4, 877.39 in checking and \$13,490.46 in the money market account. She also requested that if you have a student who won YAA money and would like to frame the check – please have the student make a copy of the check for framing. Students need to cash RPTA checks in order to keep our accounting records accurate.
  - Diane reported that Hopper Piano Company's recent sale benefiting RPTA raised \$800. She reminded teachers to follow sale guidelines exactly for future sales events.
  - **YAA** – Jeanine Skinner asked that teachers turn in their complete YAA packets either today or on January 8<sup>th</sup>. The composition guidelines in the yearbook incorrectly state that composition entries must be turned in on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Composition entries may be turned in on January 8<sup>th</sup> and should not be turned in separately from the rest of the packet. Jeanine also answered the question of which categories would be held on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>; Young Artist I & II, Royalty Divisions and all Concerto Levels will be held on Friday (as stated pg. 2 of the Young Artist Audition Guidelines). Sky Woo reported that 53 teachers have signed up for jobs and she still needs more volunteers.
  - **Scholarship** – Carole Nicholson reminded members that the deadline for Scholarship entries is January 20, 2010
  - Diane read a thank you note from Susan Burnette regarding the dedication of the yearbook.
  - **New Business** – Loogwah Kradlak announced a CAPTAvating Enrichment Day on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cary. She gave out flyers to interested teachers.
  - **Burrage** – Allen Herther announced a piano pedagogy workshop on the Celebration Series with Cathy Albergo on Saturday, January 9, 2010. FJH announced this week that Helen Marlais has been working a new method series and it will be available in March. She will showcase it at the MTNA National Conference and may also come to Raleigh to do a workshop on her new series. He also told us that Randall and Nancy Faber are leaving FJH and signed on with Hal Leonard. Allen has ordered a 6 month supply to help teachers during this transitional time.
  - Meeting adjourned.
- submitted by Dottie Buster