

The 4th Gathering

Regional Calendar 2021/22

Contact information and websites are located at the bottom of the calendar. Details for many of the listings are in the newsletter.

September

- 10 Meeting** Fox Valley Music Teachers Association. Program topic TBA. Meeting at 9:15, program at 10:30. Location TBA
- 10 Meeting** Northeast Wisconsin Piano Teachers Association. 9:00 at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in DePere, Wisconsin. Program: Teacher Sharing
- 17 Meeting** Federation of Music Clubs, Bay Area Adult Music Club. Annual Meeting. Location TBA.
- 24 Meeting** Michigago Music Teachers Association. Program: Teacher Sharing. Presentation at 9:00, meeting at 10:30 UWGB Sheboygan; Room 7001.
- 30 Performance** UWGB. Sylvia Hong and Michael Rector perform Mozart Concerto for Two Pianos K365 with the Weidner Philharmonic at the Installation Ceremony for Chancellor Michael Alexander. UWGB Weidner Center at 7:30. Open to the public. Tickets are \$13.00.

October

- 8 Meeting** Fox Valley Music Teachers Association. Program topic TBA. Meeting at 9:15, program at 10:30. Location TBA
- 9 Performance** Michigago Music Teachers Association. Composition Contest Recital. Time and Place TBA.
- 16-17 Masterclass** Lawrence University hosts Jean Barr for Collaborative piano masterclass. See newsletter for details.
- 19 Performance** UWGB, "6:30 Concert Series". Michael Rector, pianist, is joined by Luis Fernandez and Bill Sallak performing chamber works for violin/percussion by John Cage and Lou Harrison. UWGB Weidner Center Fort Howard Hall, 6:30. Free.
- 22-23 Convention.** The annual WMTA State Convention is at Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee, WI. Details can be found at: wisconsinmusicteachers.com/state-annual-conference/state-conference.

November

- 5 **Meeting** Northeast Wisconsin Piano Teachers Forum. 9:00 at St. Anne's Episcopal. Program: Guest Speaker, Dr. Eli Kalman, UWO. Topic TBA.
- 12 **Meeting** Fox Valley Music Teachers Association. Meeting at 9:15, program at 10:30
Program topic TBA. Location TBA.
- 12 **Meeting** Michibago Music Teachers Association. UWGB Sheboygan; Room 7001.
Presentation at 9:00, meeting at 10:30. Program: Sam Ecoff: Teaching
Composition.
- 20 **Festival** Northeast Wisconsin Piano Teachers Forum Annual Baroque Festival and
Competition.

January

- 28 **Meeting** The 4th Gathering. (Annual meeting) 9:00. Location and agenda TBA.
- 28 **Meeting** Michibago Music Teachers Association. Presentation at 9:00, meeting at
10:30, Program: Trisha Marton; Composers of Color Project.

February

- 4 **Meeting** Northeast Wisconsin Piano Teachers Forum. 9:00 at St. Anne's Episcopal
Church in DePere, Wisconsin. Guest Speaker: Justin Krueger, St. Norbert
College. Topic TBA.
- 5 **Festival** Northeast Wisconsin Piano Teachers Forum Annual All Star Festival. St.
Anne's Episcopal Church in DePere, Wisconsin.
- 12 **Festival** Fox Valley Music Teachers Association Young Artist Festival held at
Larwence University.
- 19 **Festival** Federation of Music Clubs BAAMC Annual Federation Festival. Held at St
Norbert College.
- 20 **Performance** Northeast Wisconsin Piano Teachers Forum. All Star Honors recitals.
Beginning at 1:00, St. Anne's Episcopal Church in DePere, Wisconsin. Free

March

- 3 **Performance** UWGB, "6:30 Concert Series". Michael Rector Solo Recital. "Child's Play",
music for children and about childhood. Weidner Center Fort Howard Hall.
Free.
- 5 **Auditions** WMTA District Auditions (Lakeland University, tentative)
- 11 **Meeting** Michibago Music Teachers Association. Virtual presentation: Dr.
Margaret Evans; "The Art of Repertoire Selection." Presentation at 10:30.
- 26-30 **Conference** Music Teachers National Association National Conference. Minneapolis.

April

- 1 Meeting** Northeast Wisconsin Piano Teachers Forum. 9:00 at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in DePere, Wisconsin. Guest Speaker: Dr. Rachel Ware Carlton, Lakeland University. Topic TBA.
- 21 Performance** UWGB "6:30 Concerts Series". Michael Rector, UWGB faculty and friends perform Arnold Schoenberg's "Pierrot Lunaire" Weidner Center Fort Howard Hall. Free.
- 30 Performance** Michigago Music Teachers Association. "Young Musical Stars". Weill Center in Sheboygan. Three district shows starting at 1:00, 3:30 and 6:00. Tickets available from teachers and performers and the Weill Center box office.
- 30 Festival** Northeast Wisconsin Piano Teachers Forum. Annual Classical Festival and Competition. St. Anne's Episcopal Church in DePere, Wisconsin.

May

- 1 Recital** Michigago Music Teachers Association. Senior Honor Recital. Kohler Art Center. Time TBA
- 1 Recital** Northeast Wisconsin Piano Teachers Forum. Classical Festival Honors Recital. UWGB Wiedner Center: Fort Howard Hall. 3:00. Free.
- 7 Festival** WSMA State Solo and Ensemble Festival at UWGB.
- 13 Meeting** Michigago Music Teachers Association. Program: "We Do It Recital". Bob Weber's Home.
- 21 Auditions** WMTA Badger State NW/NE (Keyboard plus Vocal/Instrumental). River Falls and UW Stevens Point.
- 22 Auditions** WMTA Badger State South. UW-Parkside.

June

- 3 Meeting** Northeast Wisconsin Piano Teachers Forum. "The Forum is Out to Lunch". Time and Location TBA.

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The 4th Gathering Fall Newsletter

September 2021

Contact information and websites are located at the end of this newsletter. Be sure to check the calendar for specific dates.

The Gathering

The 4th Gathering is on January 28, 2022 at 9:00. A location and agenda will be sent later. Questions or comments are welcome. Please send them to Maggie Charnon (mcharnon@aol.com 920-544-0719).

Collaborative Project. The Collaborative Project Committee has been meeting to begin work on a great event for fall 2022. They are planning an all-day festival featuring student and professional performances, masterclasses, workshops and presentations highlighting the wealth of knowledge and artistry here in Northeast Wisconsin and the Lake Shore. More detail information and a call for participation will come at the 4th Gathering Annual Meeting in January, 2022. The festival will be held at UWGB's Weidner Center academic buildings on a Saturday in late October/early November in 2022. Please contact Michael Rector (chairman) with comments and suggestions. Other committee members include Heidi Lueck, Justin Krueger and Trisha Marton.

There is a new design to the Partnership Project announced last spring. Details will be sent out in early September. Watch your email.

The Gathering is looking for someone to help coordinate a new Traveling Master Class Series. The objective is to launch it in Fall of 2022. It is just in the planning stages now. If interested please contact Maggie Charnon.

Teacher Groups

Michibago Music Teachers Association.

Trisha Marton, president, welcomes all area teachers to participate in any of the numerous and varied activities of the Michibago teacher's group. Teachers may add their name to the email by contacting them through the website. Elaine

Phillips is the new member liaison. All meetings will be available online. If attending the September and November meetings in person at the UWGB Sheboygan Campus, masks are required. This policy will be revisited in November. Meetings and programs are listed on The Regional Calendar and their website.

Michibago typically holds a composition contest every other year. It takes place this fall. Deadlines and details are available on the website. Pru Palechek is the chair of the Composition Contest (palecheks@sbcglobal.net). Students submit a score and audio copy of the composition. Students may enter state/national competitions if they wish. Festival chair is Shelba DeMaster (mrsdpiano@gmail.com)

Michibago teachers continue to participate in the “Young Musical Stars”, a celebration of talented musical youth from around the Sheboygan County area. Typically over 100 Students participate in an afternoon of several recitals at the Weill Center for the Performing Arts, Sheboygan’s premier performance stage. The recitals also feature a guest piano artist from the pianoarts.org.

Another opportunity for student performance is the “Senior Honors Recital”. It is produced by the Kohler Arts Center and sponsored by Michibago. Area high school students audition to be one of four performers featured on the recital. Each selected student is given a \$200.00 honorarium.

Northeast Wisconsin Piano Teachers Forum

Barb Hay is the current president of NEWPTF and invites all area teachers to join the group. They are hosting several guests this year for live presentations: Dr. Eli Kalmann (UWO), Dr. Justin Krueger (St. Norbert College) and Dr. Rachel Ware Carlton (Lakeland College) Non- members are welcome to be their guests for all meetings and programs. Information on how join is on their website.

Scholarships for students going on to college as majors and minors in piano, as well as scholarships for youth piano camps are available to students of members.

The Forum returns to in person festivals and competitions this year with their three annual festivals and competitions: Baroque Festival, All Star Festival and

Classical Festival. All Festivals are open to non-members. The Baroque and Classical Festivals are both competitive and non-competitive and centered around music of the respective eras. The All Star Festival is open to all ages and ability levels (preschool to adult) It is non-competitive and offers events in Composition, Piano Solo Performance, Piano Duet performance, Piano Chamber Music Performance, Theory Testing, Technique Challenges and a Music Fair. Students may enter any or all of these events and several are non-performing events. Descriptions of all events, rules and regulations and repertoire lists are on the website. Maggie Charnon chairs the festival committee.

National Federation of Music Clubs, Green Bay Chapter

All regional teachers are welcome to join the National Federation of Music Clubs through the Green Bay Chapter. The Annual fall meeting is on Sept. 17. Contact Sally Angell for the location and time.

Last year, like many other groups, the annual Federation festival was held virtually. Over 100 students and teachers from across the region participated in 130 events. They are expecting to be in person this year but are well prepared to host virtually if needed. Contact Sally Angell for details.

Fox Valley Music Teachers Association

Stacey Kraus remains as president and invites all area teachers to join FVMTA. Monthly meetings are at 9:15 followed by a program at 10:30. Location for this year's meetings are TBA. Details and dates for the meetings and festivals are on the Regional Calendar. Details on the programs and festivals are available on their website.

FVMTA invites Northeast Wisconsin teachers and students to join them in celebrating the 21st Anniversary of the annual Young Artist Festival slated for February 12, 2022 held at Lawrence University. The festival is an educational day composed of music competitions (all instruments, voice and piano), clinics, the Winners Recital and the awarding over \$1000.00 in cash prizes. Their website has

a link to last year's Virtual Winners Recital. Barbara Froelich coordinates the festival (Barbara,froelich55@gmail.com).

Colleges, Universities and Other Institutions

Lawrence Conservatory

Lawrence is proudly hosting Jean Barr, Professor Emerita of Piano Accompanying and Chamber Music at The Eastman School of Music. There will be master classes in collaborative piano for both vocal and instrumental works. Check the Lawrence Website for exact times. (Lawrence.edu/conservatory/areas_of_study/piano/events.) Also, check this website for information and links for The Performing Art Series, Box Office, auditions, available scholarships, admission requirements and other piano department listings.

University of Wisconsin Green Bay

General announcements for UWGB include the start of two new programs: Strings and Recording Technology. There are a number of scholarships available for piano and music education. Auditions dates will be announced later this year but may be arranged directly with Michael Rector.

Among other events, the "6:30 Concert Series" continues with performances dedicated to innovative programming. They are held at the Wiedner Center, Fort Howard Hall and are listed on the Regional Calendar.

Michael Rector had a productive sabbatical despite the lack of travel and performance opportunities due to COVID restrictions. He and his wife, Sylvia Hong, won the Ellis Duo Piano Competition in Jackson, Mississippi. Also, his scholarly work on performance practice and recorded music was published in "Empirical Musicology Review". Future articles on Morton Feldman and Glenn Gould will soon be published in "Perspectives of New Music" and "Zeitschrift der Gesellschaft für Musiktheorie."

He continues to be active with performances on the “6:30 Concert Series”. Performances this Spring include Arnold Schoenberg’s “Pierrot Lunaire” with other UWGB faculty and Friends and a solo recital, “Child’s Play” featuring music for children and about children including Schumann’s Kinderszenen, Debussy’s “Children’s Corner” and other works. Check the regional Calendar for dates. All “6:30 Concert Series” are free.

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

Dr. Eli Kalman, professor of piano at UWO announces a new major this fall: Bachelor in Music with Emphasis on Piano Pedagogy and Performance. The new program is recommended for students who plan a career in piano performance, or in teaching studio at other than the elementary or secondary levels. At the end of the first year of applied study, a separate audition is required for admission to candidacy. Details, including required credits can be found at uwosh.edu/music/wpcontent/uploads/sites/97/2019/08/BM-Piano-Ped-Performance-NEW-2019.pdf The website for audition information is owosh.edu/music/prospective/audition-information/

Late registration for all auditions will be considered only if space is still available. An entrance audition is required for all music major and minor programs with the exception of the Music Industry minor.

For information on performances, scholarships and other activities please see the website.

Music Businesses

Heid Music

Heid Music is hosting a series of virtual events each month. The first Monday of each month at 6:30 is **Piano@Play-An Interactive Workshop for Adults**. This program showcases different styles, techniques and tips for piano playing and is led by a different artist, teacher or performer each session. The presentations are applicable to adult players of all skill levels – wherever their journey piano may be. There is also “**Uke Jam**” on the third Thursday and “**It’s a**

Band Thing-An Interactive Workshop on the last Thursday of each month. The programs may be accessed through the Heid Music facebook page.

Heidi Habelwitz, piano specialist at the Green Bay store, continues her “New piano Publications” video presentations. These are sent by email. Anyone who would like to receive them should email Heidi to get on the mailing list.

Jim’s Music

Jim’s Music continues to offer in store lessons. A new feature this year is the “Piano Club”. This meets on the first Thursday of the month from 6-7 PM at the store. The first one is on September 2. The sessions are led by an instructor and the level of teaching is determined by the people in attendance. Refreshments are included. Other Thursday clubs are for guitar uke and drums. See the website more information.

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