



*NEW ENGLAND*

*PIANO TEACHERS' Assoc., Inc.*

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Dear Colleagues,

Greetings in this most colorful of months in New England. Though the air begins to nip our noses, and the dark comes sooner, we can still revel in the beauty of the autumn trees and flowers against the bluest of skies.

What a wonderful program **Jeanne Golan** gave us on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Her incredible ease of presentation, sure technique, and obvious enthusiasm for sharing her insights and suggestions constituted a rich experience for us all, and an inspiring send off for our first program of the fall.

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, **Seymour Bernstein** will present a program on “Pedaling – the Soul of the Piano.” You will find his extensive biography on page 13 of our Program Booklet. His activities include performance, writing, composing, and lecturing. We look forward to hearing his advice on this important subject. **PLEASE NOTE:** This meeting will be held at the Wellesley Free Library. Directions are on page 6 of the booklet.

At this meeting, there will be a display of music donated to NEPTA, including many volumes from the bequest of **Joseph Beaudoin**. Bring any music you have to add, and give generously when finding some you want to acquire. **Ruth Ross** has asked that members bring their checkbooks or small bills to eliminate the need to make change.

Monday, Dec. 8 is our Duet Masterclass with **Anthony and Joseph Paratore** at First Parish in Watertown. If you haven't already signed up and mean to, please contact Emma Jean Moulton at 617-698-3200 to see if there is still room. **PLEASE NOTE:** First Parish has informed us that they intend to keep the thermostat lower this winter, so dress warmly for all meetings there!

Those of you who receive the newsletter by post also received recital and competition applications in your mailing. Those who receive the newsletter electronically can download the applications from the NEPTA website (<http://www.nepta.info/members/applications>). Please read **Sue Demb's** announcement below carefully about updating your email and password, and keep your information in your Program Booklet.

NEPTA recital and competition applications are available for all members on the website, and require your email address and a password. Since it is a new NEPTA year, you must use the “New Login” form and re-establish your password, even if you had one last year. You can use the same password you did last year, you just have to type it in and confirm it to re-establish it. The next time you access the forms, use the “Returning Login” form. – from **Sue Demb**

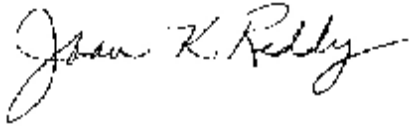
Please remember that Sue Demb is once again our database person as well as our webmaster, so ANY CHANGES in your contact information can be made on the website at [http://www.nepta.info/members/update\\_info](http://www.nepta.info/members/update_info).

With sadness I report the passing of two of our longtime members – **Alice Canaday** and **Ida Fine**. Alice was President of NEPTA from 1985-87, an active teacher for many years, and known for her book on Contemporary Music. Ida was one of the first persons I met in NEPTA. She taught for many years and was always interested in younger teachers. She passed away last week at the age of 106. Both women were honorary members.

We still need an Historian to be sure we are keeping records of members and photos of events. Please call me if you are willing to fill this important position.

I look forward to seeing you on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan K. Reddy". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joan Reddy

### **Announcements**

**Laura Teplitzky** in collaboration with **Junko Simons**, cello, are giving a recital on Tuesday, October 21, at 7 pm, at Phillips Church, Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter NH. Sonatas for Cello and Piano by Schnittke and Beethoven will be presented. On Sunday, October 26, at 3pm the Duo will appear in all-Debussy program at Boston College with cello-piano Sonata by Debussy.

**Wanda Paik** and **Carmen Rodriguez-Peralta** will present a piano duet recital at the Wellesley Library, 530 Washington Street, on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 7 pm. The program will include music by Mozart, Debussy, Ravel, Rachmaninoff, and Gershwin, and admission is free.