



*NEW ENGLAND*

*PIANO TEACHERS' Assoc., Inc.*

April 2009

Dear Colleagues,

**Michael Lewin**, just back from a concert tour in Greece, charmed and educated us with a wonderful program on Haydn and Griffes, and the added focus of his new CD with music pertaining to birds. What a treat it was to hear him on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

This month we have the **Teachers' Exchange** on Monday, April 6 at the Wellesley Library, and a Student Master Class, led by **Ya-Fei Chuang**, on Monday, April 27 at the First Parish. Repertoire for the Master Class is included later in this letter.

At our March meeting, **Ruth Ross** managed a very successful music, book, and CD sale that brought in over \$200 for the Scholarship Fund. Ruth will be going through our Music Library at Steinert's in Natick to ready it for your perusal later in the year. You can help by cleaning out your extras and donating them in the fall. The next Music Donation Day will be at the October meeting. Thank you, Ruth, for all your hard work on this project!

For those of you who did not attend the March meeting, I am sorry to report the death of a member,

**Jan Meza**, of Brookline, during heart surgery.

The competitions are now over, and we all look forward to our May meeting with the Winners' Recital.

The winners of the **Middle School Competition** are:

Tie for First prize: Daniel Kim, student of **Marilyn Roth**  
Raagini Rameshwar, student of **Janet Ainsworth**  
Third prize: David Sherman, student of **Valerie Henkin**  
Honorable Mention Angelique Scully, student of **Tatiana Schwartzman**  
(When there is a tie for first prize, the second prize is not awarded.)

The winners of the **Ruth Davidson Competition** for High School Students are as follows:

1. Michael Suo, student of Natalia Harlap
2. Kayo Nagai, student of Clara Slater
3. Yoko Fukumura, student of Helena Vesterman
3. Helen Tian, student of Niva Fried

Ramon Rivera Award : Kayo Nagai, student of Clara Slater

The winners of the **Alice Hamlet Competition** for High School Seniors are as follows:

1. Juliana Chalsen, student of Sylvia Chambless
  2. Jessica Rucinski, student of Margaret Bachelder
  3. Sohee An, student of Natalia Harlap
- Honorable Mention: Tiffany Ho, student of L. Bekker

Ramon Rivera Award: Juliana Chalsen, student of Sylvia Chambless

A sign-up form for the **annual NEPTA spring luncheon** on Monday, May 18 at Porcini's will be available at <http://www.nepta.info/members/newsletters/AnnualLuncheon2009.pdf> . Print out the form, and return it with your check for \$26 to **Jennifer Cope** by May 8. Her new address will be listed on the form. Our thanks to Jennifer for continuing to arrange this meal.

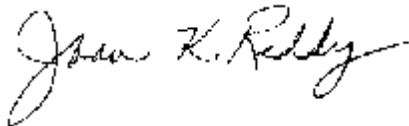
The Membership Committee urges us to welcome new members and meet new people, even if they have been sitting near you all year! The May luncheon is a good time to talk with other members. At each meeting, **Janna Bruene** will be asking new members to stand and introduce themselves, and all of us to recognize them and include them.

Also included in this mailing is the blank for Advertising in our yearly Program Booklet. Please consider taking an ad. The booklet is widely dispersed, and can be a great vehicle for your advertising. **Yilin You** is our Advertising Chair.

Finally, a reminder that **annual NEPTA dues** must be paid by May 31 for your name to be included in the 2009-2010 NEPTA directory. The dues form was included with the March 2009 newsletter and can be printed from the NEPTA website, [www.nepta.info](http://www.nepta.info). Here is the link: <http://www.nepta.info/download/dues-scholarship.pdf>.

I look forward to seeing you twice this month!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan K. Reddy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

Joan Reddy, President

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE REPERTOIRE** for the NEPTA Student Masterclass on Monday, April 27 is:

Schumann: Fantasiestucke, Op. 12: III. Warum?; and V. In der Nacht

Beethoven: Sonata No. 3 in C Major, Op. 2, No. 3: IV. Allegro assai

Chopin: Scherzo No. 4 in E Major, Op. 54

Ravel: Gaspard De La Nuit : I. Ondine

**Congratulations** to the following selected NEPTA Student Masterclass participants and their teachers:

Juhee Kim – student of **Natalia Harlap**

Nathan Harris – student of **Margaret Bachelder**

Kayo Nagai – student of **Clara Slater**

Helen Tian – student of **Niva Fried**

**THE LONGY SCHOOL** is announcing an extra audition for its Summer Afternoon Piano Program on Sunday, April 26. The program will run weekdays except July 3 from 12:30 to 5pm, from Wednesday, July 1 through Friday, July 17. Designed for students between the ages of 10 and 18, the daily schedule will include daily piano duet coaching and rehearsal periods and chorus, as well as a variety of enrichment activities. Students will perform in Pickman Hall on the last day. Faculty will include **Deborah Beers, Shaylor Lindsay, Eleanor Perrone, and Alice Wilkinson**. Tuition is \$695 plus \$30 registration fee. Call Denise Carter at 617-876-0956 X1650 or e-mail her at [Denise.carter@longy.edu](mailto:Denise.carter@longy.edu) to sign up for an audition. You can also contact NEPTA member Deborah Beers, Coordinator of the program, at 781-861-6884 or at [Deborah.beers@longy.edu](mailto:Deborah.beers@longy.edu) to ask questions.

**Wanda Paik** will present a Recital of works by Chopin, Liszt, Debussy, and Dohnanyi to benefit the Wayside Inn Historic Preservation Mission on Sunday, May 3 at 3:30pm at the Martha Mary Chapel, followed by a reception at 4:30 Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury. Tickets are \$35 (tax deductible) and may be reserved by calling the Wayside Inn at 978-443-1776.