

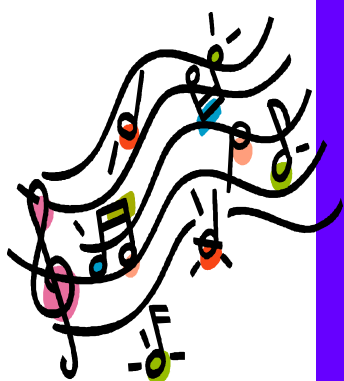


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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon. Apr.3 - Board Meeting at 10:00 at Chris's.
- Fri. Apr. 7 - AKTA General Meeting **9:00 AM** at Washburns
Russian Technique with Yevgeniy and Alla. This will be a repeat of their previous program on Russian teaching style and will also include an explanation of jazz teaching methods.
- Wed. May 3 - Anchorage Youth Symphony - Mozart Concert
- Sat./Sun. May 13 & 14 - Downey Competition - This will be a special event. It is the 25th anniversary year of the Downey Competition. AKTA will be hosting a celebration of this anniversary.
- May 15-19 - Spring Adjudications
- June 10-23 - Suzuki Institute
- August 18-19 - AKTA Conference. More information next month.



Did you notice that Friday's meeting begins at 9 AM???

- We need to:
1. Vote on the new board. (Nominations listed on page 2.)
 2. Brainstorm the direction you want for AKTA.
Any changes? What programs? What events?
 3. What can AKTA do to help you?
 4. One of the suggested programs for next year concerned how teachers run their studios. Please fill out the questionnaire on page 4 and either mail it or bring it to Friday's meeting for a preliminary discussion.
 5. Help plan Downey 25th anniversary.

Rachel Crites has a student who is moving and needs to sell their piano quickly. They are asking \$300. If you are interested, please call Brenda @ 336-1118



AKTA President's Letter

..... The many months of hard work for the Ribbon Festival paid off with rave reviews from parents, enthusiasm from students and happiness from teachers. The students were motivated to work past their levels. The smiles of the students and the festive feeling at the Ribbon Festival was very gratifying. We are progressing on our August conference. It promises to be one of our stellar moments. So mark your calendars for August 18 & 19. A new board has been nominated and will be voted on at our April meeting. Next year looks like an exciting and promising year.

The nominees are: Christine Kastanopolous, Nancy Campbell, LaVella Briggs, Dean Epperson, Sherry Dugan, Connie McFarlane, and Carolyn Nickles.

There will be opportunities for every member to be involved in some aspect of AKTA. We surely hope you embrace this opportunity. Respectfully, Christine Kastanopolous

Ribbon Festival Wrap-Up

We have heard so many wonderful comments about the festival that it made all the hard work worth it. The students were very well prepared and were enthusiastic about the festival and their ribbons.

The workshops were great. Thanks to Gretchen Thomas, Sami Graham, Dick Reichman, Kevin Barnet and Nancy Campbell for being our workshop presenters.

The Festival couldn't have happened without the students and their teachers. Fourteen teachers entered students. They are: Joan Blee, Margaret Turner, LaVella Briggs, Liz Janezich, Janna Preston, Nancy Campbell, Connie McFarlane, Kevin Barnett, Debbie Kontess, Gretchen Thomas, Chris Kastanopolous, Sally Laird, Ann Fernandez and Kathy Alden. Thanks to the teachers for their hard work in helping prepare their students.

Teachers who entered their students also put in many hours helping at the Festival. We had other helpers also: Diane Moore, Keith Fernandez, Wendy Buklis and Barbara Russell, as well as some students. If I missed anyone, our thanks to you also.

And finally, thanks to the committee who worked so hard to make this new event a rousing success: Gretchen Thomas, Chris Kastanopolous, Nancy Campbell, Ann Fernandez and Janna Preston.

AKTA TREASURER'S REPORT - February 2006

KeyBank Checking Account

Beginning balance.....\$7,040.04

CREDITS:

\$45.00 Membership dues (3 members)

Total credits: \$45.00

DEBITS:

\$100.00 #1260 Laura Koenig - February AKTA program honorarium

\$983.07 #1261 Alaskan Memories - Ribbon Festival ribbons

\$46.80 #1262 Nancy Campbell - Reimburse for stamps and copies for
Aug. and Sept. newsletters

\$28.37 #1263 Ann Fernandez - Reimburse for Ribbon Festival supplies

Total debits: \$1,158.24

Ending balance.....\$5,926.80

Respectfully submitted by Janna Preston, AKTA Treasurer 3/14/06



Cut on the dotted line.

This questionnaire concerning studio policies is to help us plan one of next year's meetings. We hope to be able to help new teachers get started, and maybe even give experienced teachers some new ideas. Please either mail it to AKTA, POBox 243393, Anchorage, 99524, or bring it to Friday's meeting. Thanks.

1. Do you give private or group lessons? _____
2. What is the length of the lessons and how often? _____
3. Do you charge tuition or by single lesson? _____

If you charge tuition:

4. Is it by month or quarter? _____
5. What is your policy for missed lessons, vacations, school inservices, etc? _____

6. How much do you charge? _____

If you charge by single lesson:

7. Do you charge by the week or month? _____
8. Do your students prepay or pay after the lessons? _____
9. How much do you charge? _____
10. What bookkeeping methods do you use? _____

Another piano for
sale - upright - \$700.
Please call Deeta
Lonergan at 274-4500

**Look for an AKTA
cookout this spring.**

**We saw lots of people taking pictures at the festival. Participants, please ask your parents if they have any prints that they would share with us. Contact any board member if you can help.
Thanks.**

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