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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Thur. Jan 11** - Garrick Ohlsson Piano Master Class, UAA Fine Arts Bldg, Recital Hall, 7-8:30. Adults \$10, Students \$5.

**Fri. Jan 12** - **AKTA General Meeting 9:00 AM at Washburn's.** Juliana Osinchuk will be presenting a program on 'the art of voicing'. During the business meeting, we will answer all questions about the Ribbon Festival.

**Fri. Jan 12** - Garrick Ohlsson piano concert at the Performing Arts Center, 7:30 PM. Coupons for 'buy one ticket and get one free' are available at the Keyboard Cache. They must be taken to Center Tix Box Office to redeem.

**Sun. Jan 14** - A recital of soprano and mezzo duets with Kate Eagan, and Marlene Bateman, with Juliana Osinchuk on piano. Program is at the Steinway Piano Gallery (across from the museum), at 7:30 PM. Call Anchorage Festival of Music for reservations, 276-2465

**Thur. Feb 1** - Deadline for Ribbon Festival Entries. Everyone should have received a catalog by regular mail. If not, call Chris at 345-5811.

**Fri. Feb 2** - **AKTA General Meeting 9:00 AM at Washburn's.** Laura Koenig presenting.

**Fri. Feb 9** - AKTA Board meeting at Chris' at 9 AM.

**Sun. Feb 25** - A celebration of Music by Svetlana Velichko and some of her piano students at 4:00 PM at Alaska Pacific University Grant Hall. Details on page 2.

**Fri. Mar 9 - Ribbon Festival** 9:30-12:00 Composer Robert Vandall presents Alfred Publications. 1:00-3:45 Mr. Vandall gives two workshops. 4-5 Ensemble rehearsals 6:15-6:45 teacher ensemble rehearsal. 7:00 PM Ensemble Concert. 8:00 PM Reception for everyone.

**Sat. Mar 10 - Ribbon Festival** 9 AM-4PM - Solos and duets (master classes, adjudicated or non-adjudicated) scales, student workshops.

**Fri. Mar 30** - Deadline for Downey Competition applications to be received (new rule). Mail to Cindy Epperson, 6901 Round Tree Dr, Anchorage 99516. Fee \$50 per application.

**Apr 15** - Deadline for Spring Adjudication applications.

**Fri. Apr. 6** - AKTA General Meeting 9 AM at Dick Reichman's who will present a program on harpsichords.

**May 5 & 6** - Downey Competition

**May 7-11** - Spring Adjudications. Rebecca Bogart from San Francisco is the adjudicator.

**Jazz Class**

Some of you went to a small jazz class last spring put on by Kevin Barnett and Yevgeniy Cheronog. Those of us who went learned a lot about teaching jazz. And our teachers said they enjoyed teaching us. So..... Are you interested in another class? Chris will volunteer her studio again and Kevin and Yevgeniy will be teaching again. You didn't have to be at the first class in order to attend this one. No dates yet, just finding out the level of interest. Call Nancy at 345-9117 or email me at [nancyc@gci.net](mailto:nancyc@gci.net).



## ***AKTA President's Letter***

**Happy New Year! And a great report on the status of AKTA.**

For the past several years AKTA has stood on the brink of not existing. The general meetings, student events and social attendance by the membership had been on a rapid decline. Gretchen Thomas realized how close the organization was to collapsing and fought for the survival of AKTA. Because of Gretchen's strength, and a series of AKTA board members who also realized the potential of the organization, a HUGE change has been occurring.

This is my Thank You to the current and past AKTA board members, and to the general membership who have helped re-energize the organization.

The general meetings are well attended, and have had a lively exchange of ideas and desires for AKTA.

The August AKTA Pedagogy Conference and potluck dinner were outstanding, and the holiday party at Juliana's was very enjoyable.

The AMTA fall adjudications and workshop by Mr. Speicher were electrified by his energy, enthusiasm and a desire to include everyone in his view of the musical world.

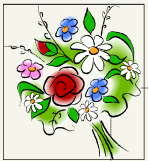
The Ribbon Festival is enlarging to include upper level students, workshops and performance events for teachers.

The interest in AKTA is surging with the energy of the membership and many new members.

Gretchen was right; AKTA is worth all the work, worries and mine fields. The sweet reward is the open interaction between teachers, the quality of workshops available to teachers, and the general membership's response to all AKTA offers.

The response to past and current AKTA board member's efforts is exactly what we are working to achieve. AKTA is thriving. THANK YOU, everyone!

*Christine Kastanopolous, President*



**Thank you, Juliana,  
for a wonderful  
Christmas party.**

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The Russian Alaskan Academy of Music presents  
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Svetlana Velichko and her piano students,  
Eric Huh, Ian Huh, Jasper Jackson, Nathaniel Knapp,  
Page Moon, and violinist Audrey Solomon.

Works by: Chopin, Debussy, De Falla, Khachaturian,  
Liszt, Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Schumann, and  
Tchaikovsky.

Sunday, February 25, 2007 at 4:00 pm  
Alaska Pacific University, Grant Hall  
Tickets available at Centertix (263-2787) or at the  
door

\$20.00 Adults, \$10.00 Students and Seniors

**Keybank Checking Account**

Beginning Balance.....\$4,263.05

**CREDITS:**

	\$ 220.00	Speicher Workshop
	340.00	Adjudications local fees
	100.00	Refund from President's workshop
1 @ \$15	15.00	Membership dues thru MTNA
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 675.00</b>	

**DEBITS:**

#1311	\$ 11.45	LaVella Briggs - hospitality for meeting
#1312	100.00	Southcentral Piano Turing (Adjudications)
#2424	150.00	Chuck Speicher (workshop presenter)
#1314	200.00	Filipino Bible Church (Adjudications)
	3.50	Key Bank fee
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$464.95</b>	

Ending Balance \$4,473.10

Respectfully submitted, Dean Epperson, 12/8/2006



**New Members...**

Any new member who has not received an AKTA Membership Handbook, contact Diane Moore, Membership Chairperson. The books will be available after December 1 at the Keyboard Cache or online at the AMTA website: [www.eskimo.com/~amta/](http://www.eskimo.com/~amta/)



**The 2007 Ribbon Festival needs YOU.** The day after Christmas your

copy of the Ribbon Festival catalogue should have been delivered to your door. If you didn't receive a packet, please contact Chris Kastanopolous at 345-5811 to have one sent to you. Additional copies will be on hand at the January 12 general meeting and also available at the Keyboard Cache.

To meet our budget, AKTA needs to have 300 or more students registered for the festival. Last year our first festival had over 200 students enrolled. Please make this event a smashing success by enrolling your studio.

The entry deadline is February 1, 2007. You have 3 weeks to plan each student's events, get ensemble music going for yourself and your studio and enjoy preparing for a fun AKTA event. If you need help with the catalog, call Nancy Campbell or Chris Kastanopolous.

**STUDENT ENSEMBLES.** Elementary level music: Hot Pursuit by R. Vandall (trio-3 performers on one piano) -\$3.95  
Intermediate level music: Broadway Lights by R. Vandall (duet) -\$3.95

The Keyboard Cache has ordered multiple copies of both selections. Each keyboard needs to use a legal publication of the music. Copies will not be allowed at the rehearsals or performance. Both works are fast and full of energy. The committee selected music that you can rehearse in your studio without the need for an extra piano or keyboard. If you have students who don't like to perform, this is a perfect way to include them in the festival without performance anxiety. Multiple pianos and keyboards will perform together. A recording of the selections will be played at the Jan. 12th meeting. Students need to know their notes, counts and be able to play at the indicated tempo.

**TEACHER ENSEMBLE.** A chance to play together and to have FUN. Selections are: G Minor Fugue by Bach and Eine Kleine Nacht Music transcription of Mozart. Each piece has up to 9 different parts that combine to create ensemble. Laugh with us as we figure out how to 'do what we say.' Chris has copies which will be at the Jan. 12th meeting.

**ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS.** As soon as we know how many students and teachers will perform, a schedule for rehearsals will be published. The rehearsals will take place at Washburn Piano Co and/or the Kastanopolous studio. March 9th - the first Ribbon Festival 2007 day - will be the final rehearsal and the performance of the ensembles at Anchorage Christian School with Robert Vandall. The schedule is published in your catalogue.

**TEACHER PERFORMANCES.** Any teacher who wishes to perform a solo, duet, or accompany a soloist is welcome to sign up for the concert. The more variety in the program the better.

**MUSIC.** Several teachers have called to say they haven't taught Vandall's music before and need help selecting music for their students. At the Jan 12th general meeting, Chris will bring some of his music that she has recorded to help teachers who are interested.

## Board Members Needed for 2007-2008

With the New Year comes the need to ask members to nominate themselves to the AKTA Board election, which takes place in April. Names need to be presented to the general membership for a vote in March. Contact any current board member if you wish to place your name on the ballot.

Being a board member will only take as much time as you are willing or able to give. It is a great way to expand your friendships with other AKTA members. Everyone has something to offer, each member is of value to the organization. We meet the first Friday morning each month from 9:00 to 11:00. The board meetings are open to the general membership. If you are curious – attend the next board meeting.

**Next AKTA Board Meeting is Friday, February 9th at Chris Kastanopolous' home – 13810 Mainsail Drive. Call 345-5811 if you need directions or have questions.**

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