

**AKTA Board Members
2008-2009**

**Christine Kastanopolous,
President
345-5811
ckastan@gci.net**

**Freya Wardlaw-Bailey,
Secretary & Newsletter Editor
245-0522
freyapiano@yahoo.com**

**Dean Epperson,
Treasurer
346-4468
cadac@alaska.net**

**Nancy Campbell
Membership
345-9117
nancyc@gci.net**

**Connie McFarlane,
Member-at-large
333-4970
kmcfar747@aol.com**

**Linda Green
333-7182
leadpipe@gci.net**

**Gretchen Thomas
563-1463
nrhythms@alaska.com**

**Margaret Turner
345-3211
met@acsalaska.net**

**Look for the AKTA ad in the
Anchorage Symphony Orchestra
program. We are a professional
organization! This ad represents
the collective AKTA membership.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Events:

April 4, 2009 - Ribbon Festival

April 24, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - AKTA end of the year party

August 14-15, 2009 - AMTA Conference with Nancy and Randall Faber

Board Meetings: January 16th, February 27th, March 27th, April 24th, June 5th, 9:00-11:00 AM at Chris Kastanopolous, 13810 Mainsail Drive. All members are welcome to attend.

MTNA Online Discussion Board

Are you looking for a way to connect to your colleagues in MTNA? Through the Discussion Boards on the MTNA website, you can link instantly to other teachers throughout the United States. Post your questions or information and hear how others have addressed those same issues or questions. These discussion boards will be moderated by the Board Directors and national staff, and if there are questions that can or need to be addressed by MTNA. There are currently Discussion Boards for:

- Arts Awareness and Advocacy
Ellen Flint, moderator
- College Faculty Forum
Celinda Hallbauer, NCTM, moderator
- Collegiate Chapters Forum
Debra Florian, NCTM, moderator
- Collaborative Arts Forum
Fay Adams, NCTM, moderator

Independent Music Teachers Forum
Lezlee Bishop, NCTM, moderator

Local Association Forum
Karen Thickstun, NCTM, moderator

Wellness Forum
Thomas Ediger, NCTM, moderator

National Group Piano and Piano
Pedagogy Forum (GP3)

The moderators are here to help facilitate dialogue in each of these areas, so don't be afraid to share your thoughts with them.

These discussion boards provide an interface with MTNA members so you can get your discussions going! To get started, visit <http://www.mtna.org/> and select "Discussion Boards" from the Quick Links. We look forward to hearing from you.



Alaska Music Teachers Association

Affiliated with Music Teachers National Association, Inc.

Hello AMTA and Happy Holidays!

In November, AMTA sponsored both the MTNA Performance and Composition Competitions. Dr. Timothy Smith kindly agreed to chair the Performance competitions and I chaired the Composition competitions. I'd like to extend a big thank you to Dr. Smith for all his time before and during the competition weekends, to Dean Epperson for his help with programs and other printing, and to UAA for allowing us to use their fine facilities. The results are listed below.

Cynthia Epperson, NCTM
AMTA President

Competition	Award	Student Name	Teacher
Composition	Elementary: Winner	Ethan Mahoney	Lynda Lybeck-Robinson
	Junior: Winner	Benjamin Burns	Dean Epperson, NCTM
	Junior: Honorable Mention	Mitchell Jones II	Cynthia Epperson, NCTM
	Junior: Honorable Mention	Aidan Bobbitt	Lynda Lybeck-Robinson
	Senior: Winner	Yuta Takagi	Barbara Rosiecka
Strings	Junior: Winner	Brendon Mezzetti	Beverly Beheim
	Junior: Alternate	Madeline Endres	Linda Ottum
	Junior: Honorable Mention	Primrose Mangilog	Linda Ottum
	Senior: Winner	Patrick Hopkins	Bonnie Hampton
	Senior: Alternate	Geurim Kim	Dawn Lindsay
	Senior: Honorable Mention	Olivia Allen	Beverly Beheim
	Senior: Honorable Mention	Katherina Clink	Tingting Zhu
	Senior: Honorable Mention	Bryce O'Tierney	Dawn Lindsay
Young Artist: Representative	Christopher Hopkins	Bonnie Hampton	
Piano	Junior: Winner	Wesley Voley	Timothy Smith, NCTM
	Junior: Alternate	Jasper Jackson	Svetlana Velitchko
	Senior: Winner	Annie Kil	Rumi Smith
	Senior: Alternate	Ian Huh	Svetlana Velitchko
	Senior: Honorable Mention	Nathaniel Knapp	Svetlana Velitchko
	Young Artist: Winner	Ga-In Choi	Timothy Smith, NCTM
	Young Artist: Alternate	Josaphat Chambers	Timothy Smith, NCTM

Benjamin Burns, a student of Dean Epperson, also won Honorable Mention in the Northwest Division Junior Composition competition. The Northwest Division performance competitions will be held on January 17th and 18th, 2009 in Spokane, Washington.



Alaska Music Teachers Association

Affiliated with Music Teachers National Association, Inc.

News from Sitka:

Julia Amada Kruger Vice President of the American college of Musicians) and Victor Bunin (from Moscow, Russia) will perform a piano duet recital for Sitka, January 13, 2009. Any donations for the concert will be used towards new pianos for the Sitka Performing Arts Center. The concert will be at Centennial Hall.

Here is their program. Two composers from the United States and two from Russia!

The Sitka Music Teachers are excited to have this wonderful duo in Sitka!

Jammie Wileman, President, SMTA

PROGRAM:

Radieuse, Op. 72 (Grande Valse de Concert)----
Gottschalk

From "Sketches"----Gavrilin

Driving the Troika

Having a Dream

Gallop

Waltz

Tarantella

A Paraphrase on La Campanella----Vecumnieks

Six Morceaux, Op. 11----Rachmaninoff

Barcarolle

Scherzo

Russian Theme

Waltz

Romance

Slava

MTNA Scholarship Opportunity

The Piano Technicians Guild (PTG) is dedicated to providing continuing education for piano technicians. Their commitment to continuing education also includes the credentialed professional piano-teaching community. MTNA is pleased to announce the continued PTG sponsorship of two scholarships available to MTNA certified members.

Any piano teacher who has earned MTNA Professional Certification and uses a Registered Piano Technician (RPT) can apply for one of two \$750 scholarships from the Piano Technicians Guild. One of these annual scholarships is to be used specifically for Recreational Music Making (RMM) training, as presented by MTNA, and the other for furthering one's teaching skills through continued education and/or performance study.

For more information about becoming certified or applying for the PTG Scholarships visit www.mtnacertification.org.

Secretary's Note: We have all been busy with the holiday season, so this month's newsletter is short and sweet. Our projects are still moving forward, and AKTA is still going strong! Look for more news and announcements in the coming weeks. Happy New Year to you and yours!

Freya Wardlaw-Bailey

**Anchorage Keyboard
Teachers Association**
Freya Wardlaw-Bailey
3314 Woodland Park Drive
Anchorage, AK 99517

