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The AKTA board welcomes new board members Ann Fernandez and Salley Kim for the 2010-2011 term. We look forward to the next two years of working together for AKTA!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Events:

August 27, 2010, 10:00-11:30 a.m. - Website building workshop #1 and welcome meeting for AKTA members (see below)

September 24, 2010, 10:00-11:30 a.m. - Website building workshop #2

August 13-14, 2010 - AMTA Conference in Sitka with Jennifer Linn (see following pages)

November 15-19, 2010 - AMTA Fall Adjudications (see page 3)

Board Meetings: Monday, July 12th, 9:00-10:30 a.m.; Friday, August 27th, 9:15-10:00 a.m.; Friday, September 24th, 9:15-10:00 a.m. All members are welcome to attend. Meetings are held at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, 10955 Elmore Road.

**Developing Your Studio Website
A Workshop by Linda Green**

Friday, August 27th, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, 10955 Elmore Road

Create a website that looks professional, provides information about your programs, enable clients to register online and creates a sense of community within within your studio.

Prior to the workshop explore the websites of music teachers across the country and investigate the links that they cite. MTNA has a wonderful website which includes links to members in the U.S. Take a look and explore as many websites as you can to get ideas for your own online presence. Take note of the things you like and the things you don't including color, fonts, text size, pictures, sound, etc. Create a picture of how your personalized site will look and sound. Once your information is organized building the website is lots of fun.

For more information, contact Linda Green at leadpipe@gci.net or 333-7182.

Visit the AKTA website
at www.pianoakta.org



Alaska Music Teachers Association

Affiliated with Music Teachers National Association, Inc.

AMTA Conference, August 13-14, 2010

Registration is still open for the AMTA State Conference in Sitka on August 13th and 14th. If you need a registration form, please contact Freya Wardlaw-Bailey at freyapiano@yahoo.com or (907) 245-0522.

Registration rates:

Active member: \$95
Member and Spouse: \$115
Non-member: \$105

Program:

Guest Jennifer Linn, an acclaimed composer, clinician and teacher, as well as an editor for Hal Leonard.

Friday, August 13, 2010

8:30-9:30 Registration and Morning Coffee Social
9:30-10:30 Choreography and Communication
10:45-11:45 But What Does "Musical Mean"?

Lunch 11:45-1:30 Every one on their own.

1:30-2:15 Young and Impressionable?
2:30-3:00 RMM Something Brand New!
3:15-4:30 Composition 101.1

5:30 loading for "Scenic and Wildlife Cruise of Sitka Sound" Two Hour Cruise and light meal. 6-8pm.

25 minimum, maybe cancelled, your money refunded if we don't have enough attendance.

Saturday, August 14, 2010

8:30-9:00 Registration and Morning Coffee Social
9:00-10:30 Musical Vitamins to Cure Boredom at the Bench
10:45-12:00 Showcase of Jennifer Linn compositions and Hal Leonard Materials

Lunch 12:00-2:00 Every one on their own. Keyboard Cache available for purchases!

This part of the conference will be held at the Sitka Performing Arts Center (SPAC)

This is within walking distance; if raining, I would be able to shuttle people 4 at a time.

2:00 - 3:30 Master Class with Jennifer Linn
3:45 - 4:00 Conclusion and new AMTA Board Announcements.

Goodbye from Sitka by the Sea!

Jammie Wileman, jwilemannctm@yahoo.com
President Sitka Music Teachers Association

MTNA Certification

The new MTNA Certification process is now available for piano, voice, violin and flute teachers.

Certification candidates are now required to complete these projects: explanation of teaching philosophy, analysis of teaching pieces, video of teaching, description of teaching environment, discussion of business ethics and studio policies.

Teacher Profile Project workbooks for each instrument are available on the MTNA Certification website. The workbooks are accompanied by a document titled, "What Will The Evaluators Be Looking For?" which guides

candidates as they complete the profile projects. Other materials, including articles about video recording lessons, can also be found on the Certification website.

For more information about the new process, visit www.mtnacertification.org or e-mail mtnacertification@mtna.org.

On Facebook? If so, come visit the MTNA Facebook page and become a fan! It's another great way to keep up with MTNA and for MTNA to keep up with you.

AMTA Fall Adjudications

Mark your calendars for the upcoming state adjudications, November 15th through 19th, 2010.

The adjudicator is Christopher Hahn
from the University of Montana.

The new location is at Calvary Church,
80th and Jewel Lake in Anchorage.

For more information, contact Cindy Epperson at
346-4565 or epperson@gci.net

AMTA Conference August 13 - 14, 2010

Hosted by the Sitka Music Teachers Association

Guest Presenter Jennifer Linn, Hal Leonard
Corporation

Official Conference Hotel

Shee Atika Totem Square Inn
201 Katlian St.
Sitka, AK 99835
907-747-3693 / 907-747-2839 fax
www.totemsquareinn.com

- Check in date 8/12/2010 to 8/15/2010 Thursday - Sunday.
- Individual reservation, individual pays all charges. Based on double occupancy.
- Rooms with 2 full beds: \$114 plus 12% tax per night.
- Rooms with 1 queen bed: \$124 plus 12% tax per night.
- Check in is at 3:00 pm and check out is 11:00 am. Guests checking out after may be subject to additional room charge.
- These rates do not include the city and occupancy tax (rate subject to change).
- Has an expanded continental breakfast and airport shuttle. Fitness room available. Most rooms have been updated with microwaves and refrigerators.
- Release date is 7/12/2010 and the conference code is AMTA.

Other hotels in downtown Sitka:

- * Sitka Hotel, 118 Lincoln Street, 907-747-3288 / 907-747-8499 fax
- * Super 8 Motel, 404 Sawmill Creek Rd, 907-747-8804 / 800-800-8000 ph / 907-747-6101 fax
- * Westmark Sitka, 330 Seward Street, 907-747-6241 / 800-544-0970 / 907-747-5486 fax

B & B's close to town:

- * Ann's Gavan Hill B & B, 415 Arrowhead Street, 907-747-8023 / 907-747-7947 fax
- * Hannah's B & B, 504 Monastery Street, 907-747-8309 / 907-8318 fax

Others within one mile of town are:

- * Alaska Ocean View B & B, 1101 Edgecumbe Drive, 908-747-8310 / 907-747-3440 fax / 888-811-6870 toll free
- * Forty Winks B & B, 211 Seward Street, 907-747-6460
- * Alaska Swan Lake B & B, 206 1/2 Lakeview Drive, 907-747-5746 / 907-747-3917 message

There are other B & B's but not as close to town!

Jammie Wileman, SMTA President

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Sitka Visitor Attractions

1. PRINCESS MAKSOUTOFF'S GRAVE is behind the Pioneer's Home in the Lutheran Cemetery. Princess Maksoutoff was the wife of Alaska's last Russian governor, Dimitrii Matsoutoff.

2. RUSSIAN BLOCK HOUSE Replica of the blockhouse that separated Russian and Tlingit sections of Sitka after the Tlingits moved back into the area 20 years after the 1804 baffle. Located behind the Pioneer's Home on Katlian Street.

3. SHEET'KA KWAAN NAA KAHIDI COMMUNITY HOUSE Constructed on a site that once housed the Indian Government School, this Tribal Community House offers Native dance performances in full regalia, storytelling, cultural events, and an artist's market with authentic Native artwork. It is located on Katlian Street, next to the Pioneer's Home.

4. ANB HALL Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall is a registered National Historic Landmark built in 1914 in the heart of the traditional Tlingit village and today is an Alaska Native community center.

5. TOTEM SQUARE Contains a Russian cannon and three anchors recovered from the Sitka vicinity, probably lost by early British or American explorers. The totem pole displays the double-headed eagle of Sitka's Russian heritage.

6. SITKA PIONEER'S HOME Built in 1934 on the old Russian Parade Ground, this is a state home for elderly Alaskans. Handicrafts made by the residents are sold in the gift shop located on the first floor of the home. The pioneers welcome visitors. The bronze statue standing in front of the Pioneer's Home was made by Alonzo Victor Lewis and was dedicated on Alaska Day 1949. The model was a real pioneer – William "Skagway Bill" Fonda.

7. CASTLE HILL (Baranof Castle Site) Early stronghold of the Kiksadi clan, later a succession of Russian buildings were erected on this site, the one known as "Baranofs Castle" erected in 1837. On Oct. 18, 1867, it was the site of the transfer of Alaska to the United States. Today it is managed by Alaska State Parks. (Stairs or ramp available to the top of Castle Hill)

8. BUILDING 29 (206 Lincoln Street) is one of the few log structures surviving from the Russian Era of Alaska History. Built by the Russians in 1835, it is a national historic

landmark. Spruce logs, sawdust insulation system and heavy squared beams support the structure. The building houses the Log Cache. (907) 747-3435

9. SITKA LUTHERAN CHURCH The site of the first Lutheran Church on the West coast of North America which contains original artifacts from the original 1843 Finnish Lutheran Church. Located on Lincoln Street in the heart of downtown Sitka. Volunteer-led tours offered in the summer. (907) 747-3338

10. SAINT MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL Important collection of Russian Orthodox art & church treasures. Built in 1844-48, it was totally destroyed by fire in January 1966. Many of the icons & religious objects were salvaged & are in the rebuilt structure. Summer: On large ship port of calls, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; on 'non-cruise ship days, call to check hours. \$2 donation requested. Please call for winter hours. (907) 747-8120. Archangel Michael Bookstore and Gifts located across the street.

11. GEODETIC SURVEY HOUSE - Known locally as the "White House", this building was constructed in 1916 on the site of a former Russian tea garden, as office and quarters for scientists who maintained a nearby permanent geomagnetic observatory. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This building is not open to the public.

12. SITKA HISTORICAL MUSEUM Learn about the lasting legacy of WWII in town, the earliest inhabitants, Sitkans-Tlingit, Russian & early Americans lived & made their living for the last thousand, hundred or 10 years. It's all here. Packed with displays, photographs & artifacts, the museum is a worthwhile first stop. Gift shop, which supports the museum, includes many exclusive items made only for the Museum. Admission: \$2. Summer: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Sun-Fri, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Sat. Winter: Call to confirm hours (907) 747-6455 www.sitkahistory.org

13. HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL HALL Built in 1967 during Alaska's Centennial celebration, the Hall is still one of the finest in the state. It houses the Sitka Historical Society, a local history collection, an auditorium for public use, and a display area for art and craft collections. A large hand carved Tlingit canoe made from one log is displayed under a shelter near the Hall. Wheelchair Accessible Information provided by the Sitka Convention and Visitors Bureau www.sitka.org (907) 747-5940, PO Box 1226, Sitka, AK 99835

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Sitka Visitor Attractions (continued from page 4)

Hiking Trails Accessible from the Sitka Road System

Beaver Lake

2.4 miles roundtrip, 1.5 hours

Moderate

Popular loop trail skirting Beaver Lake. Well suited to family outings. Vistas of nearby rugged mountains. Access road for high clearance vehicles only.

Herring Cove Extension

1.3 miles, 30 minutes

Moderate

End of Sawmill Creek Road, connects to Beaver Lake and to Beaver Lake Trail to create a loop trail. ADA accessible for a short distance at beginning.

Cross

2.5 miles, 45 minutes

Easy

Short hike close to town. Can be accessed via Indian River Trail, Gavan Hill Trail, parking lot at Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary school, Charteris Street and Cascade Street.

Estuary Life

.25 mile, 20 minutes one way

Easy

Starrigavan Rec Area. Interpretive stations with benches; brochure available from Starrigavan Host; also bird viewing shelter.

***Forest and Muskeg**

.75 mile, 30 minutes one way

Easy

Boardwalk and gravel at difficult accessibility; interpretive stations; brochure available from Starrigavan Host.

***Halibut Point State Recreation Site**

.5 miles one way, 30 minutes

Easy

Walk down service road from the large parking lot. Trail starts at the footbridge crossing the creek. Adjacent picnic and restroom facilities.

Harbor Mountain Gavan Hill

(trail construction in 2009 with occasional closures)

6 miles one way, 4-6 hours one way

Moderate

Access via end of Baranof Street or Harbor Mt. Bypass road; first 800 feet from Gavan Hill side is ADA accessible. From subalpine, vistas of Sitka Sound, Mt. Edgecumbe, surrounding mountains and islands. Harbor Mt Road

construction in 2009 with limited vehicle access; contact Forest Service listed below for most current access information.

Indian River

4.3 miles one way, 4 hours one way

Easy

Relaxing walk through northwest coast rainforest with vistas of the Sisters Mountains.

***Mosquito Cove**

1.5 miles, 1 hour

Easy

Follows beach / forest fringe to Mosquito Cove; loops back through forest. First 1000 feet ADA accessible.

Mount Verstovia

1.9 miles one way, 3 hours one way

Difficult

Lower hillslope logged by Russians in 1860. Good ocean views from top. Public parking not available.

+Sitka National Historical Park

1.5 miles, 1 hour one way

Easy

Commemorates site of the Battle of Sitka between the Tlingit Indians and the Russians in 1804.

Starrigavan Valley

2.25 miles one way

Easy

Multi use trail for hikers, bikers, ATVs and snowmobiles (winter time only).

Thimbleberry Lake–Heart Lake

2 miles one way, 1 hour one way

Moderate

For hikers and bikers. Fishing for trout is fair in both lakes. Parking at both ends of trail.

For trail maps or information, remote locations, trail conditions and brown bear precautions/safety, contact: USDA Forest Service, Sitka Ranger District, (907) 747-6671
*Alaska State Parks, (907) 747-6249

Hiking More Remote Trails? To ensure your safety should you become overdue, injured or stranded when hiking on more remote trails other than those listed above, it is suggested you file a hiking plan with the Sitka Fire Department located at 209 Lake Street, Sitka, AK 99835 or call (907) 747-3233.

USDA Forest Service Sitka Ranger District

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