

August 19, 2017



Dear OFMC Member,

As you are planning your fall schedules, be sure to save **Saturday, October 21, 2017** for the OFMC Biennial Conference. We are excited that Dr. Jane McGrath will be leading a day of educational and motivating workshops. Jane Magrath is well known as an author, clinician, and pianist. Her book *The Pianist's Guide to Standard Teaching and Performance Literature* has become a classic reference work for pianists. Dr. Magrath was named the first recipient of the MTNA/Frances Clark Keyboard Pedagogy Award for the Outstanding Contribution to Piano Pedagogy. For many years, she contributed New Music Reviews to Clavier magazine and she currently serves as an editor for the Piano Pedagogy Forum. Her regular column, "Polyphony," can be found in The American Music Teacher. More information can be found at <http://www.alfred.com/Company/Authors/JaneMagrath.aspx>. Topics will include:

The Top 40: Intermediate to Lower-Advanced Core Piano Literature.

Pianists know the standard body of classical piano literature for advanced performers. What about the basic canon of Intermediate to Lower-Advanced Piano Literature? This presentation focuses on synthesizing the core of the classical teaching literature as a body for intermediate to lower-advanced pianists.

Video Performances: The Intermediate Student as Transfer

This session is presented with the aid of a video presentation of piano students performing. Student performances discussed exhibit typical (but not-so-easy to fix) technical problems and musical problems. Potential solutions and ramifications of the problems will also be discussed.

Master Class with Jane Magrath with area pianists performing.

If you would like your student considered for inclusion in the Master Class, please email Wilma Hawkins at wishpiano@gmail.com if you would like your student considered for inclusion in the Master Class. Please include the Student's age, composer, title and # of minutes (approximately 5 minutes for Advanced, 3 minutes for Intermediate, and 2 minutes for Elementary).

Motivation in Piano Study and Performance.

A look at the subject of motivation, including research in motivation. Subtopics include mindsets, competency and motivation, how to give feedback, perils of over-praising, and the importance of having fun. Video segments illuminate the discussion.

The Conference will take place on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from (9:30 AM (10 am Presentation) to 3:30 PM at:

**Rose Villa Senior Living
13505 SE River Road
Portland, OR 97222**

The cost will be \$40 for members (\$50 for non-Members & \$20 for Students) which includes coffee and tea in the morning and a box lunch. (See the registration form for sandwich choices.)

I look forward to seeing many of you there. For out of town members, if you need help with accommodations, please contact me and I will try to find a home where you can stay.

Sincerely,
Wilma Hawkins
OFMC President