

# News Notes

## AUGUST 2009



### SERVING THOUSANDS OF MUSIC STUDENTS EACH YEAR

From the President. . . .

I hope each of you have had a great summer. Spending time with family and friends has always been a highlight of my summer "vacation" and as I get older I realize just how important that is to me and my family.

Well...It's time to get "in tune" with DVMTA. I look forward to making new friendships and learning from each of you. This organization helps me to be the best at what I do. I hope that you feel the same way and are planning to attend our annual August Brunch. It's a great way to jump start the school year.

This year we are moving into the "green" 21<sup>st</sup> century, as well as trying to be more responsible with DVMTA funds. On the membership application there was a question about internet access. If you marked "yes" to internet access to our website, [www.dvmta.org](http://www.dvmta.org), you will need to download and print your own packet for the events in which your students will participate. You should bring your copies to the August Brunch. Packets will be available at the brunch for those that marked "no" internet access. Everyone will be receiving a hard copy of the directory at the Brunch as well as a folder.

I would like to encourage everyone to participate in our upcoming Music Marathon that will be on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration is due by September 1<sup>st</sup>, so be checking with your students. This event is a major fundraiser and supports Awards in Excellence and Awards Plus.

As we begin another year with our students may I share with you my "top ten plus one" list of comments to motivate our students, especially those that might need more encouragement than others. It's sure to bring a smile to their face and the desire to keep working!

1. That's worthy of a concert pianist!
2. Beautifully prepared!
3. LOVE your enthusiasm!
4. I couldn't play it any better!
5. Glad you brought all your books today!
6. You use great imagination for this performance.
7. I can hear good practicing at home in your piece.  
(You did what I asked!)
8. Way to go!!
9. You put your heart in it!
10. Oh! That really moved me!
11. Thank you for that super effort!

I'll see you on the 21<sup>st</sup> at our August Brunch. Bring a friend... it's much more fun!

And...don't forget to go to our website ([www.dvmta.org](http://www.dvmta.org)) to download your event packets.

*Lisa Hunt*



### DVMTA August Brunch Friday, August 21 at 10:00 AM

Time to get "in tune" with DVMTA . Come join with fellow teachers at the annual August Brunch and do a little "sight reading" to see what piano events are planned for the year ahead. Bring a friend and join in on the harmony!



920 S. Lindsay Rd. LDS Cultural Hall  
(on Lindsay Rd. between Southern and Broadway)

| AUGUST 2009         | SEPTEMBER                               |
|---------------------|---|
| 21 Kick off Brunch! | 1 MUSIC MARATHON<br>Registration Due    |
| 24 ASU Begins       | 7 LABOR DAY                             |
|                     | 25 GENERAL MEETING<br>Technology Update |
|                     | 26 MUSIC MARATHON                       |

**Complete event schedule inside!  
The schedule can always be  
found at [WWW.DVMTA.ORG](http://WWW.DVMTA.ORG)**

## DVMTA Schedule of Events

### August

21 \*August Kick-Off Brunch, 10:00 AM 920 S. Lindsay,  
Mesa

“Tune In To DVMTA”

### September

1 Registration deadline for Music Marathon

25 \*General Meeting - 10:00 AM at My First Piano  
“Technology Update”

26 Music Marathon

### October

30 \*General Meeting - 10:00 AM at My First Piano  
Presentation of 2010 Cavalcade Music

### November

1 Registration deadline for Original Composition

20 \*General Meeting - 10:00 AM at My First Piano  
“Master Class” with Jenny Flinders  
Registration deadline for Cavalcade

21-22 Original Composition Recitals, AZ Community Church

### December

1 Deadline-Letter of Intent for Senior Scholarship &  
Devoted Performer

4 December Luncheon, Marie Calendar’s, 11:00 AM

### January

29 \*General Meeting - 10:00 AM at My First Piano  
“Transitioning Out of Method Books

### February

26 Registration deadline for Awards in Excellence

### March

\*General Meeting - 10:00 AM at My First Piano  
Presentation by Jon Schmidt

6 Cavalcade of Rhythm, 5:00 & 7:00 PM, Mountain View H.S.

26 \*General Meeting - 10:00 AM at My First Piano  
“Group Lessons, a Variety of Approaches”  
Registration deadline for Achievement Day

### April

10 Awards In Excellence Auditions, AZ Piano Co.

17 Awards in Excellence Winners Recitals, AZ Piano Co.

30 \*April Brunch, 10:00 AM, AZ Community Church  
Give and Take Table for Music

### May

15 Achievement Day, Mesa Community College

17 Awards Plus & Senior Scholarship Presentation  
7:00 PMAZ Community Church

## The MUSIC MARATHON

will be held on Saturday, September 26.  
(This is one month earlier than usual!)

There are four locations:

AZ PIANO

Park Regency Retirement Center

Fiesta Mall

Superstition Springs Mall

Registration Fees:

\$7.00 for each student

Registration Deadline:

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

Mail to Becky Thacker

2637 E. El Moro Ave., Mesa AZ 85204

OR

Bring your registration form to our August Brunch  
You can download information and the registration  
form at [dvmta.org](http://dvmta.org)

YOU set the tone for this performance. You may  
choose to make this a formal recital or a “themed” re-  
cital such as Halloween, Jazz & Blues, Pop, Classical or  
anything you wish! If you have questions please call  
Becky Thacker at 892-2807.

We’re looking forward to a  
GREAT Marathon!

Becky Thacker & Alayne Favreau,  
Co-Chairs



“I told him he should have practiced more.”

## Beethoven Music Trivia Quiz (True or False)

1. The "Emperor" Piano Concerto (No. 5) was dedicated to Napoleon. ?
2. The principal setting of his opera "Fidelio" is a jail. ?
3. He made his first public appearance as a pianist at the age of 12. ?
4. He studied composition with two who knew Mozart well: Haydn and Salieri. ?
5. Beethoven's naturally sunny disposition was on full display in his Sixth Symphony ("Pastoral"). ?
6. He wrote as many violin concerti as he did operas. ?
7. As Beethoven's deafness grew worse, he began to insist that those wishing to speak with him learn and use sign language. ?
8. He proposed marriage to a 15-year-old girl, Therese Malfatti. She accepted his proposal but her parents forbade the marriage. ?
9. He sued his sister-in-law for custody of his nephew. ?
10. Beethoven died as a result from injuries sustained after his riding coach overturned.

You can find the answers upsidedown on the right. 100%: Music Scholar Award, 80-90%: Very Good, 70%: Passing Grade, 50-60%: Time for review, 0-40%: This is your year to work in the composer room on achievement day!

This music trivia was provided by [www.theclassicalstation.org](http://www.theclassicalstation.org). You can find more fun quizzes for your studio on this website.

### Membership

It is never too late to join DVMTA! You can find the membership application online.

To access the membership directory online the password is "members!"

### 14<sup>th</sup> World Piano Pedagogy Conference

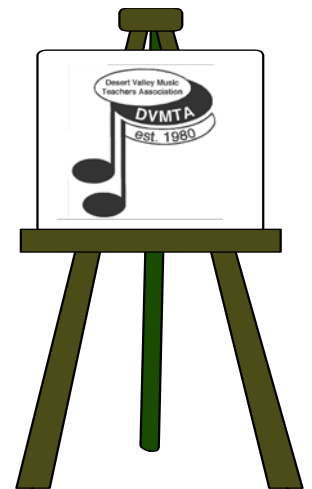
Check out the big convention that will take place in Phoenix next October. For information about the conference, membership, and other offers go to [www.pianovision.com](http://www.pianovision.com).



Welcome back to a new year. We have made several changes to Awards in Excellence for this coming year. These changes will be discussed at the August Brunch. The forms are on the webpage ([dvmta.org](http://dvmta.org)). We hope more teachers will register students this year. On the year end questionnaire, there were several comments that we would like to address. These comments were under Awards in Excellence: "Too intimidating for me and my students – my kids would never win so why bother." "Always a learning experience for me and my students." This comment was under Achievement Day: "I felt that a few teachers were too "easy" and general in their feedback and comments." Awards in Excellence is a competition, but every student receives their own evaluation, which is very valuable whether the student wins or not. Many times the adjudicator will point out areas that you have already mentioned to the student. This is great reinforcement. Awards in Excellence is a great learning experience. The more a student is exposed to playing under pressure, the better pianist he/she will become. Our adjudicators have been so great with their comments in the past. Even though this event is not until April the preparation begins now. Teachers need to enter students in Marathon or Cavalcade of Rhythm. The registration for Marathon is Sept. 1. Remember you need to register twice as many students in Marathon as you enter in Awards in Excellence (maximum 8). The DVD of last year's recitals will soon be ready to check out from our library. Both recitals were excellent and very enjoyable & inspiring.

Awards in Excellence Chairpersons,  
Yali Luo, Dot Williams, Chi-Long Yu

1. FALSE. It was Symphony #3 ("Eroica") that was originally dedicated to Napoleon but that dedication was later retracted.
2. TRUE. The gist of the story involves a woman's attempts, through posing as a man, to locate her imprisoned husband.
3. FALSE. He was actually eight!
4. TRUE. Unlike Mozart, however, Beethoven did not profit from his association with Haydn. He would study songwriting with Salieri for almost a decade.
5. FALSE. While the "Pastoral" Symphony is decidedly joyful and playful, Beethoven was notorious for his gruff, rude demeanor and acquired a reputation for his inability to retain employees!
6. TRUE. "Fidelio" was his only opera. He wrote only one violin concerto.
7. FALSE. At first, he used an ear trumpet. When that no longer proved effective, he started keeping "Conversation Books", the pages of which contained comments or questions from his guests and his replies.
8. TRUE. The child, Karl, would prove to be a continual source of sorrow, worry and frustration for Beethoven.
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10. FALSE. He died from cirrhosis of the liver and its resulting complications.



**Recipes** that you can prepare before your students show up and be ready at dinner time!

## TACO SALAD

Combine and refrigerate: (can be done up to 24 hours in advance)

1 can beans drained lightly (I use black beans but you should use your favorite kind)

1 can creamed corn or whole kernel corn drained (creamed corn gives your salad a sweeter flavor for pickier eaters).

1 can olives each olive sliced into 3

10 stems cilantro chopped

1 small sweet onion or 2 green onions finely chopped (add any vegetables you like)

1/4 C. citrus juice (use whatever you have on hand - it brings out the flavors but you can't taste the citrus).

1/2 cup salsa

At serving time in each serving bowl from bottom to top:

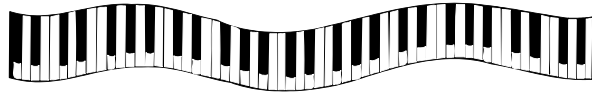
Break up approximately 10 corn chips

Add 3/4 cup taco salad mixture

Top with fresh tomatoes and lettuce

Dollup of sour cream and shredded cheese.

\*Send your favorite "Do ahead Recipe" to share with others  
to [vandewe@gmail.com](mailto:vandewe@gmail.com)



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