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Composer Workshop this Friday, May 19!

Hello, Teachers,

As has become our annual tradition, we are having a workshop with another fine composer, Eugenie Rocherolle, on May 19. Ms. Rocherolle is a composer, lyricist, pianist and teacher. We are indebted to Linda Kennedy for arranging her visit to Little Rock. If you wish to attend, please contact Kay Lindley: kaymlindley@me.com, ph. 501-831-3314.

Biography: <http://www.rocherolle.com/bio.html>

Picture: <http://www.nlapw.org/nlapw-music-gallery/>

Location: St. Andrews Church, 8300 Kanis Rd. 614-6061 (same church as last year).

9:00 Registration. \$20/person; \$10/students.

9:30-10:45 *The Teen Machine: How to Keep it Running*

11:00-12:30 *A Rocherolle Gourmet: Something for Every Taste*

This is my last issue of The MTACA Letter. The last two years have been quite an adventure. See you this Friday!

Happy Mother's Day and best wishes for the summer,

Susan G. Robbins
MTACA President

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Calendar of Events 2017

May 4-14 NFMC National Music Week
May 6 (Sat.) MTACA Honors Recital, 3:00 p.m.
May 19 (Fri.) MTACA Composer Workshop with
Eugenie Rocherolle (pictured at right)

June 2-3 ASMTA Conference (Harding University, Searcy)
June 20-24 NFMC Biennial Convention (Dayton, Ohio)



MTACA Election Results

Congratulations to our officers-elect for 2017-2019! They will be inducted during our business meeting on May 19. Their 2-year term will begin on June 1.

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MTACA Memory Lane

Do you know who, when and where?



Re: the picture to the right, Martha Ann Edwards wrote on April 5:

“As for MTA/CA memory lane, looks like I am the only one left to tell the tale! The picture was from early 70's, probably around 1972. How young these people look! I was about the 4th president. Presidents served only one year then. “



MTACA Playathon 2017

On Saturday, April 29, the quiet lobby of St. Vincent Infirmary in Little Rock was transformed and brought to life by the music of 34 children, 1 dad, and 7 teachers. Many interesting and lovely pieces were played and sung between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The setting was enhanced by the light from a large skylight over the “stage” and a window in the corner. The seats were comfortable, with armrests. This all added up to a pleasant, low-pressure place for our students to perform.

The first student to play was Cole Seaberg, a piano student of Naoma McCartney. He was followed by the piano and voice students of Liz May (Co-Chair of the festival). They were followed by piano students of Sheila Wallace, Nancy Griffin, myself, Joan Hanna, Carol Ann Bone, and Dr. Naoki Hakutani.

One of Carol Ann’s students performed a delightful piano duet with his father on guitar. The last pianist to perform was Benjamin Moore (a student of Dr. Hakutani). He played one of his own advanced compositions, followed by Chopin’s Revolutionary Etude.

The Playathon raised \$ 545 for the MTACA Memorial Scholarship Fund. Cole Seaberg raised \$130 in donations, the most collected by a single student. He was awarded the prize of a \$25 Gift Certificate to CKC Music.

Many thanks go to Stephen Wirges for expertly tuning the piano.

-Susan Robbins



At left and below: Liz May, Playathon Co-Chair, with two of her students (sisters).



At left: Nancy Griffin’s students (and grandchildren).

Playathon 2017, continued



At left: Student and grandchild of Nancy Griffin, who is taking his picture.

Below: Student of Joan Hanna.



At left: Student of Susan Robbins. His mother is in the foreground.

Below: Student and her teacher, Carol Ann Bone.

