

## New Teacher Information

Welcome to the Idaho Falls area! We're glad you're part of our community and would like to acquaint you with some of the music organizations for teachers and opportunities for students.

**Idaho Falls Music Club** is an organization of community members (teachers and others), who love music and want to encourage a high level of musical education. Music Club sponsors "festival" – the most popular student evaluation in the area (1150 – 1200 participants). Music Club also sponsors a Multi-Piano Concert (Monster Concert), a Piano Day Camp for students, scholarship auditions, fund-raising for our scholarship support program, and Choralaires, a women's choir. When you join, you receive a handbook that is an invaluable resource. It has a list of all members of Music Club with phone numbers and e-mail addresses so you can contact other teachers. The handbook as well provides a schedule of piano teacher workshops in Idaho Falls & Rexburg, concerts and Music Club events. A membership application and more detailed information are available at [www.idahofallsmusicclub.org](http://www.idahofallsmusicclub.org).

Dues: \$25 before June 1st; \$30 after June 1st

Contact: Jeanette Weaver, membership chairman 529-5096 [djweaver@cablone.net](mailto:djweaver@cablone.net)

**IFMTA** – "Idaho Falls Music Teachers Association" is an appendage of Music Club, specifically for teachers. Teachers are automatically members when they join Music Club. IFMTA sponsors several teacher workshops each year. The schedule is in the Music Club handbook and on this website. Contact: Trina Landon 522-3963 [trilandon@yahoo.com](mailto:trilandon@yahoo.com)

**EIMTA** – "Eastern Idaho Music Teachers Association" is the local organization for MTNA, Music Teachers National Association - [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org) and IMTA - [idahomta.org](http://idahomta.org). This organization's most popular event is a competition held each fall. (150-200 participants) The group also sponsors Certificate of Merit, a comprehensive evaluation held in early May in Pocatello. Teacher membership is necessary for students to participate.

Dues: \$85

Contact: Greg Peters 521-5682 [pgreg9@ida.net](mailto:pgreg9@ida.net)

**UVMTA** - "Upper Valley Music Teachers Association" is based in Rexburg. They hold two festivals each year and also sponsor several teacher workshops. IFMTA members are welcome to attend their workshops and vice-versa. Teachers who live in the Rigby area often have students in festivals in both Rexburg and Idaho Falls.

Contact: Cheryl Hansen 356-5084 [rhansen@cablone.net](mailto:rhansen@cablone.net)

Another valuable resource is the Idaho Falls Arts Council – [www.idahofallsarts.org](http://www.idahofallsarts.org)

## Idaho Falls Music Club Membership Form

Membership dues paid before June 1<sup>st</sup> \$25.00

Membership dues paid after June 1<sup>st</sup> \$30.00

Mail this form and your check made payable to IFMC to:

Linda Duersch  
1925 Malibu Drive  
Idaho Falls, ID 83404  
523-9654  
*lindaduersch@gmail.com*

*Please print the following information exactly as you want it to appear in the handbook.  
Handbooks are printed the beginning of September and handed out at the Fall Social/Student Enrollment.*

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Are you a music teacher?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**What do you teach?** \_\_\_\_\_

### “Do List” for new teachers to get involved

- 1 – Join Music Club by filling out and mailing the Idaho Falls Music Club membership form above.
- 2 - Get on the teacher mailing lists at the local music stores: Piano Gallery and Chesbro Music Co.
- 3 - Contact the IFMTA President to get additional information about upcoming workshops.  
*Trina Landon 522-3963 [trilandon@yahoo.com](mailto:trilandon@yahoo.com)*
- 4 – Contact the Idaho Falls Music Club President to see how you can get involved.  
*Marie Decker 529-9145 [mdecker@mstar.net](mailto:mdecker@mstar.net)*

### **Piano Gallery Music Superstore**

2995 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Idaho Falls, ID 83406

Contact: *Lisa Humphreys 524-4420*

The Piano Gallery VIT Program offers teachers:

- \* Print music and accessories at a discount.
- \* Use of the recital hall
- \* A \$25 Gift Certificate after purchasing \$250.00 in music.
- \* Participation in the Clavinova Festival.
- \* Student Referrals.
- \* A knowledgeable, caring staff to help with your musical needs

### **Chesbro Music Co.**

327 W. Broadway St., Idaho Falls, ID 83402

[www.chesbromusicretail.com](http://www.chesbromusicretail.com)

Chesbro has one of the largest inventories of print music in the West. They also distribute accessories and gifts. They offer a discount to teachers with at least five students See details on the website.

# Idaho Falls Music Festival

Piano Solo Festival is held the first two Saturdays in March. A Vocal/Instrumental festival is held the last Saturday in February. Students perform two pieces and a musicianship requirement of scales, chords and arpeggios for a judge who gives a rating between 80-100. *The musicianship requirements are available on the Music Club website – [www.idahofallsmusicclub.org](http://www.idahofallsmusicclub.org)*. In April, an Ensemble/Concerto Hymn Festival is held.

Teachers need to be members of Music Club and students need to be members of Jr. Music Club to participate. Teachers are grouped geographically and are led by a group chairman. *Contact Kendra Hudman, 524-7221, [r\\_hudman@msn.com](mailto:r_hudman@msn.com)* to be assigned to a group. If you would like your name on the list of possible judges, contact Kendra.

FYI, for piano solo festival, if a group has festival the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of March one year, the next year they'll have it on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday.)

Student fees: \$5 Jr. Music Club dues; \$5 entry fee per event

For piano solo festival, the teacher decides which of five categories fits the student best (Primary, Elementary, Intermediate, Early Advanced & Advanced) The musicianship requirements get progressively more difficult. Be aware that students in the "Primary" category play two contrasting pieces by different composers while students in the other categories play two pieces from different musical periods. The Contemporary period is divided into American Contemporary and Foreign Contemporary. *Contact: Kendra Hudman, 524-7221, [r\\_hudman@msn.com](mailto:r_hudman@msn.com)*

## Idaho Falls Music Club Scholarships

Scholarships auditions are open to students 7th grade & up. Summer music camp scholarships are awarded to students in grades 7-8 and 9-11. Graduating senior and continuing education scholarships are awarded to college students majoring in music. All applicants must be members of the Idaho Falls Jr. Music Club, must study with a teacher who is a member of the Idaho Falls Music Club, and must participate in the festival event(s) for which they audition in the year in which they apply for scholarship. Continuing ed applicants must have previously participated in the Idaho Falls Music Festival. This year's competition is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2012. The application deadline is February 1, 2012. (Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> postmark is strictly enforced.) Students may use the same two solos that were played that year in Festival. Teachers should know that the student playing the most difficult music will be chosen over a student playing what the judge deems less difficult music if the pieces are played equally well. A Winner's Concert is scheduled for April 12, 2012, 7 p.m., University Place Auditorium. For information on audition requirements, *contact Lannon Kinghorn 745-1210 [kinglayn@msn.com](mailto:kinglayn@msn.com)*

## Monster Concert

This annual multi-piano concert is a popular opportunity for pianists to play with a large group, being led by a conductor. The concert will be held next year, so watch for the details of this event. Usually, there are 12 sets of duets, beginning to advanced, to be played on 12 digital pianos. Students learn the primo of one duet and the secondo of the other duet in the set and need to have their parts learned well before the first rehearsal. The week of Monster Concert, students have two weekday rehearsals, either Mon-Wed or Tue-Thu for 15 – 30 minutes, depending on the level. The concert is held on Saturday, with a run-thru in the morning and the concert in the afternoon. Each year has a different theme.

*Contact: Carolyn Beard, 520-6351, [carolynbeard@me.com](mailto:carolynbeard@me.com)*

## EIMTA's Fall Competition & Certificate of Merit

The EIMTA Competition attracts outstanding students throughout Eastern Idaho. Each year, fifteen pieces (beginning to advanced) are chosen for this competition. Some years, the competition pieces are sonatas and sonatas, while during other years, pieces are from a specific musical period. This year, there will be a Sonata/Sonatina Competition.

Students playing the same piece compete against each other. They perform for a preliminary judge who writes comments and selects the two best performances of that piece for a Winners Recital. At the Winners Recital, three distinguished judges listen to the two chosen performers for each piece and award a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The two Winners Recitals are each approximately 70 minutes long. This year's Winners Recitals will be held on Sat., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at the University Place Auditorium at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Entry Fee: \$15 Teachers need to be members of MTNA (\$85 dues).

Contact: Greg Peters, 521-5682, [pgreg9@ida.net](mailto:pgreg9@ida.net)

Certificate of Merit is a comprehensive evaluation held in early May in Pocatello. Students take a theory & ear training exam and a judge evaluates sight reading, keyboard technique and the performance - the # of pieces depends on the level. Students who earn in a "5" in performance (grades 1-5) and pass all their other phases are invited to perform in an Honors Recital the following Monday.

Student Entry Fee: \$23 - \$35, depending on the level; Teacher Entry Fee: \$6 + MTNA member

Contact: Margie Keenan 232-3994, [fandmkeenan@cableone.net](mailto:fandmkeenan@cableone.net)

## Musicians West

The Musicians West Piano Competition is a statewide event that gives pre-college students, age 6-18, the opportunity to perform for nationally renowned adjudicators in a professional setting.

Competitions have been held in May at the Stephens Performing Arts Center in Pocatello. Students perform two different pieces (from any period) in preliminary rounds on Thursday through Saturday. On Saturday, the Finals are at 3:00 (Primary through Intermediate I) and at 6:30 (Intermediate II through Advanced II) in the Jensen Grand Concert Hall. More than \$1,800 is awarded each year to first, second and third place winners.

Application Fee: \$28, due by May 1. For more information and applications, please contact Festival Directors Mark Neiwirth (478-6416) [neimark@isu.edu](mailto:neimark@isu.edu) or Abbi Clark (851-2251) [abbiclark@hotmail.com](mailto:abbiclark@hotmail.com)

## Riverside Studios

Riverside Studios in Rexburg hosts the Eastern Idaho Bach Festival and the Eastern Idaho Concerto Festival & Competition. Student Entrant Fee: \$15 per festival;

At the Bach Festival, students play one memorized selection by J.S. Bach. Students are registered by grade. The grade divisions are: 1-3; 4-6; 7-9; 10-12. In the preliminary round, judges rate students and provide comments. Five participants from each division advance to the final round where each division has a 1st and 2nd place winner.

For the Concerto Festival & Competition, students play a concerto movement from memory. A live, second piano part is required. The format is much like the Bach competition with students divided by grade. The studio also hosts an Ensemble Camp for Young Pianists and a Piano Camp for Beginners, age 4-7. Contact: Paula Clark 356-8221 [paulaclark1@gmail.com](mailto:paulaclark1@gmail.com)