



TREASURE COAST MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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Treasure Coast Music Teachers Association has had a wonderful year! A special thank you to the board members – Maribel Soriano, Cynthia Hinkelman and Sarah Miller - who have worked hard to bring top-notch events to our area! I am extremely proud of our association and our promotion of the arts on the treasure coast.

As a grant recipient from Women Supporting the Arts, TCMTA presented concert pianist, Dr. Roberta Rust, in a world-class concert at the Blake Library on November 12, 2016. Prior to the concert, Dr. Rust presented a brilliant piano master class showcasing 5 talented students from the studios of Jo Ann Shrawder, Sandra Palter, Dr. Susan Joyce, Maria Gomez and Cindy Kessler.



Students:
Nicolas Taggart, Claudia Peng, Julia Vitale, Dr. Rust, Alejandra Sarmiento & Andrew DeFerrari

WSA members – Sheila Kurtz, Kate Hudson, Sharon Holt, Paula Hundt, Dr. Rust, Cindy Kessler, WSA members – Vi Nichols & Betty Brain



A lovely dinner was held at Renato's Italian Restorante in Harbour Bay Plaza for Dr. Rust, WSA members, student performers, teachers and guests.



TCMTA President, Cindy Kessler; concert artist, Dr. Roberta Rust; PBCMTA President, Jan Fulford & guest Tim Pallesen; TCMeta Treasurer, Sarah Miller; WSA Board member, Sheila Kurtz.

Claudia Peng, student performer; PBCMTA member, Susan Dahlberg & husband, Bill Brocker; Lynn Li Peng, guest; TCMeta member, Cynthia Hinkelman & husband Bob Hinkelman.



Nicolas Taggart, student performer; Mrs. Taggart, guest; TCMeta member, Jo Ann Shrawder; Blake Library Events Assistants, Susan & David Opasik.

TCMTA held its 25th annual Music-Thon at the Treasure Coast Square Mall on December 3rd. Over 140 students representing 9 TCMTA teachers and 1 guest teacher raised **\$4,193**. After expenses, we donated **\$3,000** to our designated charity, Tykes & Teens – a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening local families by ensuring that all children have access to high quality mental health services, regardless of financial status. This includes counseling as well as a wide range of specialized programming that helps families cope with issues such as substance abuse, school suspension, bullying and more.



TCMTA member, Joy Beach, conducting her handbell choir.

TCMTA member, Maribel Soriano, conducting her choir.





A special guest stopped by!



A vocal student of TCMTA member, Billy Borovina.



Piano students of TCMTA member, Jo Ann Shrawder.

Piano student of TCMTA member, Lynn Haynes.



Piano student of TCMTA member, Sarah Miller.



Piano student of TCMTA member, Shazkya Fernandez-performing flute.

Jeff Shearer, Executive Director Tykes & Teens; Cindy Kessler, TCMTA President; Sarah Miller, TCMTA Treasurer; Maribel Soriano, TCMTA Vice President; and Paula Hundt, Director of Development Tykes & Teens.



Treasure Coast Music Teachers Association presented its annual Honors Recital at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palm City on April 2nd. The talented performers were from the studios of Joy Beach, Luanne Dwyer, Lynn Haynes, Cynthia Hinkelman, Susan Joyce, Cindy Kessler, Sarah Miller and Marianne Mills.



Joy Beach, Cynthia Hinkelman, Luanne Dwyer, Susan Joyce, Cindy Kessler, Lynn Haynes, Sarah Miller & Marianne Mills.

The performers included pianists Kialyn Thai, Audrey Chai, Abby Bracken, Veronica Geoghegan, Sophie Bracken, Savannah King, Kayla Dunnuck, Dana Gazzaneo, Zuyi Zhao, Julia Vitale, Sarah Paprotna and Andrew DeFerrari. Also performing were vocalists Max Callewaert and Sophy Engle along with violinist Zahava Misshula.



Front row L to R: Kialyn Thai, Zahava Misshula and Audrey Chai. 2nd row: Savannah King, Sophy Engle, Abby Bracken, Veronica Geoghegan, Sophie Bracken and Zuyi Zhao. 3rd row: Julia Vitale, Sarah Paprotna, Kayla Dunnuck, Dana Gazzaneo, Max Callewaert and Andrew DeFerrari.

Awards for the 2017 TCMTA Senior Scholarships were presented to the graduating seniors – Holly Davenport, Dana Gazzaneo, Adia Wood and Zuyi Zhao. The seniors are students of TCMTA members and have participated in numerous musical activities including the annual TCMTA Music-Thon for charity. In addition the seniors have received special awards and achievements such as National Merit Finalists and AP Scholars along with other top academic honors at their schools.

Thank you again to all members of TCMTA who supported our association and made 2016-2017 a successful year! Your dedication and commitment to TCMTA is very much appreciated.

As we approach summer, I send all of you good wishes for special times of rest, relaxation and rejuvenation!

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