



TREASURE COAST MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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January 2016 Newsletter

Greetings and Happy New Year to all! TCMTA has had a wonderful year thus far. Many thanks to all the members who have attended events and have been so supportive. A special thank you to the board members 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 recipients of two grants from Women Supporting the Arts, our association presented violinist **Gareth Johnson** and pianist **Tao Lin** in a world-class concert at the Blake Library on September 26th. Prior to the concert, Gareth presented a brilliant violin master class showcasing 5 talented students.



On November 7th TCMTA presented the 2nd grant recipient, the extraordinary blind pianist **David Crohan**, who performed “From Beethoven to the Beatles.” David astonished the audience with his amazing abilities and technique.



TCMTA held its 24th annual Music-Thon at the Treasure Coast Square Mall on December 5th. 168 students representing 9 TCMTA teachers and 2 guest teachers raised \$6,117. After expenses, we donated \$4,000 to our designated charity, Helping People Succeed – a non-profit organization that serves more than 4,500 families in Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee counties. Among its many services are working with students with autism spectrum disorder, helping families with newborns to five years old, presenting its Music & Movement program and finding employment for adults with disabilities



From the proceeds of the 2015 Music-Thon, TCMTA donated \$4,000 to Helping People Succeed!



TCMTA is having a contest for a new LOGO for our association. It will be used on our stationery, recital programs, advertising, concerts, etc. There will be a cash prize for the winner. The contest is open to students and teachers. Be sure to share this contest information with all of your creative students! Entries should be e-mailed to me by February 12, 2016. Please send them as PDF files. The submissions will be judged by artists who are not affiliated with Treasure Coast Music Teachers Association. I will send another email reminder to everyone.

Here is our current logo:



The Annual TCMTA Honors Recital will be on Friday April 29th at 7:00pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2655 SW Immanuel Drive, Palm City. Each teacher may enter 2 students – intermediate to advanced level. Emails will be sent to all teachers in March.

May 2016 be filled with good health, happiness, prosperity.....and lots of wonderful music and dedicated students!

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