



TREASURE COAST MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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**Maribel Soriano, Vice President; Sarah Miller, Treasurer;
Cindy Kessler, President; Cynthia Hinkelman, Secretary;
Luanne Dwyer, Concert Chair**

Treasure Coast Music Teachers Association has had a wonderful year. Thank you to all the members who have attended events and have been so supportive. I am proud of our association and the contribution that TCMTA has made to the arts on the treasure coast.

A special thank you to the TCMTA board members who have worked hard to bring top-notch events to our area!



Julian Soriano, guitarist
Little Prodigy School of Music

The TCMTA Annual Music-Thon took place on December 9, 2017, at the Treasure Coast Square Mall. 150 students including piano, voice, guitar and two vocal choirs performed throughout the day on stage at the entrance to Macy's. The Honorary Chair was **Jay Cashmere**, News Anchor at WPTV News Channel 5. Students were introduced by "Celebrity Emcees" – **Sarah Baker-Molly's House; Samantha LaCroix – LaCroix Theater; Donna Mulvey – WQCS 88.9 and Richard Swentzell – noted organ & piano teacher.**

Participating TCMTA teachers were **Joy Beach, Billy Borovina, Luanne Dwyer, Shazkya Fernandez, Lynn Haynes, Cindy Kessler, Yun Lew-Kumpf, Janna Lord, Sarah Miller, Marianne Mills, Michelle Rocker, JoAnn Shrawder, Maribel Soriano, and Richard Swentzell.**



Little Prodigy School of Music Choir performed
"Christmas on Broadway."
Maribel Soriano, Director



"Voices of Praise Choir" from Redeemer
Lutheran Church and School
Joy Beach, Director



Abby & Sophie Bracken - piano duet
Luanne Dwyer, Teacher



Jan Fulford, President of PBCMTA
stopped by to give her support.



John Cherveney, vocalist
Billy Borovina at piano



Nolan Bennett
Yun Lew-Kumpf, Teacher



Volunteers from Molly's House at Music-Thon
Polly Wilcox DeLater & Christina Stamper



TCMTA donated \$3,000 to Molly's House
Sarah Baker, Cindy Kessler, Maribel Soriano
Bill West & Polly Wilcox DeLater

Molly's House was chosen as the designated charity for the 2017 TCMTA Music-Thon. Molly's House, a non-profit organization celebrating 20 years on the Treasure Coast, provides a warm and caring environment for patients and families in a medical crisis. Over 20,000 people have been served while they or a loved one received medical treatment. Their Adopt a Family program subsidizes families who are unable to make a donation towards their accommodations.

TCMTA presented a "Romantic Treasures" Concert on January 28, 2018, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Stuart. There were violin, piano and vocal performances by seven teachers along with six advanced students. Thank you **Luanne Dwyer** for chairing this wonderful event!



L to R: Luanne Dwyer, Laura Mozena, Susan Joyce, Cindy Kessler, Maribel Soriano, Janna Watson, Turina Barrington, Sarah Paprotna, Kayla Dunnuck, Brandon Glick. Back row: Valerie Grau, Andrew DeFerrari, Julia Vitale & William Borovina.

Treasure Coast Music Teachers Association proudly presented a piano master class and concert featuring the extraordinary and award-winning pianist, **Anthony Molinaro**, on Sunday, March 4th in the John F. and Rita M. Armstrong Wing at the Blake Library, 2351 SE Monterey Road in Stuart.



The events were made possible by a grant from Women Supporting the Arts, a program of the Arts Foundation of Martin County.

Anthony Molinaro, Director of Music at Loyola University in Chicago, is the 1997 winner of the prestigious Naumburg International Piano Competition and one of the most versatile pianists of his generation. He was a 2013 recipient of The Edwin T. and Vivijeanne F. Sujack Award for Teaching Excellence, "the highest honor that the Loyola University College of Arts and Sciences bestows for the very best in teaching and research." He has appeared as a soloist with over fifty symphony orchestras.



Mr. Molinaro made his New York City recital debut at Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center in 1998, and has since performed at prestigious concert venues and festivals throughout the U.S., including Symphony Center in Chicago, the Ravinia Festival, the Irving S. Gilmore Festival, the Eastern Music Festival, the Santa Fe Jazz Festival, the Grand Teton Music Festival, and the Charles Vanda Master Series in Las Vegas. Outside of the U.S., Mr. Molinaro has concertized at leading clubs for improvised music, such as The Rex Hotel and Jazz Bar in Toronto, Porgy and Bess in Vienna, the Bimhuis in Amsterdam, and Unterfahrt in Munich and Moods in Zurich.

The master class featured **Anthony DeFerrari** (a student of **Dr. Susan Joyce**), **Aubrey Flink** (a student of **Dr. Marie Jureit-Beamish**), **Sarah Paprotna** (a student of **Luanne Dwyer**) and **Claudia Peng** (a student of **Cindy Kessler**). Following the master class, Molinaro performed a world-class concert including works by Rachmaninoff, Brahms, Gershwin, the Beatles and others.

After the event, a private dinner was held at Renato's Italian Restorante in Harbour Bay Plaza in Sewalls Point. WSA members, Blake Library staff, TCMTA teachers, students, parents and special guests enjoyed spending time with Anthony Molinaro and his fiancée Joanne Chung.



**Aubrey Flink, Claudia Peng,
Anthony Molinaro & Sarah Paprotna**



Andrew DeFerrari

The Annual **TCMTA Honors Recital** was held on Sunday April 29th at 3:00pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palm City. 13 talented students performed – **Nico Tovar, Sofia Tovar** and **Gianna Mazzoli** (studio of **JoAnn Shrawder**); **Shadalou Fernandez** (studio of **Shazkya Fernandez**), **Shannon Lindsay** (studio of **Lynn Haynes**), **Jasmine Whitaker** and **Sarah Paprotna** (studio of **Luanne Dwyer**), **Turina Barrington**, piano and **Valerie Grau**, soprano (studio of **Maribel Soriano**), **Kayla Dunnuck** (studio of **Cindy Kessler**) and **Addison McGee & Aubrey Flink**, piano and **Charlotte Strohl**, flute (studio of **Dr. Marie Jureit-Beamish**).

TCMTA Senior Scholarships were awarded to **Turina Barrington, Mikaela Danchenko, Aubrey Flink, Valerie Grau, Claudia Peng** and **Jasmine Whitaker**.



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Valerie Grau, Mikaela Danchenko, Jasmine Whitaker, Turina Barrington & Aubrey Flink.



Luanne Dwyer, JoAnn Shrawder, Lynn Haynes, Marie Jureit-Beamish, Cindy Kessler, Shazkya Fernandez & Maribel Soriano.

Many thanks to all for making 2017-2018 a successful and memorable year!

Cindy Kessler, FSCTM, NCTM
President TCMTA