



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*September 2011*

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Pearl Amster Youth Competition sponsored by the Austin Civic Orchestra is accepting applications and recordings for any students ranging from 10-18 in piano, woodwinds, brass and strings. If you know of a talented young artist who would be interested, please contact the ACO website at [www.austincivicorchestra.org](http://www.austincivicorchestra.org) for application and information. Students must live within a 60 mile range from the Capitol of Austin, Winners will receive a scholarship and an opportunity to play with the Austin Civic Orchestra in a 2012 spring concert.  
Contact person: Sandy Hayes, Chairperson Pearl Amster Youth Competition  
[hayesend@verizon.net](mailto:hayesend@verizon.net)

### Employment Opportunity: **Part-time Assistant Musical Director**

kidsActing, a performing arts school for young people since 1980, in 14 locations in Central Texas, is hiring a part-time assistant musical director. Candidates must be able to accompany in various genres of musical theatre, from rock, to more classical, to standard musical theatre. Prefer someone who can transpose, but not required. Training in vocal music is a plus! Must like kids, have a portable keyboard, and reliable transportation. Hours needed would be approximately 5-7:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings. 9:45-11:45 -- please note, if you are interested, but can't do all of these days, please apply anyway, as we may hire more than one person. Pay commensurate with experience and ability. Please email your resume to [info@kidsactingstudio.com](mailto:info@kidsactingstudio.com).

### **Workshop with Dr. Fred Kern following September ADMTA meeting:**

Dr. Fred Kern is the Coordinator of Piano Pedagogy and Keyboard Skills, Professor of Music at the University of North Texas, and co-author of the Hal Leonard Piano Student Library.

#### **Topic: Make it Happen! Recreational Music Making for Teens & Adults**

Many adults and teens have yearned to play the piano for years and are seeking a learning environment that is stress-free and enjoyable. This workshop will focus on recreational music making with great music from the Popular Songs Series, the Phillip Keveren Series, Piano Fun for adult beginners, and the Hal Leonard Adult Piano Method.

- **When:** Monday, September 12
- **Time:** 11:30 to 2:15 with registration at 11:15.
- **Location:** Capital Music, 6101 Burnet Rd, Austin, TX 78757 512-458-1933

**Reading/discussion: THE MESSAGE OF THE ARTS: WHY WE NEED THEM MORE THAN EVER, by Melanie Richards**

**Thursday, September 29, at 7:30 p.m at ArtSpace, 231 E Main Ave, Round Rock, sponsored by the Round Rock Arts Council**

With the recent cuts in education all over the country, questions about the need for the arts have arisen; what do the arts offer that can't be met with standard learning of science and math? How can their inclusion help with learning in general?

There is also a growing awareness of the need to heal the planet, to connect with each other, and to fix the things that make our lives negative. How can a consciousness of the artistic help with this? By learning to imagine, visualize, and create our own images, we come to the realization that we do have a lot of control over how we live. By studying the artistic process, we learn how to use discipline to put into place a form which will carry us in our art and in our lives. We also begin to create a kind of sacred space where our ideas and their implementation can live.

This presentation will consist of introduction and selected readings from the book, *A Call to Arts: How Artistic Living Can Redeem Us*, by Melanie Richards, with interactive discussion. (website: <http://artslegacy.com>)

## **NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS**

NFMC, founded in 1898, is now the world's largest philanthropic music organization supporting American music and musicians. It is one of three music organizations to be chartered by the United States Congress and the only music organization member of the United Nations. There are 6,000 NFMC-related organizations and music clubs nationally. Members are professional and amateur musicians, vocalists, composers, dancers, performing artists, arts and music educators, students, generous benefactors and music lovers who are interested in creating a dynamic musical and cultural environment in their communities.

Available at the Local, State, and National Federation levels, each year approximately \$750,000 in scholarship and award opportunities are offered to young musicians from all age groups. Members of the National Federation of Music Clubs love music and support quality music education in America.

NFMC Festivals are local community events sponsored annually by the NFMC through its member clubs and are designed to promote the study of music, to stimulate interest in American music, and to encourage each participant to reach a high standard of musical achievement. These festivals provide opportunity for both young and adult musicians to perform and receive and evaluation from qualified judges.

Participants in Junior Festivals do not compete against each other, but are rated on individual merits, with each performer receiving a certificate of participation indicating the rating received. All students have the opportunity to participate in the Festival Cup Program in which points are awarded each year and accumulated until the cup requirement is attained, the minimum being three years of participation.

Events included in Junior Festivals include: piano, hymn playing, organ, voice, musical theater, folk song, violin, viola, cello, string bass, chamber music, harp, guitar, fiddling, dulcimer, accordion, flute, piccolo, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, recorder, French horn, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, school orchestra, timpani, snare drum, handbell, musicianship (theory, sight singing, sight playing), theater dance, ballet, and junior composition.

For further information please contact:

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