

CAMTA NEWSLETTER

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January 2026
Miho Segal, Editor

Letter from the President

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a festive and restful break. Aside from everyone in our house coming down with the “crud”, we enjoyed our time with grandbabies and lots of extended family. Sorry to see it end. On to our busy season!!

SAT registration is now open!

SAT 2026 Registration: [Registration LINK](#)

Further details in this newsletter.

January Meeting (Lecture/Masterclass) is set for **Saturday, Jan 17th** from 1-3:30pm. Sheryl Iott will be presenting part 2 of, “The ‘Art’ of Practicing”. Part 1 was superb and her work with the master class performers was very practical and beneficial. *Thank you, Sheryl, for taking time to present to us again!*

February Meeting

Our annual SAT-prep round table will be **Tuesday, Feb 10 @ 9:30am**. Please join us and bring your questions as well as your tips of the trade! We benefit from learning from one another.

I look forward to seeing you all in a couple weeks!

Musically yours,

Laura Johnson



Coming Up...

CAMTA Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month
9:30 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church

Sat, January 17th, 2026

Sheryl Iott: Teachers' Workshop and Masterclass

Tue, February 10th, 2026

SAT Preparation

Sat. Feb. 14th 2026 **Eileen Keel Sonata/Sonatina Competition at Okemos Community Church**

Sat. March 7th, 2026 **SAT at MSU**

Tue, March 10th, 2026

Brunch Meeting (Location TBD): Post SAT

Sunday, March 15th, 2026 **Honors Recital**

No Meeting in April

Tue, May 12th, 2026

Teachers' Recital/Luncheon

2026 CAMTA Scholarships

The online application form is due by 6:00 p.m. on April 1, 2026.

<https://form.jotform.com/253367466274163>

The CAMTA teacher may complete 1 online application per studio.

This year the CAMTA Scholarship Committee will review and award up to 7 scholarships of approximately \$100.00 each.

The scholarships will be presented at the May CAMTA meeting.

Guidelines

For the student to be considered, the nominating teacher must be a CAMTA member who has paid their dues by November 1, 2025, and has attended at least two CAMTA events (recitals, CAMTA meetings, SAT, Keel, etc.).

The nominated student should have studied with the nominating CAMTA teacher for a minimum of two years.

Optional, the CAMTA teacher may include other information about the student, such as performances, musical activities, practice successes, financial issues, and or music camp goals.

Contact Gail Lytle Lira, chair (gail@gaillytlelira.com) with questions. The other members on the scholarship committee are Natalia Bezuglova, Heather Vedder, and Miho Segal.

Important Dates to remember

Saturday, January 17th, 2026

SAT Registration deadline

Sunday, January 25th, 2026

Eileen Keel sonata/Sonatina Competition registration deadline

The payment should be received by Sunday, February 1st, 2026

The link for registration: <https://forms.gle/BfXsy3QWqGuiPEX7>

Saturday, February 14th, 2026, at Okemos Community Church

Eileen Keel sonata/Sonatina Competition

Wednesday, April 1st, 2026, by 6:00 P.M.

Online application form deadline for 2026 CAMTA Scholarships

Saturday, March 7th, 2026 at MSU

SAT



November Meeting
Cassie Greshow

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To CAMTA Membership ~ From Editor

Please let me know if you have studio openings.

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SAT DAY - MARCH 7, 2026

The Student Achievement Testing Day is the state-wide testing initiative produced by the Michigan Music Teachers Association. This test is standardized throughout the state; it tests each student on performance, theory, technique, aural skills, and sight reading.

Please follow the instructions below:

1. Read the attached SAT Info Letter for registration guidelines.
2. Register students on-line by January 17, 2026. [Registration LINK](#)
3. Mail or drop off **one check** (\$30 per student and payable to CAMTA) to: **Laura Johnson, 108 Okemos Street, Mason, MI, 48854**
4. These need to be **postmarked by January 17, 2026**
5. You will be contacted if there are any questions regarding your student's application.

Feel free to call or e-mail Laura Johnson with questions about registration!
[989-277-1689](tel:989-277-1689) - ilovenewsongmusic@gmail.com

Reminder - Please note that the competition has been removed from SAT as of 2026. For further information about the state competition, please go here - <https://michiganmta.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/MMTA-State-Competition-Guidelines-FINAL-1.pdf>

Contact Amber Redoutey for any further SAT questions @ amber.k.redoutey@gmail.com.

