

CAMTA NEWSLETTER

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Miho Segal, Editor

Letter from the President

Dear CAMTA Friends,

I'm writing to you from St. Paul, MN, as my daughter is currently in labor! It means a lot that I can be here to share in this special time. Teaching online is such a blessing for just such an occasion.

Thank you to all who took time to join and share your perspectives during the September round table discussion. Your input really helped enrich the dialogue. The combined experience and insight in this group is both impressive and invaluable.

On Radar: Do you have a book (or 10) that has been sitting on your shelf for a while... still unread? I know that I do! Kathy Richardson has offered to host a book study for those who might enjoy reading and discussing those books. If you might be interested in participating or have any good book recommendations, let Kathy know!

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We're delighted to welcome special guest Joy Morin who will present at our Tuesday, October 14th, meeting. Joy's knowledge and insight are simply unmatched—we're incredibly fortunate to have her. Please try to attend and join us for lunch and conversation immediately following the meeting.

Here's What's Coming up:

1. October 10-11: MMTA **Annual Conference** at Saginaw Valley State University
2. October 14th: Special Guest **Joy Morin** presenting "*Music from the Inside Out: The Story of Edwin E. Gordon's Music Learning Theory*"
3. November 11th: **Cassie Greshow, OT, CHT**, will share a program on wellness and exercises for hands, arms and shoulders that both teachers and students will find useful.
4. December 5th: CAMTA **Holiday Dinner Party** on the evening of Friday, Dec. 5th. This is an ideal chance to join CAMTA members and their spouses/partners for an informal time to share a meal and celebrate with one another.

Looking ahead to 2026:

- January 17th - Sheryl Iott Lecture and Master Class
- February 21st - Keel Sonata Competition
- February 28th - NFMC Piano Festival
- March 7th - Student Achievement Testing
- March 15th - Honors Recital
- May 12th - CAMTA Teacher's Recital and Luncheon

Looking forward to seeing you on the 14th!

Laura Johnson

Coming Up...

CAMTA Meeting

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

Tue, October 14th **Special Guest:**
Joy Morin

Tue, November 11th **Special Guest:**
Cassie Greshow

Fri. December 5th **CAMTA
Christmas Party**
No meeting in December

Tue, January 13th **Sheryl Iott:**
**Teacher's workshop and
Masterclass**

Tue, February 10th **SAT Preparation**

Sat. Feb. 21st **Eileen Keel
Sonata/Sonatina Competition at
Okemos Community Church**

Sat. March 7th **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**

CAMTA Guest Speakers 2025-2026

October 14. Joy Morin. Piano educator. *Music from the Inside Out: The Story of Edwin E. Gordon's Music Learning Theory (MLT)* Joy Morin, MM, is a pianist, piano pedagogue, and composer recognized as an authority in music learning and piano pedagogy. She currently serves as Secretary for the Gordon Institute for Music Learning (GIML) and member of the Committee for Young Musicians (Birth to Age 9) for the Frances Clark Center. Her leadership experience includes serving as Teacher Education Chair of Michigan MTA, Vice President for Membership of Ohio MTA, and participating on various conference planning committees. She is Director of Music at Holy Faith Church (Saline, Michigan) and teaches all ages at her independent piano studio near Ann Arbor. Joy presents frequently at regional and national conferences and has authored articles for Piano Magazine, Clavier Companion, American Music Teacher, and her blog at ColorInMyPiano.com. As a composer, she has created several pedagogical works, including Incidental Music for Piano, Composition & Improvisation Prompts for Piano, and Keys at Play: 88 Progressive Pieces for Pianists of All Ages. She creates educational resources at colorinmypiano.com/shop and is founder and host of Retreat at Piano Manor, a professional development retreat for piano teachers (pianoteacherretreat.com). Joy holds two certifications from the Royal Conservatory of Music and multiple certifications in both piano and early childhood music from GIML. She earned her Master of Music in piano performance and pedagogy from Central Michigan University (Mount Pleasant, Michigan) and a Bachelor of Music from Hope College (Holland, Michigan). Her past teachers include Adrienne Wiley, Andrew Le, Adam Clark, and Mary Scanlan.

November 11. Cassie Greshow, OT, CHT . Wellness and exercises for hands, arms and shoulders that both teachers and students will find useful.

January 17. Sheryl Iott. Piano performer and educator. *Int/adv practice strategies*.

Dr. Iott has served on the faculties of Interlochen Arts Camp, Grand Rapids Community College, Hope College, Michigan State University, and Calvin College. Various appointments have included teaching piano, piano pedagogy, keyboard skills, music appreciation, and duties as staff accompanist.

Frequently published in music education and piano pedagogy books and magazines, Dr. Iott's current research focuses on music cognition and cognition-enhanced practice strategies. Her book, *Thinking and Playing Music: Intentional Strategies for Optimal Practice and Performance*, has been published recently by Rowman & Littlefield. She has conducted workshops on effective practice strategies at Interlochen as well as for many state conferences, various local teacher groups and in "un" master classes.

Halloween Hoot 2025 Registration closes on Friday, October 17th

Join fellow CAMTA teachers and their students for a spooky Halloween Hoot!

Saturday, October 25th, 2025
1:00 p.m. (recital time)
Faith Lutheran Church
4515 Dobie Road
Okemos, MI 48864

Questions: Heather Vedder (heathervedderpiano@gmail.com)

Register: <https://form.jotform.com/251895699239176>

Studio Openings

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Mark your calendars!

Eileen Keel Sonata/Sonatina Competition on Saturday, February 21st, 2026
Question? Contact Gerardo Ascheri @ gercelasch@gmail.com

Festival on Saturday, February 28th, 2026
Application Deadline will be Sunday, February 1st, 2026
Questions? Contact Mary Jane Miller @ millermusicmjm@msn.com

SAT Testing on Saturday, March 7, 2026
Application Deadline will be Saturday, January 17, 2026.
Questions? Contact Amber Redoutey @ amber.k.redoutey@gmail.com

Monthly Book Study Group lead by Kathy Richardson (Date TBA)
Questions? Contact Kathy Richardson @ kathy@richardsonmusicstudio.com

Grand Valley State University's 20th/21st Century Piano Festival

The details of GVSU's 20th/21st Century
Piano Festival are below.

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2025 SVSU Piano Day

I'm delighted to share that we will be hosting world-renowned pianist Kathryn Brown from the Cleveland Institute of Music as our guest artist for 2025 SVSU Piano Day, taking place on November 21–22. During her residency, Prof. Brown will offer a masterclass, perform a recital, and participate in an interview Q&A session. In addition, the event will include a lecture and a Gala Concert, providing wonderful performance opportunities for aspiring young pianists.

Participants may perform a solo work and/or a piano ensemble piece in Gala Concert. All events are free and open to the public, and auditors from the community are warmly welcome.

The masterclass with Prof. Brown is primarily reserved for SVSU piano majors; however, we are pleased to offer a few spots for talented young pianists from the community. Non-SVSU students who wish to be considered for these spots need to submit an audition video by November 12. (Please note: no audition is required for the masterclass with me.)

I warmly invite your students to consider applying for 2025 SVSU Piano Day. For your convenience, I've attached a flyer with the detailed schedule. Interested students may register through the following link: [Registration Form](#)

I would be most grateful if you could help share this opportunity with anyone who might be interested.

Thank you very much for your time and support.

Warm regards,
Chia-Ying