
CONCENTO

Music | Beloved Community | Excellence

Tuesday, October 11 Meeting: *5 Keys to Impactful Group Classes* Presented by Melanie Bowes

Business Meeting at 9:30

Presenter Melanie Bowes at 10:30

Where: Zion Lutheran Church, 25105 132nd Ave SE, Kent, WA 98042

Zoom Info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82304719183?pwd=WjlxS1pGOFQ3dllTTEVPRotXMk5JZz09>

Meeting ID: 823 0471 9183

Passcode: 841733


Our presenter Melanie Bowes is the Founder of [KeyNotes](#) Music, a group piano program, focusing on collaborative group learning in the foundation stages of piano. Having taught for many years as a school music teacher, in addition to her extensive postgraduate qualifications in Music Education, Melanie has brought together all of her experience and knowledge to support teachers in delivering innovative and progressive group lessons.

With her focus being on accessibility and inclusion, Melanie has considered both pedagogy and business factors when creating group piano materials. This includes the use of challenge levels for each song, to keep each learner thriving, and a cyclical curriculum structure to enable new students to join established classes in-year. Her priority is to give children meaningful experiences in “musicing” with others, and keeping everyone learning together, while progressing according to individual potential.

Melanie is currently working towards a PhD in group piano teaching, and is researching the features that make it impactful and beneficial for children.


Follow-Up from September Meeting:


Links from our September presenter, Tony Parlapiano:

 website --> popMATICS.com

 email --> parlapianostudio@gmail.com

 Join the popMATICS Discord Server --> <https://discord.gg/6TfE3E3GMV>

 Join the popMATICS Facebook Group -->
https://www.facebook.com/groups/3119494098274944/?ref=share_group_link

 Download a complimentary digital copy of the popMATICS Composition Book --
> <https://www.dropbox.com/s/1aps0h2zlijfq4h/popMATICS%20Composition%20Book.pdf?dl=>

September Meeting Minutes, from Secretary Dorothy Sica:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m-9DiHymO3QyCk9XAnNpiOUUsNgPqh3T4eEilT39g4/edit?usp=sharing>

Garage Sale Income for Scholarship Fund: \$112 was raised. Thank you, SKCMTA!

Job Opportunities:

1. From SKCMTA member Kaitlin Mitchell, choir director at Family of Grace Lutheran Church in Auburn: they need an accompanist for rehearsals and performances (not EVERY week). The details are:

Family of Grace Lutheran Church,
31317 124th Ave SE, Auburn, WA 98092
253-833-8910

Rehearsal: Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM (\$25 per rehearsal)

Performances: Sunday mornings (\$30 per performance)

Kaitlin says they're hoping a high school or college students will fill this need. An adult would work, too. Kaitlin's email is kaitlin.e.mitchell@gmail.com.

2. From the Federal Way Community Center: need for a piano teacher
Instructors paid \$20-25 per hour. Students can be age 5 through adult. Days/hours used to be Mondays and Fridays from 4pm – 8:30pm roughly. I am happy to negotiate most of these things and work to accommodate what could work well for someone who was interested in teaching.

Cassie Swan
Recreation Coordinator, Cultural Arts & Community Events
Federal Way Community Center
253-835-6928 OFFICE
cassie.swan@cityoffederalway.com

Looking Ahead: Upcoming Events

- District I and II Conference (SKCMTA is part of District II): Saturday, October 8
(*In-person and virtual options. See <https://wsmta.org/about-wsmta/districts/district-i-ii-conference/> for details.*)
- Dr. William Chapman Nyaho and duet partner Dr. Susanna Garcia perform in the “Music from Home” series at Lakewold Gardens, Lakewood: Sunday, October 2, at 3:00 pm. Let’s GO!
(More information at: <https://lakewoldgardens.org/event/music-from-home-nyaho-garcia-duo/>)
- Student Recital: Saturday, December 3, at Kent 1st Baptist Church
- Music Artistry Program (MAP): Friday-Sunday, March 3-5, 2023
- Chapter Honors Competition (CHC): Saturday, March 11, 2023
- MAP Honors Recital and CHC Winners Recital: Saturday, March 18, 2023
- MTNA Conference in Reno, NV: Saturday- Wednesday, March 25-29, 2023