

# Tuning Up!

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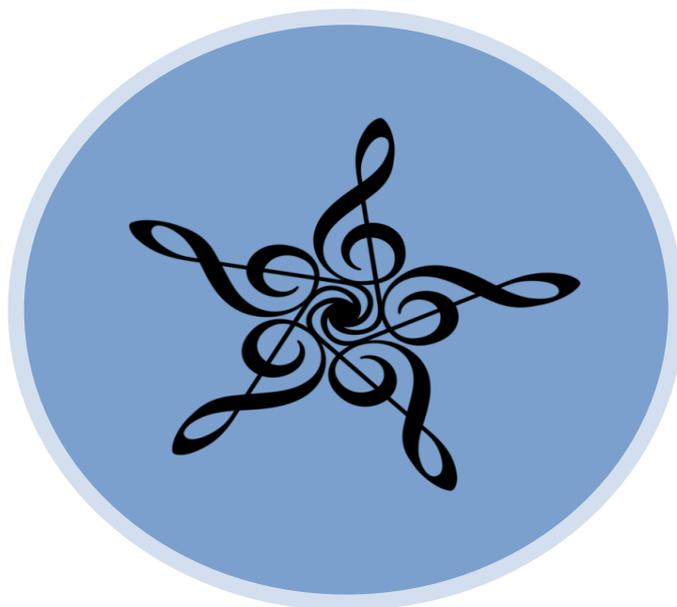
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## Perspectives on Pedagogy

Please bring your experience and your questions and your interest in becoming a better teacher. There are sure to be wonderful ideas shared at this forum. We always come away with very valuable information from these yearly "think tanks."



### **Presenters will be:**

Christine Renstrom, Laura Seaton Finn, Kay Swensen, Carole Tilson, Rhoda Forté - Each speaker presents a different aspect of teaching music.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2nd - 10 A.M.  
ROCKLAND CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC  
45 S Main St. Pearl River, New York

# Announcements

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DONALD WAXMAN

Happy Birthday to Donald Waxman. Donald and Jho Waxman were Charter Members of the Rockland County Music Teachers Guild and served as presidents in the early years of the Guild. Many teachers here and around the world still look to Donald's *Pageants for Piano* as indispensable for beginning piano lessons, as well as his *Etudes* for later musical study.



John Lampkin attended the Celebration for Donald Waxman on his 90th Birthday! Here is what he wrote:

To honor RCMTG charter member Donald Waxman in celebration of his 90th birthday, the Music Teachers Associations of Palm Beach, Broward and Miami presented a concert of some of his compositions. The first half featured his student repertoire

and ten students of various teachers performed works from his Pageants series and his Etudes. The second half featured chamber music for a wide variety of ensembles. All works were well played, some impressively so.

Donald himself closed the concert at the piano, performing from memory his "Three Interludes" which he composed in 1953. My wife Jane and I made the trip from Florida's West coast to the East for the event and it was inspiring to see both Donald and his wife Jho still going strong and lookin' good as they start another decade. I took this candid shot of Donald at Steinway Hall where the concert was held.

– John Lampkin

## Letter from the president: Fredrica Wyman

Happy Valentine's Day to you all! I hope you are finding time to share the love of music. My own heart was warmed at our annual pot-luck dinner last night - I feel fortunate to have so many lovely colleagues. I look forward to our usual busy spring of Auditions and Blue and Gold and some great Wednesday morning programs. I think it's important to note that long-time member and illustrious colleague Ed Simons has turned 99! We wish him good health and joy in the coming year as we all anticipate his second century of life.

See you soon!

- Fredrica Wyman

## Enclosed find applications for the RCMTG auditions

– deadline April 4th

If this is your first time entering students into Auditions, and want more

clarification, please email Marie Cowen, Audition Chair at

CowenMusicStudio@gmail.com

# Calendar for 2016

**March 2nd (Wed.) 10 a.m.**

Round table Open Discussion

Perspectives on Pedagogy

**April 6th (Wed.) 10 a.m.**

About the Voice with Jennifer Eyges

Rockland Conservatory

**May 1st (Sunday) all day**

RCMTG Auditions at the Rockland

Conservatory

**May 4th (Wed.) 10 a.m.**

"Beyond the Page" with Judith Thomas at Rockland Conservatory.

**May 15th (Sunday) afternoon**

Blue & Gold Recital

Afternoon at Rockland Conservatory

**June 1st (Wed) 11:30 a.m.**

Annual Luncheon at Lynch's Restaurant in Stony Point.



Welcome to our new member: Angela Argenzio. Angela teaches piano in Orangeburg.

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Our colleague, Helen Wolff is looking for a 2-3 bedroom rental (either apartment or house) in Rockland, preferably. If anyone knows of something for April or May occupancy, please call Helen at 845-352-5105.