

LMTA Teachers to perform for Music Outreach
March 22, 2025
2:00 p.m.
Eastridge Presbyterian Church

The Lincoln Music Teachers Association will sponsor a Teacher Recital fundraiser for the benefit of the LMTA Music Outreach Program. The recital will be at 2pm at the Eastridge Presbyterian Church, 1135 Eastridge Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska, on Saturday, March 22nd. The program is open to the public and a free will donation will be taken at the door. Doors open at 1:30 for general seating. A reception will follow. The program will also be live streamed from the Lincoln Music Teachers Association Facebook Page.

Performers will include the Dr. Paul Barnes, the Sean Lebita Jazz Trio, La Dolce Vita Duo (Lindsay Bartlett, flute, and Antonio Forgione, classical guitar), Priscilla Kliewer, Dr. Svetlana Yashirin, Dr. Elizabeth Grimpo, Jessica Freeman, Dr. Bob Fuson, and Dr. Marcelo Lian. The final program may be viewed at the www.LMTA.info website homepage blog or the Lincoln Music Teachers Association Facebook event page.

The award-winning LMTA Music Outreach Program (LMTA-MOP) provides free or low-cost lessons with an LMTA teacher, instruments and their maintenance, free printed music, community performance opportunities, and free tickets to local music events for up to 50 area students in need to study the instrument of their choice. More recently the MOP administers a pilot piano program in the Family Literacy Centers located at Everett and Campbell Elementary Schools. Using private donations, grants, fundraising activities, and modest fees paid by the student families, the MOP pays its teachers along with other operating costs. LMTA-MOP is administered by volunteers and a part-time bookkeeper/administrator with the help of community partners who provide discounted piano tuning, instrument rental, upkeep and repairs, piano moving, free printed music, and meeting or teaching space. There are presently openings in the program for interested children who can qualify.

LMTA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation. Monetary and instrument donations may be tax deductible. For more information, to make an online donation, to become a partner or nominate a student in need, go to www.LMTA.info [Music Outreach Program] or [MUSIC Endowment], or contact MOP@LMTA.info.

Lincoln Music Teachers Association (LMTA) Teacher Recital

for the benefit of the LMTA Music Outreach Program

(MOP) 2:00 pm, March 22, 2025
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Great Gate of Kiev
Modest Mussorgsky (1839-1881)
Svetlana Yashirin, piano, MOP Teacher

Were You There
arr. Benjamin Culli (b. 1975)
Elizabeth Grimpo, piano, LMTA Member

Jesu, meine Freude (Jesus, My Joy), BWV 610
by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Suite for Worship on "New Britain,"
V. Postlude
Setting by Kevin Norris (1939-1991)
Priscilla Kliewer, organ, MOP Teacher

32 Variations in C Minor
Ludwig von Beethoven (1770-1827)
Marcelo Lian, piano, LMTA Guest Artist

Sonatina, op. 205 (1965)
 Allegretto grazioso
 Tempo di Siciliana
 Allegretto con spirito
Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco (1895-1968)
La Dolce Vita Duo
(Lindsay Bartlett, Flute and Antonio Forgione, Classical Guitar), MOP Teachers

Rhapsody in G Minor, op. 79, no. 2
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
Jessica Freeman, MOP Teacher

Hristos Anesti
N. Lincoln Hanks (b. 1969)
Paul Barnes, piano, LMTA Member
Widmung*
Robert Schumann (1810-1856) (arr Lebita)

Holy Land*
Cedar Walton (1934-2013)
Sean Lebita, piano, MOP Teacher

Almost Like Being in Love
Frederick Loewe (1901-1988)
Sean Lebita and Bob Fusion, MOP Teachers

**subject to change*

Join us for refreshments after the performance.

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**Thank you to the Eastridge Presbyterian Church for providing the space for  
this concert and all the performers for volunteering their time and talent!**

**Thank you to our MOP 24-25 Community Partners:**

*Palmer's Music, Dietze Music, Chet's Moving & Storage, Great Plains Piano  
Company, Dwight Haupt Piano Service, Keith Heckman, The Violin Shop, St. Mark's  
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Checks made payable to LMTA may be sent to: LMTA Music Outreach Program,  
% Jo Riecker-Karl, LMTA-MOP Chair, 6710 Wildrye Rd, Lincoln, NE 68521  
Donations can also be made from the LMTA-MOP Page

## BIOS

**Dr. Svetlana Yashirin (piano)** received her doctorate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Currently she teaches at her home piano studio and at the Southeast Community College. She also teaches for the MOP.

**Dr. Elizabeth Grimpo (piano)** is professor of music at Concordia University, Nebraska. She teaches aural skills, music appreciation, beauty in the fine arts, piano lessons, and collaborates with student musicians. Additionally, she performs regularly as a solo pianist, programming music from the classical repertoire as well as newly composed sacred music. In 2023, she was inducted into the Steinway Teacher Hall of Fame.

**Priscilla Kliewer (organ)** is originally from northeast Montana, where her parents drove her and her brother 50 miles one way to and from their first organ lessons. They then practiced in their unheated church on the spinet organ. She received a Bachelor of Sacred Music from Grace University, Omaha, and a Master of Music from UN L. Pris teaches piano, flute, organ and music theory, accepting students from age 3 to retired adults. She is a church organist and accompanies Deo Gratias and Coram Deo homeschool choirs. She also teaches for the MOP.

**Dr. Marcelo Lian (piano)** Argentinean-American pianist, Dr. Marcelo Lian has performed in the US as well as Europe and South America. He presented a solo recital at Carnegie Hall in October 2022. His album Eredità has been nominated for the Gardel Awards. Dr. Lian is Artist-Faculty at the Omaha Conservatory of Music.

**La Dolce Vita** is a flute (**Lindsay Bartlett**) and classical guitar (**Antonio Forgione**) duo with a passion for using the ensemble as a catalyst to connect art, culture, and history with an international lens. Through live performances, presentations, and the creation of new music, they aim to promote the importance of a shared artistic experience for the casual, serious, and not yet realized lover of chamber music through the venue most accessible to the listener. The duo met through LMTA in 2022, formed the ensemble in spring 2023, and in March 2024 were accepted on the Nebraska Arts Council touring roster. Bartlett and Forgione teach for the MOP.

**Jessica Freeman (piano)** studied piano performance at Western Washington University before transferring to Eastman School of Music where she earned her Bachelor of Music and Performer's Certificate in Organ Performance. She has served as Music Director and Organist for several different churches, and now runs a small, exclusive music studio in Lincoln, Nebraska in addition to an online business helping people report their crypto investing on their income taxes. She also enjoys occasionally accompanying for local Suzuki studios and for her children's performances.

**Dr. Paul Barnes (piano)** is the head chanter and choir director of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Lincoln Nebraska. He also serves as Artistic Director of the Lied Center Piano Academy and inspires high school pianists to pursue love, beauty, and truth through their music. He frequently commissions composers to write piano works based on ancient chant traditions including Byzantine, Hebrew, Latin, and Native American. Barnes also serves as the Marguerite Scribante Professor of Music at the Glenn Korff School of Music at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

**Sean Lebita (piano)** is a jazz and collaborative pianist from Lincoln, Nebraska. As one of the most in demand sidemen in the area, he appears with all sorts of musicians, including recently with the Omaha Symphony and the North Omaha Music and Arts organization.

**Dr. Bob Fuson (saxophone)** is a composer and saxophonist from Lincoln, Nebraska. He has a doctorate in Jazz Studies from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dr. Fuson's research is centered on the life and work of Dave Matthews Band saxophonist LeRoi Moore.