

# Decatur Music Teachers Association

## Piano Ensemble Extravaganza 2020

Imagine **one** auditorium, **four** pianos, **80** fingers and **352** keys. All of this will become a reality at the next *Piano Ensemble Extravaganza* on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 731 Peachtree St., NE, Atlanta, Ga. This event will be open to all levels from Early Beginner through Early Advanced, including Beginning Teens and Adult Students. The graded list of repertoire complete with metronome markings accompanies this announcement. **No photocopies of any music will be acceptable.**

Teachers are encouraged to acquire copies of the music for early review so that they can begin to determine which of their students will be involved in the event and what they will play. A few copies of the music are available at Opus Music in Decatur. The repertoire is a combination of piano duets, two piano four hands and two piano eight hands. It is highly recommended that teachers select pieces one or two grade levels below their students' current repertoire level. The students have a better chance of being well prepared and confident, particularly those who have never participated in ensemble playing before.

We welcome Andrea Emmel and Mary Brown Hinely as our two conductors!

**Please read these requirements following carefully:**

**\*\*\*Students are limited to playing no more than two pieces in the PEE 2020. Students must be performance ready at the first rehearsal. Rehearsal time is very limited and that time cannot be spent teaching notes and rhythm.**

**\*\*\*Students if at all possible, should attend both preliminary rehearsals which are scheduled for Saturday, January 11 and January 18, 2020 at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. In addition to the two preliminary rehearsals, the dress rehearsal on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. is mandatory. The rehearsal schedule will be published at the beginning of January, 2020.**

There will be a \$10 participation fee per student with a maximum of \$25 per family. Students may play in no more than two pieces. Donations of \$5.00 will be accepted at the door for all those attending the concert (exclusive of participating students) to help defray the costs involved in producing this event.

Teachers, please send a letter to your parents explaining this event and the commitment associated with it. You may use the letter that has already been prepared if you wish. The deadline for submitting your completed student commitment forms to Kristi Helfen is October 18, 2019. The committee feels that it is very important to let parents know up front that this is a wonderful and unique opportunity but it will require a serious commitment. Following the tremendous success of our past **Piano Ensemble Extravaganzas**, we hope that many more teachers and students will participate and that every piano can be filled for every piece. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pam Martin at 404-314-8452 or by email at zepherine1020@gmail.com.