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From the President...



Dear Colleagues,

The MSMTA Conference at UMBC is October 14, 2017. Deborah White-Bondhus, along with her committee has worked tirelessly to bring this event together and to be sure it goes smoothly. It promises to be a wonderful day with local talent being highlighted.

The spring semester is now behind us. Competitions, high school piano examinations, guild and piano year end evaluations as well as our end of year recitals are all a thing of the past and I hope you are enjoying some much deserved down time.

A very special "Thank you" for the work done by all our volunteers. Without you the organization couldn't exist. All the wonderful programs offered by MSMTA are organized and run by you, our members. They don't just happen but rather are the result of endless hours of planning and implementing by the chairs and the folks on their committees. There are so many parts to a competition—arranging the different groups, printing the programs, getting judges and monitors. The high school piano exam is another task which takes hours of time for the MSMTA chair and committee members. The center chairs spend many hours of volunteer time preparing for the individual testing dates. Then we get to the theory and keyboard programs—year round meetings and decision making. If I've left anything out I apologize. I just want to emphasize the importance of what we do for the students. We are a volunteer organization and do these things because we feel they are really important. Can you find a place where you could add your expertise? When you become part of a working group it does help to get to know your colleagues better and the more help we have the easier it is for everyone. "Many hands make light work."

Have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Constance Fischel

MSMTA CONFERENCE OCTOBER 14, 2017 UMBC "LOCAL GEMS"

This year MSMTA will be showcasing local artists and talent. We have a great lineup of local artists.

Don't miss this great conference!!!

Conference presenters:

Two on a Bench presented by Nancy O'Neill Breth and Dr. Lisa Campi Walters.

The Best of the Pedagogy Saturday Technology Track presented by Dr. Linda Christensen.

Secrets and Dilemmas presented by Dr. Immanuela Gruenberg.

Three's Company presented by Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao, Dr. Laura Renninger, Dr. Scott Beard, piano.

Teaching Beyond Piano Methods presented by Sylvie Beaudoin, M.Mus.

Our concert will be presented by the following performers: Gemini Piano Trio; Tre Terra (Adriana Schueckler, Piano Terry Buoma, Soprano, Irma Cripe, cellist); Octava Piano Duo (Hsien-Ann Meng, Wei-Der Huang); the Stern/Andrist Duo (James Stern, violin, Audrey Andrist, piano).

The Masterclass will focus on chamber music for strings or solo piano. The clinicians will be James Stern, violin, Audrey Andrist, piano.

We will also be featuring a recital of UMBC music students. This is coordinated by Audrey Andrist. Last year's program was excellent!!!

A music vendor will be on hand for your music needs.

Be sure to put this great educational day on your calendar.

Deborah White-Bondhus, Conference Chair

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DISTINGUISHED MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

This year's Distinguished Music Achievement Awards were given to 47 students in the Junior division and 26 in the Senior division, from the studios of 31 MSMTA teachers. As the chairperson of the DMA Awards, I would like to express my gratitude to all the participating teachers, and my congratulations to all the recipients for their outstanding accomplishments over the years.

2017 DMA Recipients

Junior:

Andrea Datan (Patricia Blanchard)
Jamison Dittmar (Patricia Blanchard)
Nathan Bress (Jeannine Case)
Jana Liu (Jeannine Case)
Domenic Maceo (Jeannine Case)
Cary Salisbury (Jeff Doenges)
Svetlana Semenova (Larissa Domracheva)
David Gordon (Elena Eliseeva)
Alyssa Gribov (Elena Eliseeva)
A. J. LaMotta (Elena Eliseeva)
Tomas Germanas (Sima Elkis)
Connie Chen (Bok Hwa Kim)
Lindsey Do (Bok Hwa Kim)
Madelyn Dwyer (Bok Hwa Kim)
Theo Gifford (Bok Hwa Kim)
Jessica Jung (Bok Hwa Kim)
MyCo Le (Bok Hwa Kim)
Maxwell Zhang (Teresa Kung)
Matthew Zhou (David Kuperstein)
Katie Li (Olga Kuperstein)
Claire Edmonds (Lori McCarthy)
Emily Shi (Alla Merport)
Carolyn DeSena (Alla Merport)
Maggie Ju (Alla Merport)
Austin Zhu (Yevgeniya Oleshkevich)
Maggie Chen (Hyun Park)
Grace Cong (Ruth Peng)
Richard Wu (Ruth Peng)
Rebecca Zhang (Ruth Peng)
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Evan Wang (Junko Takahashi)
Ivy Liang (Dr. Chen-Li Tzeng)
Anita Li (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Mary Ma (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Evan Mao (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Emma Simmons (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Esther Tang (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)

Alexander Yang (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Sophie Yoon (Helen Weems)
Sabrina Zaleski (Helen Weems)
Sumit Nawathe (Deborah White-Bondhus)
Alexander Wood (Deborah White-Bondhus)
Liwen Tran (Yaling Yeh)
Amberly Wu (Yaling Yeh)
Eva Zhang (Yaling Yeh)

Senior:

Sophia Dittmar (Patricia Blanchard)
Liam Hinton (Patricia Blanchard)
Jessica Liu (Anne Hsueh Chen)
Madeleine Ho (Irina Dvoynoy)
Jacob Luo (Irina Dvoynoy)
Aaron Park (Sima Elkis)
Lily Gong (Dr. Immanuela Gruenberg)
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Showe Liou (Christopher Hall)
Michael Hung (Cherie Jeng)
Jacob Chandran (Bok Hwa Kim)
Alexander Wang (Bok Hwa Kim)
Joseph Weng (David Kuperstein)
Jelena Chen (Olga Kuperstein)
Ken Chen (Olga Kuperstein)
Elissa Huang (Olga Kuperstein)
Nayman Leung (Olga Kuperstein)
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Karina Aliyeva (Dr. Dmitri Nazarenko)
Samuel Ong (Dr. Dmitri Nazarenko)
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Jennifer Chen (Hyun Park)
Lauren Matcha (Jamie Fan Pasho)
Addie Tran (Dr. Chen-Li Tzeng)
Sharon Sun (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Sahil Mayenkar (Rosanne White)

Bok Wa Kim, Chair

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ELEMENTARY DISTINGUISHED MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

AN AWARD FOR OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

The MSMTA Elementary Distinguished Music Achievement Award was designed to encourage and reward our youngest music students to participate in our MSMTA events, and it has been eminently successful in doing that! These 1st to 5th grade students have taken Theory Tests, prepared for Keyboard Musicianship Exams, participated in Local Association student recitals, school music programs, and their choice of our many other MSMTA competitions in order to fulfill the requirements and earn the points needed to receive the beautiful plaque.

I have received so many compliments on the plaque and it makes a lovely award to present at recital time to a deserving student. This year, forty students qualified for the Elementary DMA as of June 10 and perhaps more to come! Congratulations to the dedicated teachers who encouraged and guided their motivated students to reach this goal, the first of many to come.

2017 Elementary DMA Recipients

Kara Willen (Patricia Blanchard)	Isaac Lui (Mei-Yu Lin)
Zachary Bress (Jeannine Case)	Allie Liu (Alla Merport)
Claudia Alvarez (Hui-Yen Chang)	Heather Wang (Marina Ovtcharenko)
Sky Shi (Hui-Yen Chang)	Ksenia Antipova (Olga Soukhoveev)
Joyce Zhang (Hui-Yen Chang)	Emily Zou (Olga Soukhoveev)
Alexandra Soukhoveev (Larissa Domracheva)	Nicole Schwartz (Olga Soukhoveev)
Maximilian Belyantsev (Larissa Domracheva)	Alexandra Yaen (Olga Soukhoveev)
Mandy Guo (Elena Dubovitsky)	Prisha Emmanuel (Olga Soukhoveev)
Alanna Yang (Elena Dubovitsky)	Allison Xu (Luba Turkevich)
Marie Ronin (Elena Eliseeva)	Joy Jiang (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Justin Tran (Elena Eliseeva)	Sophia Zeng (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Celine Blanchette (Sima Elkis)	Katie Xiang (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Clara Pan (Sima Elkis)	Alex Zhang (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Ryan Zou (Constance Fischel)	Darren Hong (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Arianna Edinbush (Edwina Hunter)	Dia Nawathe (Deborah White-Bondhus)
Ryan Qi (Bonnie Kellert)	Katherine Wood (Deborah White-Bondhus)
Michael Chen (Bok Hwa Kim)	Isadora Liu (Yaling Yeh)
Ryan Li (Bok Hwa Kim)	Pearl Mitchell (Yaling Yeh)
Alanna Ro (Bok Hwa Kim)	Naveen Ramamurthy (Yaling Yeh)
Grace Li (David Kuperstein)	Anne Wang (Yaling Yeh)

Claudette L. Horwitz, Chair, Elementary DMA Program

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THE MIRIAM GOTTLIEB MEMORIAL COMPETITION AND THE DORIS AND LARRY CHASE SONATA AWARDS

The Miriam Gottlieb Memorial Competition and the Doris and Larry Chase Sonata Awards were held on May 21st at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. There were over 300 students and teachers participating. As usual, there were many teachers with winning students – demonstrating the high quality of teaching in the Maryland membership. I am grateful for all of the assistance provided by the many teachers – this event would not be possible otherwise. I must single out two people who provided significant assistance both before, during and after the actual event. Junko Takahashi prepares the forms ahead of time for the list of winning students and teachers. And she is always there until the end helping to clean up. And of course, Kevin McCann is a tremendous asset for MSMTA and me personally. He prepares all of the schedules, critiques and certificates – and is the first to arrive and the last to leave the day of the competition. And he handles the all-important coffee and tea station. All of this is done at his own significant expense – since he always refuses to submit a bill for any expenses.

Several years ago the Board established a \$200 monetary award in honor of Gail McDonald. The funds come from donations received when Gail passed away. Her family also has committed to continue funding the award when the original donations are expended. This year the award went to the first place winner on the oldest Gottlieb group. The winner was Karina Aliyeva – a student of Dmitri Nazarenko. Gail McDonald was one of the founders of MSMTA and served the organization in many capacities including President. In addition she is the reason we have the High School Recognition program – which is why the Board also voted to name the program after her. We are proud to continue her legacy and memory with this special award.

Douglas Guiles, Chair

MSMTA GAIL F. MCDONALD HIGH SCHOOL PIANO EXAMINATIONS

The High School Piano Examinations Program is a unique example of how schools and professionals in the community work together to enhance students' educational options. Done in cooperation with the Maryland State Department of Education, this is the 38th year that this program has provided recognition, and in some cases credit, to piano students in their high school. Ann Matteson as the first chair, worked under the leadership of MSMTA president, Dr. Gail F. McDonald. Others who worked in the program at the origination were: Mary Jane Schaeffer, Gary Dinn, Dr. Stewart Gordon, and Ruth Weinberg. Working with the legislature and the Maryland State Department of Education's Director, Division of Instruction, Dr. James W. Lathan and Mr. James L. Tucker, Jr., Chief, Aesthetic and Gifted Programs. The examinations are unique in that they are open not only to MSMTA teachers' students, but to any Maryland student in grades 9 through 12 who study piano privately. Letters and applications forms go out each fall to the principals and to music department heads of all public and private high schools in Maryland to tell them about the program. Students play a minimum of 10 minutes of memorized music from three different periods of music literature. They receive critiques from two judges, a certificate of achievement, and a report to be placed in their permanent record folder.

Students taking the examination for credit, must present five more minutes of adjudication time in technique over and above the memorized music.

This year we had 182 students take the examination recognition plus 4 students for credit. We are pleased to see this valuable program continue for the benefit of the students.

I would like to thank all the teachers who participated in the program.

Hedy Bannon, Maja Blagojevic, Patricia Blanchard, Donna Bridgland, Ian Burns, Lisa Bussing, Kristin Butler, Jeannine Chase, Dr Hui-Yen Chang, Wendy Dengler, Irina Dvoynoy, Sima Elkis, Constance Fischel, Christopher Hall, Nancy Hallsted, Jen Hawley, David Holmes, Edwina Hunter, Cherie Jeng, Bonnie Kellert, Heesun Kim, Lorna Kim, Conchita Jan, Wei-Der Huang, Teresa Kung, Olga Kuperstein, David Kuperstein, Carolyn Lamb Booth, Chia-Hsuan Lee, Chieh Ming Lee, Jaewon Lee, Dr. Chen-Li Tzeng, Mei-Yu Lin, Irina Mutin, Dmitri Nazarenko, Cathryn O'Donovan, Jamie Pasho, Yengeniya Oleshkevich, Colleen Oren, Marina Ovtcharenko, Yee Chen Pao, Ae Ja Park, Hyun Park, Maxine Russell, Evelyn Shih, Dr. Joan Spicknall, Dr. Junko Takahashi, Ziona Tuchler, Luba Turkevich, Thanh Vo, Helen Weems, Roseanne White, Deborah White-Bondhus, Dr. Carol Wolfe-Ralph, Cecelia Wyatt, Mei-Fen Yen.

Our Local chairs do a huge amount of work to make the

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program work. Thank you to all of them for their hard work!!!!

Annapolis	Cecelia Wyatt
Baltimore	Ruth Peng
Bowie	Maxine Russell
Columbia	Helen Weems
Howard County	Christopher Hall
Montgomery Blair	Ziona Tuchler
Quince Orchard High School	Roseanne White
Richard Montgomery High school	Heesun Kim
Southern Maryland	Patricia Blanchard
Whitman High school	Kristin Butler
Winston Churchill High School	Chia-Hsuan Lee
Thomas Wootton I and II	Luba Turkevich

Thank you to all who took time out of their schedule to judge:

2017 MSMTA THEORY HONORS AWARDS

MSMTA congratulates the students and teachers who have received the 2017 MSMTA Theory Awards. Seventy-five students received the MSMTA Intermediate Theory Award for passing five levels with a score of 90 percent or higher from the studios of Shwu-Ching, Cherie Jeng, Cathy O'Donovan, Jeffrey Doenges, Susan Smith, Lori McCarthy, Svetlana Volkova, Teresa Kung, Mei-Fen Yen, Dmitri Nazarenko, Alla Merport, Mei-Yu Lin, Patricia Blanchard, Elena Eliseeva, Christopher Hall, Irina Koulikov, Edwina Hunter, Ruth Peng, Jeannine Case, Teresa Kung, Sima Elkis, Mei-Fen Yen, Yaling Yeh, Chen-Li Tzeng, Yeechen Pao, Chieh-Ming Lee, Jeanne Wernly, Deborah White-Bondhus, Yie-Chien Tsau, Louise Bussing, Tzi-Ming Yang, Alice Ma, Katarina Zaitseva, Katya Merchant, Cathryn O'Donovan, Hui-Yen Chang, and Claudette Horwitz.

Congratulations to the student recipients:

Simon Wang, Vinay Durbhakula, Sean Xie, Michael Hung, Navin Durbhakula, Nathan Perry, Annabel Mungan, Ian Eskenazi, Libby Lee, Maddy Koul, Carleigh Bendit, Claire Edmonds, Carmie Hsiao, Sarah Liu, Alexander Yang, Rachel Rashford, Natalya Volkova, Nathan Tang, Kevin Chen, Maya Young, Nicole Yu, Ethan Yen, Nicholas Qiu, Joanna Jeyachandran, Maggie Ju, Grace Hu, Miranda Chung, Joseph Ensminger, Elizabeth Lawlin, Kristen Ensminger, Andre Moll, Jeffrey Tran, Andrew Qian, Tiffany Jin Ye, Kelvin Yuan, Apollos Edinburgh, Rachel Cheung, Barghav Srinivasan, Jeremiah Sharo, Ryan Parlett, Nathan Bress, Megan Li, Robert Guan, Fiona Lin, Lillian Zhao, Isadora Liu, Anne Wang, Naveen Ramamurthy, Nathan Gumagay, Catherine Gui, Caitlynn Li, Julia Chien, Eileen Yang, Julie Yang, Albert Ho, Anbo Li, Pratyusha Mandal, Vivian Cao, Trent Shook, Ethan Joseph, Anika Satapathy, Alina Fu, Sam D'Eustachio, Gavin

Jeffery Beaudery, Judy Dalton, Wendy Dengler, Constance Fischel, Douglas Guiles, Ann Matteson, David Holmes, Yoon Huh, Edwina Hunter, Cherie Jeng, Carolyn Lamb Booth, Ann McCandliss, Lori McCarthy, Yee-Ning Soong, Betsy Stocksdales, Dr. Chen-Li Tzeng, Dr. Junko Takahashi, Helen Weems, Deborah White-Bondhus, Dr. Carol Wolfe-Ralph.

Special thanks to our registrar, Constance Fischel who processes all the applications and grades, to Ellen Sakai and Carolyn Lamb Booth who work with the Montgomery County schools, and Ellen Sakai who does the certificates with her student Darren.

Deborah White-Bondhus, Chair

Crisologo, Jerry Wang, Samantha Ye, Isaac Wu, Alexander Fitenko, Sophia Cattaneo, Ysa Le, Omid Tabatabaee, Ryan McDowell, Siyao Lu, Joyce Zhang, and Ziyi Lu.

Thirty-seven students received the MSMTA Senior Theory Award for passing five levels including level 8 or above with a score of 90 percent or higher from the studios of Jeffrey Doenges, Carol Edison, Svetlana Volkova, Teresa Kung, Dmitri Nazarenko, Christopher Hall, Edwina Hunter, Ruth Peng, Jeannine Case, Teresa Kung, Yaling Yeh, Chieh-Ming Lee, Jeanne Wernly, Deborah White-Bondhus, Yie-Chien Tsau, Tzi-Ming Yang, Anne H. Chen, Junko Takahashi, and Hui-Yen Chang.

Congratulations to the student recipients: Carina Guo, Hannah Zhang, Rose Wen, Justin Chen, Jason Liu, Yee-Lynn Lee, Yee-Van Lee, Jocelyn Matthew, Ashley Lu, Ariel Uy, Rebecca Zhang, Grace Cong, Kaitlyn Sharo, Anthony Maceo, Nina Tang, Alvin Chung, William Liu, Katherine Strakna, Catalina Lennon, Emily Wang, Melody Chu, Irene Chen, Karen Chen, Enya Wang, Cara Lee, Lily Tahmassebi, Jennifer Zhang, Cary Salisbury, Caitlin Bendit, Leslie Fontaine, Tracy Yan, Emily Tian, Angela Sun, Cindy Liu, Daniel Liu, Kevin Wu, and Cissy Huang.

Special congratulations to one student who received the **MSMTA Distinguished Theory Award** for passing level 12 with a score of 90 percent or above from the studio of **Dmitri Nazarenko: Jonathan Lin.**

It takes special dedication and perseverance to get through such a demanding course of study and again, MSMTA congratulates all the students and their teachers for achievement of these honors.

Lori McCarthy, Chair, Theory Testing Program

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2017 THEORY EXAMINATION

The 2017 Theory Examination had 1648 student registrations this year. Special thanks to the MSMTA members who spent countless hours making this exam possible, from our test planning committee to the chairs that run the local centers: Jeffrey Beaudry, Janet Berg, Anne Chen, Judith Dalton, Elena Eliseeva, Patricia Graham, Christopher Hall, David Holmes, Claudette Horwitz, Diane Kinsley, Anne Matteson, Karen Mihalko, Dmitri Nazarenko, Bonnie Pausic, Ellen Sakai, Karen Skelly, Mary Stevens, and Junko Takahashi.

Just a reminder: if you put one or more students into any theory center, even if you are transferring them in, you may be called upon to work at the center or provide a substitute. This raises the possibility that you may have to work at more than one center. If you are transferring a student, please be sure to check with the local chair to see if you will be required

to work before sending in the form. According to MSMTA rules, failure to fulfill requested work assignments may result in disqualification and we really don't want to penalize students who work so hard to prepare.

The revised syllabus is still in the works so we will continue to use the current syllabus and addendum. But good news: the syllabus and addendum are now posted in the members-only section of the MSMTA website! We will be releasing the 2017 exam as the sample this year. All materials including ear training files will only be available as digital downloads.

And here's more good news! We have a new theory co-chair: Dmitri Nazarenko, who will take over materials ordering and honors trophy processing. Many thanks to Dmitri for agreeing to serve.

Lori McCarthy, Chair, Theory Testing Program

PRINCE GEORGE'S MUSIC TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION SAUL ROAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - LATIN AMERICAN MUSIC

Prince George's Music Teachers' Association is excited to host a special scholarship competition in honor of Saul Roas, who was a member of PGMFTA for many years and served as the president from 1969 to 1972. Mr. Roas, a native of Uruguay, had a special interest in Latin American music. Thus, the Saul Roas Memorial Scholarship competition has been designed to feature the works of Latin American Composers, a treasure trove of wonderful music that is too little known in North America. PGMFTA is excited to explore this neglected source of much fine material.

The 2018 Saul Roas Memorial Scholarship competition will be held at the University United Methodist Church on February 3rd, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. There are three levels of required test pieces. They include the beautiful works from Latin American Composers such as H. Villa-Lobos, Octavio Pinto, Osvaldo Lacerda, E. Nazareth, and Oscar Lorenzo-Fernandez. Please see the attachment "SRMSC TEST PIECES 2018.doc" for the required test pieces. For other information of this competition, please see the attachment "2018 PGMFTA SaulRoasMemSch application 2.docx". Here is special reminder to all contestants: if you are one of the winners, this will be a two-day event. The winners will perform in PGMFTA Broad Creek Music Festival Concert of Winners at 4:00 pm on March 11, at University United Methodist Church.

If you have any questions, please email the chairperson of

2018 Saul Roas Memorial Scholarship competition, Mei-Yu Lin at meiyu.lin@comcast.net.

TEST PIECES FOR 2018

* TAKE ALL REPEATS AND DA CAPOS.

Level 1:

1. "Assim ninava mamam" (My Mother Used to Lullaby Me Like This) from Petizada for Piano by Heitor Villa-Lobos, published by Peermusic.
2. "Bolinhas de vidro" (Playing Marbles) from Festa de Crianças by Octavio Pinto, published by G. Schirmer.

Level 2:

1. "Sleeping Time" from Scenas Infantis by Octavio Pinto, published by G. Schirmer.
2. "Desafio from Brasileira No. 5" by Osvaldo Lacerda, from Bravo Brazil! Book 2, edited by D. & M. Appleby, published by Neil A. Kjos Music Company.

Level 3:

1. "Passaros em festa, Valsa Lenta" (Feast of Birds, Slow Waltz) by E. Nazareth, from Brazilian Tangos and Dances edited by David Appleby, published by Alfred Publishing Co. Inc.
2. "Dance" from Second Brazilian Suite for Piano by Oscar Lorenzo-Fernandez, published by Kalmus Classic Edition.

2018 SAUL ROAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION APPLICATION

DATE: Saturday, February 3, 2018

TIME: 3:00 to 5:00 PM

POSTMARK DEADLINE: Monday, January 15, 2018

LOCATION: University United Methodist Church (UUMC)
3621 Campus Dr, College Park, MD 20740

ELIGIBILITY: Any student who has studied a minimum of six months with a member in MSMTA. Previous first place winners must compete at a higher level.

FEE: \$25.00.

AWARDS: Level 1 award is \$50, Level 2, \$50 and Level 3, \$100
Winners will play one of the pieces at the Broad Creek Music Festival Concert of Winners at 4:00 pm on March 11, at University United Methodist Church (UUMC).

TEACHERS: Please send this application along with one teacher's check, made out to PGMFTA, and mail to Mei-Yu Lin: 11201 Korman Dr. Potomac, MD 20854. Call 301-299-2196 for any question.

Teacher _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Student Name _____ Birthdate: _____ Phone _____

Total Years of Study: _____ With Present Teacher: _____

Entry Level: ___ Level 1: pieces: _____, _____

___ Level 2: pieces: _____, _____

___ Level 3: pieces: _____, _____

I will abide by the decision of the judge(s).

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Student

Signature of Teacher

KEYBOARD MUSICIANSHIP 2016-2017 REPORT

The Keyboard Musicianship Program had an enrollment of 943 students from the studios of 80 teachers from twelve chapters. With the exception of a few, all students received the Gold Seal Certificate (4, 5, or 6 modules).

The Keyboard Musicianship Committee is grateful to the dedicated chairpersons for arranging testing locations, selecting the volunteer judges and monitors, scheduling mailing, record keeping, etc. All participating teachers contributed freely of their valuable time to continue this successful program.

I congratulate and thank the following teachers who chaired the twelve chapters and through their hard work and expertise made this program so successful:

Jeannine Case, Hui-Yen Chang, Anne Chen, Judith Dalton, Carol Gauthier, Joanna Greenwood, Christopher Hall, Edwina Hunter, Bonnie Kellert, Olga Kuperstein, Erin Runkles, and Mary Stevens.

I would also like to thank Bonnie Kellert and Mary Ann Parker for their invaluable contribution.

During the 2016-17 academic year, 114 trophies were awarded in the categories of **Distinguished Award**, **Advanced Honors**,

Intermediate Honors, and the **Keyboard Musicianship Award**.

The Advanced trophies were awarded to the following:

Emily Tian, Jennifer Hoang, Carmen Alvial (Svetlana Volkova); Rachel Ma, Lisa Li, Michelle Bao (Olga Kuperstein); Ivan Khokhlow, Jacob Luo, Madelein Ho (Irina Dvoynoy); Aaron Matthew, Kim Abshire (Gary Dinn); Anthony Maceo, Melissa De La Cuesta (Jeannine Case); Cara Lee, Alex Liu, Ariel Uy (Anne H. Chen); Edris Ko (Edwina Hunter); Catherine Che (Anne Chen); Juhi Harula, Carol Wang (Hui Yen Chang).

Congratulations to all teachers and their hard working students. For more information about the trophies and how the student may qualify, please consult the MSMTA Student Activities Packet.

Level 11 of the MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship syllabus will be used in 2017-2018 year testing. For more information, please contact your Keyboard Chair.

The Minus Level One Module will continue to be used as last year. The age limit for Minus Level One is 7 years old and younger by September 1, annually.

Luba Turkevich, Chair



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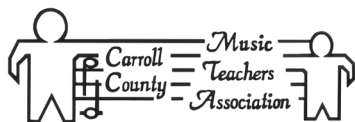


Our teaching season has ended and now we look forward to a pleasant summer break and a much needed change of pace! MTAB's last two student events featured our annual Senior Awards Competition held on April 22 and chaired by Wendy Dengler. The winners' performance was held at MTAB's last business meeting on

Wed, April 26 at Belcroft Bible Church and the winners received their Senior Award as well as "Gottlieb Scholarship" for which each of them had applied. On May 13, the Spring Competition and Evaluation was held at Village Baptist Church, Church of the Redeemer and Christian Community Presbyterian Church, with 70 students from the studios of ten teachers and featured five competitive and three non-competitive recitals, including several vocal students from the studios of our two vocal teachers. Judges for this event were Brian Gorman, Yee-Ning Soong and Dr. Christine Kim. The competition students received beautifully engraved plaques for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and engraved medals for honorable mention, and all entrants received certificates and critiques. Pictured here are students from the older non-competitive recital held at Village Baptist Church. MTAB's annual Spring Luncheon was held at the new authentic Italian restaurant, Mamma Angela's, in Crofton, and our final "planning" board meeting occurred on June 7 at the home of Jeannine Case, co-president (Barbara Lancaster is our other co-President). Following the meeting, there was a delicious pot luck luncheon enjoyed by all. MTAB thanks all chairs and officers for their many hours of volunteer work, as well as the support of all participating teachers. Have a great summer!



Jeannine Case, co-President



On Saturday May 13, 2017, the Carroll County Music Teachers Association (CCMTA) held its annual

Teachers whose students participated were David Kreider, Karen Mihalko, Arlene Bullock, Kathy Kaneda, Cindy Hoover, Christopher Hall, and Lydia Bandy. Student participants were: Andrew Liu, Gabriella Erdman, Sophia



High School participants and winners (l-r): Andrew Qian, Ian Hoke, Matthew Yi, Garrett Harmon MSMTA Scholarship winner, Showe Liou (third), Yee-Lynn Lee (second), Yee-Van Lee.



Dzurenko Award participants and winners (l-r): William Hoke (first), Suzanna Martin (second), Marklin Yi (third).

Piano Solo Competition at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD. Twenty piano students of CCMTA teachers vied for cash prizes, including a \$100 Scholarship for Performance Award provided by MSMTA (Maryland State Music Teachers Association) to the high school student with an outstanding performance.

Other prizes were generously donated by Menchey Music Services in Westminster (Menchey Award, g. 4-6), Karen Mihalko (Dzurenko Award, g. 7-9), Jane Dennis (Hoecker Award), and CCMTA.



Menchey Award participants (l-r): (front row) Samuel Hoke, Ryan Buckler, Andrew Liou, Jason Mathew, Sophie Erdman; (back row) Alicia Vo, Marcus Zeng, Greg Schellberg, Nicolas Schellberg, Gabriella Erdman

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Erdman, Jason Mathew, Marcus Zeng, Alicia Vo, Nicolas Schellberg, Samuel Hoke, Gregory Schellberg, Ryan Buckler, Marklin Yi, Suzanna Martin, William Hoke, Ian Hoke, Showe Liou, Garrett Harmon, Yee-Lynn Lee, Andrew Qian, Matthew Yi, and Yee-Van Lee.



Menchey Award winners(l-r): Kathy Kaneda, Vice President CCMTA, Alicia Vo (honorable mention), Jason Mathew (second), Marcus Zeng (first), Andrew Liu (third), Jane Dennis, chairperson CCMTA Piano Solo Competition.

Winners of the Menchey Award were Marcus Zeng (first prize), Jason Mathew (second prize), Andrew Liu (third prize), and Alicia Vo (honorable mention). Winners of the Dzurenko Award were William Hoke (first prize), Suzanna Martin (second prize), and Marklin Yi (third prize). Winners in the grade 10-12 division were Yee-Lynn Lee (second prize) and Showe Liou (third prize). The MSMTA \$100 Scholarship for Competition was awarded to Garrett Harmon, who played Partita No. 2 in C minor (Sinfonia BWV 826, J.S. Bach) and Sonata No. 23 in F Minor, III. Allegro ma non troppo, Op. 57 (L. van Beethoven).

Congratulations to our student performers for their fine piano performances!

Jane McIlvain



Greater Laurel MTA: The annual Lea Mirabella High School scholarship and Darwin Kirchhof Memorial Piano Competition were

held on May 6th. The judge was Tomasz Robak, and all the teachers were impressed with not only his perceptive and helpful comments, but also with his personal interaction with both the students and teachers.

The Mirabella scholarship was awarded to Ken Chen, a student of Douglas Guiles. Ken also received the Maryland State Music Teachers Scholarship Grant and will be attending Cincinnati Conservatory in the Fall. While Douglas Guiles

helped him prepare his college audition program, Ken Chen also benefited greatly from years of fine training with David Kuperstein.

The Kirchhof competition requires students to play music from four different periods of music with graduated levels of difficulty allowing students of all ages to participate. About 50 students performed. Lisa Bussing, Wendy Dengler, Douglas Guiles, Janice Puckett and Yee-Ning Soong all had winning students.

The Maryland State Music Teachers Performance Award is given to the most outstanding student performing in the Kirchhof awards in 9th, 10th or 11th grade. This year it was awarded to Aliza Khan, a student of Wendy Dengler.

Greater Laurel also established a trophy program for students who participate in a large number of local events and state events. The chair of this new programs is Deborah White-Bondhus. This program was started to encourage students in both competitive and non-competitive events. For the Trophy program, students accrue points for awards. The first level of award is 30 points. Students can accrue points for all GCMTA performance programs and for MSMTA High School examination, Theory and Keyboard examinations. The first trophy was award this year to Jacob Breedlove, a student of Lisa Bussing.

The GLMTA Henri Carol Memorial Award competition was held on Aril 22, 2017.

The students had to play three pieces of different periods (one of a French composer).

Nine teachers and thirty- six students participated in this event with four groups of different levels.

GROUP 1: Winners:

- 1st Place: Catherine Bu (and Best French Piece Performance)
- 2nd Place: Valerie S. Lai
- 3rd Place: Valerie Lai
- Honorable: Jeremiah Sharo

GROUP 2: Winners:

- 1st Place: Joshua Kucharski (and Best French Piece Performance)
- 2nd Place: Rachel Wang
- 3rd Place: Caroline Knight

GROUP 3: Winners:

- 1st Place: Miranda Chang
- 2nd Place: Alex Nguyen (and Best French Piece Performance)
- 3rd Place: Dominic Maceo

GROUP 4: Winners:

- 1st Place: Kaitlyn Sharo
- 2nd Place: Bethany Kuo (and Best French Piece Performance)
- 3rd Place: Alazne Jameson
- Honorable: Jacob Breedlove

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Our final potluck luncheon/meeting was held on May 17th at the home of Edwina Hunter. Our new slate of officers was approved at the meeting.

Yee-Ning Soong, President
Edwina Hunter, Vice President
Jeffrey Beaudry, Recording Secretary
Lisa Bussing, Treasurer

***Deborah White-Bondhus, Newsletter Chair for
Yee-Ning Soong, President***



The Howard County Association has just seen another productive school-year drawn to a close. In 2016-17, we have held the following eight wonderful student recitals: October 15, chaired by Sima Elkis with 86 performers; November 6, chaired by Alla Mereport with 64 performers; February 11, chaired by Olga Kuperstein with 74 performers; and October 29, March 5, April 30, May 7, May 14 chaired by Christopher Hall with over 200 performers. We have administered 183 Keyboard Musicianship tests in October 2016, chaired by Olga Kuperstein, and 35 Musicianship tests in November 2016, chaired by Christopher Hall. Christopher has also administered Theory tests (levels one through ten) for 125 students on January 25 and February 5, in addition to the High School Recognition Exams for 37 students over two days. Our non-competitive spring piano festival, chaired by Vera Yakirevich and Irina Dvoynoy, took place on April 8, 2017 and featured 33 performers. And in the competitive events chaired by David Kuperstein and Bok Hwa Kim, we had 41 teams in the Piano Ensemble Competition (March 4), 83 performers in the Miriam Thomann Competition (May 20) and 17 in the High School Performance Competition (May 27). As a long-standing member of our associations, I have been privileged to be in a position to witness the musical growth of so many dedicated students over the years. This gratifying experience is, in short, what it's all about for us teachers.

As always, we are extremely grateful to Kris Suter and the HCC for providing our HCMTA students with such wonderful performing venues. Our gratitude also goes to the ever-helpful Kathy Stansbery, our liaison to HCCA where we hold our group meetings and private recitals, and all our tireless event chairs who serve as the pillars of this organization.

In closing, I wish a most restful summer to all as we prepare for another great year!

Bok Hwa Kim, President

GREATER COLUMBIA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION There is much at GCMTA to be thankful for as we catch our breath and look back on 2016/2017. We just ended our season with a Piccolo Master Class/Workshop called "Nothing to Be Afraid Of" by Laurie Sokoloff on June 3. Many thanks for Gina Eichman and Elaine Newhall for arranging and hosting both this event and our Flute Competition in November.

We appreciate many chairs who have been running the same events for decades now: Helen Weems for running our Tweets and Twitters Theme Festival, and Janice Puckett for the Friends and Family Ensemble Festival. Thanks to David Holmes for chairing and hosting the Judged Recital in February. In the new chair department, Tina Smith served as coordinator of our Spring Piano Competition in April, and Olga Kuperstein stepped in to chair our High School Award Competition on the same day. Applause to all!

In chairing state events at the local level, we thank Anne Chen and Edwina Hunter for two Keyboard Musicianship centers, Jeffery Beaudry, Yee-Ning Soong and Deborah Cobb for our huge Theory center, and Helen Weems for running two days of High School Piano Examinations. We thank these generous souls for their time and energy.

Lastly, we thank Anne Chen and our State President, local member Constance Fischel, for chairing our constantly morphing Outreach Recitals — three of them this year! — at various eldercare centers. We have honed our mission this year, reaching some places without the best acoustics or instruments — a meaningful set of evenings for everyone involved, and a feather in the caps of these two ladies.

Helen R. Weems, NCTM, President

Frederick County MTA completes a busy and successful year of music!

Recently we had Bonnie Kellert, NCTM, present "Discovering Secrets Of Pedaling". She provided wonderful demonstrations which prompted much discussion. As teachers of music, we keep an open mind to continue to learn new things that will enhance our teaching skills.

Our final student event was a Spring Performance at a local nursing home. Twenty-five students participated in this event to bring joy to the residents at Glade Valley Center. The residents enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of music and have asked us to return for future performances.

Thank you to all the members of the FCMTA that helped make this year a successful one! Have a wonderful summer!!

Sheila Jones, President



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It's been an honor to serve as MCMTA President-Elect during 2016-2017 and to prepare for the office of president.

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Throughout the last year, I learnt so much from Cynthia Cathcart, who served as MCMTA President for four years. She has been a great leader filled with wisdom. It will be hard for me to follow her footsteps, but I will try my best. We cannot thank her enough. In order to show our token of appreciation, we presented Cynthia with a plaque and a special celebratory cake at the May general meeting. In that meeting, we also thanked Bonny Miller for her many years of service as Recording Secretary. We are glad that she will continue as our Newsletter Editor and Directory Coordinator. With the Elementary Recital, Judged Recital, Swarthout/Hayes Piano Competition, Senior Recognition Day with Scholarship Honors Presentation, Adult Recital and Intermediate/Advanced Recital being successfully held in April, our season



has officially ended. As president, my first Board Meeting was to set the calendar for most of the events during the upcoming year. There will be a few minor changes for some events, such as the Ensemble Recital will include

both Judged and Non-Judged groups.

We have a wonderful team on the Board of Directors for 2017-2019. We would like to welcome the new Board Members joining us: Tina Smith as Recording Secretary, Carol Brody as Hospitality Chair, Lois Jones as Historian, and Svetlana Volkova as Co-Chair for MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship Test (Montgomery County Center).



Thanks to Bonnie Kellert for her many years of service as the Chair of MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship Test (Montgomery County Center). She will continue as our Chair of the Mentoring Program, for which we are very grateful.

Our events in the past few years were mainly held at Jordan Kitt's Music, PianoCraft and Steinway Piano Gallery. By providing their venues free of charge for our events and meetings, they made it possible for MCMTA to award grants, scholarships and support to students and teachers for music education. We thanked each of these businesses with the presentation of a plaque. Our vendors were pleased with this token of appreciation.

Some exciting news for our website: we are planning to update the website and re-design the logo during summer. Hopefully, without major difficulties, we will have a refreshing new website in September.

Alice Ma, President

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