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From the President

I hope you are having a great start to your summer.

The 2021-2022 season was another tough year to plan our students' activities due to uncertainty of covid-19 but thanks to our dedicated event chairs, we are able to offer most of our events. Some of our large events were still virtual but it was certainly great to see friends and students at in-person events. We will continue to assess the situation but we hope to bring back Spring Solo and Ensemble Festival festivals in-person next year. All the events dates will be updated on our calendar page once we get confirmations from facilities.



You may have read in my recent email notification that our past president, Claudette Horwitz passed away on June 7th. I was privileged to work closely with Claudette during my first presidency and have learned a lot from her. She truly cared about MSMTA. You can see how much Claudette did for this organization in the article dedicated to her by Ann Matteson in this newsletter. To honor and preserve her legacy, the board has decided to officially dedicate our DMA program to her name. We will certainly miss her.

I would like to say special thanks to a local association chair, Kathy Stansbery, who is retiring this year. She has been a local association chair for as long as I can remember! She was always kind and reliable in passing the messages to local

presidents and was an important board member. Thank you, Kathy, for all these years of service! We will miss having her on the board! I am also grateful that Sheila Jones has accepted to carry on the position. I know she will be a great asset to our board.

Have a wonderful rest of the summer!

Dr. Junko Takahashi
President, MSMTA



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MSMTA Conference

Sunday Jan 23, 2023 – 1:00pm–7:00pm

**We have a fabulous lineup of presenters!!!
Be sure to put our conference on your calendar.**

Karen Thikstun, MTNA President
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Bob Durso
"Taubman Technic"

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Remembering Claudette

Claudette Horwitz joined Maryland State Music Teachers Association some thirty-seven years ago and made a significant contribution to this organization. At the same time, she was also a piano teacher who, over the years, taught thousands of students at her studio in Rockville, MD. She was very dedicated to MSMTA and held most every office at some time in her career, even coming back on the board and remaining as treasurer for many years after her four year presidency. Her work with the theory program coincided with all of her roles on the board so it made her a very busy person. The Keyboard Musicianship Program was expanded and MSMTA welcomed the newest local association--Greater Columbia MTA--during her presidency (1989-1993). One can't even imagine the number of hours that Claudette contributed to MSMTA over this long period of time.



Claudette was professional and businesslike but she could be flexible in her dealings with the thousands of people that she dealt with. She was kind and considerate and kept all students foremost in her mind. With the Student Activities Committee, she established the Leveque Violin Competition in memory of her brother which was held for several years. Then during her presidency, with the help of the Student Activities Committee, she conceived of the Distinguished Music Award. At the time this was just for high school students and Claudette saw it as a way of honoring students who distinguished themselves by participating in a large variety of MSMTA events. It became very popular and did encourage students to perform and develop their skills in many MSMTA programs. Because of its success, Claudette saw it as a way to also honor junior high students and some years later she was even instrumental in establishing the Elementary DMA.

MSMTA feels honored to have had Claudette as one of its distinguished members and knows that it is a better organization because of the significant part she played in its history.

Ann Matteson

Student Activities

2022 MSMTA Theory Honors Awards

MSMTA congratulates the students and teachers who have received the 2022 MSMTA Theory Award.

74 students received the MSMTA **Intermediate Theory Award** for passing five levels with a score of 90 percent or higher from the studios of Irina Koulikova, Dmitri Nazarenko, Bonnie Pausic, Ruth Peng, Carol Edison, Mei-YuLin, Sheila Jones, Christopher Hall, Donghee Kwon, Constance Fischel, Edwina Hunter, Svetlana Volkova, MiriFrenkel - Yacubovich, Bok Hwa Kim, Karen Mihalko, Katya Merchant, Patricia Blanchard, Yie-Chien Tsau, Deborah White- Bondhus, Tzi-Ming Yang, Mei-Fen Yen, Olga Soukhoveev, Chieh-Ming Lee, Anne H. Chen, Sara Cronan, Helen Smith Tarchalski, Elena Eliseeva, Ai Wei Lee, Junko Takahashi, and Chen-Li Tzeng.

31 students received the 2022 MSMTA **Senior Theory Award** for passing five levels including level 7 or above with a score of 90 percent or higher from the studios of Irina Koulikova, Dmitri Nazarenko, Christopher Hall, Elena Dubovitsky, Svetlana Volkova, Bok Hwa Kim, Katya Merchant, Yie-Chien Tsau, Mei-Fen Yen, Olga Soukhoveev, Chieh-Ming Lee, Anne H. Chen, Elena Eliseeva, Junko Takahashi, and Hui-Yen Chang.

12 students received the new **Advanced Theory Award** for passing any two from levels 8-10 (with a score of 90 or above; one level has to be passed in 2022). They are Lavinia Bonvini, Shuchi Tyagi, Caleb Wen, Kana Puttkammer, Mandy Guo, William Lu, Julia Yue, Katie Xiang, Hyun June Cho, Kyle Cho, Samantha Ye, and Ella Tzeng from the studios of Dmitri Nazarenko, Svetlana Volkova, Jeongseon Choi, Bonnie Kellert, and Junko Takahashi.

Special congratulations to 2 students who received the 2022 MSMTA **Distinguished Theory Award** for passing level 11 with a score of 90 percent or above: Vladimir Volkov and Christine Oh from the studios of Svetlana Volkova and Bok Hwa Kim. 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.

Dr. Dmitri Nazarenko
Chair, MSMTA Theory Testing Program

Distinguished Music Achievement Awards

This year's Distinguished Music Achievement Awards were given to 47 students in the Elementary division, 44 students in the Junior division and 40 in the Senior division, from the studios of 30 MSMTA teachers. The following list includes also the three recipients (marked with *) left out of last year's list. 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. And for future applications, I would like to remind all, again, that **ONLY** MSMTA and local MTA sponsored events qualify for these awards. Also, please remember that all communication should be conducted through the teacher **ONLY**.

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Student Activities

2022 DMA Award Recipients:

Elementary:

Luke Ennis (Patricia Blanchard)
Maya Smith (Patricia Blanchard)
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Liam Wang (Elena Eliseeva)
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Meilynn Hataye (Junko Takahashi)
Jeffery Liang (Junko Takahashi)
Nicole Lord (Junko Takahashi)
Vivien Shubow (Junko Takahashi)
Kathy Wang (Junko Takahashi)
Matthew Chan (Dr. Chen-Li Tzeng)
Kaelyn Jia (Dr. Chen-Li Tzeng)
Kaylia McCabe (Dr. Chen-Li Tzeng)
Ella Wu (Dr. Chen-Li Tzeng)
Mackenzie Fox (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Arianna Hekmat (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Chloe Hua (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Eleanor Thai (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Eliana Honda (Deborah White-Bondhus)
Clara Grue (Deborah White-Bondhus)
Joshua Liu (Deborah White-Bondhus)
Aadya Rai (Deborah White-Bondhus)

Junior:

Nathaniel Bankston (Patricia Blanchard)
Virginia Plunk (Jeannine Case)
Jeremiah Sharo* (Jeannine Case)
Justin Chen (Hui-Yen Chen)

Evan Zhang (Hui-Yen Chen)
Connie Zhou (Hui-Yen Chen)
Ella Wu (Elena Eliseeva)
Yolanda Zhang (Meri Gugushvili)
Claire Lee (Christopher Hall)
Eli Becker (Edwina E. Hunter)
Ethan Hang (Cheire Jeng)
Leo Jiang (Cheire Jeng)
Sean Kim (Olga Kuperstein)
Annie Yuan (Olga Kuperstein)
Emily Zhang (Olga Kuperstein)
Catherine Bu (Mei-Yu Lin)
Ethan Huang (Mei-Yu Lin)
Anthony Lau (Mei-Yu Lin)
Lewis Lau (Mei-Yu Lin)
Ethan Lui (Mei-Yu Lin)
Doris Wang (Mei-Yu Lin)
Ella Maruszewski (Lori McCarthy)
Christopher Chow (Hyun Park)
Sarah Liang (Hyun Park)
Rachel Wei (Hyun Park)
Evan Zhang (Hyun Park)
Daniel Boukhvalov (Lara Parris)
Ella Caughman (Olga Soukhoveev)
Kai Caughman (Olga Soukhoveev)
Alfred Dolfen (Olga Soukhoveev)
Avery Fisher (Olga Soukhoveev)
Kareena Gupta (Olga Soukhoveev)
Katya Mamoutkine (Olga Soukhoveev)
Ertan Dogan (Junko Takahashi)
Rui Feng (Junko Takahashi)
Evelyn Kertajaya (Junko Takahashi)
Harrison Wong (Junko Takahashi)
Zijing Wu (Junko Takahashi)
Derek Yang (Dr. Chen-Li Tzeng)
Sophie Wen (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Hannah Elpus (Helen Weems)
Caitlin Liu (Deborah White-Bondhus)
Advik Rai (Deborah White-Bondhus)
Lillian Robinson-Cheung (Deborah White-Bondhus)
AnnaBeth Tsai-Turton (Deborah White-Bondhus)

Senior:

Claudia Gemmel (Patricia Blanchard)
Jana Liu* (Jeannine Case)
Domenic Maceo* (Jeannine Case)
Morgan Fanyo-Tabak (Irina Dvoynoy)
Robert Guan (Sima Elks)
Ariel Joshi (Meri Gugushvili)
Christopher Gunning (Edwina E. Hunter)
Angelina Guhl (Cheire Jeng)
Wesley Hang (Cherie Jeng)
Evan Liu (Cheire Jeng)
Petra Tannous (Cherie Jeng)
Rachel Cheung (Bonnie Kellert)
Sean Cheng (David Kuperstein)
James Kim (Olga Kuperstein)
Coleman Leung (Olga Kuperstein)

Emily Wang (Olga Kuperstein)
Kevin Wang (Olga Kuperstein)
Luke Wang (Olga Kuperstein)
Ammy Yuan (Olga Kuperstein)
Austine Zhang (Olga Kuperstein)
Benjamin Li (Yevgeniya Oleshkevich)
Grace Hu (Mei-Yu Lin)
Vivian Xiao (Yao Lin)
Carina Guo (Dmitri Nazarenko)
Daniel Liu (Dmitri Nazarenko)
Jason Liu (Dmitri Nazarenko)
Nicholas Qiu (Dmitri Nazarenko)
Jonathan Sun (Dmitri Nazarenko)
Rose Wen (Dmitri Nazarenko)
Hannah Zhang (Dmitri Nazarenko)
Hannah Wang (Yevgeniya Oleshkevich)
Jocelyn Hao (Hyun Park)
Jessica Lin (Hyun Park)
Allison Moon (Hyun Park)
Akemi Takeuchi (Hyun Park)
Olesia Soukhoveev (Lara Parris/ Olga Soukhoveev)
Davis Kessler (Olga Soukhoveev)
Jessica Hoang (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Emily Liu (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Chelsea Tu (Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Amanda Chin (Deborah White-Bondhus)
Ria Krishna (Deborah White-Bondhus)

Dr. Bok Hwa Kim

Chair, Distinguished Music Achievement Awards

Keyboard Musicianship Program

The Keyboard Musicianship Program had 757 students participating in 11 local centers this year! Local chairs made the decision of whether to make this event “in-person” or “virtual.” We are so happy that it was able to proceed as planned this year. Many thanks to the local chairs for making the arrangements for local testing...we couldn't do it without you! Also, a gigantic thank you to Edwina Hunter, who served as co-chair over the past several years!

Participating teachers have given favorable comments about the new syllabus and testing. Teachers who haven't tried the program can check the msmta.org website under “Members Only” to find the Keyboard Program 2020 Syllabus and a Teacher's Info and Resources Guide.

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Keyboard Musicianship Program (cont'd) ***Student Activities***

Congratulations to the following 146 students, who received awards this year:

Keyboard Musicianship Award: Enlin Liu, Violet Yang, Donald Hue, Sabrina Jiang, Anna Lin, Sean Zhang, Evan Zhang, Claire Chang, Stella Choi, Candice Fan, Mia Gu, Yunbo Li, Ethan Nguyen, Alexander Schreiber, Grant Gibson, Henry Badraslioglu, Snowdenn Jackson, Caspaen Jackson, Shawford Jackson, Toan Nguyen, Ariel Shao, Gioia D'Arista, Lewei He, Alice Xue, Seeyen Zeng, Megan Wang, Jonathan Woo, Victoria An, Yun-Pei Deng, Kaylan Zhang, Susie Nilsson, Adamyan Anya, Shayan Kurup, Christina Martirosova, Olivia Dziasek

Intermediate Honors Award: Ethan An, Nikhila Boreddy, Lindsay Lin, Joanna Marantan, Astley Ng, Lanson Shen, Kevin He, Bella Konrad, Liz Frisbie, Allan Ying, Annabella Du, Annie Jia, Lily Shen, Erica Li, Justin Li, Erin Liu, Liv Xue, Anlan Zhang, Christina Zhang, Ksenia Antipova, Prisha Emmanuel, Nicole Schwartz, Alexandra Yaen, Patrick Young, Jimmy Chen, Sarah Dang, Henry Golden, Ashley Liu, Brandon Liu, Kevin Shen, Meicheng Song, Eric Zhang, Sophie Zhao, Paige Zhu, Raffaella Galati, Ava Pham, Aadya Rai, AnnaBeth Tsai-Turton, Eli Becker, Devereaux Edler, Nate Bankston, Marlin Smith, Kayli Werner, Kristen Wort, Catherine Bu, Adison Cai, Anthony Lau, Lewis Lau, Doris Wang, Alice Yacubovich, Madison Liu, Justin Chen, Connie Zhou, Tian Feng, Anna Polon, Riya Pradhan, Joanna Wang, Silonia Brown, Gianna San Juan

High Honors Award: Jonathan Cao, Maja Gelvanovska, Ivy Guo, Olivia Guo, Elli Jacobs, Andrea Marin, Sofia Marin, Rui Feng, Sophia Ge, William Kertajaya, Colin La, Devin Pradhan, Daisy Wong, Virginia Plunk, Keely Sigler, Andrew Vahlberg, Alina Tian, Grace Yang, Marcus Zeng, James Li, Alexandra Soukhoveeva, Angie Chen, Zachary Edenbaum, Ria Krishna, Mia Lander, Lillian Robinson-Cheung

Advanced Honors Award: Ida Chen, Avery Fan, Grace Wu, Lyle Erickson, Ella Tzeng, Ryan Parlett, Jeremiah Sharo, Natalie Watson, Morgan Fanyo-Tabak, Daniel Huang, Benjamin Li, Alyssa Ma, Anita Ma, Chloe Ng, Ethan Yan, Andrew Zhao, Arthur Yang, Mandy Guo, Vladimir Volkov, Katie Xiang, Julia Yue

Distinguished Honors Award: Alex Jiao, Annabelle Liang, Christine Oh, Jeremy Yang, William Lu

Laurel Carroll

Chair, Keyboard Musicianship Program

SPRING FESTIVAL – PIANO ENSEMBLE

We have pleasantly seen the reignited enthusiasm by students who participated in the 2022 piano ensembles. Impressively, we have had 230 ensembles (competitive and non-competitive) via video submission, from 41 teachers, and we are excited about the persistent effort and enthusiasm from our student and music community.

For this event, students received valuable and constructive feedback from the judges, and competitive ensemble winners were awarded with ribbons.

Below is the list of teachers who participated. Thanks to all of YOU who have made this event memorable and wonderful: Amanda Ambrose-Brown, Maja Blagojevic, Patricia Blanchard, Silva Blazquez, Nancy Breth, Jeannine Case, Hui-Yen Chang, Anne Chen, Lauren Di, Irina Dvoynoy, Elena Eliseeva, Meri Gugushvili, Te-Wen Hsu, Patricia Huff-Palumbo, Edwina Hunter, Vera Hwang, Shwu-Ching Jeng, MiHyang Joo, Bonnie Kellert, Bok Hwa Kim, David Kuperstein, Olga Kuperstein, Chia-Hsuan Lee, Chieh-Ming Lee, Jaewon Lee, Mei-Yu Lin, Yao Lin, Alice Ma, Lori McCarthy, Alla Merport, Yevgeniya Oleshkevich, Hyun Park, Lara Parris, Debra Smedley, Olga Soukhoveeva, Chenli Tzeng, Dr. Svetlana Volkova, Helen Weems, Deborah White-Bondhus, Jun Yang, and Tzi-Ming Yang.

Olga Soukhoveeva and Junko Takahashi

Co-Chairs of MSMTA Piano Ensemble

Student Activities

MSMTA Gail F. McDonald High School Piano Examination 2022

Recognition/Credit for Private Piano Study

Deborah White-Bondhus, Chair

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 42nd 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 its origin was: 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 application 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.

This year we had 135 students take the examination for recognition. We are pleased to see this valuable program continue for the benefit of the students.

I would like to thank the following teachers who participated in the program:

Maja Blagojevic, Patricia Blanchard, Donna Bridglang, Kristin Butler, Jeannine Case, Linda Cockey, Wendy Dengler, Elena Dubovitsky, Irina Dvonoy, Elena Eliseeva, Sima Elkis, Constance Fischel, Georgia Harvey, Wei-Der Huang, Shwu-Ching Jeng, Bonnie Kellert, Heesun Kim, Beatrice Ko, David Kuperstein, Olga Kuperstein, Chia-Hsuan Lee, Chieh Ming Lee, Mei-Yu Lin, Alla Merport, Dmitri Nazarenko, Yengeniya Oleshkevich, Hyun Park, Laura Parris, Evelyn (Ye-Ling) Shih, Olga Soukhoveeva, Junko Takahashi, Ziona Tuchler, Svetlana Volkova, Sofya Vulfson, Helen Weems, Roseanne White, Deborah White-Bondhus, Janice Wood, Cecelia Wyatt, Mei-Fen Yen

Due to Covid-19 the examinations were virtual this year. I would like to thank John Ralph who set up our online protocol and video submissions. We will be virtual again next year.

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

Maja Blagojevic, Patricia Blanchard, Jeannine Case, Wendy Dengler, Irina Dvoynoy, Sima Elkis, Elena Eliseeva, Constance Fischel, Douglas Guiles, Yoon Huh, David Holmes, Wei-Der Huang, Conchita Jan, Shuw-Ching Jenn, Bonnie Kellert, Heesun Kim, Olga Kuperstein, Jaewon Lee, Chieh-Ming Lee, Mie- Yu Lin, Alla Merport, Yevgeniya Oleshkevich, Yee- Chen Pao, Lara Parris, Evelyn Shih, Olga Soukhoveeva, Junko Takahashi, Chenli Tzeng, Svetlana Volkova, Helen Weems, Carol Wolfe-Ralph, Janice Wood, Mei-Fen Yen

Deborah White-Bondhus

Chair, MSMTA High School Piano Examinations

Local Associations **MTAB**



During the 2nd half of the school year, MTAB presented the Classical Competition on Saturday, February 26, with 40 entries and six ensemble groups. This event was chaired by Katya Merchant and judged by Dr. Christine Kim. The place winners received monetary award and certificates, and the 1st place winners, plus “the best Classical piece” winners from the younger two levels received their monetary award and certificate after they performed at the General Meeting on Wednesday, March 2 at Village Baptist Church in Bowie. There were 75 entries for the MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship Exam on Saturday, March 26, conducted by the teachers, either virtually or in-person. Currently, there is no physical Bowie center. Our annual Senior Awards competition had four entrants, was held on Saturday, April 30, and was judged by Stephen Gibson (a former member who is now on the faculty at Howard University.) The senior performance was held the previous Wednesday, April 27, preceding the last General Meeting, and at that time, the students received their framed certificates and spoke about their future plans (two of the four are majoring in music, one in piano and the other in voice!) and the money prizes were awarded after the April 30 competition. All the students performed very well at the competition, and so we have decided to have the senior performance precede, rather than follow, the actual competition, thereby giving the students the opportunity to perform their pieces on the piano ahead of the competition!



1st place winners from each group in the MTAB Classical Competition

MTAB’s last student event was the May 14 VIRTUAL Piano Evaluation, administered and judged by Owen Adams, MTAB’s member and technical adviser. The annual Board “Planning” Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 8 at the home of President Jeannine Case, and was followed by a delicious lunch prepared by the attending members. MTAB hopes to present the same student events next year, depending on the enrollment of each event. Since our group is getting smaller, we do not know until the deadline if the event will occur.

Have a nice Summer, and hope all stay safe, with no more Covid infected students or teachers, although it is occurring even with fully vaccinated and boosted people!!

Jeannine Case, President, MTAB



Greater Laurel Music Teachers Association wrapped up its 2021-22 events with its Ensemble and Chamber Music Competition and Young Musicians Competition in March; its Lisa Bussing Memorial French Competition in April; and its Mirabella and Kirchoff Competitions shortly thereafter. This summer, continuing a tradition begun during the event-poor pandemic period, GLMTA will present two summer student recitals, the first, virtually in

July, and the second, a live in-person recital in August.

For the upcoming fall of 2022, GLMTA will offer a fall workshop entitled “Teaching the Intermediate Level Student” (presenter to be announced). The workshop is tentatively planned for Thursday 8 September 2022 at Laurel Presbyterian Church; it is open to members of other local associations within MSMTA. Also open to other local associations is the Stephanie Laios Composition/Improvisation Festival, taking place on Sunday Oct. 16 at 3:00 p.m. In addition, GLMTA holds its Piano and Orchestral Concerto Competitions in November, featuring (among other concerto selections) the eighteenth of Aleksandr

Peskanov's student piano concertos to be written expressly for this event! GLMTA closes out the calendar year with its annual Ensemble Festival, featuring many holiday favorites but also other popular fare in ensemble literature.

Our new officers for 2022-24 will be:

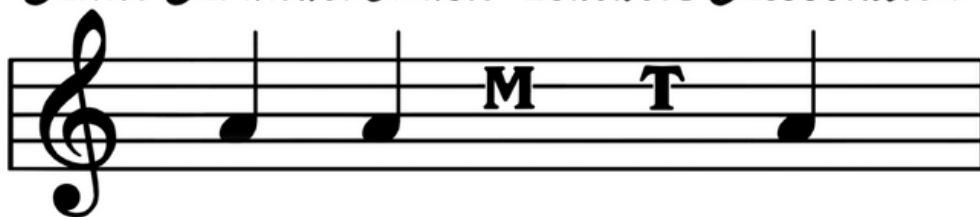
- Yee-Ning Soong, President
- Connie Fischel, Vice President
- New Member Ken Chen, Secretary
- Wendy Dengler, Treasurer

Jeffery Beaudry President, GLMTA

Local Associations

Anne Arundel Music Teachers Association

AAMTA was fortunate to present all student performances live and in-person this year. While we were grateful to continue all performances online during the height of the health crisis, we all know there is nothing that can replace the live music experience. With the help of some new members and eagerness by all members and students to gather again, we have had banner student participation for all of our events.



Most recently, we held the Chamber and Ensemble Music Festival and Solo Piano Festival. The Ensemble Music Festival featured performances on piano, cello, percussion, and ukulele. Students of all levels collaborated with friends, teachers, siblings, and parents for traditional classical repertoire as well as arrangements. Intermediate and advanced students performed with the Londontowne Symphony Quartet for the Chamber Music Festival, where they enjoyed learning about collaborative skills and leadership skills while delighting the audience.



AAMTA Chamber Music Festival

In May, we held our Spring Piano Solo Festival, in which students filled five recitals for two large elementary recitals, a middle school non-competitive recital, and competitive events for middle school and high school students. Our students are currently preparing for the Nature and Water Music Festival in July.



AAMTA Ensemble Music Festival

Many thanks to all of this year's chairpersons: Wendy Poole, Fall Festival; Diane Kinsley, MSMTA Theory Testing; Helen Smith Tarchalski, Holiday Festival; Adriana Schueckler, Ensemble and Chamber Music Festival; Bill Bloomquist, Solo Festival; Amy Deal, Nature and Water Music Festival. Special thanks to Ellen Winner, who produced hundreds of personalized certificates representing the performances by our students throughout the year.

Helen Smith Tarchalski
President, AAMTA

The PGMTA had a good year. We sponsored a Fall zoom recital and a Spring in-person recital at the University United Methodist Church in College Park, MD. We also held three competitions - the Saul Roas Competition in March, the Spring Competition/Festival and the MSMTA High School Competition. Almost all of our events were held online this year and we plan to have a combination of on-line and in-person events in the coming year. Many thanks to the teachers who were involved in these events, the planners and the students who were enrolled.

Janice Kilgore Wood
President, PGMTA



Music Teachers' Association of Greater Baltimore

MTAGB had a student recital/middle school scholarship competition on February 7th, 2022. 15 students from the studios of Teodora Adzharova, Kay Ikemoto, Yoshie Kubota, Lisa Rehwaldt and Betsy Stocksdales participated. We invited Dr. Hyun-Sook Park as adjudicator. All performers played so well. Minze Li, a student of Lisa Rehwaldt, earned the scholarship. Congratulations, Minze and Lisa!

Also, we had a student recital/high school scholarship competition on May 22nd, 2022. The high school competition is newly created this year and is sponsored by the local chapter.

22 students from the studios of Kay Ikemoto, Yoshie Kubota, Matthew Palumbo and Yuka Stein participated.

We invited Dr. Jyoti Hench as adjudicator. All performers played so beautifully. Nathan Woods, a student of Kay Ikemoto, earned the scholarship. Congratulations, Nathan!

Matinee Meetings were held at the Steinway Gallery in Hunt Valley on March 2nd, at Catherine Renggli's house on April 6th and at Menchey Music in Timonium on May 4th. The matinee meetings

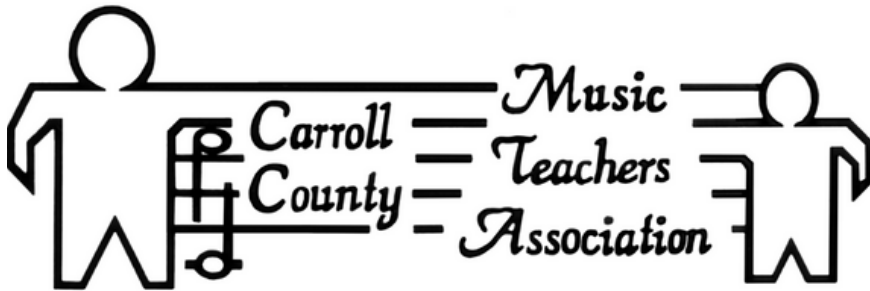
provide teachers with the opportunity to perform for each other in an informal setting. The performers were Patricia Graham, Barbara Gruver, Deanna Hauser, Kay Ikemoto, Jeanne Klusewitz, Catherine Renggli, Joe Teter and Elaine Williams. Repertoire included movements from Visions Fugitives by Prokofiev, 4th movement from Sonata op.7 by Beethoven, Sonata No.3 by Prokofiev, some Puccini from *La Boheme*, Prelude and Fugue No.10 from WTC I by J.S. Bach, Scarlatti sonatas, Ginastera's Danza de la Moza Donosa from Danzas Argentinas, Schumann's Fantasy op.17 3rd movement, Etude op. 25-7 by Chopin, Prelude No.18 from J.S.Bach's WTC II, Star Wars Main Theme by John Williams, "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" from *Evita* and Mozart Sonata in D major for two pianos first movement.

Thank you, Matthew Bachman and Erin, for allowing us to use the Steinway Gallery and Menchey Music Store.

This year was filled with beautiful music within our chapter. I am looking forward to next year.

Hope everyone has a nice summer!

Kazuko (Kay) Ikemoto
MTAGB President



Carroll County Music Teachers Association has had a full and successful year with recitals, a masterclass, meetings with very informative and educational presentations, our annual piano competition, and a great year-end meeting and luncheon! On Saturday, February 26, 2022 thirty-seven students (34 piano students, 3 guitar students) from six of our member teachers presented a program of solo and ensemble music at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Westminster, MD. The program included folk, popular, rock, traditional, video game, and classical pieces along with works from Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Mendelssohn, Mozart, and Schumann. The Solo & Ensemble Festival Recital has been an annual CCMTA event for over 30 years. In this event we like to celebrate the enjoyment of ensemble playing. The performing students were from the studios of Teresa Bliss, Arlene Bullock, Cynthia Hoover, David Kreider, Karen Mihalko, and Sandy Naugle.

Our CCMTA annual Masterclass was held on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at St. Paul's UCC and was a great success! Six students from two of our teachers (David Kreider and Teresa Bliss) participated, performing pieces from Beethoven, Schumann, Debussy, and the Argentinian composer and pianist Ginastera. Nancy Roldán, DMA was our guest artist-clinician and *continued on page 10...*



CCMTA Spring Impressionist Recital

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was outstanding as she worked with each student and taught all in attendance about the exciting and beautiful music of Argentina, sharing great insight in playing and understanding the specific pieces from Beethoven, Schumann, Debussy, and Ginastera. Nancy's video presentation following the masterclass was truly inspiring as we watched performances by numerous gifted pianists from around the world, including Nancy, play the works of Carlos Guastavino (1912-2000), all from the Sonus International Music Festival, Inc.

www.sonusinternationalmusicfestival.org A huge thanks to Jane Dennis for putting this all together as our masterclass chairperson!

On Monday, April 11, 2022 we met together at Menchey Music in Westminster for our CCMTA general meeting which included a very smart and informative presentation by one of our newest members, Joanne Sayre, on studio business practices, focusing on studio policies and documents to parents. Also, it was time again to elect new officers: David Kreider and Teresa Bliss will serve another two-year term as Co-Presidents, with Jane Dennis as Secretary, and Debbie Long, Historian.

Saturday, April 23, 2022 was a brand new event for CCMTA: Le Récital du Printemps held at St. Paul's UCC. This recital featured piano works by Impressionist composers. Seven students of two member teachers (David Kreider and Teresa Bliss), as well as three teachers (Kathy Novalis, David Kreider, and Teresa Bliss) performed piano pieces by Debussy, Palmgren, Jennifer Linn, and Nancy Faber. These piano works captured in sound everything from chocolate to hummingbirds and butterflies, to thunder and storms on Saturn, to an evening in May, or in Spain, to reflections of light in the water. It was a truly delightful afternoon, as well as educational, with informative comments on each piece by our chairperson Kathy Novalis, to an impromptu mini-lecture by David Kreider! Many thanks to Kathy Novalis for chairing this wonderful event.



*CCMTA Piano Competition Winners
Grades 7-9 Dzurenko Division*

On Saturday, June 4, our annual CCMTA piano competition and MSMTA Scholarship For Performance, taking place at St. Paul's UCC. Six students from four member teachers competed for cash awards in the middle school and high school divisions. It was a morning of outstanding performances as students played two memorized pieces of contrasting styles before two select judges. David Kreider's student Vincent Rojas earned the MSMTA Scholarship for Competition prize in the high school division, with Aspen LeBeau in second place, student of Teresa Bliss. In the middle school division, Paul Lee, student of Cynthia Hoover won first place, with Zeddie Dong, second, and Alexander Dong, third, as well as Ethan Lin, honorable mention, students of Sandy Naugle. We were so pleased and thrilled to have Heather Hancock and Kathryn Harsha serve as the competition judges. Huge thanks to Jane Dennis for all her work and commitment to chairing this event!



*CCMTA Piano Competition winners grades 10-12
MSMTA Scholarship for Performance Division*



CCMTA End-of-year meeting and luncheon

And finally, on Monday, June 13, 2022 we met together for our last general meeting of the academic year at the home of David Kreider, which included boxed lunches catered by Blue Bistro Restaurant in Westminster. Nine members attended and discussed ideas for programs and events for the 2022-2023 year and enjoyed visiting with each other.

As members of CCMTA, we enjoy working and serving together to create, promote, and provide performance and educational activities and events for our students in and around Carroll County, Maryland.

*Teresa Bliss
Co-President, CCMTA*



Montgomery County MTA has had a very strong year— We were able to have nearly all of our events, and even successfully had a few in-person events! We gained an average of 3 new members a month, with membership totaling about 156. We are looking forward to an exciting 2022-23 season of events.

MCMTA is going to continue offering a hybrid of both in-person, virtual, and video submission events. We have found that more students and teachers can participate if we offer multiple styles of performance opportunities. The board continues to explore novel ideas to attract students with varied skills, and offer a wide range of events. More to come... :)

Big changes are in store for us in 2022-2023. Our beloved Treasurer, Kris Butler, is stepping down after an extraordinary 33 year run. We are extremely grateful for all of her dedication and work for MCMTA. I will personally miss having her invaluable advice and kind words—she was always willing to help me during this first year of my Presidency. I know that all of the Board will miss her presence at our meetings, and we send her off with a huge THANK YOU and big hugs!

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We are also losing our dedicated Historian Lois Jones! She has served for the last 4 years and diligently preserved our documents. I appreciate what a thorough job she did, and want to give her a big "Thank You" for all her work. She is another long term MCMTA member who has worn many hats through the years, and is a mainstay in our organization. It is members like her that make MCMTA a success, with her willingness to step up and do the job that needs to be done.

We are currently having elections to fill these positions. The Board approved the nomination of Cynthia Cathcart for Treasurer, and a newer member, Yuri Chayama for Historian. Our General Membership vote will end in just a few days. I am grateful to have such talented and skilled nominees willing to step into the void.

Finally, we are excited to announce that we are going to have in-person meetings at a lovely church located at 310 Randolph Road-- The Korean Baptist Church of Washington DC. I cannot thank Paster Park and the Board of Deacons enough for being willing to host our meetings. They will be held the second Tuesday of the month 9:30am-12. I am excited to run my first in-person meeting since taking office!

It has been a challenging and interesting first year of my presidency. It has been made easier by seeing all the creative solutions employed across the state by other local associations. I look forward to continuing to help MCMTA be the success it historically has been.

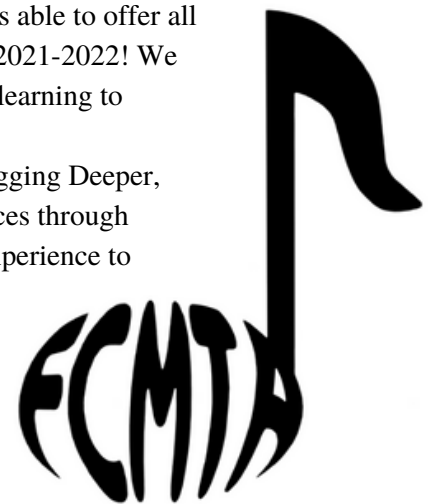
Sincerely,
Sara Cronan
President, MCMTA



One of the three FCMTA Halloween Student Recitals 2022

Frederick County Music Teachers Association was able to offer all of the scheduled student and teacher programs in 2021-2022! We consider that a great success as we move forward learning to navigate in the health climate of our times.

In October, Dr. Jay DeWire led a master class, Digging Deeper, offering insight as to ways we can breakdown pieces through visualization (creating a story) and relational to experience to help students gain a greater understanding of the score and how to express this in playing. The end of October we sponsored an in-person Halloween recital which had awesome student participation.



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We followed up the digging deeper class in a session where colleagues shared how they teach scales and stressed the importance of scales as the foundation of learning music. A few members were able to attend the State Conference in November where we could learn about the commonalities of Athletes and Musicians, African Diaspora Music, Collaborative piano, and Real Kids. We appreciate the efforts of the conference committee. We had a small gathering of members in December and we learned some Christmas music trivia.

We know there are many different kinds of learners. Member Nick IntVeldt, led our Improv. 102 Lecture and Lab in February, which is a great resource to use with students who learn better in this setting. The hands-on lab was a great tool to help us better understand and guide beginning improvisation. A few members had students participate in the MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship Testing. We learned in March the importance of having students study their scores and making notes before they even play in Mapping: Shortcuts to musical understanding led by Nancy Breth. A few members had students participate in the MSMTA Music Theory Testing. In late March the annual adjudicated Sonatina/Sonata Festival was held in-person with eight thirty-minute recitals held at Frederick Community College. "Time Management" ideas was the highlight of the April meeting, sharing a variety of ways to improve our lesson time with students.

To end the year, in June various members are collaborating and will perform duets for the membership followed by a time of fellowship. Most of our meeting/enrichment opportunities continued to be held in a hybrid model.

We will be holding a special meeting in summer to explore opportunities for our students by offering enrichment and master classes, and more performance opportunities in 2022-2023.

2022-2023 officers:

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Happy Summer!

Peggy Flickinger
President, FCMTA

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