



From The President



It has been a great honor to serve you as your president for past 4 years for the 2nd time. It was not always an easy 4 years with Covid-19. But I much appreciated all of your encouragement and support.

I must say that MSMTA board is truly an amazing and hardworking board that cares about the well-being of this organization. Without them, we would not have as many events as we do at the state level, and I couldn't have gotten through these tough times. As a non-native English speaker, I am not always comfortable speaking in front of people, but MSMTA board never once made me uncomfortable.

Rather I felt a sense of belonging which I often didn't have growing up.

They let me be myself in leading an association and became my 2nd family. Like any family, sometimes we had different opinions at the board meetings, but we always worked together and came up with solutions which we felt were the best for our organization. I will forever treasure my close friendships and a camaraderie I have gained from being part of MSMTA.

I was also very touched and honored by the gesture of MSMTA board for nominating me and contributing to MTNA Foundation fund for me to receive a Foundation Fellow Award at MTNA Conference Gala. Thank you!! Moving forward, I will continue to contribute my time to MSMTA as much as I can.

During the MTNA conference in March, I had time to get to know our new President, Edwina Hunter better. Since then, we had multiple phone conversions weekly. As I get to know her more, I am awe-struck and inspired by her wealth of knowledge, eagerness to learn, as well as her kindness and thoughtfulness. She is truly an amazing person all around who I admire greatly. We are very lucky that she agreed to take on the Presidency as she only has the best interest of our association. I am confident that MSMTA will continue to flourish under her leadership.

Thank you again for all the support and have a great summer!

Junko Takahashi

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Keyboard Musicianship

Thank you to all the local chairs, teachers and students who participated in the Keyboard Musicianship Program this year!

In 2023-2024, **all local centers will be in-person** at a local venue and judged by an adjudicator who is not the student's teacher. It is time to get back to what used to be "normal life!" The wearing of masks at the events will be up to the venue and local chair to work out. This summer the 2020 Keyboard Syllabus will be updated with corrections and layout changes. Check the MSMTA website under "Members only" in mid-August for the updated version. If you have made notes in your current version, you can continue to use it. Your local chair will be notified when it is available.

One important rule change will apply for Awards starting next year: Requirements for Keyboard Awards to be amended as follows: For a student to earn the Intermediate Honors, High Honors, Advanced Honors, or Distinguished Honors Awards, modules cannot be more than two levels below the scales/arpeggios module. For example, a student testing in Level 12 scales/arpeggios can test at Level 10 or 11 in the other modules, but not lower.

The following students have earned the awards listed:

Keyboard Musicianship Award:

Lawrence Johnson; Aanya Garg; Madison Shieh; Ellie Cathirell; Keegan Gibson; Makenzie Davis; Ronan Gunning; Vincent Zhang; Gyrwen Xie; Kate Rhee; Ian Li; Charity Loych; Emily Luan; Alfred Dolfen; Ella Caughman; Avery Fisher; Elodie Dolfen; Kai Caughman; Katya Mamoutkine; Kareena Gupta; Charles Golden; Joy Liang; Judy Liu; Amanda Dai; Yongniu Zhao; Allison Tang; Danylo Bohdan Graves; Darren Gordon; Luke Bauer; Cooper Mitchell; Michelle Du; Liam Wang; Chase Zhang; Irena Wang; Evan Wu; Aanya Garg; Ariana Strasser-King; Sherry Wei; Maria Dolgopyat; Leon Kaganovich; Elizaveta Kaloshina; Daniel Boukhvalov; Anna Laryukhin; Julia Nilsson; Sei Goossens; Layla Troch; Anika Paranjape; Sophia Yeung; Masataka Yamaguchi; Chelsea Chen; Yifei Song; Vivien Shubow; Jeffery Liang; Meilynn Hataye; Nikki Lord; Sophia Ta-Zhou; Sophie Wang; Dimo Zhu; Alyssa Hill-Pryor; Emmanuel Bailey; Thi Nguyen

Intermediate Honors:

Dhanyashri Senthilkumar; Makayla An; Irene Ma; Megan Wang; Jonathan Woo; Alec Sun; Emily Oh; Regan Fauzie-Wang; Lucas He; Jeremy Luo; Jaylen Hu; Andrew Yu; Noah Pettit; Ariel Chen; Grace

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High Honors:

Audrey Gu; Amy Gu; Claire Lee; Hanna Zheng; Chase W. Hunter; Prisha Emmanuel; Ksenia Antipova; Bentham Hu; Bernard Jin; Advik Rai; Caitlin Liu; Maja Gelvanovska; Ivy Guo; Olivia Guo; Elli Jacobs; Jonathan Cao; Maximilian Belyantsev; Amber Lin; Yolanda Zhang; Emily Johns; Zijing Wu; Winnie Chen

Advanced Honors:

Nina Wang; Eric Liu; Marcus Zeng; Sean Kim; Angela Lei; Michelle Wang; Annie Yuan; Ryan Qi; Alina Tian; Grace Yang; Ilayda Dogan

Distinguished Honors:

Elizabeth Liu; Aiden Zhang; Tiffany Luan; Arthur Yang; Mandy Guo; Katie Xiang; Julia Yue; Vladimir Volkov

Finally, thank you to all the local chairs who do so much to make this event a success! This year our chairs were:

Michele Avrck, Jeannine Case, Anne Chen, Joanna Greenwood, Christopher Hall, Edwina Hunter, Olga Kuperstein, Kim Roberts, Mary Stevens, Svetlana Volkova, and Janice Wood

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,
Laurel Carroll

E.R. Davis Memorial Piano Competition Results

April 30, 2023

9/10 Grade Division

1st Place Sophia Lin (Marjorie Lee)
2nd Place. Kana Puttkammer (Dmitri Nazarenko)
3rd Place Zack Lam (Marjorie Lee)

HM Hiroki Matsui (Marjorie Lee)
Yiting Sun (Chen-li Tzeng)
Thomas Chen (James Hillis)
Jessica Wang (San-Quing Lu Bennamn)

Judges: Charles Timbrell and Rhoda Jeng

11/12 Grade Division

1st Place Michael Chen (Bok Hwa Kim)
2nd Place Samwit Dangol (Audrey Andrist)
3rd Place Lucy Spence (James Litzelman)

HM Alex Wen (San- Quin Lu-Bennaman)
Desiree Chen (Yao Lin)

Judges: Thomas Hecht and Shirley Yoo

College Division

1st Place Alan Mao (Shirley Yoo)
2nd Place Eric Lian (Shirley Yoo)

Judges: Thomas Hecht and Rhoda Jeng

Junko Takahashi and Bok Hwa Kim, Chairs

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Daniel Lau

2023 MSMTA Theory Honors Awards

MSMTA congratulates the students and teachers who have received MSMTA Theory Awards.

70 students received the **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, Jeongseon Choi, Mei-Yu Lin, Donghee Kwon, Elena Dubovitsky, Yeechen Pao, Chen-Li Tzeng, Yie-Chien Tsau, Katya Merchant, Constance Fischel, Miri Frenkel - Yacubovich, Lorri Yawney, Tzi-Ming Yang, Chin- Yi Lee, Bok Hwa Kim, Deborah White- Bondhus, Sheila Jones, Olga Soukhoveev, Chieh-Ming Lee, Yevgeniya Oleshkevich, Elena Eliseeva, David Holmes, Mei-Fen Yen, Lara Parris, Christopher Hall, Hui-Yen Chang, Adriana Schueckler, Junko Takahashi, Meri Gugushvili, and Bonnie Kellert.

33 students received the **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, Anne H. Chen, Donghee Kwon, Svetlana Volkova, Yie-Chien Tsau, Katya

Merchant, Tzi-Ming Yang, Bok Hwa Kim, Deborah White- Bondhus, Olga Soukhoveev, Chieh-Ming Lee, Lara Parris, Christopher Hall, Hui-Yen Chang, Helen Smith Tarchalski, Junko Takahashi, Meri Gugushvili, and Sara Cronan.

4 students received the **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 2023). They are Ethan Yee, Kyle Cho, Sophia Chen, and Marcus Zeng, from the studios of Dmitri Nazarenko, Jeongseon Choi, Yie-Chien Tsau, and Christopher Hall.

Special congratulations to 6 students who received the 2023 MSMTA **Distinguished Theory Award** for passing level 11 with a score of 90 percent or above: Lavinia Bonvini, Kana Puttkammer, Hyun June Cho, Katie Xiang, Mandy Guo, and Julia Yue, from the studios of Svetlana Volkova, Dmitri Nazarenko, and Jeongseon Choi. 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.

Jeffrey J. Doenges
MSMTA Theory Awards Program

Gail F. McDonald High School Piano Examinations

Recognition and Credit for Private Music Study, 2023

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 43rd 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. They partnered with the legislature and Dr. James W. Lathan, the Director of the Maryland State Department of Education's Division of Instruction as well as 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 also 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.

This year we had 96 students take the examination for recognition. We are pleased to see this valuable program continue for the benefit of the students.

The examinations were virtual this year. I would like to thank John Ralph who set up our online protocol and video submissions. We will remain virtual again next year.

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

MAJA BLAGOJEVIC, INNA BLACKWELDER, PATRICIA BLANCHARD, JEANNINE CASE, SARA CRONAN, WENDY DENGLER, IRINA DVONNOY, SIMA ELKIS, CONSTANCE FISCHER, GEORGIA HARVEY, JAN HULBERT, EDWINA HUNTER, BONNIE KELLERT, HEESUN KIM, BEATRICE KO, DAVID KUPERSTEIN, OLGA KUPERSTEIN, CHIEH MING LEE, ALLA MERPORT, DMITRI NAZARENKO, CATHRYN O'DONOVAN, YENGENIYA OLESHKEVICH, HYUN PARK, LAURA PARRIS, EVELYN (YE-LING) SHIH, SUSAN SMITH, OLGA SOUKHOVEEVA, JUNKO TAKAHASHI, YIN CHUN TANKAN, YI-CHIEN TSAU, ZIONA TUCHLER, CHENLI TZENG, SVETLANA VOLKOVA, HELEN WEEMS, ROSEANNE WHITE, DEBORAH WHITE-BONDHUS, JANICE WOOD, MEI-FEN YEN

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

Maja Blagojevic, Patricia Blanchard, Jeannine Case, Sara Cronan, Wendy Dengler, Irina Dvoynoy, Constance Fischer, Douglas Guiles, David Holmes, Edwina Hunter, Bonnie Kellert, Heesun Kim, Olga Kuperstein, Jaewon Lee, Chieh-Ming Lee, Yee- Chen Pao, Evelyn Shih, Olga Soukhoveeva, Junko Takahashi, Chenli Tzeng, Svetlana Volkova, Helen Weems, Janice Wood, Mei-Fen Yen

Deborah White-Bondhus

MSMTA High School Piano Examination Chair

MTNA Conference 2023 in Reno, Nevada



Our numbers were few, but mighty was the impact of the DMV at the MTNA Conference on March 25-29, 2023. Our esteemed President Junko Takahashi received the coveted MTNA Fellows award at the Conference Gala on March . The MTNA Foundation presents this award to those whose colleagues have identified and nominated each as “one who has made significant contributions to the art of music and the profession of teaching.” Junko has served as President of MSMTA for eight (8) years with excellence and distinction. At the core of her professionalism is her desire for a more musical tomorrow as evidenced by her support of both MSMTA and MTNA programs that nurture the creation, performance, study, and teaching of music. The Fellows are honored guests at the MTNA Conference Gala where they are announced and receive a framed certificate and pin.

Helen Smith Tarchalski was elected North-East Division Representative to the MTNA nominating committee.

Nancy Breth’s students, Harrison Benford and Nathan Shan, were the first-place winners in the Senior Piano Duet Division. Both young men then performed solo repertoire as a part of Ms. Breth’s session, “Two Clicks Away: Music of Our Time.” This most captivating session featured live performances of the music of composers with diverse ethnic and National backgrounds born after 1904, as well as video clips of student performers of accessible 21st century music.



Left to right: Edwina E. Hunter, President- elect, MSMTA; Junko Takahashi, President, MSMTA; Andrew Cronan and Sara Cronan, President, MCTA; Leah Clairborne, UDC professor, first Stecher- Horowitz Power of Innovation Award winner, and presenter of Ebony Prize in all 3 MTNA competition divisions; Nancy Breth, Presenter, and Hedy Bannon, President, WMTA

Edwina E. Hunter President-elect, MSMTA

2023 MSMTA Conference

Save the date!!!

Join us for an amazing conference from the comfort of your home.

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Virtual on Zoom

1:00 PM – 7:00 PM

1:00 PM

Meet and Greet

1:30 PM

“If You Like That, You’ll Love This!”

Repertoire Alternatives for Overplayed Pieces.

The classical piano literature is vast, rich and varied.

Yet it seems that the same handful of pieces are performed most frequently. This is understandable: students often hear other students play a piece and decide they’d also like to play it, and teachers become accustomed to teaching certain pieces in order to reliably develop specific components of musicianship and technique in their students. This session will propose alternatives to some of the most commonly played pieces, in order to broaden repertoire options for teachers and students alike.

Dr. Kate Boyd, DMA, NCTM

Professor of Piano at Butler University

2:45 PM

Break

3:00 PM

General Membership Meeting

4:00 PM

“Memorization Techniques for a More Secure Performance”

Memorization is the bane of our existence as pianists. This lecture will present ways to feel more secure when playing in public by focusing on the four types of memory— Visual, Auditory, Intellectual and Kinesthetic. Concrete examples of ways to practice in order to solidify memory will be presented in addition to a discussion of why we play from memory and if we even should!

Dr. Theresa Bogard

Professor, Piano

Department of Music

University of Wyoming

5:15 PM

Break

5:30 PM

Master Class for Intermediate/Advanced Students –

Dr. James (Jay) DeWire

Assistant Professor

Frostburg State University

Pianist, West Shore Piano Trio

7:00 p.m.

End of conference

Piano Masterclass Audition Information for the MSMTA Conference October 15, 2023

We are Looking for students to participate in Dr. James DeWire masterclass at the conference on Sunday, October 15, 2023

Time: 5:30 -7:00 PM

Location: Live-streamed from Junko's studio in Bethesda

Level of students: Intermediate to Advanced

Length of piece: No more than 10 minutes

Teachers: please include your student's name, email and age

Please email YouTube links or audio files to Junko Takahashi at jutaka@verizon.net by Sept. 24, 2023

**Students who performed in the last conference masterclass will not be eligible for this year.*

2023-2024 Gertrude Brown Memorial Concerto Competition

Teachers are encouraged to apply their students for the Concerto Competition to be held early January next year. The competition repertoire for 2023-2024 is:

Junior I (5th grade and under): J. S. Schroter, Concerto for Piano and String Orchestra, Op. 3, No.3 (in C Major), Schott ed.

Junior II (8th grade and under): J. Haydn, Concerto in D Major, Hob.XVIII:11, Schirmer ed.

Intermediate (10th grade and under): W.A. Mozart, Concerto in C Major, K. 467, Schirmer ed.

Senior (12th grade and under): F. Mendelssohn, Concerto in D Minor, Op. 40, Schirmer ed.

Application deadline: December 1, 2023. Competition date (tentative): Sunday, Jan 7, 2024
Please refer to the website info page for further details and rules, though the new repertoire and dates may not have been updated yet.

Hyun Park, Concerto Competition Chair

Local Association News



MTAGB had a Masterclass with Dr. Adam Mahonske on Saturday, January 21st, 2023, at Steinway Gallery, Hunt Valley.

It was a remarkable success. 6 students came from the studios of Kazuko Ikemoto and Betsy Stocksdales. Thank you to Dr. Matthew Bachman for allowing the use of Steinway Gallery and to Betsy Stocksdales for organizing the event.

The winter student recital/middle school scholarship competition was held on Sunday, February 26th at CCBC Essex, Recital Hall.

22 students from the studio of Teodora Adzharova, Kazuko Ikemoto, Catherine Renggili, Betsy Stocksdales, Doris Yousfi and Yoshie Kubota participated. We invited Barbara Gruver as adjudicator. All the performers played so beautifully. Aria McDermott, a student of Kazuko Ikemoto, earned the scholarship. Congratulations, Aria!

We had an adult recital on Saturday, April 22nd at Artist Music Center in White Marsh. Lovely pieces from Boisvert, Ibert, Beethoven, Debussy, Schubert, Schumann were played by 6 students from the studios of Teodora Adzharova, Patricia Graham, Yoshie Kubota and Joe Teter.

Thank you to Dr. Jarl and Irene Hulbert for allowing the use of Artist Music Center for the event.

This year was filled with beautiful music within our chapter.

Hope everyone has a nice summer!

Also, we had Spring Student recital/ high school scholarship competition on May 21st at CCBC Essex, Recital Hall.

18 students from the studio of Kazuko Ikemoto, Yoshie Kubota, Matthew Palumbo, Yuka Stein and Betsy Stocksdales performed. We invited Dr. Shirley Yoo as adjudicator. All the performers did an excellent job! This year, a special award was funded by a gift from Dr. Hyun Sook Park, Peabody Conservatory faculty, who served as adjudicator for the 2022 scholarship competition.

Henry Wolff, a student from Yuka Stein, earned the 1st Place and Ellie Hanson, a student from Kazuko Ikemoto, earned the special award. Congratulations, Henry, and Ellie! Thank you to Matthew Palumbo for working hard to organize the facility.

Matinee meetings were held at Steinway Gallery on Wednesday, February 1st at Wendy Balder's house on March 1st at Kazuko Ikemoto's house on April 3rd and at Barbara Gruver's house June 7th.

Participants were Teodora Adzharova, Shirley Yoo, Barbara Gruver, Deanna Hauser, Catherine Renggili, Kazuko Ikemoto, Joe Teter, Sharon & Stephan, Elaine Williams, Jeanne Klusewitz, Patricia Graham, Yoshie Kubota, Kathy Kaneda and Jasmine LaChae.

All the participants enjoy listening and performing for each other every time

Kazuko (Kay) Ikemoto
MTAGB president

MTAB

Music Teachers Association of Bowie

During the second half of the school year, MTAB presented the Mirabella Spanish Competition (one Spanish piece and one other from a different musical period) on Saturday, February 25, with forty entries and six groups. This event was chaired by Jeannine Case, with much support from Hui Yen Chang and Owen Adams, plus the other teacher participants. The judge was Dr. Stephanie Bruning, and there were eight 1st place winners (the 1st two groups were tied): all place winners received monetary prizes, and the 1st place winners received their monetary award and certificate after they performed at the General meeting on Wednesday, March 1 at Village Baptist Church in Bowie.

There were 63 entries for the MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship Exam on Saturday, March 25, conducted by the teachers, either virtually or in person judging their own students.

Currently, there is no physical Bowie center. Our annual senior Awards competition had 3 entrants and was held on Saturday, April 29, and judged by Dr. Carol Wolfe-Ralph. The senior performance was held the previous Wednesday, April 26, preceding the last General Meeting, and at that time, the students received their framed certificate and spoke



about their previous piano study and their future plans, and the money prizes were awarded after the April 29 performance.

All of the students performed very well at the competition, so having the seniors perform their pieces ahead of the actual competition proved beneficial! MTAB's last student event was the May 13 VIRTUAL Piano Evaluation, with 41 students, administered and judged by Owen

Adams, MTAB's member and technical adviser. The annual Board "Planning" Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 9, at the home of President Jeannine Case, and was followed by a tasty lunch prepared by the attending members. MTAB hopes to present the same student events next year, depending on the enrollment of each event. With such a small group, we do not know until the deadline if the event will occur.

Have a nice summer and stay safe. Hopefully your summer will have some interesting travel plans!!

Jeannine Case, President

Left to Right: Gabrielle McAllister, Ryan Parlett, Emily Lo





Frederick County Music Teachers Association

Frederick County Music Teachers Association had a busy spring season this year, as we got fully back into the swing of in-person events. 2023 started off with our Ensemble Festival in January, Senior Living Center performances and Keyboard Testing in February, then MSMTA Theory Testing and our Sonatina Festival in March. Many members have held their own Studio Recitals this spring as well.

We greatly enjoyed several Teacher Enrichment meetings, including one on the Taubman approach, and Prepping a Score at a Table by member Bobbie Rastall and Preparing a Student for College Music Technique by member Dr. Jay DeWire. We finished off our year with a terrific Duet Musicale in June, with member teams presenting a dozen varied duets. We also elected a new slate of officers at our April Business Meeting:

Karen Skelly, President
Christine Pappas, Vice President
Cindy Taylor, Treasurer
Sheila Jones, Secretary

MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND



MTASM students and teachers have had a delightful winter and spring making music in our community and participating in MSMTA auditions and testing. As soon as our Christmas Recital Marathon was finished, we began preparing for our January Ensemble/Collaborative recitals. In February, we were once again invited to perform a series of recitals for the Kalnasy Concert Series sponsored by Saint Aloysius Church to honor the memory of a beloved church musician. March was devoted to preparation for the MSMTA theory test and MSMTA competitions. Our annual MTASM Spring Festival for Piano and MSMTA Scholarship for Performance

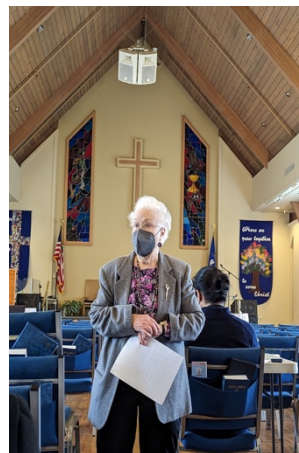
competitions were in April, with Dr. Audrey Andrist adjudicating. Congratulations to Jeanine Johnson, student of Georgia Harvey, winner of the MSMTA performance scholarship. Our year's final event was our MTASM Honors Recital, honoring students who were nominated by their teachers to participate. Each student received a trophy to celebrate his or her hard work this year. Our teachers celebrated the end of the year with a planning meeting for 2023-24, followed by a delicious pot-luck lunch and a great time of fellowship. We are very excited that we will be holding some of next year's events at the beautiful new Dodge Performing Arts Center at Saint Mary's College. And we wish to thank the MSMTA board for their hard work creating state level opportunities for our students. Wishing everyone a restful and joyful summer from Southern Maryland!

Mary Stevens and Patricia Blanchard
Co-presidents

Greater Laurel Music Teachers Association



Students of GLMTA have been busy this past spring semester. Our Theme Festival in February featured repertoire that was influenced or inspired by dance. Our creative teachers and students showcased many types of dance music from the Allemande to the Tinikling! Next year's Theme Festival will feature artwork alongside student performances; we look forward to seeing what students see in their mind's eye when they practice and perform their pieces. We had a hybrid format for our ever-popular Ensemble and Chamber Music Competition, which saw performances of duets, duos, and trios. The Young Musicians Competition and Evaluations, Bussing French Competition, and Kirchhof Competition all had full day rosters of hardworking students. We also enjoyed our first potluck luncheon since 2020.



Happy 50th Young Musicians Competition

Hoping everyone has a relaxing summer.

Yee-Ning Soong

President, GLMTA



GLMTA May Luncheon

Deadline for Next Newsletter

September 22, 2023

Please email all notices and submissions for inclusion in the MSMTA newsletter to

wendyjplane@gmail.com

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Wendy Johnston,
VP for Publications

Advertisements

MSMTA is now accepting advertisements in its newsletter. Space is limited to two pages total, so ads will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

	Member	Non-member
One-eighth page	\$20.00	\$30.00
Quarter page	\$40.00	\$50.00
Half page	\$80.00	\$90.00
Full page	\$135.00	\$150.00

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