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Letter from the President

Greetings fellow Music Teachers. As I write, my life is filled with the energy and excitement of a new semester. I expect yours is similar - welcoming new students to your studio, assigning literature, making plans for upcoming performance opportunities for your students, fretting (a bit) over all of the things that are still on my summer “to-do” list, and practicing for personal performances.

As I am planning for the new semester, I am excited to put into practice many of the things I gleaned from TMTA’s wonderful 69th Annual State Conference in Memphis back in June. Many thanks to Kevin Richmond, Terry McRoberts, and all the volunteers from the Greater Memphis and West Tennessee Chapters! The conference was wonderful. The presenters were engaging and helpful, the performances were inspiring, the hospitality fabulous, and the camaraderie exceptional. After two years of not being together for the State Conference, we were all glowing by the last day. I hope many of you are already making plans to attend the 70th Annual Conference in Chattanooga in 2023. They have been hard at work planning for several months now. Please go ahead and mark the dates on your calendar. The Performance Competitions will be Saturday and Sunday June 3-4 and the conference will run Monday and Tuesday June 5-6.

As your current president, I am continually grateful for the wonderful teachers across the state who volunteer their time and expertise to keep TMTA running well. We all benefit from the professional opportunities and support that TMTA offers. My life is richer and my teaching better because of my involvement with our organization over the years.

Mark Hussung
2021-2023 TMTA President

2022 TMTA/MTNA Fall Competition FAQs

- 1. When and where will the fall 2022 TMTA Adult/Collegiate competitions and Tennessee's preliminary competitions for MTNA be held?** Both will be held live on Saturday, November 5, 2022, on the campus of Lipscomb University in Nashville. Should a category have more entrants and need additional time, Friday afternoon, November 4 will be used. If you have a time conflict on Saturday, please advise the Tennessee chair of your category of the problem. An attempt will be made to accommodate you but cannot be guaranteed.
- 2. When are registrations due for the fall 2022 TMTA Adult/Collegiate competitions and MTNA competitions?** The deadline for all performance registrations is **3:00 p.m. EASTERN TIME, Wednesday, September 14, 2022**. The deadline is firm and late entries will not be accepted.
- 3. When may I register for the MTNA chamber music competitions?** Registration for the MTNA chamber music competition will be available November 1, 2022. It is a two-tiered competition with video for the first round and live performance for the second. There is no state level competition.
- 4. Where may I register and get complete information about the MTNA auditions?** Please visit the MTNA Website <http://www.mtna.org/> and click on competitions to register and read the guidelines for the various categories.
- 5. Where do I apply and get complete information about the TMTA Adult/Collegiate competitions?** Go to the TMTA website www.tnmta.org/competitions and click on TMTA Competitions. Be sure you read and follow the guidelines in the [TMTA Auditions and Competitions Syllabus](#). TMTA collegiate instrumental entrants (piano, winds, strings) are required to perform two pieces from two different periods as are the MTNA young artist entrants. TMTA collegiate vocal entrant requirements remain at three songs. No new entries or changes in repertoire are accepted after the September 14 deadline for any of the competitions.
- 6. What if I have problems with the electronic registration?** The deadline is final for both competitions, so it's strongly advised that you complete your online registration several days in advance. Do NOT wait until the last minute so you have time to solve any application problems before the deadline. Be sure you have all information about your pieces (composer, era, opus number, movement names, etc.), credit card information, etc., before you start.

7. **May we enter our students by mail?** No. All TMTA competition registrations must be made online at the TMTA website and all MTNA registrations must be made online at the MTNA website. All must be made on time as the process for each ends promptly at **3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 14**. Please allow plenty of time to complete your entries. Do not wait till the last day.
8. **May I pay my MTNA dues after I enter my students?** No. Your 2022-2023 MTNA and TMTA membership dues must be paid prior to completing the application. If you have not done so, you will have to pay the nonmember fee.

Results of the June 2022 TMTA Competition

Elementary Piano

Grade K-1

Winner:	Youyi Wang	Teacher: ChiHee Hwang, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Elena Cui	Teacher: Sheri Stoner-Harris, MTMTA

Grade 2

Winner:	Vivian Cao	Teacher: Kikue Yamada, NAMTA
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Grade 3

Winner:	Vincent Zhou	Teacher: David Brunell, KMTA
Runner-up:	Gabriel Li	Teacher: Li Li, NAMTA
Hon. Men.:	Isaac Guo	Teacher: ChiHee Hwang, NAMTA

Grade 4

Winner:	Haruka Ishikawa	Teacher: Kikue Yamada, KMTA
Runner-up:	Tyler Schwartz	Teacher: Heather Conner, NAMTA
Hon. Men.:	Rika Shinohara	Teacher: Kikue Yamada, KMTA

Grade 5

Winner:	Allen Chen	Teacher: Jerome Reed, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Audrey Zhang	Teacher: Li Li, NAMTA
Hon. Men.:	Chloe Zhu	Teacher: Li Li, NAMTA

Piano Ensemble

Winners:	Rika & Rena Shinohara	Teacher: Kikue Yamada, KMTA
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Piano Concerto

Winner:	Caleb Wang	Teacher: Jerome Reed, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Rika Shinohara	Teacher: Kikue Yamada, KMTA

Junior Piano

Grade 6

Winner:	Suzie Zhao	Teacher: Amy Dorfman, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Sanjeev Balachandran	Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead, GMMTA
Hon. Men.:	Sharvil Kolhatkar	Teacher: Jama Reagan, NAMTA

Grade 7

Winner:	Justin Guo	Teacher: Jama Reagan, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Jonathan Thompson	Teacher: Lora Gubanov, GMMTA
Hon. Men.:	Emery Russell	Teacher: Laura Triplett, GMMTA

Grade 8

Winner:	Florence Yu	Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead, GMMTA
Runner-up:	Abigale Goddard	Teacher: Amy Dorfman, NAMTA
Hon. Men.:	Sarah Wang	Teacher: Heather Conner, NAMTA
Hon. Men.:	Colin Xie	Teacher: Heather Conner, NAMTA

Piano Concerto

Winner:	Sophie Tan	Teacher: Jerome Reed, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Addis Shiberou	Teacher: Lora Gubanov, GMMTA

Senior Piano

Grade 9

Winner:	Daniel Guo	Teacher: Heather Conner, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Katie Wang	Teacher: Heather Conner, NAMTA

Grade 10

Winner:	Nicholas Ostroski	Teacher: Valerie Middleton, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Chloe Harris	Teacher: Sheri Stoner-Harris, MTMTA
Hon. Men.	Charles Deng	Teacher: Geraldine Fish, AMTA

Grade 11

Winner:	Marissa Liu	Teacher: Jonathan Tsay, GMMTA
Runner-up:	Yuka Yang	Teacher: Yukiko Terada, GMMTA
Hon. Men.:	Sophie Li	Teacher: Heather Conner, NAMTA

Grade 12

Winner:	Biftu Regaa	Teacher: Sheri Stoner-Harris, MTMTA
Runner-up:	Campbell Rutherford	Teacher: Rachel Acuff, TMTA

Piano Ensemble

Winners:	Eli Little & Campbell Rutherford	Teacher: Rachel Acuff, KMTA
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Piano Concerto

Winner:	Katie Wang	Teacher: Heather Conner, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Austin Pitcher	Teacher: Susan Yang, NAMTA

String

Elementary

Winner: Alison Kim
Runner-up: Alexa Huang

Teacher: Shu-Zheng Yang, NAMTA
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Senior

Winner: Amy Xu

Teacher: Connie Heard, NAMTA

Senior Concerto

Winner: Amy Xu

Teacher: Connie Heard, NAMTA

Woodwind

Junior

Winner: Christina Moon

Teacher: Myung Kim, GMMTA

Senior

Winner: Cindy Liu
Runner-up: Marissa Liu

Teacher: Myung Kim, GMMTA
Teacher: Myung Kim, GMMTA

Senior Concerto

Winner: Catherine Cheng
Runner-up: Marissa Liu

Teacher: Myung Kim, GMMTA
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Voice

Senior

Winner: Jennifer Ribble

Teacher: Rachel Acuff, KMTA

2023 MTNA Foundation Fellow

Chih-long Hu has been nominated for the 2023 MTNA Foundation Fellow for Tennessee. He has been active in both AMTA and KMTA. Please designate your contributions to the MTNA Foundation for him to get the credit. Thanks very much.

Judy Warrington, NCTM
MTNA Foundation Chair

Phrases You Can Keep Handy to Say “No” Clearly

Many teachers are tempted to take on too much at school and their private studios, but setting firm boundaries is a responsible way to make the work sustainable.

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/phrases-you-can-keep-handy-say-no-clearly>

Submitted by Sandy Triplett, Wellness Chair

Announcing the 6th Annual Memphis International Piano Festival & Competition at the University of Memphis

Application Deadline: Wednesday, September 14th

(10 minute Preliminary video required for collegiate applicants only)

Competition: Saturday, October 22nd at the University of Memphis

Co-Directors: Drs. Artina McCain and Jonathan Tsay, University of Memphis Faculty

For more info:

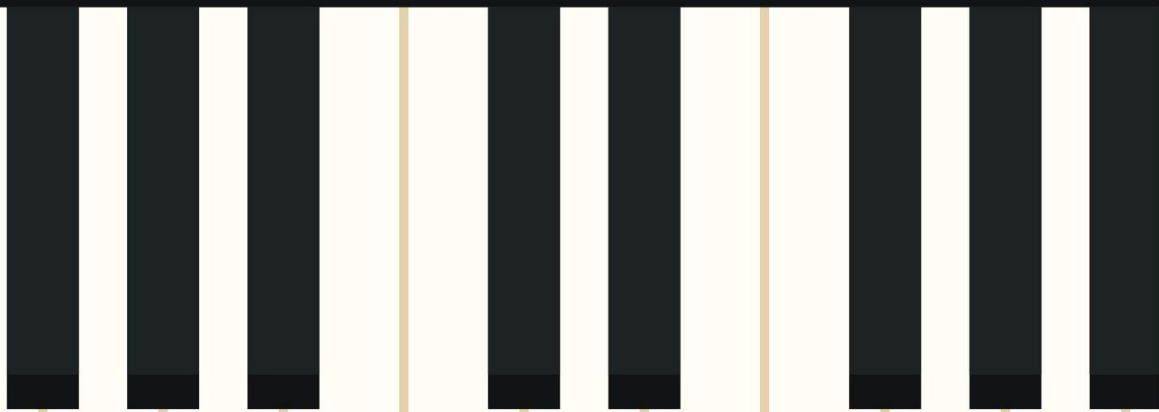
<https://www.memphis.edu/mipfc/registration.php>

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DR. ARTINA MCCAIN
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PIANO
AREA COORDINATOR OF
KEYBOARD STUDIES



DR. JONATHAN TSAY
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PIANO

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



FOR MORE INFO:
MEMPHIS.EDU/MIPFC

Events at Bryan College for High School Musicians

Piano Master Class

Bring a current piece and learn from Dr. Emi Kagawi, principal keyboardist with Knoxville Symphony Orchestra and Bryan College piano faculty member.

September 22, 5-7 pm

Please email Olivia.Ellis@bryan.edu to sign up. Participation is free but space is limited.

Performing Arts Worship

This Saturday worship includes tracks in Piano, Voice, Theatre, and Worship Arts. Attendees will receive personalized instruction, a t-shirt, lunch, and tickets to our fall musical theatre performance. Participation is free but tracks are limited so sign up now to reserve your spot.

October 15, 9:00-2:30 (Registration deadline: September 26)

Register here: bryan.edu/arts-worship

11th Annual Carson-Newman Piano Master Class

The 11th annual **Carson-Newman Piano Master Class** for high school students will be held on **Saturday, November 12, 2022**. We are pleased to offer this event at no cost to both participants and attendees. It will take place in Thomas Recital Hall, located in Tarr Music Center on the campus of Carson-Newman University.

Maximum repertoire length is 10 minutes (1 piece only, please). Please submit the completed application form by October 15 for consideration: [Student Participation Application](#)

For questions, you may email Ryan Fogg at rfogg@cn.edu.

Local Association News

The Chattanooga Music Teachers Association has planned a great year of meetings and activities. There will be a combination of Zoom meetings and live events.

September: Welcome, Auditions information, ChoEun Lee reporting on experiences as staff member and performer at a festival in Austria. We will also hear from Diana Tritapoe and Bryony Stroud-Watson, both recipients of CMTA Professional Development Grants.

October: "100K Teaching Music Lessons at Home," presented by Gina Barton.

November: "The Benefits of Demonstrating in Lessons: Finding Imaginative Ways to Illustrate Any Concept," presented by Dr. Thomas Lanners.

January: Roundtable Discussion, with Dr. Olivia Ellis (piano ensemble program ideas), Wanda Everett (summer camp ideas), Katheron Latham, CMTA Professional Development Grant recipient.

February: Master Class

March: Cooperative Recital

May: Scholarship Winners Recital, Teacher of the Year, Reception

SAVE THE DATE!
TMTA Conference and Competitions
June 3-6, 2023, Chattanooga

Participation in Piano Pedagogy Dissertation Research

Dear Colleagues,

My name is Stephanie Archer, and I am a PhD candidate at Florida State University studying piano pedagogy. Please consider participating in my dissertation research regarding how we teach beginning students technique and the impact our teaching practices have on injury prevention. It will only take 10 minutes to complete this questionnaire. If you are a teacher in the United States who works with the beginner population (within the first 3 years of study), I would be delighted for you to participate!

Survey Link: https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7Og8Z89UAlcqCl8

Results will be shared at a later date. Thank you!

Stephanie Archer, NCTM
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Planning Ahead

Upcoming TMTA Conferences

2023 Chattanooga: June 3-6
2024 Nashville
2025 Martin
2026 Johnson City

Upcoming MTNA Conferences

2023 National Conference, Reno, Nevada: March 25–29