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2015 TMTA Conference - Coming Soon!



Gloria Chien, pianist



Soovin Kim, violinist



Ingrid Clarfield, clinician

The TMTA State Competitions and Conference are coming to Tennessee's "Scenic City!"

Join us in Chattanooga June 6-9 at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga for great sessions, performances, meals, city attractions, and reconnecting with TMTA friends. Full details, including the Registration Form will be in the May Newsletter. Read about our artists and clinician in the December, 2014 Newsletter. You will want to stay through the Tuesday evening banquet to hear the world-champion hammered dulcimer player Stephen Humphries and banquet speaker (our own) Ben Caton, Immediate Past President of MTNA!

Conference Lodging—Make Your Reservations Now!

Our downtown conference hotel (\$99 room rate) is handy to everything. Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 440 W. Martin Luther King Blvd., 423-664-4321 or 1-800-HOLIDAY. Please identify yourself as part of the Tennessee Music Teachers Association group.

If you want more shopping in the Hamilton Place Mall area, a greater variety of restaurants, and don't mind driving a bit, we also have rooms reserved (\$85 room rate) at the Courtyard Chattanooga I-75 by Marriott, 2210 Bams Drive, 423-499-4400 or 1-800-321-2211. Identify yourself as part of the Tennessee Music Teachers Association 2015 Annual Conference Room Block group.

Letter from the President...



Tennessee has four Southern Division winners who will perform in the MTNA competitions in Las Vegas. We wish all the best to Mayuki Miyashita, Yun Lu, Garrett Law, and Jesse Kasinger as they compete in March! TMTA thanks all the performers and teachers who represented Tennessee in the Southern Division competitions in Knoxville. We appreciate UT-Knoxville's offering to host the three day event, and we send special thanks to Dr. Jeffrey Pappas, Fay Adams, KMTA members, and the UTK Student Chapter.

If you are attending the MTNA Conference at the Rio Hotel in Las Vegas, please be sure to come to the Southern Division meeting and reception. The meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, March 22, 5:00– 6:00, in Coco A and B, and the reception will follow, 6:00-7:00 in Amazon L. I hope to see you at either or both events.

Terry McRoberts, Membership Chair, reports that our numbers are increasing. Tennessee is one of fourteen states that have *not* declined in membership since June 30, 2014. At 416 members, we can look forward to continuing to grow as more non-member teachers learn the value of belonging to TMTA. How do they learn? They learn from us. MTNA has developed a new resource: **LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS: Membership Recruitment, Engagement and Retention Strategies**, which will be available soon on the MTNA website.

Thanks to the Constitution Revision Committee, comprised of Pat Ward, Elaine Harriss, and Ryan Fogg, Chair, the TMTA Constitution has been updated and presented to the Board for approval. TMTA members will receive the new document via e mail and will vote at the Business Meeting in Chattanooga in June.

June in Chattanooga is a happy thought as I write here in freezing Memphis, which is awaiting wintry weather overnight. Let us all plan to meet in Chattanooga for the TMTA Conference. We can visit, vote, share membership strategies, and enjoy all the events that have been planned for us. See you there!

Teacher of the Year Submissions



Local teacher of the year honorees who would like to be considered for the state honor need to submit their bios and/or CVs and 2-3 letters of recommendation via email to Miroslav Hristov (hristov01@gmail.com) no later than **May 1**.

The areas of evaluation, according to MTNA guidelines are:

Educational preparation (25)

- Basic training
- Continuing education

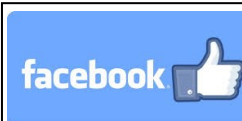
Reputation as an effective teacher (25)

- Students participation and ratings in auditions (TMTA and others)
- Achievements of students and former students in performance and teaching

General professional activity (30)

- TMTA participation
- Certification
- Other professional activity

Service to community and state as musician and teacher (20)



Be sure to "like" our Tennessee Music Teachers Association Facebook page and visit often! Here you

can stay up-to-date with state association announcements and catch great teaching articles from around the internet. Local association members are also encouraged to post updates, events and chapter news!

Summer Piano Camp at Belmont

The 2015 Belmont Piano Camp has been EXTENDED to six days, June 21-16! The summer piano program includes residential and commuter options, and features a daily private lesson with a Belmont professor in either classical or jazz piano. There are also classroom courses, group sessions, concerts, and more. For more information, visit cvpa.belmont.edu/piano or contact Kristian Klefstad at Kristian.klefstad@belmont.edu or by phone at 615-460-8222.



2015 TMTA State Competition Information

The 2015 TMTA State Competitions will be at The University of Tennessee, Chattanooga.

Saturday, June 6, and Sunday, June 7.

Elementary Piano (grades K-5) and Junior Piano (Grades 6-8) competitions will be on Saturday. Senior Piano (grades 9-12) and all vocal and instrumental competitions will be on Sunday.

State Competition Fees: Elementary Solo: \$30	Concerto: \$30	Ensemble: \$30 per ensemble
Junior Solo: \$35	Concerto: \$35	Ensemble: \$35 per ensemble
Senior Solo: \$40	Concerto: \$40	Ensemble: \$40 per ensemble

Please note that there will be an administrative fee of \$3.00 for each application. There will also be a non-member teacher fee charged as applicable. Requirements and regulations for the competitions are in the most recent revision of the TMTA Auditions Syllabus which is on the TMTA website. Teachers may find the Syllabus on the TMTA Competitions page under the heading, "TMTA Auditions and Competitions Syllabus @ August 1, 2014." Hard copies may be purchased from Competition Syllabus Chair, Barbara Hildebrand. Teachers are responsible for following the information in the Auditions and Competitions Syllabus, including approved composers and the quality of literature expected for these competitions.

Completed applications and fees for the spring state competitions **must be submitted by 11:59 p.m., Friday, May 1, 2015.** Late entries can't be accepted.



Members from around the State reconnect at the 2014 State Conference in Knoxville.



Will you be joining us in Chattanooga?



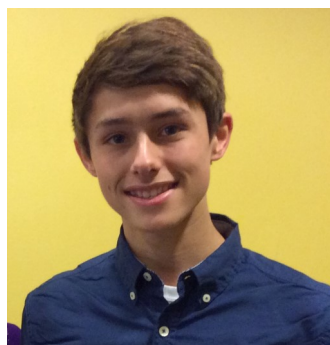
*Junior Piano Winner,
Mayuki Miyashita*



*Senior Piano Winner,
Yun Lu*



*Young Artist String Winner,
Jesse Kasinger*

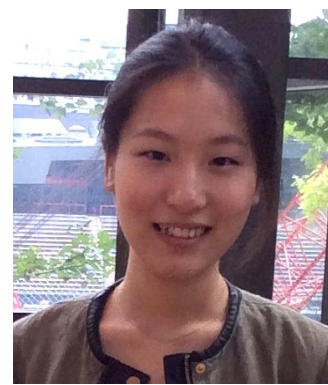


*Senior String Alternate,
David Bender*

SOUTHERN DIVISION COMPETITION RESULTS for TENNESSEE			
January 16-19, 2015 University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN			
CATEGORY	STUDENT	TEACHER	LOCAL
Junior Piano			
Winner	Mayuki Miyashita	David Northington	KMTA
Senior Piano			
Winner	Yun Lu	Ning An	CMTA
Senior String			
Alternate	David Bender	Felix Wang	NAMTA
Senior Woodwind			
Alternate	Sara Kang	Myung Kim	GMMTA
Young Artist Brass			
Winner	Garrett Law	Leslie Norton	MTMTA
Young Artist String			
Winner	Jesse Kasinger	Soh-Hyun Altino	GMMTA
Young Artist Piano			
Honorable Mention	Siyao Li	Ning An	CMTA
Chamber Music Strings			
Honorable Mention	Pascal Trio	Amy Dorfman/ Steve Miahky	NAMTA
	Matthew Lammers		
	David Rodgers		
	Ann Yeh		



*Chamber Music String, Honorable Mention,
Pascal Trio*



*Young Artist Piano Honorable mention,
Siyao Li*

*Not pictured: Senior Woodwind Alternate, Sara Kang and
Young Artist Brass Winner, Garrett Law*

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