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2016 State Conference: Make Plans to Attend!



Phillip Keveren

**Mark your calendar for the 2016 TMTA Conference,
June 4-7 at The Blair School in Nashville!**

We are excited to announce that our featured artists will be The Peabody Trio, who will present a collaborative concert Monday evening and who will present masterclasses for each of their instruments the following day. Our clinician is Phillip Keveren, who is co-author, major composer and orchestrator of the internationally acclaimed Hal Leonard Student Piano Library, a complete method of study for young students. Nashville and all that it has to offer awaits your visit in June!



The Peabody Trio

CONFERENCE LODGING and AWARDS BRUNCH INFORMATION

We have contracted with the Hampton Inn on West End Avenue for a special rate of \$179 per night. This includes parking, breakfast, and a free shuttle to the Blair School of Music. You may make your reservation anytime by either calling the hotel directly or the toll free number. (615) 329-1144 or (800)-HAMPTON The hotel's address is: 1919 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203. This is certainly higher than what we are accustomed to paying, but this is the reality of staying in downtown Nashville these days. We are, however, in the process of securing a few more options for TMTA members on the outskirts of town in the airport, Brentwood, and west Nashville areas. Information about that will be provided in the near future. Check our TMTA website for updates with this information.

Our **Awards Brunch** will be held at Maggiano's on West End Avenue on Tuesday, June 7th. [3106 West End Ave, Nashville, TN 37203 (615) 514-0270] There will be Conference afternoon sessions, as is our customary schedule, following the Awards Brunch! We are holding our end of conference Awards 'Banquet' earlier in the day with the hope that TMTA members will be able to travel home on Tuesday following the afternoon sessions, avoiding another night in a hotel. In addition, you will enjoy the wide variety of delicious food offered by Maggiano's, served family style, for a lower cost than an evening dinner.

Letter from the President...



MTNA Strategic Plan

Engage the Public

Increase the number of all people making and teaching music

Sustain the Profession

Ensure the long-term future of the profession

Inspire the Member

Engage and support the membership

As we begin 2016 let's think about what we can do at the local and state level.

At the February board meeting in Nashville we finalized our new membership committee: Terry McRoberts, chair; Adam Clark; Alice Yang; and Lisa Fairchild. They will be meeting virtually to work on strategies for engaging all of our TMTA members. Please be in touch with Terry McRoberts if your local associations would like to join this effort.

The 30th Anniversary Fund Drive for the TMTA Scholarship Awards Endowment Fund has begun! If every member gives just one dollar for each year (\$30 for 30 years), we'll reach our goal of \$10,000 by May 1st. Each year we honor *our* students with awards from this fund.

Congratulations to our four MTNA foundation fellows: Pat Carter, Kate Stimson, Connie Swett, and Pat Ward, who will be honored at the MTNA Conference Gala in San Antonio. We are proud to have them represent Tennessee.

At the Southern Division competitions Tennessee students placed in many categories. I enjoyed my time in Tampa: meeting with other state presidents, monitoring for the competitions, and listening to very talented students. The Aurelius quartet will represent us in the Chamber Music String competition at the national conference. Check out tnmta.org for complete results from Southern Division.

I wish all of you a wonderful spring, and I look forward to seeing you in Nashville at the June conference.

Melissa Rose, president



Looking for a Summer Camp or Festival?

Be sure to visit our newly reformat-
ted and updated [Resources and
Opportunities Page!](http://www.tnmta.org/links.html)

<http://www.tnmta.org/links.html>

Here you will find Competitions, Festi-
vals, Camps and other great links!

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
Fay Adams (fadams@utk.edu) 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)



30th Anniversary Fund Drive

TMTA Scholarship Awards Endowment Fund

Thirty years ago, at the 33rd State Convention of the Tennessee Music Teachers Association, the TMTA Scholarship Awards Endowment Fund was established. We are one of a very few states to have such a fund.

Since 1991 it has given awards to 503 winners of the annual state performance competitions. 115 of these winners in the November competitions have won honors at the Southern Division competitions. Of the 44 divisional winners from Tennessee who competed in the Music Teachers National Association competitions, 15 were national winners, 9 placed second and 5 placed third.

Presently we give \$300.00 to Young Artist/College, \$200.00 to Senior and \$150.00 to Junior winners each November. In addition, winners in the June State competitions receive \$60.00. To honor these students, to assist them in the travel required, and to increase the Endowment Fund to be able to give more significant scholarship awards, we have set a goal of \$10,000.00 for the 30th anniversary year's growth.

If you have given previously, we thank you for your support and ask that you give once again. If you have not taken the opportunity to donate, we invite you to support the Fund now. Please indicate below the amount you will give, and send your check, payable to the TMTA Endowment Fund, to:

Elizabeth Cormier
500 Elmington Avenue, # 321
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

Thank you,
Elizabeth Cormier, Fund Chair

_____ \$300.00 = \$10.00 for each year of the Fund

_____ \$150.00 = \$ 5.00 for each year of the Fund

_____ \$ 30.00 = \$ 1.00 for each year of the Fund

_____ \$ _____ = your gift.

In Memory— Mrs. Alice Jackson



Mrs. Alice Jackson passed away on January 9, 2016. She was loved by many and never failed in showing love for others. She served in many facets of our organization and will be missed greatly.

"For a teacher to live forever in the heart and memory of even a single child is the best tribute of all." ~anonymous

Congratulations to the Aurelius String Quartet!

Southern Division Chamber Music String Winner

Timothy Lowry, Violin
Mary Johnson, Second Violin
Alexander Krew, Cello
Daniel Moore, Viola
(Stephen Miahky, Teacher, Blair School of Music)

Best of luck in San Antonio!



For a full listing of results from Southern Division, check out our website: <http://tnmta.org/mtna.html>

♫ TAKE NOTE! ♫

TTU Young Artist Piano Competition a Huge Success

The tenth annual TTU Young Artist Piano Competition was held on Saturday, October 24 in Wattenbarger Auditorium. Talented high school pianists from the region competed for cash awards given by generous donors in Cookeville. The competition was organized by Dr. Catherine Godes, Professor of Piano at TTU. Meant to inspire young pianists, the event was judged by pianists Esther Park and Sandra Robbins. The winners included Rachel Langley and Daniel Hosny, students of Dr. Jerome Reed, Ella Boureston, student of Dr. Catherine Godes, and Timothy Hawn, student of Roy Trieger. Donors for the event were Dr. SK Ballal, Biology Professor at TTU, Rodney Carlson, Chris McCall, and Hope High. It was an exciting event which showcased remarkably talented young musicians.



Congratulations MTNA 2016 National Awards Recipient

Teacher of the Year

Fay Swadley Adams, NCTM

Where Are They Now? - Zixi Zhou



Zixi Zhou is a native of China and began taking piano lessons when she was seven years old. She earned her B.M. degree from ETSU, where she studied Piano Performance with Dr. Chih-Long Hu, and Piano Pedagogy with Dr. Benjamin Caton. Zixi was the winner of the 2009 Ameri-China Foundation Piano Competition, the TMTA Collegiate Piano Ensemble Competition and the TMTA Collegiate Solo Piano Competition. She attended the summer music program at the St. Andrews Piano Academy and Festival International, and has performed in master classes with Arthur Greene, Matti Raekallio, and Pavlina Dokavska. Zixi is in her second year of study in the Masters Piano Performance program at Mannes College of Music in New York City, where she studies with Dr. J.Y. Song. An active pianist, she has performed in recitals both as a solo performer and as a collaborative pianist. She really enjoys her internship teaching private lessons to children ages 4 to 16. She is taking advantage of the many fantastic opportunities to hear performances at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, and enjoys hunting good Chinese restaurants with friends. She loves that Mannes has relocated downtown in Greenwich Village with state-of-the-art performance and practice facilities. Zixi will attend InterHarmony International Music Festival this summer in Italy and has plans for post graduate study.

June 2016 TMTA State Competition Information

The 2016 TMTA State Competitions will be at Blair School of Music, Vanderbilt University, Saturday, June 4, and Sunday, June 5. 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

To enter the state concerto competition, student must also enter the state solo competition.

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.

Application may be made beginning April 10. Completed applications and fees for the spring state competitions must be submitted by 11:59 p.m., May 1, 2015. No entries or changes in repertoire are accepted after that time. Teachers are encouraged to supervise their students' entries.

Spotlight on 2016 MTNA Fellow Recipient—Kathryn Stimson

Kathryn Stimson, a native of Dumas, Arkansas, majored in music history at Hollins College, where she studied piano with Donald Bolger. She earned the MM in piano performance, studying with Daniel Fletcher, at the University of Memphis. She teaches piano at Rhodes College and at the Community Music School, both in Memphis, Tennessee. A member of the Greater Memphis Music Teachers Association, she has served as president of that organization and was named GMMTA Teacher of the Year in 2010. Recipient of the TMTA Distinguished Service Award in 2011, Ms. Stimson served as TMTA President 2013-2015.



Spotlight on 2016 MTNA Fellow Recipient—Connie Harris Swett



"To teach is to touch a life forever." For over 45 years I have taught students. Greater Memphis Music Teachers Association played an important part in my growth as a teacher. We began a Two Piano Performing Group. Eventually I became President and held the position on the TMTA Board as Chair of the Independent Music Teachers. I also held the post of President of the Young People's Piano Concerto Competition which GMMTA held. Students from as far away as South Africa participated. I was founder of a Piano Practice-a-thon for all students in our county. \$10,000 was raised during these annual events. Moving in 1995 to Florida, I entered my students in MTNA auditions, held several positions in Peace River MTA, volunteered 10 years as choir accompanist, raised money for the Charlotte Symphony, Pres. Of Friends of Music an organization which brought classical concerts to S.W. Florida, Member MUSIC Link (provided free lessons for four deserving students) , performed with the Charlotte County Two Piano Group and was presented the Charlotte County ARTS & HUMANITY award for volunteerism in 2009. Now I am back in Memphis, supporting my younger colleagues as they do exciting and innovative projects to enhance their students learning.

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DATES & DEADLINES

April 2-6, 2016

MTNA National Conference
San Antonio, TX

June 4-7, 2016

TMTA State Competitions and Conference, Vanderbilt University
Nashville, TN

August 5-6, 2016

National Group Piano and Piano Pedagogy Forum
Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio

March 18-22, 2017

MTNA National Conference
Baltimore, Maryland

June 3-6, 2017

TMTA State Competition and Conference UT– Martin

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**Future State Conference
Dates and Locations**

2018 Johnson City
2019 Murfreesboro
2020 Memphis
2021 Knoxville
2022 Jackson