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## 2016 STATE COMPETITIONS AND CONFERENCE June 4-7, Blair School of Music, Nashville



***Don't miss the 2016 State Conference in Nashville!***



Registration for the State Conference is now open and you can find everything you need to know to plan your trip in this newsletter!

Conference artists, **The Peabody Trio**, will perform a collaborative concert and will present masterclasses for each of their instruments. Conference clinician, **Phillip Keveren**, co-author, major composer and orchestrator of the internationally acclaimed *Hal Leonard Student Piano Library*, a complete method of study for young students, will present several sessions as well as a masterclass. There will also be sessions presented by our own TMTA Members, and numerous opportunities to recharge your teaching and reconnect with friends from across the state.



## Letter from the President...



Recitals, auditions, workshops, submitting applications, writing recommendations for students—the past few months have been full of activities! As we navigate our busy schedules we need to remember to take time to relax. One of my favorite sessions at the MTNA Conference was “I Feel Your Pain: Wellness Alternatives for the Teaching Warrior.” Jacqueline Herbein, NCTM, posted her handout on the MTNA website: <http://mtna.org/media/106134/IFeelYourPain.pdf>. Check it out for some great tips for all musicians.

At the national conference in San Antonio, Tennessee was well represented. Congratulations to Fay Adams, MTNA teacher of the year for 2016; our four MTNA foundation fellows: Pat Carter, Kate Stimson, Connie Swett, and Pat Ward; and the Aurelius Quartet (Stephen Miahky, teacher), 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner in Chamber Music Strings.

I'm delighted that the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary TMTA Scholarship Awards Endowment Fund Drive has reached \$1,500. We are at 15% of our goal! We thank Beth Cormier for thirty years of dedicated service as chair of this fund that helps all of our students. As she retires in May the best present we can give Beth is to reach our goal of an additional \$10,000 in the fund.

Please join us at Vanderbilt's Blair School of Music for the state conference in June. It's a time to learn, listen to wonderful music, and connect with friends across the state. I look forward to welcoming you to Nashville!

Melissa Rose, president



2016 MTNA Foundation Fellows

(Above L-R) Pat Carter, Kate Stimson, Pat Ward, and Connie Swett (Below)



*Tennessee teachers were honored and students competed at the 2016 MTNA National Conference in San Antonio in April*



**2nd Place Winner  
Chamber Music Strings**

### **Aurelius Quartet**

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

**MTNA 2016 Teacher of the Year**

Fay Adams



***Congratulations!***

# 2016 STATE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## SATURDAY & SUNDAY, June 4-5:

*Competitions held at The Blair School of Music*

*Honors Recitals (Turner Recital Hall)*

Conference Registration during competition hours: Blair Lobby

*(Tuning for all pianos for Conference provided by Blair School of Music)*

## SUNDAY, JUNE 5:

6:00pm Executive Board Dinner: Richland Place (500 Elmington Ave, Nashville, TN 37206)

## MONDAY, JUNE 6—TURNER RECITAL HALL *(unless otherwise noted)*

8:15am Continental breakfast (Turner Recital Hall Lobby)

8:45am **WELCOME:** Dr. Melissa Rose, Associate Dean of Blair School of Music and President of TMTA  
Introduction of new TMTA members

9:00am **SESSION:** "Nurturing the Composer within the Pianist"  
Phillip Keveren, Conference Clinician

10:30am BREAK

11:00am **SESSION:** "Jazz 101 for the Classical Pianist"  
Phillip Keveren, Conference Clinician

12:00pm **IMTF LUNCH:** "Creating Chamber Music Experiences for Students of All Ages"  
Panel discussion: Amy Dorfman, Sandy Triplett, and chaired by Rachel Acuff  
*(University Club, Vanderbilt University—Garland Avenue and 24th Avenue South)*

2:00pm **SESSION: MASTER CLASS**  
Phillip Keveren, Conference Clinician

3:30pm **BREAK and EXHIBITS:** "Treasures for Purchase" *(Instrumental Rehearsal Hall)*

3:30pm **MINI SESSION:** "Tai Chi for Musicians" *(Ingram Hall)*  
Joe Rea Phillips, Blair School of Music

4:30pm **TMTA General Business Meeting**

5:30pm **COLLEGE FACULTY/LOCAL PRESIDENTS DINNER**  
*(Anatolia Turkish Restaurant—48 White Bridge Road, Nashville, TN 37205)*

7:30pm **CONCERT:** Ingram Hall *(Reception sponsored by The Steinway Gallery to follow)*

**THE PEABODY TRIO**  
Violaine Melancon, Violin  
Natasha Brofsky, Cello  
Seth Knopp, piano

## TUESDAY, JUNE 7—TURNER RECITAL HALL *(unless otherwise noted)*

### 7:30am Past Presidents Breakfast

*(J. Christophers—2100 21st Ave S, Nashville, TN 37212)*

### 9:00am MASTER CLASSES

*VIOLIN, Violaine Melancon: [Sponsored by The Violin Shop, Nashville TN]*

*CELLO, Natasha Brofsky: [Sponsored by Shuff's Music, Franklin TN]*

*PIANO, Seth Knopp: [Sponsored by The Steinway Gallery, Nashville TN]*

### 11:00am BREAK

### 11:30am AWARDS BRUNCH

*(Maggiano's—3106 West End Ave, Nashville 37203)*

**Walter Bitner** *[Nashville Symphony Director of Education and Community Engagement], Speaker*  
**Students from Blair School of Music, Performers**

### 2:00pm SESSION: "Piano Pedagogy through a Montessori Lens"

*Sarah Burns, Vice-President of WTMTA*

### 3:00pm BREAK

### 3:15pm SESSION: "Trends in High School Piano Competition Repertoire"

*Dr. Ryan Fogg, Carson Newman University*

### 4:30pm CLOSING REMARKS

*Dr. Melissa Rose, TMTA President*

*Bios for Phillip Keveren and The Peabody Trio can be found in the December 2015 Newsletter on our website at [www.tnmta.org](http://www.tnmta.org).*

Competitions and Conference events will be held at the Blair School of Music (2400 Blakemore Ave. Nashville, TN 37212) with some excursions to local restaurants.

### PARKING

The West garage is available for free parking on Saturday and Sunday. Enter the garage from Children's Way, directly across from the front entrance of the Blair School of Music, between 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> avenues.

The South garage is available for parking during the day on Monday and Tuesday.

There is also 2-hr street parking on 24th Ave. Visitor parking spaces on Monday and Tuesday will be limited until 4:00 p.m. Carpooling and use of the hotel shuttle is encouraged. Passengers can be dropped off by pulling in the circle drive in front of Blair on Children's Way.



### Directions to Blair School of Music from Hampton Inn

Head southwest on West End Ave toward 20th Ave S. Turn left onto Natchez Trace. Turn left onto Blakemore Ave. Blair School will be on the left. (2400 Blakemore Ave, Nashville, TN 37212) The main entrance to Blair is on Children's Way, on the opposite side of Blakemore Ave.



### **LODGING INFORMATION**

The official conference hotel is the **Hampton Inn on West End Avenue**. A special rate of \$179 per night 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.



### **Directions to Hampton Inn**

**From North** – take I-65 to I-40 West and then look for I-40 East to EXIT 209B, take the 1st right onto Broadway, veer to the right at the split and follow West End Ave. Hotel is on the left.

**From East /Airport or South** - I-40 West, EXIT 209A. Take the 1st left onto Broadway. Veer to the right at the split and follow West End Ave. Hotel is on the left.

**From West** - I-40 East, EXIT 209B, take the 1st right onto Broadway, veer to the right at the split and follow West End Ave. Hotel is on the left.

### **OTHER LODGING OPTIONS:**

Hotels in Brentwood (c. 10 miles from Vanderbilt)

**Best Western, Brentwood** (5581 Franklin Pike Circle) 615-373-8585

Rate: \$113 with free cancellation. Breakfast, Refrigerator in room.

**Candlewood Suites, Brentwood**. (5125 Virginia Way)

Rate: \$123-148 with free cancellation. Refrigerator

**Homewood Suites by Hilton, Brentwood** (5107 Peter Taylor Park) 615-377-3332

Rate: \$169 with free cancellation. Breakfast, outdoor pool.

Hotels near Nashville Airport (c. 10 miles from Vanderbilt)

**Quality Suites** (2615 Elm Hill Pike) 855-809-3506 or 615-883-0114



### **DIRECTIONS**

#### **To Blair School of Music via the Interstates**

**From the north**, take I-65 to I-40 west and then look for I-40 east to exit 209B. Turn right on Broadway.

**From the east or south**, take I-40 west to exit 209A. Turn left on Broadway.

**From the west**, take I-40 east to exit 209B. Turn right on Broadway (US 70S). Follow Broadway.

**To Blair School of Music, South Garage and West Garage:** Veer left onto Broadway. **Broadway will become 21st Avenue South**. As you pass the traffic light at Grand Avenue, the Vanderbilt main campus will be on your right. Stay on 21st Avenue South through four more traffic lights: Scarritt Place, Edgehill Avenue, Medical Center Drive, Pierce Avenue. **Turn right at Children's Way** and continue 2 1/2 blocks to the South Garage entrance or to the West Garage, on the right and the Blair School of Music on the left.

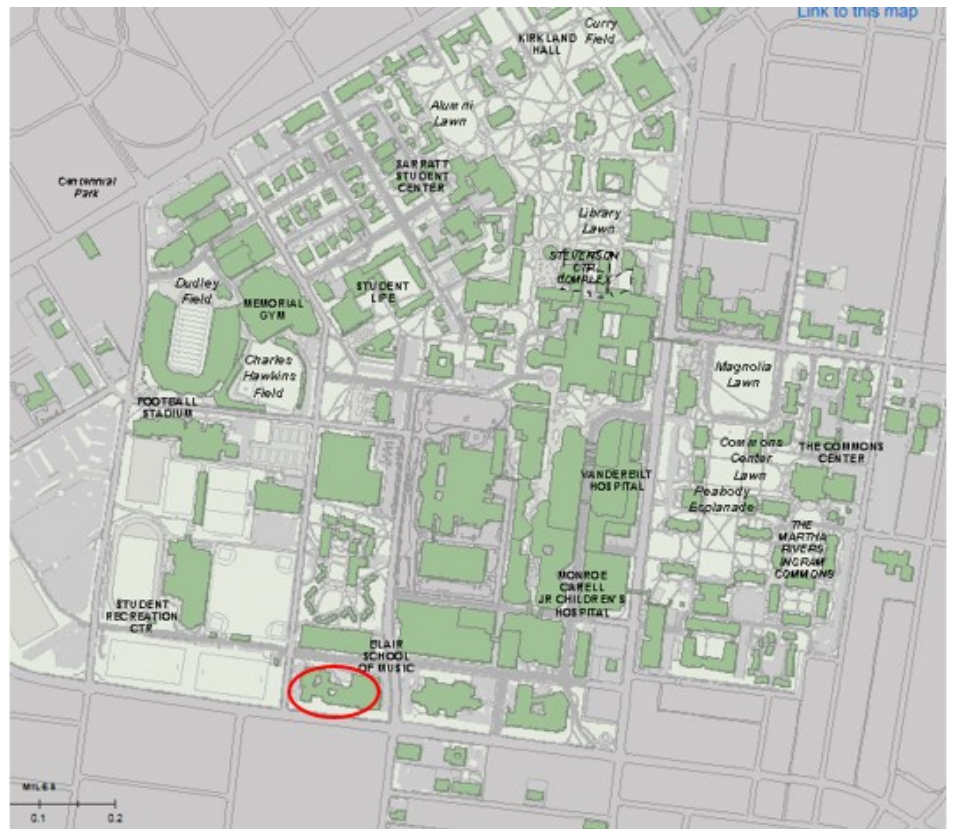
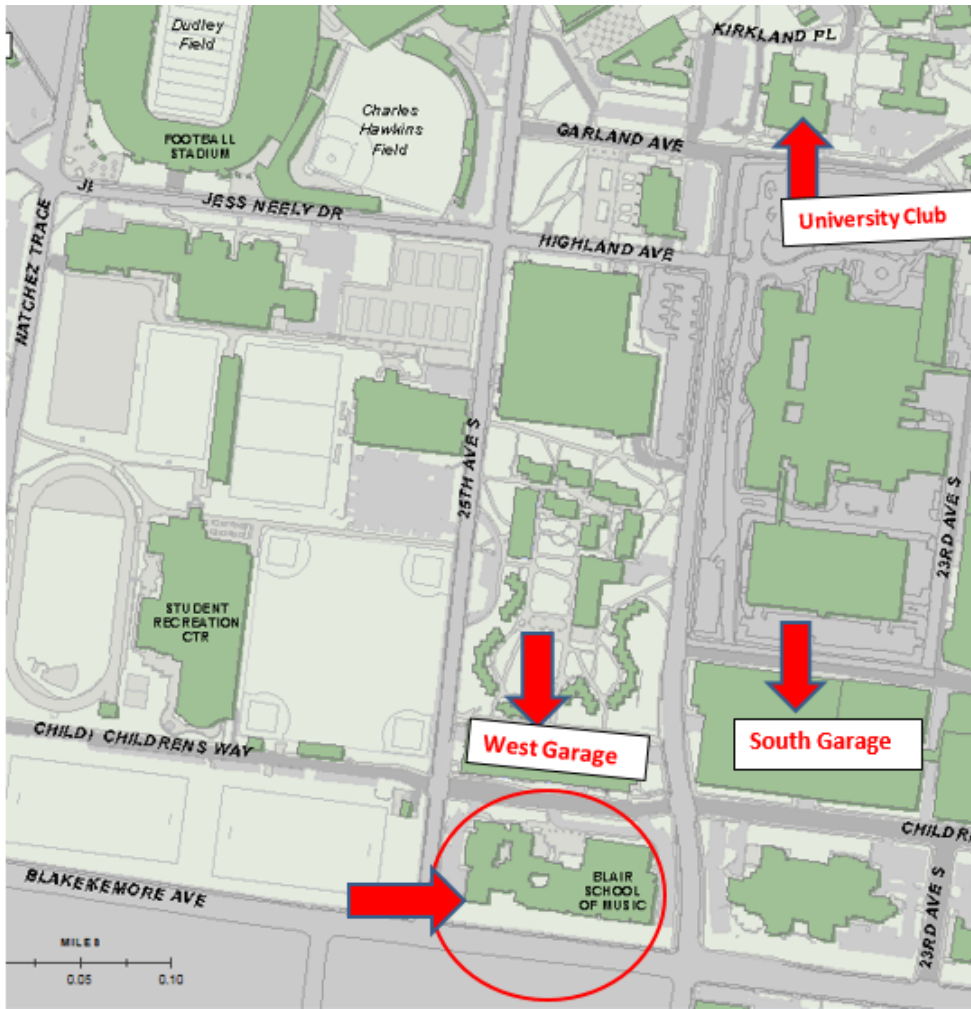
#### **To Richland Place from Blair School of Music**

Head west on Blakemore Ave toward 25 th Ave S (0.3mi). Turn left onto Natchez trace (0.5mi), Turn right onto Blair Blvd (0.3mi), Turn left onto Sharondale Dr (0.3mi), Turn right onto Elmington Ave (479ft)  
Richland Place will be on the right (500 Elmington Ave, Nashville, TN 37205)

#### **To Maggiano's from Blair School of Music**

Head west on Blakemore Ave toward 25th Ave South. Continue onto 31st Ave South. Turn left onto West End Avenue. Maggiano's will be on the right (3106 West End Ave, Nashville, TN 37203)

# CAMPUS MAP



# 2016 TMTA Conference Registration

June 4-7, Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University

Nashville, TN

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 15

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Association (initials): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate below the events you plan to attend.

Event	Cost	Quantity	Total Fee
Member registration	None		
Non-member registration Monday 6/6 _____ Tuesday 6/7 _____	\$25/day		
IMTF Luncheon , Monday 6/6 University Club - Garland Avenue and 24th Avenue South	\$25		
College Faculty/Presidents Dinner, Monday 6/6 Anatolia Turkish Restaurant - 48 White Bridge Road, Nashville, TN 37205	Dutch		
Past-Presidents Breakfast, Tuesday 6/7 J. Christophers (2100 21st Ave S, Nashville, TN 37212	Dutch		
TMTA Luncheon , Tuesday 6/7 Maggiano's - 3106 West End Ave	\$33		
Executive Board Dinner and Meeting, Sunday 6/5 Richland Place - 500 Elmington Ave, Nashville, TN 37206	None		
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>			

Please indicate any dietary needs you would like accommodated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Nashville Area Music Teachers Association.

Send payments to: Carol Boeing, 6638 Holt Rd. Nashville, TN 37211-6906

**MONITORS NEEDED!** Please indicate your availability:

	A.M.	P.M.
Saturday, June 4		
Sunday, June 5		

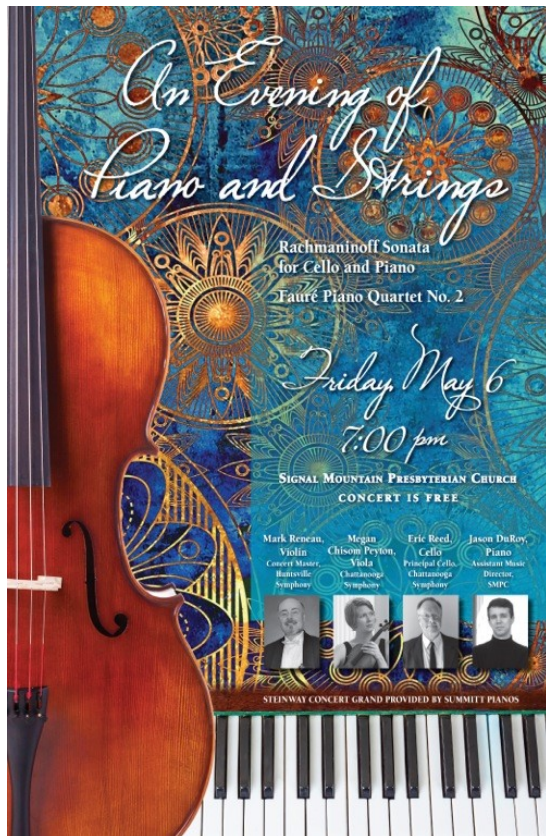
Competitions and conference sessions are held in the Blair School of Music, 2400 Blakemore Ave, Nashville, TN, 37212. Parking is available in the West Garage, located across Children's Way from the Blair School, on weekends and after 4 p.m. free of charge.

# **TAKE NOTE!**

## **Where Are They Now? - Gregory Wang**



**Gregory Wang**, 24, is a former student of Dr. Benjamin Caton of East Tennessee State University. Since earning a Bachelor of Music at the Oberlin Conservatory under Peter Takács, he is currently finishing his Artist Diploma at the Indiana University Jacobs School with Jean-Louis Haguenaue. He is an active competitor in international competitions, having earned prizes at the 2011 International Russian Music Competition (San Jose, CA), the 2013 MTNA Steinway & Sons Young Artist Competition (Anaheim, CA), and the 2015 Louisiana International Piano Competition (Alexandria, LA). He was invited to the Gilmore International Keyboard Festival in 2014, and again in 2016, for master classes with Kirill Gerstein and Emanuel Ax. Future projects include a recording of Ravel four-hand works with Peter Takács, four-hand recitals with Jean-Louis Haguenaue in France, and an April performance of the Rachmaninoff 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Indiana University Concert Orchestra. He will begin his DMA at IU in the fall of 2016.



## **Upcoming Concert Opportunity !**

Signal Mountain Presbyterian Music Ministries presents

### ***An Evening of Piano and String***

**Friday, May 6 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary**

Featuring:

Assistant Director of Music and Pianist, Jason DuRoy

Violinist, Mark Reneau, Concert Master of the Huntsville Symphony

Violist, Megan Chisom Peyton of the Chattanooga Symphony

Eric Reed, Principal Cellist of the Chattanooga Symphony

The chamber concert features Rachmaninoff's Sonata for Cello and Piano and Faure's Piano Quartet No. 2

The concert is free of charge.

For more information call 423-886-2190





## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund Drive

### TMTA Scholarship Awards Endowment Fund

Thirty years ago, at the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **DATES & DEADLINES**

##### **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**

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Conference UT- Martin

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[www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org)  
Toll free: 1-888-512-5278

#### **Future State Conference Dates and Locations**

2018 Johnson City

2019 Murfreesboro

2020 Memphis

2021 Knoxville

2022 Jackson