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## 2017 STATE COMPETITIONS & CONFERENCE: JUNE 3–6



**Fine Arts Building—The University of Tennessee at Martin**

Registration for the 2017 State Conference at the University of Tennessee at Martin is now open and you can find everything you need to know to plan your trip in this newsletter! Conference clinician Jane Magrath, noted author, clinician, and pianist, will present two sessions and a masterclass on Monday. Conference artists Alan and Alvin Chow will perform a piano duo recital Monday evening and will present two masterclasses on Tuesday. There will also be sessions presented by TMTA members and friends on working with special needs students, efficient ways to teach scales, wellness for the musician's body, and fascinating information about your piano. All events and group meals are on campus, so everything is close by. If you have a student who would like to play for one of the masterclasses, please contact Elaine Harriss, [elaineh@utm.edu](mailto:elaineh@utm.edu), as soon as possible. Bring your musician friends to the conference. Guests are welcome to attend sessions at no additional charge. It will help if they register in advance.



**Jane Magrath**



**Alan and Alvin Chow**



## *Letter from President Dr. Melissa K. Rose*

Congratulations to all who represented Tennessee at the MTNA conference in Baltimore! Three of our six national finalists placed in the competitions:

Senior Piano Duet Winner – Mary Nerren and Jimmy Liu (Esther Park, teacher)

Young Artist String Winner – Mary Grace Johnson (Cornelia Heard, teacher)

Chamber Music String 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Claudius Quartet (Cornelia Heard, teacher)

Fay Adams chaired the Senior Competitions and many TMTA members volunteered as monitors. At the gala, Luann Forell and Terry McRoberts were honored as Foundation Fellows. Sandy Triplett presented during a session on Pedagogy Saturday.

I'm also delighted to report that TMTA membership is up by 5.24% since a year ago. Please continue to reach out in your community--membership begins at the local level.

My deepest appreciation goes to all members of the TMTA board who have been such a pleasure to work with these past two years. Thank you to Karen Caldwell for her many years as newsletter editor and to Ryan Fogg for serving as interim editor for the March and May editions. Artina McCain from Memphis will become editor beginning with the September edition.

It's been a pleasure to meet other state presidents at the MTNA summit and Southern Division, and to connect with more members throughout Tennessee. We welcome Jerilyn Paolini as she moves into the role of president at the June conference. I look forward to seeing you in Martin!

Melissa

## **Where Are They Now? - Laura Barger**



Laura Barger, a native of Chattanooga, TN, has lived and worked as a professional pianist in New York City since 2005. She is a founding member of the internationally-acclaimed piano-percussion quartet [Yarn/Wire](#), and appears regularly as a guest of many of the finest American contemporary music ensembles. She has performed at the Lincoln Center Festival, Shanghai Symphony Hall, Edinburgh International Festival, Festival di Bellagio e Lago di Como, Huddersfield Festival (UK) and many other prominent venues throughout the world. As an educator, she taught piano for 10 years at the 92nd Street Y School of Music, and is currently on faculty at John Jay College (CUNY). She has presented masterclasses and been in residency at universities throughout the US and Asia, including a 2009 visit to UT-Chattanooga presented by the TMTA. As a young person, she studied with Charlynn Fry, and received her BM in piano from UT-Knoxville, where she studied with David Northington. She received her MM and DMA from Stony Brook University, where she studied with Christina Dahl.

*Contact Deane Gray ([deanegray@gmail.com](mailto:deanegray@gmail.com)) with names of students you would like to see featured in this section.*

# TMTA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## SATURDAY & SUNDAY, June 3-4

*Competitions* held in the UTM Fine Arts Building

*Honors Recitals* in Blankenship Recital Hall

*Conference Registration* during competition hours: Fine Arts Building Lobby

## SUNDAY, JUNE 4

**6:00pm**      **Executive Board Dinner:** UTM University Center, Ballroom Annex

## MONDAY, June 5—Blankenship Recital Hall (unless otherwise noted)

**8:15am**      **Conference Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8:45am**      **WELCOME**

**9:00am**      **SESSION:** “Classical Piano Teaching Literature: Outside the Box”

Jane Magrath, *Conference Clinician*

**10:15am**      **BREAK**

**10:30am**      **SESSION:** “Presenting Lower-Intermediate Classics: Students’ First Encounters”

Jane Magrath, *Conference Clinician*

**12:00pm**      **IMTF LUNCHEON:** “Teaching Students with Special Needs”

Panel discussion: Rachel Acuff (chair), Olivia Ellis, and Jodie McIntyre

Fine Arts Building Gallery

**2:00pm**      **SESSION:** Master Class

Jane Magrath, *Conference Clinician*

**3:15pm**      **BREAK**

**3:30pm**      **MINI SESSION:** “Scales Are Not Fun”

Elaine Harriss, University of Tennessee at Martin

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

**5:30pm**      **COLLEGE FACULTY/LOCAL PRESIDENTS DINNER**

University Center Cafeteria Private Dining Room

**7:30pm**      **CONCERT:** Alan and Alvin Chow, duo pianists, Blankenship Recital Hall

*Scaramouche*

*Petite Suite*

*El Salon Mexico*

*Gazebo Dances*

*Porgy and Bess Fantasy*

*Milhaud*

*Debussy*

*Copland*

*Corigliano*

*Gershwin, arr. Grainger*

Reception at 205 University Street, Martin, sponsored by The Steinway Gallery of Nashville

# TMTA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## TUESDAY, June 6

<b>7:30am</b>	<b>Past Presidents breakfast</b> University Center Cafeteria Private Dining Room
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>MASTER CLASS</b> <i>Alan and Alvin Chow, conference artists</i>
<b>10:15am</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>MASTER CLASS</b> <i>Alan and Alvin Chow, conference artists</i>
<b>Noon</b>	<b>AWARDS BRUNCH: Dunagan Alumni Center</b>
<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>SESSION: "Avoiding Physical Problems for Musicians"</b> Bryan Thorne, PT, COMT, Therapy Manager at the Lift Center, Jackson, TN
<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>3:15pm</b>	<b>SESSION: 'What's Wrong with My Piano?'</b> Elwood Doss, RGPT, University of Tennessee at Martin
<b>4:15pm</b>	<b>CLOSING REMARKS by Dr. Melissa Rose, TMTA President</b>

**LODGING INFORMATION REMINDER:** TMTA has contracted with the Hampton Inn at 5575 Skyhawk Parkway in Martin for a special rate of \$114 plus tax per night for June 2-5. This includes parking and breakfast. A small block of rooms is being held for us through May 2. You may make your reservation anytime by calling the hotel directly (731-587-5800) or the toll free number 1-(800)-HILTONS. Please ask for the TMTA group block rate.

### **PLANNING AHEAD.....**

#### **November 17-18, 2017**

TMTA/MTNA Competitions & Board Meeting  
Lipscomb University, Nashville

#### **March 17-21, 2018**

MTNA National Conference  
Orlando, Florida

#### **August 3-4, 2018**

MTNA National Group Piano & Piano Pedagogy Forum  
Oberlin, Ohio

#### **June 2019**

TMTA State Competitions and Conference  
MTSU, Murfreesboro

#### **January 13-15, 2018**

MTNA Southern Division Competitions  
Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

#### **June 2018**

TMTA State Competitions and Conference  
ETSU, Johnson City

#### **March 16-20, 2019**

MTNA National Conference  
Spokane, Washington

#### **March 21-25, 2020**

MTNA National Conference  
Chicago, Illinois

## 2017 TMTA Conference Registration

June 3-6, University of Tennessee at Martin

Martin, TN

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR MEALS: 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 <i>Monday 6/5</i> _____ <i>Tuesday 6/6</i> _____	none		
IMTF Luncheon (Chicken Salad) <i>Fine Arts Building Gallery, UTM, Monday 6/5</i>	\$25		
College Faculty/Local Presidents Dinner (Fajita Bar) <i>UTM Cafeteria Private Dining Room, Monday 6/5</i>	Dutch		
Past-Presidents Breakfast <i>UTM Cafeteria Private Dining Room, Tuesday 6/6</i>	Dutch		
TMTA Awards Lunch (Salmon) <i>Dunagan Alumni Center, UTM, Tuesday 6/6</i>	\$30		
Executive Board Dinner and Meeting (Beef) <i>University Center Ballroom Annex, Sunday 6/4</i>	None (Guests \$30)		
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>			

Necessary alternative dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Send registration form and payment to      Linda Williams  
605 West Main Street,  
Union City, TN 38261

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

	A.M.	P.M.
Saturday, June 3		
Sunday, June 4		

Competitions and conference sessions are held in the Fine Arts Building on the University of Tennessee at Martin Campus, 16 Mt. Pelia Road, Martin, TN 38237. Parking is available without charge in the Fine Arts parking lot.