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2019 TMTA Conference Review



The 2019 TMTA Conference was held in May, 2019 at Middle Tennessee State University. We were honored to present Karen Krieger (Vanderbilt University) and Jennifer Hayghe (University of Colorado – Boulder) as our conference clinician and artist. Prof. Krieger presented a session titled, *More Than Notes: Beyond the Score*. Hayghe presented a masterclass and a solo piano performance titled, *The Art of Music...and the Music of Art.* The program included works by Bach, Granados, Liszt, and Mussorgsky, as well as original artwork by Michele Tremaine and photography by Robert B. McGaha, Jr. Presentations were also given by TMTA members Sarah Andrews, Terry McRoberts, Sandy Triplett, and Lynn Worchester Jones.



(Clockwise from top left): Jennifer Hayghe, Arunesh Nadgir, Sarah Andrews, Jama Reagan



2019 TMTA Competition Photos and Results



(All photos from left to right)

Kika Shinohara, Elementary Piano Grade K/1 Winner, Kikue Yamada (KMTA), teacher; **Ryan Zhao**, Elementary Piano Grade 2 Winner, Li Li (NAMTA), teacher; **Mito Mori**, Elementary Piano Grade 3 Winner, Kikue Yamada (KMTA), teacher; **Harrison Shao**, Junior Piano Grade 6 Winner, Judith Fairchild (GMMTA), teacher; **Haruki Takeuchi**, Junior Piano Grade 7 Winner, David Northington (KMTA), teacher; **Mimi Terry**, Junior Jazz Piano Winner, Rachel Acuff (KMTA), teacher



Sophia Li, Elementary Piano Grade 4 Winner, Li Li (NAMTA), teacher; **Colin Xie**, Elementary Piano Grade 5 Winner, Heather Conner (NAMTA), teacher; **Henry Yu**, Elementary Piano Grade 8 Winner, Judith Fairchild (GMMTA), teacher; **Lucy Downing-Phillips** and **Sophia Vo**, Elementary Piano Ensemble Winner, Lisa Ramirez (GMMTA), teacher; **Ella Liu**, Elementary Piano Concerto Winner, Yukiko Whitehead (GMMTA), teacher; **Dannie Dong** and **Yuka Yang**, Junior Piano Ensemble Winner, Yukiko Whitehead (GMMTA), teacher; **Marissa Liu**, Junior Piano Concerto Winner, Cathal Breslin (GMMTA), teacher



Shilo Wang, Elementary String Concerto Winner, Galina Timofeev (SMMTA), teacher; **Cindy Liu**, Junior Woodwind Solo Winner, Myung Kim (GMMTA), teacher; **Marissa Liu**, Junior Woodwind Concerto Winner, Myung Kim (GMMTA), teacher; **Alexa Huang**, Elementary String Solo Winner, Shu-Zhang Yang (NAMTA), teacher; **Sophia Cheng**, Senior Woodwind Solo Winner, Myung Kim (GMMTA), teacher; **Sean Yang**, Senior Piano Grade 12 Winner, Yukiko Whitehead (GMMTA), teacher



Josh Lin, Senior Piano Grade 9 Winner, David Northington, (KMTA), teacher; **Ethan Li**, Senior Piano Grade 10 Winner, Li Li (NAMTA), teacher; **Aidan Hartman**, Senior Piano Grade 11 Winner and Senior Piano Concerto Winner, David Brunell (KMTA), teacher

TMTA expresses its gratitude to those who worked so diligently for the 2019 June state competitions held at MTSU in Murfreesboro. Competition chairs were Dr. Mary Matthews, chamber, vocal, and instrumental; Dr. David Kovac, string; Dr. Ryan Fogg, senior piano; Lynn Worcester Jones, junior piano, and Dr. Lura Gubanov, elementary piano. There were 166 entrants in the state competitions in piano, strings, and woodwind. Results of the competition are as follows:

TMTA ELEMENTARY PIANO

Grade K-1 Solo

Winner: Rika Shinohara

Teacher: Kikue Yamada, KMTA

Runner Up: Rena Shinohara

Teacher: Kikue Yamada, KMTA

Grade 2 Solo

Winner: Ryan Zhao

Teacher: Li Li, NAMTA

Runner Up: Samantha Li

Teacher: Li Li, NAMTA

Honorable Mention: Celeste Bao

Teacher: Judith Fairchild, GMMTA

Grade 3 Solo

Winner: Mito Mori

Teacher: Kikue Yamada, KMTA

Runner Up: Samantha Coplan

Teacher: Lauren Coplan, NAMTA

Grade 4 Solo

Winner: Sophia Li

Teacher: Li Li, NAMTA

Runner Up: Ella Liu

Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead, GMMTA

Honorable Mention: Joanna Lee

Teacher: Fay Adams, KMTA

Grade 5 Solo

Winner: Colin Xie

Teacher: Heather Conner, NAMTA

Runner Up: Florence Yu

Teacher: Judith Fairchild, GMMTA

Honorable Mention: Sarah Wang

Teacher: Jerome Reed, NAMTA

Elementary Piano Concerto

Winner: Ella Liu

Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead, GMMTA

Runner Up: Kaitlyn Koo

Teacher: Viktoria Lindsay, CMTA

Elementary Piano Ensemble

Winner: Lucy Downing-Phillips and Sophia Vo

Teacher: Lisa Ramirez, GMMTA

TMTA JUNIOR PIANO

Grade 6 Solo

Winner: Harrison Shao

Teacher: Judith Fairchild, GMMTA

Runner Up: Yuqi Wang

Teacher: Fay Adams, KMTA

Honorable Mention: Daniel Guo

Teacher: Heather Conner, NAMTA

Grade 7 Solo

Winner: Haruki Takeuchi

Teacher: David Northington, KMTA

Runner Up: Dannie Dong

Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead, GMMTA

Honorable Mention: Spencer Nicholas

Teacher: Heather Conner, NAMTA

Grade 8 Solo

Winner: Henry Yu

Teacher: Judith Fairchild, GMMTA

Runner Up: Marissa Liu

Teacher: Cathal Breslin, GMMTA

Honorable Mention: Yuka Yang

Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead, GMMTA

Junior Piano Concerto

Winner: Marissa Liu

Teacher: Cathal Breslin, GMMTA

Runner Up: Eric Xie

Teacher: Lisa Ramirez, GMMTA

Junior Piano Ensemble

Winners: Dannie Dong and Yuka Yang

Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead, GMMTA

Runner Up: Andrew Vo and Jason Kirchner

Teacher: Lisa Ramirez, GMMTA

Junior Jazz Piano

Winner: Mimi Terry

Teacher: Rachel Acuff, KMTA

TMTA SENIOR PIANO

Grade 9 Solo

Winner: Josh Lin
Runner-Up: Carissa Shuxteau

Teacher: David Northington, KMTA
Teacher: Valerie Middleton, NAMTA

Grade 10 Solo

Winner: Ethan Li
Runner-Up: Campbell Rutherford

Teacher: Li Li, NAMTA
Teacher: Rachel Acuff, KMTA

Grade 11 Solo

Winner: Aidan Hartman
Runner-Up: Jie Wang

Teacher: David Brunell, KMTA
Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead, GMMTA

Grade 12 Solo

Winner: Sean Yang
Runner-Up: Python Chen

Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead, GMMTA
Teacher: Heather Conner, NAMTA

Senior Piano Concerto

Winner: Aidan Hartman
Runner-Up: Alice Tang

Teacher: David Brunell, KMTA
Teacher: David Brunell (KMTA)

TMTA INSTRUMENTAL

Junior Woodwind Solo

Winner: Cindy Liu

Teacher: Myung Kim (WTMTA)

Junior Woodwind Concerto

Winner: Marissa Liu

Teacher: Myung Kim (GMMTA)

Senior Woodwind Solo

Winner: Sophia Chen

Teacher: Myung Kim (GMMTA)

TMTA STRING

Elementary String Solo

Winner: Alexa Huang
Runner-Up: Samantha Coplan

Teacher: Shu-Zhang Yang, NAMTA
Teacher: Dana Meyer, NAMTA

Elementary String Concerto

Winner: Shilo Wang, violin

Teacher: Galina Timofeev (SMMTA)

Senior String Solo

Winner: Sheeline Yu
Runner up: Amelia Branch

Teacher: Cornelia Heard, NAMTA
Teacher: Dana Meyer, NAMTA

Transfer of the TMTA Presidential Files



Please welcome our incoming President Dr. Kevin Richmond (right) as we thank Immediate Past President Jerilyn Paolini (left) for her two years of service.

2019 Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Elaine Harriss



Dr. Elaine Atkins Harriss, Professor of Music at the University of Tennessee at Martin, is a pianist, flutist, and early childhood music specialist. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University and her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. Dr. Harriss has been on the faculty at UTM since 2001 and served the Department of Music as chair for six years.

Dr. Harriss as a pianist is well-known for her solo and collaborative playing and has extensive piano duo, duet, and eight-hand experience with her partner Allison Nelson. Recent solo performances included Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" with the UTM wind ensemble at the Canon Center in Memphis and "Piano Music of Poulenc" featuring L'Histoire de Babar and the "Sonata for Two Pianos." She is the featured pianist on "A Soul at

Play—Voices from Three Continents," a 2 CD set of selected poetry by Shizue Ogawa read in Japanese, French, and English. Elaine is currently pianist with the University Trio. Her flute performing included 25 years as principal flutist with area orchestras, 18 years of chamber work as flutist with the University Trio, many solo recitals, and the premier of Sam Ewell's "Ramble for Flute and String Orchestra." She presents the "Break for Bach" program at Martin's annual Soybean Festival and organizes Martin's "Bach in the Subway" event.

To serve the musical needs of the community, Dr. Harriss maintains a pre-college music studio, and for 19 years directed Kindermusik of Martin which served over 1,500 children birth through age seven. She was Director of Educational Standards and Professional Development for Kindermusik International of Greensboro, N.C., for many years and served as president of the International Kindermusik Educators Association from 1999-2003.

Dr. Harriss has taught over 50 workshops on five continents and has made presentations at meetings and conventions of the National Piano Pedagogy Conference, the Music Educators National Conference, the Kindermusik Educators Association, the Australian Kindermusik Educators Association, the Hawaiian International Conference on Arts and the Humanities, the 10th World Piano Conference, and the Tennessee Music Teachers Association. She was named TMTA's Teacher of the Year and was honored as a Foundation Fellow by MTNA in 2013. A past president of TMTA, she has served as president for two locals, state conference chair, senior piano chair, state competitions coordinator, and a member of TMTA's executive board for 20 years. Dr. Harriss is also a past president of the Tennessee Federation of Music Clubs and has served several terms as president of NFMC's Martin Philharmonic Music Guild.

Dr. Harriss served as the 2007-08 president of the UT Martin Faculty Senate, the 2013-14 president of Phi Kappa Phi, and as a past member of the Martin Historic Zoning Commission and the Martin Beautiful Committee. She is an advisor to UTM's Sigma Alpha Iota chapter, chairs UTM's annual piano competition, and directs a week-long piano camp each summer.

She and her late husband Ernie Harriss II have two sons and daughters-in-law, Ernie Harriss III and Jennifer, and Edward and Elana Harriss, and four grandchildren, Blase Edward Harriss, Ronin Atkins Harriss, Ella Louise Harriss, and Liam Vasani. Elaine is a charter member and an elder for Trinity Presbyterian Church where she serves as pianist for Trinity services.

2020 TMTA Foundation Fellow: Ann Almond Pope

Congratulations to Ann Pope for being nominated as TMTA's 2020 Foundation Fellow. Please designate Ann when you contribute to the MTNA Foundation Fund so that TMTA can get the credit. If there are other nominations, please contact me at jfwnctm@bellsouth.net. Thanks for all of your support of this fund.

-Judy Warrington, NCTM, MTNA Foundation Chair



Ann Almond Pope, NCTM, a native of Cleveland, Tennessee, presently resides in Chattanooga where she maintains a private piano studio. She has taught at Bryan College and the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. Prior to 1998, she was an adjunct instructor of piano and piano pedagogy in the College of Music Arts at Bowling Green State University (Ohio) and instructor of piano in the Creative Arts Program. Her pre-college training was at Chattanooga's Cadek Conservatory. At age 15 she was soloist with the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra under conductor Julius Hegyi. Ms. Pope received the Bachelor of

Music degree from Florida State University where she studied piano with Edward Kilenyi and repertoire with Ernst von Dohnanyi. Her Master of Music degree is from Bowling State University. She was a keyboardist with the Toledo Symphony during the 1990's and a soloist with the Perrysburg (Ohio) Symphony Orchestra. As members of the Ohio Music Teachers Association, Ms. Pope and her husband, pianist David Pope, appeared as Conference duo pianists in the 1970's. They also played at the Dohnanyi International Symposium in 2002, and in the Kilenyi Memorial Concert at Florida State University.

Ms. Pope is a member of the Kantorski-Pope Piano Duo, which is a Steinway Artist Ensemble. Ms. Pope's arrangements of duo-piano music are published by Belwin/Warner Bros./Alfred. She is a member of ASCAP.

After moving to Chattanooga in 1998, Ms. Pope participated as a teacher in the MusicLink program. A member of Trinity Lutheran Church, she is frequently called upon as substitute worship keyboardist. Her research into East Tennessee musical history has resulted in publications by the Bradley County Historical Society. As an outgrowth of this research, she has presented programs of music composed by European musicians who taught in the Chattanooga/Cleveland Tennessee area in the late 19th and early 20th century. She is most grateful for the continuing relationships with many of her former students, is proud of their accomplishments, and looks forward to the ongoing privilege of working with yet another generation of young people.

2019 Teacher of the Year: Dr. Esther Park



Pianist Esther Park has performed as a soloist with orchestras and in recitals across the United States as well as Asia and major European cities. Ms. Park has appeared as soloist with many orchestras such as the Houston Symphony, Yale Philharmonia, Corpus Christi Symphony, Filharmonia Pomorska, Poland, Orchestra Filarmonica, Romania, Shanghai Philharmonic, China, Shreveport Symphony, the Juilliard Symphony, and the New Jersey Symphony.

Ms. Park gave a five-city recital tour in Korea, and has performed at the Juilliard Theater in NYC, Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, Carnegie Halls' Weill Recital Hall, Salle Cortot in Paris, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Palau de la Musica, Valencia, Spain, and on the Dame Myra Hess Piano Recital Series, Chicago. She has appeared at the Music Academy of the West (Santa Barbara), the Aspen Music Festival, the Bowdoin Summer Music

Festival in Maine, the Tel-Hai International Music Festival in Israel, and the Van Cliburn-TCU Institute in Texas. Ms. Park has been heard in New York on WQXR radio station as the winner of the 52nd Kosciusko International Competition and the Gina Bachauer Competition.

Ms. Park has recently formed a piano duo with her sister, Sun-A Park. Duo Amadeae has since won the Chicago International Duo Piano Competition, and has appeared in numerous festivals, concerto performances, and in duo recitals. The duo has been heard on WQXR as well as part of the Horowitz & Stecher Foundation Piano Series.

Ms. Park is the winner of the 2013 Jose Roca International Piano Competition and 2013 Russian International Music Competition. She is the winner of the 2009 "Prix Amadeo" and the 2009 Chopin Gesellschaft Klavierwettbewerb. Ms. Park also received top prizes at the 3rd San Marino International Piano Competition, the 3rd China Shanghai International Piano Competition, the 6th Paderewski International Piano Competition, the National Chopin Competition (USA), Hilton Head International Competition, the 14th New Orleans International Piano Competition, and is the recipient of the President Clinton Prodigy Award.

Born in Pusan, Korea, Ms. Park began to play in public soon after her first piano lessons at the age of four. Ms. Park moved to the United States in 1995, after being accepted to the Juilliard School's Pre-College division. Ms. Park has completed the undergraduate and graduate degrees from the Juilliard School, studying with Yoheved Kaplinsky. Ms. Park has also studied at the Hochschule fur Musik und Theater, Hannover, under the tutelage of Mr. Bernard Goetzke. Ms. Park has since received the Artist Diploma, Master of Musical Arts degrees and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees at the Yale School of Music under the guidance of Mr. Boris Berman. Since 2015, Ms. Park has been serving as the Assistant Professor of Piano and the Director of the Pre-College Program at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN.

Young Artist Piano Competition

September 28, 2019



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tntech.edu/music

Held in the Bryan Fine Arts Building's Wattenbarger Auditorium at Tennessee Tech University, the annual TTU Young Artist Piano Competition is a showcase for young pianists, grades 9-12, in Tennessee.

Awards

First Prize: S.K. Ballal Award (\$600)
Second Prize: Dave M. McCall Award (\$500)
Third Prize: Rodney L. Carlson Award (\$350)
Fourth Prize: Hope High Award (\$250)

Admission Audition

Graduating seniors who plan to attend TTU are eligible for additional scholarship awards, including the prestigious Herman Godes Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000).

Competition Rules

- Students must be in grades 9-12 in the 2019-2020 school year.
- A teacher's letter of recommendation must accompany the application.
- The jury will include faculty from the TTU music school and regional professionals. If a jury member is related or has taught a contestant, that jurist will recuse himself or herself from voting on that contestant.
- Previous first place winners are ineligible to compete.

Required Repertoire & Performance

- At least two works of contrasting style from the standard piano repertoire; Popular music selections are not appropriate.
- The performance must not exceed 20 minutes.
- Memorization is required.

To apply to participate in the TTU Young Artist Piano Competition, please send:

- ☐ Completed application
- ☐ Teacher's letter of recommendation
- ☐ \$50 application fee (make check payable to Tennessee Tech University)

to: TTU Young Artist Piano Competition
c/o Dr. Catherine Godes, School of Music, College of Fine Arts
1000 N. Dixie Ave.
PO Box 5045
Cookeville, TN 38505-0001

The competition can be seen live at tntech.edu/music/live

TTU Young Artist Piano Competition Application

Application must be postmarked by September 3, 2019.

☐ Mr. ☐ Miss Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home phone (____) ____-____ Cell phone (____) ____-____
Email _____
School attending _____
Repertoire _____
I will graduate high school in 20____.
☐ My music teacher's letter of recommendation is enclosed.

Memphis International Piano Festival and Competition

October 4-6, 2019 (Deadline: September 16th)

For more info: www.memphisipfc.com

Contact: Dr. Artina McCain ajmccain@memphis.edu or uofmpiano@gmail.com



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Memphis International Piano Festival and Competition

OCTOBER 4-6, 2019

August 1st - registration opens
September 16th - registration ends

For more info on events and concerts:
www.memphisipfc.com

EVENTS

Over \$5,000 in competition prize money!

Repertoire: Free choice of repertoire of two or more contrasting pieces depending on category.

Blossoming Beginners ages: 4-6

Bright Juniors ages: 7-9

Young Stars ages: 10-13

Young Artists ages: 14-18

Collegiate competition ages: 18-up

Piano Extravaganza Concerts and other free events throughout the weekend!



Dr. Artina McCain
University of Memphis
Festival and Artistic
Director



Dr. Jonathan Tsay,
University of Memphis
Co-Festival Director



Dr. Cathal Breslin
Arizona State University



Dr. Chris Guzman,
Penn State University



Dr. Ana Orduz
Universidad de
Antioquia, Colombia

More Upcoming Competitions and Events

Fall 2019 MTNA and TMTA Competitions

The deadline for entry into the 2019 MTNA competitions and TMTA's collegiate/adult competitions is **3:00 p.m. Eastern time on Wednesday, September 11, 2019**. Please make your applications the week before that deadline. You will need credit card numbers and accurate information on the student's repertoire, including timings and historical periods. In addition, teacher dues or a non-member fee must be paid before the student can enter. The deadline is firm and late applications will not be accepted by TMTA or MTNA. Do NOT wait until the last minute.

The Tennessee state preliminaries for the MTNA 2019 competitions and all TMTA collegiate/adult competitions will take place on the campus of Lipscomb University in Nashville on **Saturday, November 16**. If any category is so large that more than one day is needed, then, and only then, will those large categories spill into Friday, November 15. Please note that all categories will compete on Saturday November 16. Please be sure your students are aware they may need to compete on Friday. If your students have time constraints, it is your responsibility to contact the state chair of the applicable category BEFORE the entry deadline. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate, but the state chair must know as soon as possible. Once the schedule is set, changes can't be made and refunds will not be given.

TMTA Fall Collegiate Competitions: Effective immediately, the TMTA Fall Collegiate Competitions repertoire requirements will reflect that of MTNA. For collegiate competitions only, the minimum requirement must contain solo repertoire from at least 2 (no longer 3) different periods of music.

FallFest - Nashville Area Music Teachers Association



Audition: Saturday, November 9, 2019, Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music

Deadline: October 15, 2019

Fee: \$15 for all solo entries / \$5 for each person in an ensemble

Eligibility: Pianists and string players currently enrolled in grades K-12 of any NAMTA or Guild teacher are eligible. Adults are also eligible to participate.

Categories: Piano Solo, Piano Duet, String Solo (*new this year!*), and Ensemble

<https://www.nashvilleareamusicteachersassociation.org/fallfest>

Blair Academy for the Arts Piano Competition

Blair Academy for the Arts will be launching a performance competition in the East Tennessee Region.

All are welcome to participate and encourage their students in a two-part competition.

We are striving to give back to the community in supporting excellence in piano performance.

Saturday , November 16, 2019

East Tennessee State University

Awards \$50 - \$1000

2 Rounds of Competition

Jr. Division: ages 11-14 or grades 6,7,8

Sr. Division: ages 15-18 or grades 9,10,11,12

Collegiate Division: ages 18-22

Registration opens Sep. 1, 2019

For more Information:

Ivy and Daniel Blair

BlairAcademyfortheArts.com

423-342-7040, Ivyblair@gmail.com



Suzuki Piano School of Knoxville Fall Festival

October 20, 2019, 2-5 PM

Graystone Presbyterian Church

Join us for lots of music games and activities.

Each student will play one piece for a guest teacher who will give a mini-lesson and written comments.

Costumes are welcome.

\$15 – Suzuki Piano School students, \$20 – All other students

Mail check and attached application to:

Fay Adams, 7209 Sheffield Drive, Knoxville, TN 37909



8th Annual High School Piano Master Class

Carson-Newman University

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Please click [here](#) for more details, or email rfogg@cn.edu
cn.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-studies/music/c-n-keyboard-studies/high-school-master-class

Performing Arts Workshop for High School Students

Bryan College will be hosting its 5th annual Performing Arts Workshop on November 9, 2019. This one-day event is for high school students interested in piano, vocal, instrumental, or theatre areas.

Advanced registration is required, as space is limited by track.

For more information and registration: www.bryan.edu/arts-workshop.

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Piano Arts-Competition

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Deadline: March 6, 2020

For more info: <https://www.utc.edu/music/events/piano-arts-competition.php>
Contact: Dr. Lynn Worcester Jones (Lynn-Worcester@utc.edu), Assistant Professor, UTC

Planning Ahead

2020 TMTA Conference: Memphis, Tennessee

GMMTA is excited to host the 2020 TMTA Conference.

Competition dates will be May 30 and 31 and Conference will be June 1 and 2.

Our conference clinician will be Marvin Blickenstaff. Marvin Blickenstaff is known among piano teachers throughout the country for his teaching, lecturing, performing, and publishing. Currently, he maintains a private studio in the Philadelphia area and teaches at The New School for Music Study in Princeton.

Our concert artist will be Dr. Igor Lipinski. Lipinski earned his Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance and Musical Arts and Master of Music in Piano Performance and Literature from the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester where he studied piano under the tutelage of Douglas Humpherys. As a teaching assistant of Vincent Lenti and Tony Caramia, he received Eastman's Teaching Assistant Prize for Excellence in Teaching. Lipinski continued his graduate studies at Northwestern University Bienen School of Music earning his Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance under the tutelage of Alan Chow. Before joining the piano faculty at OU, Lipinski was a member of the piano faculty at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

2019 Summit for MTNA Leadership

September 6–8, 2019
Cincinnati, Ohio

MTNA/TMTA Fall Competitions

November 15–16, 2019
Lipscomb University, Nashville

2020 Collegiate Chapters Piano Pedagogy Symposium

January 10–11, 2020
Ball State University
Muncie, Indiana

2020 MTNA National Conference

March 21–25, 2020
Chicago, Illinois

2020 National Group Piano/ Piano Pedagogy Forum

July 24–25, 2020
Oberlin, Ohio

Upcoming TMTA Conferences

2020 Memphis; 2021 Knoxville;
2022 Jackson; 2023 Chattanooga
2024 Nashville; 2025 Martin;
2026 Johnson City;
repeating Murfreesboro

Upcoming MTNA Conferences

2021 Atlanta; 2022 Minneapolis