

TMTA Newsletter

2019 TMTA Conference Murfreesboro, TN

The 2019 TMTA State Competitions will be at Middle Tennessee State University, Saturday, May 24, and Sunday, May 26. 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 there is 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. If there is a question regarding literature, please contact your local and state chair for approval. *Karen Kreiger (top R) and Jennifer Hayghe (Bottom L) featured conference guests.*



Applications must be made online and may be made beginning April 10. Teachers are responsible for the entries and are strongly encouraged to make or supervise their students' entries. Completed applications and fees for the spring state competitions must be submitted by 11:59 p.m., May 1, 2015. Please submit early to avoid computer problems that could prevent a student's participation. No entries or changes in repertoire are accepted after that time.

Congratulations to the Chattanooga Music Teachers Association

The Chattanooga Music Teachers Association was chosen as one of seven finalists by MTNA for the 2019 National Local Association of the Year Award. The top choice will be announced at the awards brunch on Wednesday, March 20 at the MTNA National Conference in Spokane, Washington. TMTA is proud of CMTA's achievement!



CMTA News

On February 9, CMTA had a Master Class with Master Teacher, Dr. Olivia Ellis, from Bryan College. Six students performed selections by Bach, Diabelli, Chopin, and Faure'. The students, teachers, and students' families were encouraged and challenged by the comments to them by Dr. Ellis. Submitted by Nancy Teague, Interim CMTA President



Book your group rate for TMTA Conference

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event.

Event Summary:

TMTA Conference

Reservations may be made, beginning Wednesday, May 22 through Monday, May 27. Deadline for making reservations is Wednesday, April 24.

Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

Fairfield Inn & Suites Murfreesboro for 129 USD per night

Reservations can also be made via phone at 615-849-1150

Upcoming Events

TTU Hosts Pianist Christopher O'Riley

TTU, the Bryan Symphony, and pianist Catherine Godes will host pianist Christopher O'Riley in residence on March 15, 16 and 17. He will present a solo recital on Friday, March 15 at 7:30 in Wattenbarger Auditorium. Mr. O'Riley will hold a master class on Saturday, March 16 from 10:00-noon in Wattenbarger. He will perform Mozart's C major Piano Concerto, #21, with the Bryan Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, March 17. The concert begins at 3:00. Students interested in participating in the master class should contact Dr. Catherine Godes: cgodes@tntech.edu

TTU Summer Music Institute

Pianists grades 9-12 are invited to attend the TTU Summer Institute Piano Division on May 28-31, 2019. Students will work on duo piano repertoire and will perform on the final concert on May 31. Daily private lessons and coaching sessions will be conducted by Dr. Catherine Godes and other members of the TTU piano faculty. Registration is available on the TTU Music Website: [tntech.edu. music](http://tntech.edu/music) (TTU summer music institute). For more information, contact Catherine Godes: cgodes@tntech

East/West International Piano Festival

HAVE YOU BEEN WANTING TO EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY OF SOUTH KOREA???

Here is your opportunity! The East/West International Piano Festival will hold its fourth annual summer festival in Seoul, South Korea from July 29th to August 10, 2019. The previous three festivals were held in major locations throughout China.

Founded in 2016 by Dr. David Northington, the Festival is open to gifted students and teachers of all ages, and provides an opportunity for students to study with an outstanding international faculty, including Dr. Jerome Reed from Nashville (Lipscomb University), Dr. Cahill Smith from Cleveland (Lee University), and Dr. David Northington from Knoxville (Powell Endowed Professor Emeritus from the (University of Tennessee). The application deadline is June 15th, and complete information on the Festival and its distinguished faculty is available on the official website: www.ewpianofest.com. For further questions, please contact Dr. David Northington at dnorthin@utk.edu. SEE YOU IN SOUTH KOREA!!!

MTSU Piano Day

On Saturday, March 30, the MTSU School of Music will be hosting a Piano Day featuring Van Cliburn Competition Gold Medalist, Jon Nakamatsu.

Some highlights of Piano Day include:

- Two masterclasses and a Q&A session with Jon Nakamatsu.
- Additional masterclasses with MTSU piano faculty.
- Masterclass participation open to college and pre-college students.
- Attendance and participation is FREE. Students, teachers, and parents are all encouraged to attend.

Jon Nakamatsu **solo piano recital** the NIGHT BEFORE on Friday, March 29 at 7:30pm in MTSU's T. Earl Hinton Music Hall.

See application form for details, or visit. Applications and questions should be emailed to Adam.Clark@mtsu.edu by Friday, March 15th.

Teacher of the Year Submissions

Local teacher of the year honorees who would like to be considered for the state honor should email their bios and/or CVs and 2-3 letters of recommendation to ChiHee Hwang (chihee.hwang@vanderbilt.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)

State Conference Grants

The TMTA Executive Board is pleased to once again offer two \$150 grants to help defray expenses to the state conference in May. Those applying for a grant must be in their first ten years of regular TMTA membership. The full amount of the grant must be used towards expenses for the May 23-26 conference at MTSU in Murfreesboro. The deadline for the grant application is April 15. The recipients will be announced May 1.

Please email the following information to all of the conference grant committee members listed below.

- * Have you ever attended a state or national conference?
- * Do you attend local TMTA meetings?
- * Do you enter students in local TMTA competitions?
- * Do you enter students in state TMTA competitions?
- * What instrument(s) do you teach?
- * How many students do you currently teach?
- * What level students do you teach?
- * List memberships in other professional music organizations.
- * Have you held any positions in your local MTA or other professional music organizations?
- * Have you given any presentations to music organizations or in the schools?

The committee thanks you in advance. Best wishes to all!

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Jerilyn Paolini, paolini@mail.etsu.edu

2019 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 23, 2019

10:00-10:45 TMTA Executive Brunch at Pat Ward's home

10:45-12:00 TMTA Executive Board Meeting at Pat Ward's home

1:00 Welcome to Conference: Dr. Mike Parkinson, Director of MTSU School of Music

1:15-2:45 Conference Clinician: Karen Krieger-Session 1

2:45-3:00 BREAK

3:00-3:45 Terry McRoberts- Practical Considerations for Recovery from Injury or Surgery from a Mattay Perspective.

3:45-4:00 BREAK

4:00-4:45 Lynn Worcester Jones- Clara Schumann and 200 Years of Influences on Female Pianists and Composers

5:30 College Faculty/ Local Presidents Dinner

7:30 Conference Artist Recital/post-Recital Reception Jennifer Hayghe

Friday, May 24, 2019

7:30 Past TMTA Presidents Breakfast/Meeting

8:30-9:15 Sarah Williams - Professionalism in Today's Music Studio: How to Be Your Own CEO.

9:15-9:30 BREAK

9:30-10:15 Sandy Triplett - EAR WORMS. Words and Phrases to Encourage Student Discoveries.

10:15-10:30 BREAK

10:30-12:00 Conference Clinician : Karen Krieger - Master Class

12:00-1:00 IMTF Luncheon

1:30-3:00 Conference Artist: Jennifer Hayghe - Master Class

3:00-3:15 BREAK

3:15-4:45 Conference Clinician: Karen Krieger - Session 2

5:00-5:30 General Business Meeting

6:00- Awards Dinner

Saturday-Sunday, May 25-26, 2019

Competitions

Message from President Jeri Paolini

I am continually amazed by the talents of our TMTA members, in areas of pedagogy, composition, performance, and community service. From Memphis to Nashville, to Chattanooga and Knoxville, and all regions throughout the great state of Tennessee, our colleagues share their expertise, within and beyond their communities – many traveling around the world to do so. It's an honor to be a part of such an outstanding group of professionals, including Carol Stone (pictured right) - fellow AMTA member and beloved colleague!

This newsletter highlights many of our teachers and their achievements, including: **Carolyn Huebl** (NAMTA) and **Cornelia Heard** (NAMTA), who will be sending students to the MTNA National Competitions in Spokane, WA; **Karen A. Krieger** (NAMTA), TMTA's 2019 Foundation Fellow; and **Artina McCain** (GMMTA), MTNA National Conference presenter. Congratulations to all!

The Executive Board, in a continued effort to provide opportunities for TMTA members, is pleased to offer two \$150 grants to attend the TMTA State Conference. Application information is provided in this newsletter. We hope that all members will make plans to attend the TMTA 2019 State Conference at MTSU in Murfreesboro, May 23-26, 2019. Please note that the teachers' conference sessions take place Thursday and Friday, May 23-24. The student competitions follow on Saturday and Sunday, May 25-26.

I'd like to close by sharing the following initiatives, recently proposed and approved by the MTNA Board of Directors, regarding diversity and inclusion.

1. To reaffirm and implement the recommendations of the 2002 MTNA Diversity Task Force, which focused on recruiting racially and ethnically diverse music teachers.
2. To create and adopt an *MTNA Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement*, which enumerates the overarching principles that will guide and inform our decision-making processes.
3. To develop and implement an enhanced *MTNA Diversity and Inclusion Strategy*, which includes a focus on increasing the number of racially and ethnically diverse music students.

TMTA must follow MTNA's lead, and work to implement these strategies within our local associations and communities. This is a long-overdue priority. Let's share ideas and ways to make this happen!

HAPPY SPRING!



THE TMTA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The TMTA Scholarship Endowment Fund awarded \$3,650 to 18 deserving students that participated in the 2018 MTNA/TMTA fall competitions. TMTA members can contribute to the scholarship fund by visiting TMTA's website at <http://tnmta.org/scholarship-awards-endowment-fund.html>. Members can also contribute by shopping at AmazonSmile (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1380594>). Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to TMTA's Scholarship Fund. Tell your friends and students' families how they can help our scholarship fund grow!

TMTA Members in the Spotlight at the MTNA National Conference in Spokane

Karen A. Krieger (NAMTA) will be honored at the MTNA National Conference Gala on Monday, March 18, as TMTA's Foundation Fellow. Karen is loved and respected by her colleagues and friends, and will continue to inspire teachers and students everywhere.

Artina McCain (GMMTA) will be presenting a session at the MTNA National Conference in Spokane, WA on Tuesday, March 19. Artina's session is titled "*Building Healthy Practice Techniques: From Injury To Prevention.*" Those of us not able to attend the conference will be thinking of Artina on the 19th and wishing her the best.

Carolyn Huebl (NAMTA) and Cornelia Heard (NAMTA) will be sending students to the MTNA National Competitions in Spokane, WA. Carolyn is the teacher of the Southern Division Young Artist String winner, Eliza Wong. And Cornelia teaches the Southern Division Junior String winner, Iris Shepherd. Congratulations and good luck to Eliza and Iris!



PLANNING AHEAD

2019 MTNA National Conference

March 16–20, 2019
Spokane Convention Center
Spokane, Washington

2019 TMTA State Conference/Competitions

May 23-24, Teachers Conference
May 25-26, Student Competitions
Middle Tennessee State University
Murfreesboro, TN

Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, May 23, 10:00 a.m.
MTSU, Murfreesboro

MTNA Artist Teacher Conference

August 9–10, 2019
Cincinnati, Ohio

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

Upcoming TMTA Conferences

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

Upcoming MTNA Conferences

Congratulations to TMTA's 2019 Southern Division

Winners

Junior Performance String

Winner: Iris Shepherd, violin

Teacher: Cornelia Heard (NAMTA)

Young Artist Performance String

Winner: Eliza Wong, violin

Teacher: Carolyn Huebl (NAMTA)

Chamber Music Strings

Alternate: Trio Cadeau (Eliza Wong, violin; Meghan Leong, cello; Miranda Shum, piano)

Teacher: Carolyn Huebl (NAMTA)

Junior Performance Piano

Alternate: Caleb Park

Teacher: Li Li (NAMTA)

Junior Performance Woodwind

Alternate: Cindy Liu, flute

Teacher: Myung Kim (GMMTA)

Young Artist Performance Voice

Alternate: Olivia Heaner

Teacher: Tyler Nelson (NAMTA)

Elementary Composition

Honorable Mention: Sophia Rus

Teacher: Judith Fairchild (GMMTA)

Junior Composition

Honorable Mention: Dannie Dong

Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead (GMMTA)