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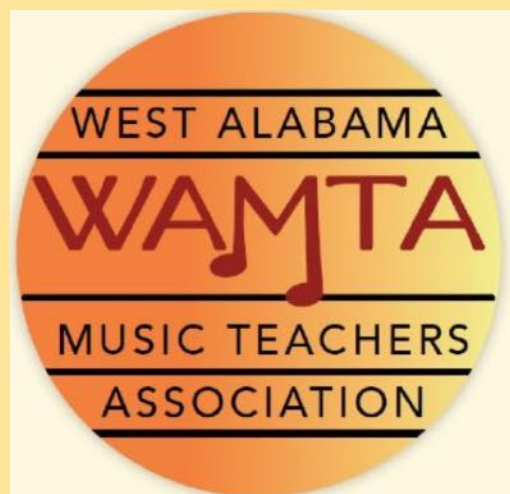
### A Letter from the AMTA President

Dear AMTA Members,

Hoping all of you are enjoying cooler temperatures and the impending promise of more time spent with family and friends. In this season of gratitude, please allow me to express my sincere appreciation for the hard work and dedication you all pour into your students and their music education. I would also like to thank the AMTA Board Members and Local Association Presidents for all their work putting plans in place for the start of the academic year. Your selflessness in serving these volunteer positions is deeply appreciated.

The AMTA Board met virtually on October 1. The proposal for the State Conference was approved. It will take place June 1-3, 2023 at

Jacksonville State University. There will be more updates on this in the coming months from our First Vice President and Conference Chair, Rachel Park. The Board also approved a proposal for the AMTA Composition Competition winner to have their work performed at the conference in the same calendar year their work is selected as the winner. Previously, the winner for a given year had their work performed at the conference in the following calendar year. Several of the Local Association Presidents as well as Local Association Chair, Wendy McGee, and I had a virtual meeting to discuss ideas shared at both the in-person MTNA Leadership Summit in Cincinnati, Ohio and the virtual summit held for local leadership. A large part of this discussion centered around membership – both retention and



recruitment. Please know that every member of AMTA is a vital part of the organization and your state and local leadership are dedicated to making this an organization that serves you and your students.

# HMTA

Huntsville Alabama's Music Teachers Association



For more information on the Huntsville Music Teachers Association, and for a list of our upcoming events, please visit our website at:

[hsvmta.org](https://hsvmta.org)

The 2023 MTNA Conference will take place March 25-29 in Reno, Nevada. This will be a particularly exciting conference as it will be the first in-person MTNA conference since 2019! If you are on the fence about

attending in Reno, this video (<https://youtu.be/8opvmJK7AkU>) along with the \$119 conference hotel rate might convince you. As we enter a time full of celebration, I look forward to continuing to celebrate the members of this organization. From new members to newly certified members, from members whose students have participated in AMTA events for many years to those whose students are just beginning their AMTA journey, there is much to celebrate and much to anticipate in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Laura Beth Mitchell-Bisset,  
NCTM – AMTA President

## The Montgomery Music Teachers Forum

Our current membership includes:

A Yeong Chi  
Kathy Elder  
Haein Kim  
Aeri Moon  
Thomas Murray Austin  
Susan O. Bishop  
Hae Na Ji  
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Kaylee Barr

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Laryne Williford Monte  
Ronald Shinn  
Sarah Wiersema  
Marcus Daniel  
Christy Kreitz  
Chin-Mei Li  
Sarah Tanner

MMTF sponsors several annual events.

In the spring, the Helen Boykin Festival, the Helen Boykin Honors Recital, AMTA District piano auditions, and AMTA state strings auditions are all held at Booker T. Washington Magnet. Over these events, several awards are given to outstanding music students for achieving a high level of musical achievement.





There is a place for you at the 2023 MTNA National Conference in Reno, Nevada! Mark your calendars to attend this grand, in-person reunion of the music teaching profession March 25–29, 2023.

## FEATURED GUESTS



**Yefim Bronfman**  
Tuesday Recital



**Lara Downes**  
Keynote Address



**Michelle Cann and  
Kimberly Cann**  
Cann Sisters Piano Duo  
Opening Session Recital



**Yu-Jane Yang and  
Shi-Hwa Wang**  
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## AUDITION DATES

- » Friday, February 3, 2023
- » Saturday, February 4, 2023
- » Friday, February 10, 2023
- » Saturday, February 11, 2023

### DEGREE PROGRAMS IN MUSIC

#### Bachelor of Arts in Music

- Music Education with Instrumental or Vocal Concentration
- General Music with Instrumental or Vocal Concentration
- Performance with Instrumental, Jazz, Piano, or Voice Concentrations

#### Master of Arts in Music

- Vocal Music Education
- Vocal General Music
- Instrumental Music Education
- Instrumental General Music

#### Minors

- Jazz Studies
- Music
- Music Technology

The JSU Marching Southerners were selected by the John Philip Sousa Foundation as the 2022 recipient of the Sudler Trophy and the JSU Percussion Ensemble has been selected to perform at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC) on November 10, 2022 in Indianapolis, IN.



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# **2023 AMTA State Conference News**



Dear AMTA members,

Autumn is here again with us! The most favored season of Alabamians makes us be mindful and grateful for the uncountable blessings of our lives. Thinking of our AMTA members, I am so thankful and sending a colorful autumn greeting to each of our members with the update of the next year's conference!

I am so excited to announce that we are coming back to the full three days of in person conference next year for the first time since the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic! Please save the dates to get together with our AMTA colleagues again and invite your musical friends and students to this wonderful opportunity to share our hearts for music, education, and people and continue to grow together in our expertise.

**Schedule: June 1 st through  
3 rd , 2023 (Thursday -  
Saturday)**

**Place: Mason Hall,  
Jacksonville State  
University (JSU),  
Jacksonville, AL**

**Member's Banquet:  
Thursday, June 1 st , 2023  
@ 6pm  
Merrill Hall, Atrium, JSU**

**Official Hotel: Hampton  
Inn, Jacksonville, AL  
(JSU campus housings are  
available as well)**

*Shoals Area  
Music Teachers  
Forum*



**Members**  
Noel Beck  
Yi-Min Cai  
Elizabeth Counts  
Lynne Crabtree  
Christine Enlow Daniels  
Linda Lightsey  
Carol Lynn  
Elena Sandrell  
Anita Scott  
Lisa Silver  
Kristie Smith  
Gail Spires

**Events**  
Ritz Recital   Music Olympics   AMTA District Auditions  
Make It Minor   W.C. Handy Festival Kidz Jamm

Our guest artist is Dr. William Newbrough, Steinway Artist and award winning pianist who serves as the Professor of Piano and Director of Piano Studies at Houghton College, NY.







The guest clinician is Dr. Gail Berenson, the Past President of the Music Teachers National Association and the Professor Emerita of Piano at Ohio University. She will offer three sessions for us with the titles:

*The Art of Communication: Nurturing Resourceful and Spirited Students;*

*Strategies for Coping with Performance Anxiety;*

*Healthy Practicing Strategies: An Injury- Preventive Prescription.*

In addition to the sessions, recital, and master classes by the guest artist and clinician, we are also looking forward to having recitals, presentations, and poster sessions from our own AMTA members. If you would like to share your recent research and works, please don't hesitate, contact me at [kpark@jsu.edu](mailto:kpark@jsu.edu). The call for the proposal will be announced in early Spring.

Please check the conference website for more detailed information coming in December! <https://www.almta.org/conference.php>  
Many blessings and happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Rachel Park, AMTA First Vice President

**Wiregrass Music Teachers Forum**  
Established 1995

Annual Events

- Hymn Festival
- Sonata Festival
- District II Auditions
- Honors Recital

Annual Scholarships

- College Music Major Scholarships
- Summer Music Camp Scholarships

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Carol Windham, President  
Rebecca McManus, Vice President  
Hilda Hagins, Secretary/Treasurer

## **District News:**

Life seems to be back to normal and student numbers are increasing!

We will have our annual Hymn Festival Sunday, November 6. This is an excellent way to begin to train future church musicians, especially since there is great need in this area.

We are also beginning preparations for the Sonata Festival in February. Does anyone have favorite Sonatinas they would like to pass on to refresh our list? 😊 Carol Windham



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### UAB Piano in the News

2022-23 season

**Faculty: Dr. Yakov Kasman**

*Distinguished Professor of Piano/Artist-in-Residence  
Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Silver Medalist*

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- October 30 **UAB PIANO SERIES- BORIS SLUTSKY:** *recital*
- November 16 **UAB PIANO STUDIO AND ENSEMBLES:** *recital*
- January 22 **UAB PIANO SERIES- CLAYTON STEPHENSON:** *recital*
- March 26 **UAB PIANO SERIES- RACHEL BREEN:** *recital*
- April 13 **MARY ELISA WAGNER:** *Junior student recital*
- April 16 **UAB PIANO STUDIO AND ENSEMBLES:** *recital*
- April 20 **ELIZABETH CHOJNACKI:** *Junior student recital*
- May 20 **UAB PIANO DAY FOR PRE-COLLEGE STUDENTS:**  
masterclass by Dr. Kasman and Polyphonic Music Festival



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**Birmingham  
Metro Music  
Forum**

Birmingham Metro Music Forum, the local affiliate of the Music Teachers National Association and the Alabama Music Teachers Association, strives to dedicate its efforts to promote and enhance musical life and education in the Metro Birmingham area including district auditions, master classes, monthly recitals, the New Music Festival, scholarships for music camps and the annual theory exams in January.

**President** Cindy St. Clair  
**Immediate Past President** Jodean Tingle  
**Vice President** Lucy DeSa  
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