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Letter from the President

Happy Fall Everyone! I sincerely hope you have had a great start to the school year. I got to attend MTNA Leadership Summit for the first time in September in Cincinnati and it was a great learning experience as well as a fortifying one. I had a chance to talk with other state presidents and discussed many of the issues states are encountering as well as the great things many states are doing.

Alabama is a very strong state filled with great committed members who are willing and dedicated to service. AMTA has been successful in putting on great conferences and allowing our members to participate with low costs. We truly celebrate our students and continue to broaden the opportunity for our students and members. In some states, they can not even have state conferences, must join up with other states to hold a conference, or drop to having one every other year due to cost and low participation. We are STRONG and I am honored to be a part of AMTA, and I am grateful for the dedication of all our members.

MTNA's goals for 2018-2019:

- *Increase membership through retention of members and new members.
- *Increase numbers of Certified Teachers.
- *Bring Music to more people.

New Things for MTNA for 2018-2019:

- *Solo Division Competitions will be online via video submission.
- *There will no longer be Forums at the National Conference. They will go online so that everyone has access and a voice, not just the members who attend the national conference. You will be receiving information about forums from MTNA via emails.
- *MTNA Chamber Music Competitions will change starting in Fall of 2019. Tier 1 will be video submission at the division level. Tier 2 will be National Finals at the National Conference.
- *The "Group Piano Pedagogy Conference" will alternate years with the "Artist Teacher Conference" starting in 2019.
- *MTNA Webinars are archived for viewing at any time and the MTNA YouTube Channel has many great resources for teachers and students. Go to www.youtube.com then type in MTNA.
- *2019 National Conference will be in Spokane Washington and the focus is "Musical Diversity."

New Things and Focuses for AMTA for 2018-2019:

- *The Winner's Circle Recital will be reinstated at the 2019 state conference. Those students who have been state winners 2 years in a row in their division will be featured on this winner's recital.
- *The Commissioned Composition is now open to all professional and collegiate composers in Alabama to submit and apply for the state conference.

*The AMTA Board welcomes six brand new board members:

Eun-Hee Park – Secretary
 Brittney Patterson – Composition Competitions & Commissioning
 Matthew Wilson – Awards
 Laura Beth Mitchell – Advertising
 Monica Baker – State Foundation
 Jovanni de Pedro – College and Pre-college Concerto Competitions

*2019 AMTA State Conference will be held at University of Alabama at Huntsville. Our VP/President elect Melody Ng is working hard to bring you a great conference and has secured Norman Krieger from Indiana University as our Guest Artist and Jess Johnson from University of Wisconsin-Madison as our Guest Clinician. Please get excited and read more from Melody Ng in this newsletter.

*Let's get our students composing and submit to state composition competitions in Spring-2019. Brittney Patterson and the board are excited to generate greater interest in composition again this year. Please contact Brittney for details: bpatter5@montevallo.edu

*Let's donate more to State Foundation. Monika Baker and the board are excited to take Alabama towards the top in the nation in Foundation donations this year. Please contact Monica to donate or with ideas of fundraisers: monica.baker.piano@gmail.com

*Let's keep our Facebook page hopping. Send your pictures of local events to our Publicity Chair, Susan Hoop, so she can upload to our Facebook! Her e-mail is susanhoop96@gmail.com.

**Important: If you want to include a picture with any students from events, you will need to have their guardian sign a media release form. Susan can send this to you when you e-mail.

*The executive board voted and donated \$1000 to Jacksonville State University for the disaster relief from the tornado.

I look forward to an exciting, energizing, busy year leading AMTA, and serving you alongside the AMTA Board. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with your thoughts or comments throughout the year on ideas you might have for our wonderful organization.

Thank you for your commitment towards AMTA, our students, and our members.

Sincerely, Joshua Pifer, AMTA President



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The 2019 AMTA State Conference will be held on May 30 - June 1, 2019. Please mark the dates on your calendar. We are so honored to be able to bring to our conference two world class musicians as our guest artist and guest clinician this coming year. Norman Krieger, Chair of Piano Studies at Indiana University, will be our Guest Artist and will present a solo recital, teach our collegiate masterclass and will serve as our judge for the ASRA Winner for the Div. III recital. Jessica Johnson, Director of Graduate Studies and Professor of Piano and Pedagogy at University of Wisconsin – Madison, will be our Guest Clinician and will be presenting three wonderful sessions. The banquet will be held at the recently opened UAH Students Services Building facing the greenway within walking distance from the Department of Music and with ample parking. We are also working with Huntsville Visitor's Bureau to provide the best experience for all AMTA members,

All this and more for a three-day registration cost of \$70. The banquet tickets are \$35 per person. This means you get a three day conference for only \$35!!!

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- To spend three amazing days at the conference sharing our love and passion in music
- To make new friends and reunite with old friends
- To meet and learn from the world renown piano pedagogue, performer and teacher Jessica Johnson
- To meet and hear world-renowned pianist and teacher Norman Krieger perform and teach
- To experience our gifted state winners perform live for the opening concert
- To hear hundreds of Alabama's talented young musicians perform
- To listen and watch our esteemed colleagues perform at the members' recital
- To meet and support AMTA members around the state especially the new collegiate members
- To have a quality time over goodies, coffee, tea and other drinks while developing professionally
- To get lots of free goodies in our registration bag (Yes, we mean FREE STUFF!!!)
- To enjoy the fantastic exhibits

Come join us at the AMTA Conference 2019 to explore and experience the traffic-free, fastest growing city of Alabama with plenty of outdoor and indoor activities. We are working closely with the visitors' bureau alongside our fantastic local AMTA members and are more than happy to help you plan your meaningful trip up north to Huntsville. We can't wait to welcome you to the Rocket City, which houses a beautiful botanical garden, NASA's US Space & Rocket Center, microbreweries, new city development and preservation of the downtown historic district, coupled with plenty of scenic greenways and hiking trails up in the mountains.

Last but not least, we have also reserved a large block of rooms and suites at the brand new Charger Village housing on campus, where it will be suitable for individuals or family. It will be a perfect getaway for anyone in Alabama and beyond to enjoy the conference, nearby offerings, while having a very low-cost accommodation. Regular hotel rooms are also reserved with a friendly AMTA member rate as well.

Melody Ng, AMTA First Vice President



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:

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| DECEMBER 2 - | UAB Piano Studio and Piano Ensembles recital
Mary Culp Hulsey Recital Hall, 4:00 pm. |
| FEBRUARY 12 - | UAB Piano Series <i>presents</i> NIKOLAI LUGANSKY ,
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Reynolds-Kirschbaum Recital Hall, 4:00 pm. |
| MARCH 26- | YPAP recital: Fred Song* |
| MARCH 28- | Senior YPAP recital: Zoe Willis* |
| APRIL 12 - | Yakov Kasman with ASO "Concertmaster and Friends"
Reynolds-Kirschbaum Recital Hall, 7:00pm. |
| APRIL 14 - | UAB Piano Studio and Piano Ensembles recital
Mary Culp Hulsey Recital Hall, 7:00 pm. |
| APRIL 16- | Junior YPAP recital: Jacob Skiles* |
| APRIL 19- | Junior YPAP recital: Mira Walker* |
| MAY 18 - | Sixth Annual UAB Piano Day for pre-college students
Reynolds-Kirschbaum Recital Hall |

* All student recitals are held at Hulsey Recital Hall at 7:00 pm

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MTNA PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

November 2-3 is the date of this year's Alabama MTNA Competition at Birmingham-Southern College. This is a live competition.

These are our numbers for this year: 1 Senior Piano Duet (representative); 1 Senior String (representative); 1 Young Artist Brass (representative); 2 Junior Strings; 4 Junior Piano; 2 Senior Voice; 15 Senior Piano; 5 Young Artist Woodwind; 2 Young Artist Voice; 5 Young Artist Piano; and 2 Young Artist Chamber Music Woodwind.

Our judges are Dr. Boris Abramov (Columbus State), string; Dr. Tyler Nelson (Vanderbilt University), voice; Dr. Joseph Girard (Columbus State), woodwinds; and Dr. Arunesh Nadgir (Middle Tennessee State), Dr. Esther Park (Eastern Tennessee State), and Karen Ann Krieger (Vanderbilt University), piano.

The winner or representative of each group will send a video of their performance to the Southern Division. This is the first year MTNA is doing this, and hopefully it will make things easier for the performers and the division chairs.

Jodean Tingle, MTNA Performance Competitions Chair

MTNA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

AMTA is calling for nominations for MTNA's Teacher of the Year from AMTA. MTNA changed their Teacher of the Year process last year. Nominations now must be submitted to MTNA from the state affiliate instead of an individual. Since AMTA did not select a new AMTA Teacher of the Year during the 2017-2018 year, the board wants to open nominations for ANYONE who has received an AMTA Teacher of the Year in the past.

If you would like to nominate a past AMTA Teacher of the Year for the MTNA Teacher of the Year, submissions are due to Sarah Tanner at sarah.cheatham31@gmail.com by November 10th. After receiving all nominations, the AMTA Teacher of the Year committee will review all submissions and select a nominee to send to MTNA. If you have any questions, please let Sarah know.

If you would like to nominate someone, please include the following information:

- The nominee's name
- The year of the state recognition of the nominee
- The nominee's email and phone number
- A nomination essay of no more than 600 words (approximately two typed pages) that highlights the accomplishments of the nominee and why the state believes the nominee should be selected as the 2019 MTNA Teacher of the Year. Quotes from students or colleagues may be included within the two-page letter.

Sarah Tanner, Immediate Past President

Introductions

New Samford Faculty: Jovanni-Rey de Pedro

Samford University's School of the Arts is happy to welcome Dr. Jovanni-Rey de Pedro as the newest member of the piano faculty! Originally from southern California, Jovanni graduated from the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts and went on to receive performance degrees at the Vienna Conservatory of Music and Trinity College of Music in London, and a D.M.A. in Piano Pedagogy and Performance from the University of Michigan.

Coming from a family of musicians whose musical heritage dates back more than a century, Jovanni has appeared to public acclaim on five continents, including London's St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, the Eroica-Saal in Vienna, and the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance.

The combination of artistry and professional development is central to Jovanni's philosophy of teaching. He strives to develop artist-teachers who are adaptable, analytical, and reflective, while preparing his students for a career in the arts by creating professional opportunities for them.

Jovanni is dedicated to the future of the teaching profession, especially in advocating for young professionals. He received national recognition for spearheading the formation of the Piano Pedagogy Symposium, a conference *by* college students *for* college students. Following his service as a member of the 2018 MTNA National Conference Committee, he was appointed to chair the MTNA Select Committee on Young Professionals. He currently advises Samford University's MTNA Collegiate Chapter and serves on both the Young Professionals and National Program Committees for the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy (NCKP).

In addition to emphasizing performance, pedagogy, and entrepreneurship, Jovanni believes there are countless ways to change the world through music. His philanthropic efforts have helped raise over \$100,000 through benefit concerts for organizations like the *Alay Sa Kabataan* (Gift of the Children) Foundation in the Philippines and Grace House Mississippi.

Jovanni will be the featured artist on Samford's Davis Architect Series recital on Friday, November 9 in a program that will include works by Haydn, Rachmaninoff, and Friedrich Gulda. Complimentary tickets are being offered to members of ALMTA. For more information about Jovanni, or to request tickets, please visit www.jdepdro.com or write to jdepdro@samford.edu.

MTNA Foundation

Dear AMTA,

I am thrilled to be the new AMTA Foundation Chair and to be mentored by the past AMTA Foundation Chair, Connie Teague. It is my honor to serve on the AMTA Board for the first time and to learn more about the organization. I look forward to building on existing support and finding new ways to enhance our contributions to the National MTNA Foundation, which is the cornerstone supporting MTNA. Connie reported that AMTA gave the National Foundation \$1,826.00 for the year of 2017. At the June 2018 AMTA Conference, Barbara Shinn collected \$325 from AMTA members on Connie's behalf, and Connie reported that in 2018 AMTA has sent \$778.75 to the National Foundation. The Shoals Area MTA contributed \$150.

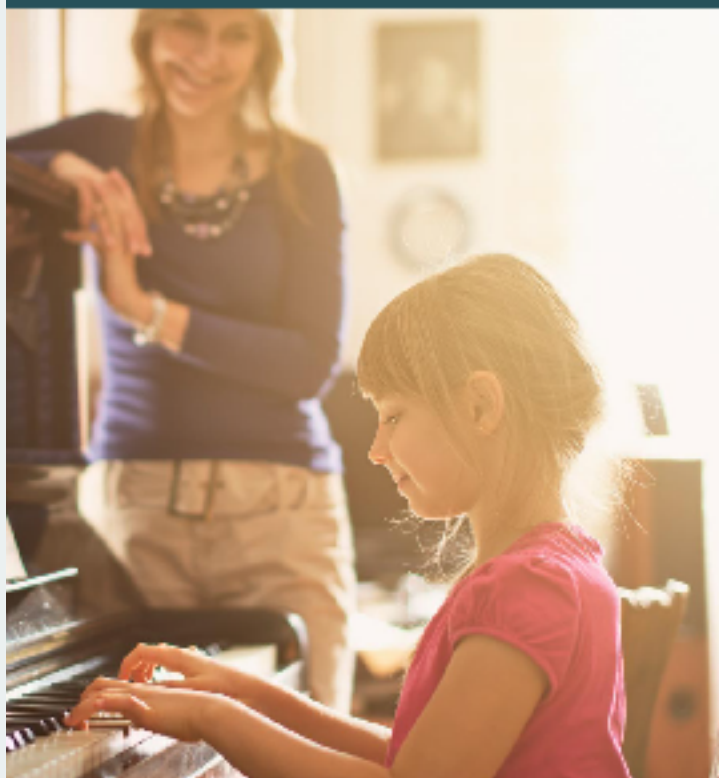
As I step into this new role, I would appreciate any suggestions or support.

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Sincerely,
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MMTF sponsors several annual events. In the fall, the Mark McGowin Recital and the Jants McCulley Hymn Festival are held at local churches. In the spring, the Helen Boykin Festival, the Helen Boykin Honors Recital, and the AMTA District Auditions are 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.

Soundboard Deadlines:

Fall: October 6
Spring: February 6
Summer : July 6

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 and the annual theory exams in January.

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Wiregrass News

The Wiregrass Music Teachers Forum held our annual planning meeting on August 26. The ten teachers in attendance included one new member, Virginia Pendleton.

Exciting plans were made for the upcoming school year including:

- Sunday, November 4, 2018, 2:00 PM
Hymn Recital, Covenant Methodist Church, Dothan
Chair: Michelle Bende
- Saturday, February 9, 2019, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
25th Annual Sonata Festival, Covenant Methodist Church, Dothan
Chair: Rebecca McManus
- Sunday, February 10, 2019, 2:00 PM
Sonata Festival Winners Recital
- Saturday, April 13, 2019 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
AMTA District II Auditions, First Baptist Church, Enterprise
(Deadline: March 29)
Chair: Carol Windham
- Sunday, May 5, 2019 2:00 PM
Honors Recital, First Baptist Church, Enterprise

Janet Blair, WMTF President

Huntsville District VIII Dates:

AMTA District Audition -- April 13, 2019
Deadline for forms -- March 23, 2019

More Information: hsvmta.org

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- District II Auditions
- Honors Recital



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Tuscaloosa News

District IV, Tuscaloosa, will have its AMTA District Auditions on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the University of Alabama School of Music. Lillian Roberts is the Chair. The deadline for teachers to submit applications is March 23, 2019. All teachers should use the AMTA Theory Sheets from the AMTA website when submitting forms with the student's information.

West Alabama Music Teachers Association



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Baldwin County News

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The BCMTA got off to an early start with their first meeting of the 2018-2019 academic on August 6. Dates were planned for meetings, recitals, auditions, competitions and musicales. The 2018-2019 Calendar of Events is as follows:

October 27, 2018	BCMATA Fall Recital
November 5, 2018	"Hymn" Keyboard Festival
January 19, 2019	Steinway Piano and Voice Competition
January 26, 2019	Adult Musicale
February 2, 2019	Mobile MTA "Sonata Contest"
February 9, 2019	Boys' Recital
March 16-20, 2019	MTNA Conference – Spokane, Washington,
April 13, 2019	AMTA District Auditions
May 5, 2019	Senior Recital
May 10-11, 2019	AMTA State Auditions
May 30-June 1, 2019	AMTA State Conference

We have a full schedule as one can see.

During the academic year, we encourage our students to perform as often as possible. Westminster Village in Spanish Fort, AL is a senior citizen village which welcomes our students to come and play once a month on a Saturday. This September saw several students who had pieces ready to perform.

All of our teachers and students are looking forward to an eventful and exciting year.

Jeanne O'Connell, NCTM, BCMATA



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