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A Letter from the AMTA President

Dear AMTA Members,

I hope the new year and start of the spring semester have served as a time of renewed energy and enthusiasm for all of you! Congratulations to our students who placed in the Southern Division Competitions for MTNA:

Young Artist Composition:

Winner: Maxwell Coryell, Student of Lucerne DeSa

Young Artist Performance Brass:

Alternate: Harrison Bruner, Horn, Student of Charles Snead

Young Artist Performance Piano:

Alternate: Aslani Chikovani, Student of Edisher Savitski



Thank you to these students and teachers for representing our state well and thank you to all students and teachers who prepared for these competitions and supported AMTA and MTNA.

I hope to see you in Jacksonville come June at the wonderful conference our Vice President/President-Elect, Rachel Park, is planning. Thank you to Rachel for tremendous work organizing the details of what is sure to be a fabulous event!

In addition to your plans to attend the conferences, I hope you are also making plans to enter your students in upcoming District or State auditions. Thank you to all the board

members and chairs who have worked diligently to make sure sites, judges, and other essentials are secured for these auditions! As a reminder, composition students also have a home with AMTA! Materials for the Composition Competition are due to our chair, Hannah Roberts, by April 15. More information can be found here:

<https://almta.org/composition-competition.php>

AMTA received a lovely letter of appreciation from Uri Ayn Rovner, Immediate Past President of Colorado MTA, expressing thanks for the donation AMTA made earlier this academic year to their Disaster Relief Fund. This donation went to help teachers recovering from the Marshall Fire in Boulder, CO. The Disaster Relief Fund helped teachers and students replace music, instruments, and other materials lost to the fire as well as providing lesson payment assistance to students whose families were heavily impacted by the devastation. I am grateful that our members are always eager to aid our colleagues and their students in other states during times of crisis.

Thank you to our board members for their continued service to AMTA. There are so many activities to which they could devote their time and expertise and they have chosen to devote it to the music teachers and students of Alabama. Thanks also goes to each and every member of AMTA. Your participation at the local, state, and national levels keeps the organization strong and able to help as many students as possible.

Finally, there is a new email address for the position of AMTA President: almtapresident@gmail.com. My hope is that this can be passed along to other colleagues who hold the position to streamline our communication and smoothly coordinate the change in leadership.

Looking forward to seeing you all at conferences and competitions this spring.

Respectfully,
Laura Beth
Mitchell-Bisset



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Dear AMTA Members,

The spring is here with full of energy and hope for the renewal.

Wishing for each of AMTA members has a bright season of the year of 2023!

The 71st Annual AMTA State Conference is just a few months away welcoming and waving hands to us. It is the first time returning to the full three days of in person conference since the pandemic in 2020.

Please make your schedule available, and let's get together to be engaged with amazing and dedicated colleagues and influential guest artists and clinicians.

Registration

The online registration link is available on the AMTA website at <https://almta.org/conference.php>.

Non-members are welcome at the conference, and you may bring on non-member buddy for FREE. College students receive a 50% discount on registration fees. The pre-registration is highly encouraged. Conference registration is required, even for those attending only one student recital. One site registration will be also available starting at 8:30am on Thursday, June 1 through the June 3rd on the 3rd floor of the Mason Hall at Jacksonville State University.



Guest Artists and Clinicians

Our guest artist, Dr. William Newbrough, the Steinway Artist and the Professor of Piano and Director of Piano Studies at Houghton University, will present undiscovered rare classical piano masterpieces featuring divine inspirations with the title "Benedictus in Musica."

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Our guest clinician for this year's conference is Gail Berenson, a dedicated teacher, performer, author, and noted expert on musician wellness issues who also have served as the former MTNA president and the Ohio University Professor Emerita of Piano. She will offer three sessions for us with the titles: (1) The Art of communication - Nurturing Resourceful and Spirited Students, (2) Strategies for Coping with Performance Anxiety, and (3) Healthy Practicing Strategies: An Injury-Preventive Prescription. AMTA will also host string guest clinicians, Drs. Laurel (viola) and Christin Pfeifer Yu (violin) from the Valdosta State University. They will offer a pedagogical session with the title **"Finding the Balance with Proper Chinrest and Shoulder Rest Combinations."**



We also have a voice clinician, Dr. Shellie Beeman from the Jacksonville State University. She will offer her session with the title, **"Get your Voice Moving: Tips for a Healthy Day of Teaching."** The string and voice guest clinicians will also offer a master class.

Accommodation

Rooms are available at the Hampton Inn, 1041 JD & L Drive, Jacksonville, AL (256) 782-0330. The rate of \$114 per night has been secured for members of the Alabama Music Teachers Association until April 30, 2023. You can find the reservation link from the AMTA website at <https://almta.org/conference.php>. JSU Meehan Hall campus housing is also available with the rate \$28 per night (with additional charge \$7 for the administration fee and \$15 for linen). It is a suite style room with private bathrooms and shared living room area. JSU will soon make the reservation link available for the AMTA members. Rooms can also be secured at the following local establishments: Red Roof Inn (2.2 miles from JSU), 1530 Pelham Road, S., Jacksonville, AL (256) 435-3300 and The Hotel Finial (15-minute drive from JSU), 1604 Quintard Avenue, Anniston, AL (256) 236-0503.

Door Prizes

Several businesses have generously donated items for door prizes. These will be distributed at the banquet on Thursday evening.

Music Swap

Clean out your closets, and stock up on some great bargains! We are again asking members to bring music that you no longer use, still in usable condition. New music that you do not need is preferred. Sheet music will be sold for 25 cents in the exhibit hall, and music books for \$1. All proceeds will go to the Da Capo fund.

Wiregrass Music Teachers Forum

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Annual Events

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

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- College Music Major Scholarships
- Summer Music Camp Scholarships

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Members Recital

The Members Recital will be on Thursday, June 1st. If you would be interested in performing, please send me an email to Rachel Park at kpark@jsu.edu by April 20th including the name(s) of the performer(s), instruments, title, movement(s), the name of the composer, and the length of the music. Each performance group requires at least one AMTA member.

Members Banquet

The annual Members Banquet will be held prior to the Member's Recital on Thursday evening at 6:00pm at the beautiful Atrium of the Merrill Hall at Jacksonville State University. The banquet is included at no extra charge in three-day registrations, except for non-member first time attendee (Buddy System). The price for the banquet is \$35 for AMTA & non-AMTA members and \$17.50 for College students and student performers. Banquet tickets cannot be guaranteed to be available for on-site registrations.

I would like to express my thanks to the board members and the leadership of the AMTA working hard together to make all the decisions and directions work best for our AMTA members. I am so thankful and grateful for the opportunity to serve this wonderful organization with enthusiastic and dedicated members.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 71st Annual AMTA State Conference at the beautiful Foothills of the Appalachian Mountain on the Friendliest Campus in the South, at Jacksonville State University!

Sincerely,
Rachel Park- AMTA First-Vice President

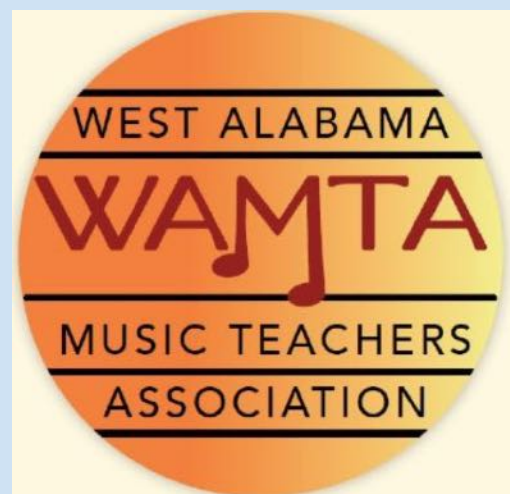
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MMTF sponsors several annual events.

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.

***Congratulations to AMTA Student, Maxwell Coryell!!
MTNA Young Artist Composition Competition, Southern Division
Winner: Maxwell Coryell, student of Lucy DeSa***

***CONGRATULATIONS
to our very own AMTA member, our new
MTNA President-elect Kevin Chance!!!!***

2023 MTNA National Awards Recipients

<p>MTNA Achievement Award Melvin Stecher, NCTM and Norman Horowitz, NCTM New York City, New York</p>	<p>MTNA Distinguished Service Award Beth Gigante Klingenstein, NCTM Bismarck, North Dakota</p>	<p>MTNA Teacher of the Year Janice Larson Razaq, NCTM Algonquin, Illinois</p>
<p>MTNA Citation for Leadership Loran Olsen, NCTM Port Angeles, Washington</p>	<p>MTNA State Affiliate of the Year South Carolina Music Teachers Association Lannia Bronola-Dickert, President</p>	<p>MTNA Local Association of the Year Main Line Music Teachers Association Jennifer Campbell, President</p>
<p>Raleigh Piano Teachers Association Renee McKee, President</p>	<p>MTNA Collegiate Chapter of the Year University of South Carolina Collegiate Chapter Fanarelia Guerrero, President Scott Price, NCTM, Advisor</p>	<p>Utah State University Collegiate Chapter Audry Ricks, President Kevin Olson and Cahill Smith, Advisors</p>
<p>MTNA-Frances Clark Keyboard Pedagogy Award A Seat at the Piano Annie Jeng, Founder Greensboro, North Carolina</p>	<p>MTNA-MarySue Harris Studio Teacher Fellowship Award Paul Cotton Fullerton, California Lauren Koszyk Dallas, Texas Elizabeth Smith Broomfield, Colorado</p>	<p>MTNA-Stecher & Horowitz Power of Innovation Award Joshua Wright Salt Lake City, Utah</p>
<p>MTNA AMT Article of the Year “Listening With Your Brain: An Aural-Cognitive Approach to Teaching Musical Understanding and Artistry” by Chan Kiat Lim, NCTM Lafayette, Louisiana Siok Lian Tan, NCTM Oxford, Ohio October/November 2022 Issue</p>	<p>MTNA Distinguished Composer of the Year Charles N. Mason South Miami, Florida Bridging the Gap Commissioned by Florida State MTA</p> <p>MTNA e-Journal Article of the Year “Reaching Out to the Youth: The Guia Prático, Álbuns Para Piano by Heitor Villa-Lobos” by Verena Abufaiad Cayce, South Carolina February 2022 Issue</p>	<p>Leadership Service Recognitions</p> <p>2021-2023 Officers Karen Thickstun, NCTM President Peter Mack, NCTM President-elect</p>
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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.

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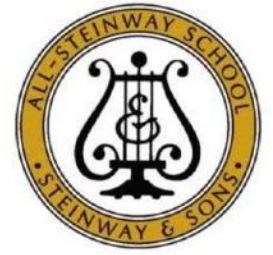
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- April 13 **MARY ELISA WAGNER: Junior student recital**
- April 16 **UAB PIANO STUDIO AND ENSEMBLES: recital**
- April 20 **ELIZABETH CHOJNACKI: Junior student recital**
- May 20 **UAB PIANO DAY FOR PRE-COLLEGE STUDENTS:
masterclass by Dr. Kasman and Polyphonic Music Festival**

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The Wiregrass Music Teachers Forum held our 29th annual Sonatina Festival on February 11. With a good turnout, we followed with a winners recital the following afternoon, open to the public!

One of Andy Martin's graduate students, Ruth Sommers, participated in the Gulf Coast Steinway Society Piano Competition in Mobile. She won second place in her division! As a result she will perform in Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 16. She is currently a student with Dr. Chance at Alabama.

The Huntsville Chamber Music Guild (HCMG) is proud to announce an extraordinary musical event when we present the Three Medalists from the most recent Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Each Medalist will perform a solo recital, not at our usual venue, but at First Baptist Church Huntsville, on their new Hamburg Steinway concert grand piano. (600 Governors Drive, Huntsville, AL 35801)

The concerts are:

Friday, April 21, 7:30 pm Gold Medalist: Yuchan Lim, from South Korea (youngest ever Cliburn Gold)
Saturday, April 22, 2:00 pm Silver Medalist: Anna Geniushene, from Russia
Saturday, April 22, 7:30 pm Bronze Medalist: Dmytro Choni, from Ukraine

Tickets are available for the Silver and Bronze concerts. Gold is currently sold out, but more tickets will become available soon.

The image is a promotional graphic for the Huntsville Alabama's Music Teachers Association (HMTA). At the top left, the letters 'HMTA' are written in a large, blue, serif font. Below this, the full name 'Huntsville Alabama's Music Teachers Association' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a colorful, abstract graphic consisting of a grid of dots in various colors (blue, green, yellow, pink, purple) that transitions into a musical staff with notes. In the bottom left corner, there is a detailed illustration of a black grand piano with a yellow cloth draped over the seat. In the bottom right corner, there is a black rectangular box with white text that reads: 'For more information on the Huntsville Music Teachers Association, and for a list of our upcoming events, please visit our website at:'. Below this box, the website address 'hsvmta.org' is written in a large, blue, sans-serif font.

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Honorable Mention — Magnus Eck

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Teacher: Rhenella Smith



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The 2nd Hyatt Piano Competition

Nov. 18, 2023

**The Hyatt Piano Competition
Winners' Concert**

Dec. 2, 2023

BALDWIN COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Baldwin County Music Teachers Association has planned a full year of events for our students to perform and be challenged.

Our Annual Fall Recital was held October 22, 2022 in a new venue. The Baldwin County Youth Orchestra has acquired a new rehearsal hall in Fairhope. They provided a great location in which our students could perform. There were so many interested students we had to have two recitals of about 45 minutes each. Piano, guitar, harp and voice were the featured instruments.



Our Annual Keyboard Hymn Festival was again a great success. Each year judges from Alabama Baptist Mission Outreach come to First Baptist in Fairhope to listen to participating students who have prepared a hymn and scales. They are given encouragement to continue

to learn hymns to promote our future Church musicians.

The January meeting featured a program by representatives of the large performing ensembles in Mobile. The Opera, the Symphony and the Chamber Series presented their current programs and how we could encourage our students to be involved.



Scott Wright of Mobile Opera, Wayne McCandless from Mobile Chamber Series, and Ben Harper from Mobile Symphony spoke to BCMTA members in January focusing on student involvement.

February 11 at Steinway Piano Gallery is our Adult Musicale which brings our adult students together to have a relaxed, nurturing encouraging environment for them to perform. There is no memorization requirement, not even a completed piece – maybe only a section. This is to give them an opportunity without younger students' viewing and putting pressure on them.

Minus frills and dramatic swishes with feminine influences, our Boys Recital is always a favorite for the masculine gender of our studios. March 11 provided a good day for our boys to perform dressed in suits and ties and bringing their own flair to the program. 35 boys appeared at Robertsdale United Baptist Church for two recitals. All attending were pleased with the results.



The Annual District I Auditions are planned for University of South Alabama on March 25. Daniel DeKonty is the District Manager. We hope for a good turn out and a positive experience for our students.

Spring recitals are planned for most every studio. Each teacher provides a festive environment for their students to shine and show the progress they made this year.

Jeanne O'Connell, NCTM, Vice President
Baldwin County Music Teachers Association.

Montgomery Music Teachers Forum



MMTF held its annual Boykin Festival on February 4, 2023 at Booker T. Washington High School. Over 180 students

participated and 21 students were chosen to perform at the Honors Recital the following day. Seven winners were chosen from the 21 performers.



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2022-2023

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