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**Plan to attend our 2023 Conference
Oct. 27-28 at Mississippi State
University in Starkville.**

Message from the President



Jung-Won Shin

This year's Pre-College Finals took place at Jones College in Ellisville on Saturday, May 20. A huge thanks to Rebekah Schultz and Rebekah Lipscombe, Vice Presidents for Pre-College Performances, and Victoria Johnson and Theresa Sanchez, our hosts for the event, and all of our members entering students and working at the Pre-College Evaluations and the Finals! I appreciate Rosângela Yazbec Sebba and Katie Johnson, Vice Presidents for Pre-College Evaluations, Janine Beasley, Vice President for Membership & Web Management, Chris Ballard, Treasurer, and our District Chairs and evaluation hosts who made the Pre-College Evaluations possible and successful last April.

Our State Conference this year will be held at Mississippi State University in Starkville on October 27-28. I greatly appreciate all the tremendous work that Carol Mahler, President-Elect and Conference Chair, and Rosângela Yazbec Sebba, our host for the conference, have been doing in preparation of the upcoming conference. Music teachers and undergraduate and graduate students are invited to submit proposals for the conference sessions. Deadline for conference proposal submissions is Friday, September 8, 2023, 11:59 p.m. More information about the conference is available on the conference website: <https://msmusicteachers.org/conference.php>

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I would like to invite you to enter your students in the MTNA state competitions held during our fall conference at Mississippi State University on Friday, October 27, 2023. There are three divisions for each instrumental/vocal category: Junior (11-14), Senior (15-18), and Young Artist (19-26). The registration deadline for the competitions is Wednesday, September 13, 3:00 p.m. in Eastern Time.

On behalf of the MMTA, I submitted a state report to the MTNA Southern Division for a virtual division meeting earlier this month. I am very honored and grateful to attend the MTNA Summit in Cincinnati, Ohio, as a representative of our organization, on September 8-10, 2023. The MTNA 2024 National Conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 16-20.

We recently lost two highly respected contributors and supporters for the MMTA, Mr. Francis Edward (Frank) Polanski and Mr. John Allegrezza. I truly appreciated all of their strong and consistent support for our teachers and students and music education in Mississippi. My deepest condolences go out to their family members, colleagues, and friends.

If you have not renewed or registered for your MTNA/MMTA membership yet, I would like to remind you that it is time to complete it! Please visit the MTNA website for membership renewal or registration.

I hope that each of you will have a good semester and will look forward to seeing many of our members and students at the upcoming events.

Respectfully submitted,

Jung-Won Shin

President-Elect's Report



The MMTA 2023 State Conference will be held on October 27-28, 2023, at Mississippi State University in Starkville. Dr Slawomir Dobrzanski, international concert pianist, musicologist, and Professor of Piano at Kansas State University will be our Guest Clinician. Our Guest Artist will be award-winning pianist Dr. Joseph Kingma who is Assistant Professor of Piano at Palm Beach Atlantic University in Florida. The conference's Commissioned Composer will be Dr. Joseph B. Earp, Director of Bands and Head of the Music Department at Hinds Community College in Raymond, Mississippi. Dr. Ronald Shinn, Huntingdon College (Montgomery, Alabama) Professor of Music Emeritus and award-winning piano teacher, will be our IMTF Luncheon speaker and piano judge for the Pre-College Concerto Competitions. Piano master classes by the Guest Clinician and the Guest Artist will be held on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, respectively. Conference performances will include Friday afternoon's New Faculty Recital and the Premier Performance of the Commissioned Composer's work and Friday evening's Guest Artist Recital. As well, the MTNA National Competitions will be running concurrently with Friday's lectures and presentations. More performances are in store on Saturday, with the Gold Medal Winners Recital and the Pre-College Concerto Competition. Our 2023 Mississippi Arts Commission Project Grant application was approved in July. This grant will help support our State Conference, as well as the Collegiate Competitions, which will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2023. The call for conference proposals has been sent out to our members and posted on the MMTA website. I would like to extend my thanks to Jung-Won Shin, Rosangela Sebba, Elizabeth Moak, Janine Beasley, Chris Ballard, Brian Murphy, Laura Broughton, Jonathan Mitchell, and Alice Ballard, as well as all the Board Members, for their continuous work, help, and support in preparation of the MAC Project Grant application and organizing State Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mahler, President-Elect

Treasurer's Report



Chris Ballard

Our current statement balance is **\$69,651.84**. For the last fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 we had income in the amount of **\$27,807.00** and expenses in the amount of **\$29,519.00**. We had a net loss of **\$1,712.00** for the fiscal year. I would suggest that we each be as frugal as possible with MMTA expenditures this year for our various events and activities. As I have stated in previous reports, one of the big expenses we faced last fiscal year was the cost of judges for our various events. When possible, it would be good to use as few judges as possible for each event and to try and get judges that are close by to cut down on mileage expenses.

So far, I have received \$400 in donations for our foundation fellow. The donation amount needs to reach \$1500 so we still have \$1100 to go.

We are still waiting on the commissioned composer rebate of \$750 from MTNA from our last Fall Conference. Hopefully we will still get that amount.

Today I am attaching my proposed budget for this fiscal year (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 for your consideration. The income and expenses listed in the proposed budget are based, for the most part, on the actual amounts incurred in each category last fiscal year. My projections are somewhat optimistic on the projected income and guarded on the projected expenses. As we all work together, I believe we can have a great year as far as finances are concerned. Thank you for your continued support and help in the wise and prudent monetary decisions you make throughout the year involving the use of MMTA funds. As always, if I can help any of you with questions or concerns involving MMTA finances, please feel free to contact me at: glfblue@yahoo.com.

Respectfully Submitted: Chris Ballard, MMTA State Treasurer

Mississippi Music Teachers Association**Proposed Budget**

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Ordinary Income and Expense

Income:	<u>Proposed</u>
MMTA Member Dues rebates	4,200.00
Fall Conference	10,000.00
Collegiate Competition	1,600.00
Pre-College Evaluations	11,200.00
Pre-College Finals	1,000.00
Donations	200.00
MMTA Foundation Fellow Contributions	1,500.00
Total Income:	<u>29,700.00</u>
Expense:	<u>Proposed</u>
Office Supplies	150.00
Fall Conference	14,000.00
MTNA Summit	350.00
Southern Division Expense	300.00
Affiliate Grant	150.00
Collegiate Competitions	1,400.00
MTNA National Conference Expense	1,750.00
Web Page Hosting Fee	300.00
Pre-College Evaluations	6,300.00
Pre-College Finals	2,500.00
Medals/Ribbons/Awards	1,000.00
MMTA Foundation Fellow	1,500.00
Total Expenses:	<u>29,700.00</u>

Vice-President for Membership and Web Management



Janine Beasley

As of August 25, 2023, 120 members are listed for the 2023-2024 year. Of these 6 are new members, 4 are reinstating members, 1 is new collegiate member, and 1 is a transfer from Illinois. 10 are due to expire 9/30/2023. At this time last year, 100 members were listed for the 2022-2023 year.

Website changes:

Updated Events Calendar with 2023 – 2024 with information that I have received to date.

Updated Conference page with information about the 2023 conference, per Carol.

Added January meeting minutes, per Alice.

Added the Winter and Summer MMT to the website per Stephanie.

Changed email and other information for Brenda Sullivan, Christina Mathis, and Stephanie.

Sent a reminder to unpaid members (as of August 15) to renew membership.

Ongoing:

Miscellaneous updates as needed.

Continue to send mass emails to members as requested.

Updating website with member information; will send another email to members who have not renewed to remind them to renew.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Beasley

Vice Presidents for Pre-College Performances



Rebekah Lipscombe



Rebekah Schultz

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Pre-College State Finals a success this year! A special thanks for Victoria Johnson, Theresa Sanchez, and Jones College.

We have three issues and suggestions to discuss:

- 1) We propose to add a 20th Century box on the evaluation application form. Currently, there are boxes for Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Impressionism, and Contemporary. We are currently grouping 20th Century with Contemporary, however, the two are not the same. It can be changed to 20th Century and 21st Century and get rid of Contemporary altogether. This can be decided by the board.
- 2) We had both piano and string students from across the state performing arrangements and transcriptions at State Finals - these are not allowed and we need to remind all teachers of this rule.
- 3) We propose to replace the High Composite Score plaque with a ribbon. This will help our budget as the plaques cost close to \$12 and ribbons come in around \$2.50.

We are preparing for and looking forward to the fall Pre-College Concerto Competition which will be held at Mississippi State University.

Affiliate News



JONES COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Janine Beasley, President

August 26, 2023

This summer we planned our year, and dates for Showcase Recital, Solo-Sonata Competition, and Ensemble Festival were determined. We also selected music for Solo-Sonata Competition and Ensemble Festival. Michelle Howells is working diligently to get our yearbook ready. The yearbook consists of our calendar, membership information, and all other information that our organization needs to conduct our business and our events. This year, we conducted business via email/text, and we will meet in September for the yearbooks to be distributed.

All officers and committees are the same as the previous year, with the exception of Ensemble Festival Chair, which is to be Michelle Howells, and Showcase Recital Chair, which is to be Marilyn Huff.

The JCMTA annual Showcase Recital will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Student performers and composers will be highlighted at this event.

The JCMTA annual Solo and Sonata Competition will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024. The competition is for students sixth through twelfth grade.

JCMTA will hold its annual Ensemble Festival March 2, 2024.

Business meetings will be held prior to the above events.

Jones County Music Teachers Association will participate in the Ellisville area MMTA Evaluations April 13, 2024 at Jones College.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine Beasley

Music Forum of Jackson

Music Forum of Jackson finished the school year with students participating in the SSRR Finals and with numerous End of the Year Recitals with our students.

The tradition of 1st Friday Lunches at Trace Grill in Ridgeland has continued during the summer months. These lunches provide a relaxed way for our members to enjoy visiting with each other and sharing teaching ideas.

During the summer, three students of MFOJ teachers used their Bach Festival Scholarships to attend the Millsaps Chamber Music Summer Camp. They all had a great time!

On October 7th, Marc Rivet, Piano and Music Industry Professor at Hinds Community College, will present a program on teaching with a rhythmic perspective. Also in October, some of our members will attend the 69th MMTA Conference in Starkville.

In November, MFOJ will host the Sonata/Sonatina Festival, which is open to students of MFOJ teachers. It will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023. For additional information, please contact Donna Reed at Reed118@comcast.net.

In December, we always enjoy gathering for our annual Christmas luncheon at a local restaurant!

Looking into 2024, MFOJ will host the Bach Festival on Saturday, February 10th at Hinds Community College in Raymond. Registration deadline is December 1st and the event is open to all piano students, Grades 1 - 12. For additional information, please contact Kathie Lott at kclott@bellsouth.net.

We are considering another program in the Spring but may need to defer it to the Fall.

On a sad note, the Jackson Music Community lost a revered member. John Allegrezza, owner of Allegrezza Piano Company, died this week. He will be remembered as a man who supported the arts and all who were a part of teaching and performing. He will be greatly missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Barnes, Co-President

Golden Triangle Music Teachers Forum

GTMF is proud to share that we have 14 current members (this is at least double what we have had recently!) with 9 members taking part in our meeting on September 9.

In October, GTMF pre-college students were invited to perform in a masterclass with Donna Dear, MSU Alumni and Instructor at Angelina College in Lufkin, TX. Mrs. Dear came to perform her Masters Lecture Recital at MSU and gave a masterclass the next morning. This was our first event for GTMF Pre-college students in the new MSU Lecture-Recital Hall. We were all thankful for the facilities and pianos!

In April, we were thrilled to have an Honors Recital (which we also have not had in years) at MSU. The students were fantastic!! The Honors Recital is a recital for local GTMF students who are eligible for State Finals. It offers them a way to practice performing their MMTA pieces before State Finals. For this recital, the MSU Music department hosted Dr. Asher Armstrong to perform for us, then judge our students. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places were given out to the outstanding young performers for solos and duets.

We plan to apply for a local grant to help bring in a guest artist for a performance and masterclass in the spring. We have not applied for the grant in several years but have appreciated collaboration with MSU in continuing to have these events with their sponsorship and hosting.

For now, we are preparing to host our first MMTA Conference in the new MSU Music building. We look forward to having our wonderful MMTA family to the great city of Starkville in October! There are a few other events at MSU happening this Fall that might interest our community of pianists: A guest pianist on September 22 at 7:30 pm and Dr. Sophie Wang (MMTA member) on October 29 at 2:00 pm.

Katie Johnson, President

MMTA Pre-College Finals Jones College - May 20, 2023

Outstanding Pre-College Student Achievement Awards

David Brett, 17, is the son of Anna Laura and Greg Brett. He is a junior at Presbyterian Christian High School in Hattiesburg where he is a member of Senior Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, an AP Scholar and serves as treasurer on the Student Council. He won the highest GPA award his freshman and sophomore years. He also runs cross country and track and plays on the tennis team. His cross-country team won the state title in 2021. They came in second place in 2022. David was 5th overall in the state and named to the all-state team. He was awarded the MVP award for the 2022 cross-country season. David began playing piano in 2013 in the studio of Janice Mesrobian and has attended state finals every year except 2020 and 2021. His state-wide honors are numerous. David received an honorable mention in piano performance level 4 and 2nd place piano ensemble division C in 2016. His awards at the state finals also include receiving the gold medal in piano performance level 5 and the gold medal in piano ensemble division C in 2017. In 2018, David won the highest composite score state-wide. He received 3rd place in piano ensemble division D and 4th place in piano sonata division B. David began piano study with Joanna Burnside in summer 2022.

Connor Carlisle is a junior at Oxford High School and a student of Ms. Susan Gaston. He has participated in MMTA since 2015, first as a pianist then as a cellist. He achieved a High Composite Award in 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. He was also awarded Second Place in the Strings Solo Division B in 2017 and Fourth Place in the Strings Solo Division C in 2018. Other accolades include Connor being awarded First Place in the Pre-College Concerto Competition in the fall of 2021, First Place in the Solo Strings Level 9 in 2021, and First Place in the Solo Strings Level 10 in 2022. Connor is a member of the Memphis Youth Symphony Orchestra and has also performed with the North Mississippi Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Lafayette-Oxford-University Orchestra at the University of Mississippi, and the Oxford High School String Orchestra. He also auditioned and was chosen to be a member of the Belhaven University and Mississippi All-State Invitational String Orchestra Festival in 2022. Connor has many other interests and accomplishments. He has been involved with scouting in Oxford as a cub scout in Pack 146 and is currently working toward Eagle Scout rank as a member of Troop 45. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow and has served as Senior Patrol Leader for his troop. He also played competitive baseball from the ages of 7-13. He is a member of DECA, a Career and Technical organization at OHS. He won Second Place in the Entrepreneurship Series Event and advanced to the State Competition this spring. He has been on the Principal's and Superintendent's Honor Lists every semester. His favorite course in high school has been Engineering. The class travelled to different college campuses to experience engaging projects such as building wood bridges and catapults. Connor loves listening to a wide variety of music and aspires to become an audio engineer and music producer. He plans to continue his musical studies as a cellist during university.

Katie Chung is an 8th grader and has been studying piano with Mrs. Katie Johnson for nine years. She has participated in numerous competitions and events including MMTA and has won several awards including highest composite score. She has also received gold several times in the MMTA Pre-College Concerto Competition. In addition to piano, Katie plays the oboe for band, and violin. Outside of

music, she has been a student ambassador for all of middle school and is currently part of the Student Council. Katie also enjoys swimming on her school's swim team and competing in Speech and Debate. Katie is very talkative and loves to spend time with family and friends.

Anabel Morgan is an 18-year-old senior at Murrah High School and participates in piano classes in the Wells APAC arts program. She has won several awards in piano competitions and has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City as part of the 2023 Brooklyn Music Teachers Guild's International Competition. In the past, she has also participated in the Sewanee Summer Music Festival at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. She is the music director for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Jackson. In the fall, she will be attending the University of Alabama pursuing a dual degree in piano performance and biology.

Anya Rai, 14, is an 8th grader at Armstrong Junior High, Starkville. She began taking piano lessons as a kindergartener with Mr. Joshua Smith in Starkville, MS. As a middle schooler, she continues to study piano with Dr. Rosangela Sebba at Mississippi State University's Community Music School. She has participated in Mississippi Music Teacher's Pre-College Evaluations since first grade placing superior in regional and state events each year. Anya has been an all-A honor roll student since the first grade. She was Broadcom master's nominee for two consecutive years, where she represented her school at the national level in Society for Science's Science and Engineering fair. Her science fair project ranked in the Top 300 in the nation in 2022. In 2022, she was elected the president of the Tech Students Association. She was a member of the middle robotics team; math counts team, and tech students association. She currently serves as an ambassador for her school. In her free time, Anya enjoys listening to music, reading, spending time with friends, and traveling with her family.

Agatha Taquino is the daughter of Michael and Rosy Taquino. A student of Professor Rosangela Sebba, Agatha has studied piano for 12 years. During which time, she has attended the Bach Festival on 5 occasions, receiving all superiors. At Bach Festival, she has placed first in her category for two consecutive years. Agatha has also participated in the Federation of Music Clubs for 5 years, receiving consecutive superiors in performance and theory. Additionally, Agatha placed first for the Mississippi Music Teachers Association Finals Level 9 solo performance, Level 10 solo performance, and Level D Sonatina/Sonata. At MMTA, she has additionally placed 3rd in Level 6 solo performance, and 2nd place in Level 7 solo performance. In 2023, Agatha participated at the Starkville Distinguished Young Women and won 1st Alternate, Overall Talent, Runner Up in Self-Expression and Be Your Best Self-Essay. A straight 'A' student, Agatha attends Starkville High School where she is involved in Cross Country, Student Council, and biomedical research.

Mary Lee Topik is from Brandon, MS, and is the daughter of Derek and Amy Topik. Mary is a senior at St. Joseph Catholic School in Madison, MS, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, Rho Kappa Honor Society, Tri M Honor Society, and the National English Honor Society. She is captain of her school's math and science quiz bowl team, a member of the St. Joseph band where she plays flute, baritone saxophone, and keyboards. Mary has taken piano lessons since she was in 2nd grade and has spent her last nine years under the instruction of Jacquelyn Thornell. She has rated superior in every competition she has played in and scored high enough to play in the state final competition for MMTA since 5th grade. She was awarded 3rd place in last year's competition. Upon graduation, Mary plans to attend Louisiana Tech University where she will major in aviation management. She plans to continue her music studies as well.

Pre-College Finals Winners – 2023**Level 3 Piano Solo**

Gold Medal: Yan Zhang
2nd Place: Brooke Tao
3rd Place: Anna Colbert
3rd Place: Audrey Yang
3rd Place: Cody Zhu
4th Place: Lisa Zheng
4th Place: Hansel Tan

Katie Johnson
Angela Hsu
Donna Reed
Angela Hsu
Rachel Heard
Carol Durham
Jung-Won Shin

Level 4 Piano Solo

Gold Medal: Ethan Yang
2nd Place: Molly Xiao
3rd Place: Joshua Wang
3rd Place: Ethan Morales
3rd Place: Finley Pittman

Sandy Coutoumanos
Erick Diaz
Sandy Coutoumanos
Johnathan Williams
Laura Broughton

Level 5 Piano Solo

Gold Medal: Brandon Zhu
2nd Place: Yucheng Lin
3rd Place: Liuliu Ding
4th Place: Sherry Zhang
4th Place: Ava Patterson
Honorable Mention: Jiali Shi

Rachel Heard
Ellen Elder
Laura Broughton
Carol Durham
Brenda Sullivan
Rachel Heard

Level 6 Piano Solo

Gold Medal: Austin Yang
2nd Place: Charlotte Cromer
3rd Place: Sonia Sumner
4th Place: Alina Zheng

Rachel Heard
Paula Henderson
Victoria Johnson
Laura Broughton

Level 7 Piano Solo

Gold Medal: Victor Tan
2nd Place: Levi Mei
3rd Place: Iane Zhu
4th Place: Blaise Conger
Honorable Mention: Caedmon Lowry
Honorable Mention: Nathan Bai

Jung-Won Shin
Donna Banks
Rachel Heard
Carol Mahler
Paula Henderson
Victoria Johnson

Level 8 Piano Solo

Gold Medal: Bruce Pang
2nd Place: Angelina Tan
3rd Place: Anya Rai
3rd Place: Lucas Zheng
3rd Place: Margo Bennett

Donna Reed
Sophie Wang
Rosangela Sebba
Laura Broughton
Laura Broughton

3rd Place: Katie Chung

Katie Johnson

3rd Place: Patrick Liu

Rachel Heard

Level 9 Piano Solo

Gold Medal: Anna Box

Rachel Heard

2nd Place: Matthew Hatchett

Donna Reed

3rd Place: Alice Astarlioglu

Carol Durham

3rd Place: Caleb Zhu

Rachel Heard

4th Place: Mary Holland Nicholas

Rebekah Schultz

4th Place: Jack Aarhus

Katie Johnson

Honorable Mention: Leah Wilson

Janine Beasley

Honorable Mention: Mirae Nishikawa

Katie Johnson

Honorable Mention: Olivia Caviness

Paula Henderson

Honorable Mention: Emalee Moss

Janine Beasley

Level 10 Piano Solo

Gold Medal: Breih Magbanua

Katie Johnson

2nd Place: Kate Lansford

Carol Mahler

2nd Place: Aiyana Li

Victoria Johnson

3rd Place: Seth Dorroh

Donna Banks

Level 11 Piano Solo

Gold Medal: Agatha Taquino

Rosangela Sebba

2nd Place: David Brett

Joanna Burnside

3rd Place: Gonzalo Escobedo

Carol Mahler

4th Place: Maggie Beazley

Sandy Coutoumanos

Honorable Mention: Isaac Crouch

Marilyn Huff

Level 12 Piano Solo

Gold Medal: Annabel Morgan

Donna Reed

2nd Place: Joseph Agler

Carol Mahler

3rd Place: Ella Lansford

Carol Mahler

4th Place: Mary Lee Topik

Jacquelyn Thornell

Piano Ensemble Division A

Gold Medal: Hannah Wang and Joshua Wang

Sandy Coutoumanos

2nd Place: Anna Colbert and Evan Wu

Donna Reed

3rd Place: Brooke Tao and Audrey Yang

Angela Hsu

Piano Ensemble Division B

Gold Medal: Brandon Zhu and Jiali Shi

Rachel Heard

2nd Place: Adalyn Yoder and Wyatt Yoder

Marilyn Huff

Piano Ensemble Division C

Gold Medal: Margo Bennett and Amelia Bennett

Laura Broughton

2nd Place: Elie Cupp and Sofia Escobedo

Carol Mahler

Piano Ensemble Division D

Gold Medal: Bruce Pang and Anna Box
2nd Place: Mirae Nishikawa and Claire Rhee
3rd Place: Aiyana Li and Kiana Li
3rd Place: Emalee Moss and Leah Wilson

Rachel Heard/Donna Reed
Katie Johnson
Victoria Johnson
Janine Beasley

Piano Ensemble Division E

Gold Medal: Annabel Morgan and Bruce Pang

Donna Reed

Piano Sonatina/Sonata Division A

Gold Medal: Sophia Tan
2nd Place: Hansel Tan
2nd Place: Alex An

Jung-Won Shin
Jung-Won Shin
Donna Reed

Piano Sonatina/Sonata Division B

Gold Medal: Sonia Sumner
2nd Place: Justin Chung
2nd Place: Aiden Rhee
2nd Place: Brandon Zhu

Victoria Johnson
Katie Johnson
Katie Johnson
Rachel Heard

Piano Sonatina/Sonata Division C

Gold Medal: Melissa Khadivi
2nd Place: Bruce Pang
3rd Place: Victor Tan
4th Place: Olivia Zhou
4th Place: Johnny Ao
4th Place: Katie Chung

Donna Reed
Donna Reed
Jung-Won Shin
Rachel Heard
Bonnie Sheldon
Katie Johnson

Piano Sonatina/Sonata Division D

Gold Medal: Alice Astarlioglu

Carol Durham

Piano Theme and Variations Division A

Gold Medal: Audrey Yang
2nd Place: Molly Mumbower
3rd Place: Ali Clare Simpson

Angela Hsu
Ruth Keyes
Ruth Keyes

Piano Theme and Variations Division B

Gold Medal: Kiana Li
2nd Place: Kimbell Walker
2nd Place: Cathleen Zheng
3rd Place: Nathan Bai

Victoria Johnson
Ruth Keyes
Carolina Whitfield-Smith
Victoria Johnson

Piano Theme and Variations Division C

Gold Medal: Jimin Kim
2nd Place: Lilly Faith Bassett

Rebekah Schultz
Ruth Keyes

Strings Solo Division A

Gold Medal: Jayden Li

Gail Fox

Strings Solo Division B

Gold Medal: Emily Winter

2nd Place: Abigail Bautista

Carol Mahler

Christopher Thompson

Strings Solo Division C

Gold Medal: Clemetine Hale

Emily Mahler

Strings Solo Division D

Gold Medal: Kate Lansford

2nd Place: Natalia Escobedo

Emily Mahler

Emily Mahler

Strings Solo Division E

Gold Medal: Connor Carlisle

2nd Place: Maria Dukeman

Susan Gaston

Carol Mahler

Strings Ensemble Division C

Gold Medal: Clementine Hale and Emily Winter

Emily Mahler

Strings Ensemble Division EGold Medal: Joseph Agler, Natalia Escobedo, Jalyn Fritz,
and Brennan George

Emily Mahler

Strings Theme and Variations Division B

Gold Medal: Audrey Fisher

Emily Mahler

Strings Theme and Variations Division C

Gold Medal: Snowden Fritz

Emily Mahler

Strings Theme and Variations Division E

Gold Medal: Natalia Escobedo

Emily Mahler

Vocal Solo Level 11

Gold Medal: Camryn Frazier

1st Place: Robbie Hight2nd Place: Holly Miles

Laura M. Thompson

Eva Hart

Eva Hart

Vocal Solo Level 12

Gold Medal: Lucy Elfert

Eva Hart

MMTA 2023 STATE CONFERENCE

October 27-28, 2023

Mississippi State University - Starkville, MS

The MMTA 2022 State Conference Schedule is now available. Please follow the links to find the information.

As announced earlier, the [registration form](#) and the hotel information are also available on the [Conference website](#). Please mail your Conference registration form and fees for the Conference, Banquet, and IMTA Luncheon *to arrive by Monday, October 16*, to Carol Mahler.

Please visit the Conference website for more information and contact Carol Mahler (jmdoc@bellsouth.net/ (228) 586-1879) if you have any question about the conference.



Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 27, 2023 - 2023 MTNA State Competitions- Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

Oct. 27-28, 2023 - 69th MMTA State Conference- Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

March 2, 2024 - 2024 MMTA State Competitions- University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

April 6, 2023 - 2023 MMTA Pre-College Evaluations, Group A - Goodman, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Oxford, Tupelo

April 13, 2024 - 2024 MMTA Pre-College Evaluations, Group B - Columbus/Starkville, Ellisville, Gulf Coast, Vicksburg

May 18, 2024 - MMTA Pre-College Finals - Hinds Community College, Raymond, MS

Do you have an event you would like to be placed in the Mississippi Music Teacher? Contact Stephanie McGee at sholmes057@gmail.com.



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Happy Fall!

Our Fall Conference is quickly approaching! We will be at Mississippi State's beautiful new music building. Carol Mahler has been instrumental in planning this year's conference. Be sure to thank her for all her hard work.

I hope your teaching year is off to a great start. Have a fabulous rest of the semester!



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