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Plan to attend our 2012 Conference November 2-3 at Belhaven University in Jackson.

Message from the President

Another summer has come and gone and here we are ... back in the thick of things! I sincerely hope that all of our members are doing well and will enjoy both learning from and sharing expertise with our young musicians from across the State. Here's to a rewarding year of teaching and music-making!

Our President-elect, Barbara Tracy, will be taking the reigns of MMTA in November once the Conference has concluded. Barbara will also be travelling to Cincinnati in September to represent MMTA at the National Leadership Summit. She has also lined up a fine roster for our November conference at Belhaven University, and I hope to see many of you there.

We have had several vacancies on the MMTA Board needing nominations and I am happy to report that all but

one has been filled. Ellen Elder has graciously accepted the nomination of President-elect. Roseangela Sebba has accepted the nomination of VP for MTNA and Collegiate Competitions. We have yet to secure a nominee for VP for Pre-College Evaluations. Thank you to our nominating committee of Edna Mae McCoy, Theresa Sanchez and Jacqueline Thornell. We will vote on the nominations at our November Conference Full Board Meeting. Additionally, Victoria Johnson has accepted the post of IMTF Chair effective immediately. We may also have a couple of new Area Chairs in the near future.

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Please note that there will be a special Pre-College session during Conference. At our Executive Board meetings, we have had much discussion over the past year on how to make further improvements to the process, especially with regard to the written tests. Affiliate Chairs have already noticed much cleaner copies of the tests and have given suggestions to Alice Ballard toward future revisions. We will be looking more closely at the instrumental and voice categories to see if the materials are both current and equitable among all genres.

If you are new to our State, welcome to Mississippi and let us know should you wish to become more engaged in the activities of MMTA. After checking with several members down on the Gulf Coast, there does not appear to be any major adverse effect on membership from the recent hurricane. Please let me know if you know of a member in need of assistance. We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Dana Ragsdale, and I wish to express my condolences to her family and friends. MMTA will be making a contribution to the Dana Ragsdale Scholarship Fund in her memory.



Ian Hominick

In closing, it has been a pleasure to have served as your President for the past two years. We have accomplished many things but there is always room for further improvement. Our Executive Board has done a tremendous job with diligence and creative thinking and I know that our new Board members will be equally as effective. Barbara Tracy will be an excellent President so please give her your support and be in touch with suggestions or problems needing resolution. Remember to check our online calendar for upcoming events and see you at Conference!

Respectfully,

Ian Hominick, MMTA President



Barbara Tracy

President-Elect's Message

We were fortunate to receive \$3400.00 from our MAC grant request to help support our 2012 MMTA Fall Conference and 2013 Spring Collegiate Competitions. Positive comments on our grant request were that we were all about teaching music education, have diverse artistry, wonderful programming, and include the core teachers within the state. Please plan to be one of our "core" teachers and attend the 2012 MMTA Conference on November 2-3, 2012, at Belhaven University. Dr. Stephen Sachs will be our conference host and is scheduled for a member presentation during the conference. Valerie Tate, administrative assistant in the Belhaven music department, has also been invaluable in the planning.

Please offer your thanks for the wonderful venue to Stephen and Valerie during the conference. We have several new faculty members signed up so far for the new faculty recital on November 2. We plan a pre-college gold medal winner recital on November 3 and two recitals of Robert Vandall music with introductory comments about the music by the composer. Bob Vandall has never done a session like this and is looking forward to it. One recital is scheduled for 5PM Friday and the second at 8:30AM Saturday. He will also present an Alfred publisher session, a session on his ensemble music, and a masterclass. We are planning to have two music displays available for your shopping pleasure during the conference. The guest artist recital by Richard Heard, tenor, accompanied by Theresa Sanchez will highlight African American composers. **Remember that the guest artist recital is open to the public and is scheduled for November 2, 7:30PM, at the Belhaven Center for the Arts Concert Hall. Please invite your students, aspiring tenors and friends.**

James Sclater is working on a woodwind trio for the commissioned composition. Dr. Sclater's woodwind trio will be premiered in a woodwind recital on Saturday morning of the conference. Pianist Svetlana Belsky will be visiting USM (invited by Elizabeth Moak) the

the weekend of our conference and will present a session on psychology of practice and performance for us on November 3. The Saturday IMTF luncheon lecture will be presented by Kevin Chance and will focus on ensembles. We plan a discussion on pre-college evaluations with helpful hints for both new and experienced teachers by Sandra Polansky and an update on changes to the syllabus and general information by Alice Ballard. Danilo Mezzadri is scheduled for a woodwind presentation. We plan a vocal masterclass with our guest artist to enlarge on our vocal focus this year. As always, we will include the MTNA competitions and the pre-college concerto competition as part of the conference. Cabot Lodge Millsaps will have some king rooms available for MMTA through October 18. Please make reservations early since the hotel is rather full on November 2. Check out the conference registration form in this issue and also available in PDF on the conference section of the MMTA website. Please pre-register for conference meals by October 25, 2012. Make the conference a priority. There should be something for everyone.

I feel like I am just learning to do this job but will need to move on to another position in November. MTNA is reinstating the Summit in Cincinnati on the weekend of September 21, and this should help in preparation for all the new things that have to be handled in my new position. Many thanks to the conference committee and everyone else who assisted with all the information for the grant requests. It is not my doing; it is truly a group effort. You are a wonderful group of people to work with.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Tracy

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Vice President for Membership and Web Management



Janine Beasley

As of August 17, 2012, 125 members are listed for the 2012-2013 year. Among these are 3 status changes from collegiate to active, 1 new collegiate member, and 2 new members.

Website changes:

Added 2012 Sample MMTA tests.

Ongoing: miscellaneous updates as needed.

Continue to send mass emails to members as requested.

Working to get member list up-to-date with most current information. Unpaid members will be deleted if they have not paid dues by September 30. A message has been sent to the MMTA member list concerning the possible deletions.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Beasley

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Vice President for Pre-College Performances

MMTA members are looking forward to visiting Belhaven University, host of the MMTA State Conference on November 2-3, 2012. The Pre-College Concerto Competitions will take place on Saturday, November 3 during the Conference. Remember the guidelines: This competition is open to all instruments, entrants must perform one movement of a standard concerto from memory, and students must provide their own accompanist, but teachers may accompany their own students. I hope participation in this year's important competition will be vibrant!



Alice Ballard

The Pre-College Concerto application and other information about the competition is located under the Student Activities section on our MMTA website. The web page is <http://msmusicteachers.org/competitions-precollege-concerto.php> Please note that October 1, 2012 is the deadline for submission of application forms and fees.

Regarding the 2013 District Evaluations, I would like to remind you that Group B will go first. Their auditions will be on April 6, followed by Group A's auditions on April 13. For more details, visit the Calendar link on our MMTA webpage. Also, the MMTA Pre-College Finals will take place Saturday, May 18 on the campus of Hinds Community College in Raymond. I believe 2003 was the most recent year that the Finals were located at Hinds. It will be good to be there again.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ballard



Vice-President for Collegiate and National Competitions



Ellen Price Elder

Dear MMTA Membership,

The application deadline for the MTNA competitions is approaching—3 p.m. Eastern Time, on Wednesday, September 12. I would encourage you to enter your pre-college and college students in these events.

Please be aware of the following changes to the 2012–2013 application process:

1. To enter students at the active member teacher rate, you must renew your membership before a student begins the competition application. Students will be assessed a \$150 nonmember teacher fee if your membership is not paid for the 2012–2013 membership year. Students completing the application on their own will need your name as it appears on your MTNA membership record. Please be sure to supply this information to your student(s).
2. For those entering the composition competitions: Compositions will be uploaded online as a PDF file. Scores are NOT to be mailed.

A NEW CHANGE in the Chamber Music Competitions eligibility for the coming 2012-2013 year will allow individuals to enter as players in more than one ensemble.

For example, a pianist might be part of a piano trio AND a piano quartet; a violinist might be part of a piano trio AND a string quartet, etc. Ensembles compete against ensembles, not individual players against individual players. This change should hopefully increase the number of chamber music competition applications, since performers from a given school or area can arrange to play in more than one ensemble. Please keep in mind, however, that an individual may enter the competitions in only one state.

All of the submission details can be found on the MTNA website (www.mtna.org). Additional information that is necessary to complete the online competition application includes:

- Complete repertoire information (title, movement numbers, opus or catalog numbers, tempo markings, complete composer names, historical period, and repertoire timings).
- Valid credit card number and security code (American Express, MasterCard and Visa).

These are wonderful opportunities for our students to perform and compete. Please encourage your institutional colleagues who are members of MTNA to enter their students in these events as well.

Please let me know if I can be of help to answer any questions along the way.

Sincerely,

Ellen Price Elder

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Jane Duran Fox, President

Music Forum of Jackson was founded April 1968 and
is affiliated with MMTA and MTNA.

Affiliate News



In August, Music Forum of Jackson hosted an open house in the home of Susan Mayfield, our social chair, to celebrate our membership and invite prospective members to join us. The successful and well-attended event was a great way to begin the year.

Jacquelyn Thornell, our program chair, has scheduled a program on October 12 to be presented by Jovanni-Rey de Pedro, visiting assistant professor of piano at Millsaps College. He will present a lecture-recital on Ginastera focused on the intermediate and younger students. We are also gearing up to host the reception following the recital on November 2 at our MMTA convention at Belhaven University in Jackson. The Voice recital will be presented by Richard Heard and accompanied by Theresa Sanchez. Our teachers are also looking forward to having students perform for Robert Vandall at two student recitals during the convention.

Our Sonata-Sonatina Festival will be held on November 17 at Millsaps College with Donna Reed and Patsy Simpson serving as co-chairs, and we have had increasing enthusiasm for our Pianothon each year. It is a fun opportunity for our teachers to present their students in an informal and festive setting at Northpark Mall during the holiday season. It is scheduled for December 15 with Dot Bittick serving as chair.

We are delighted to host our 44th annual Bach Festival at Hinds Community College, Raymond, with teachers presenting their students from all over the state and beyond! This event is chaired by Carol Durham and will be held on February 2, 2013, and our MMTA Pre College Evaluations will also be held at Hinds Community College, Raymond, on April 13, 2013 with Kay Johnson serving as chair.

The board of Music Forum of Jackson has planned another exciting year of activities with social luncheons as well as business meetings, programs and events. I heartily thank all of these dedicated teachers and look forward to serving with them during my tenure as president.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Duran Fox, President MFOJ

Hattiesburg Music Teachers League

The HMTL held its first general meeting of this academic year on Saturday, September 8, 2012. Our program was presented by a former HMTL member, Dr. David Forbat, currently on the piano faculty of the University of Central Oklahoma. David presented a very informative program on helping students learn to read with facility and ease in all 30 keys. He supplemented his presentation with visual and aural examples from his new book, *Key Awareness: Building Confidence Playing the Piano in All 30 Keys One Scale Degree at a Time*, developed with his colleague, Jacquelyn Karash. This supplementary book is designed for every musician from late elementary through advanced and is available for purchase through their website, www.keyawareness.com.

We look forward to our January program, which will feature our own Dr. Lois Leventhal, who will present a program of helpful and fun teaching tips derived from her class piano lab in the USM School of Music. A general meeting and NFMC workday will be held immediately prior to Dr. Leventhal's program.

Three HMTL student recitals have been planned for this year: October 27 (USM Marsh Auditorium), February 9 and April 20 (both at Mississippi Music Recital Hall). Our annual Spring Concert for high school students will be held on April 28 at William Carey University.

Other important 2013 dates for the HMTL include the annual District III MFMC Festival, scheduled for Saturday, February 16, 2013, at USM and our local district MMTA Pre-College Evaluations, scheduled for April 13, 2013, also at USM. The annual HMTL scholarship auditions for our students interested in attending local and state summer music camps will be held on April 29 at Mississippi Music. Our year will conclude with our annual business meeting and luncheon scheduled for May 16 at Purple Parrot Café and the MMTA Pre-College Finals on May 18 at Hinds Community College.

Founded in 1972, the HMTL marks its 40th anniversary this year. Plans are underway to commemorate this milestone with a special dinner and program for members and spouses featuring highlights of our organization over four decades.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Broughton, D.M.A., NCTM

HMTL President



JONES COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Janine Beasley, President

August 18, 2012

A meeting was held July 1, 2012 to choose new officers and committee members, and to determine dates for Showcase Recital, Solo-Sonata Competition, and Ensemble Festival. Music for Solo-Sonata Competition and Ensemble Festival was also selected.

A luncheon meeting was held at Morgan's on Main in Collins on August 2, 2012.

JCMTA will participate with Hattiesburg Music Teachers League on Saturday, September 8, 2012 in a meeting at University of Southern Mississippi, Marsh Hall. The meeting will feature David Forbat who will introduce his new teaching method based on solfege. JCMTA has procured a grant from MMTA to help with expenses.

The JCMTA annual Showcase Recital will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2011. Student performers and composers will be highlighted at this event.

The JCMTA annual Solo and Sonata Competition will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2012. The competition is for students sixth through twelfth grade.

The JCMTA annual Ensemble Festival will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2012.

Business meetings will be held prior to the above events.

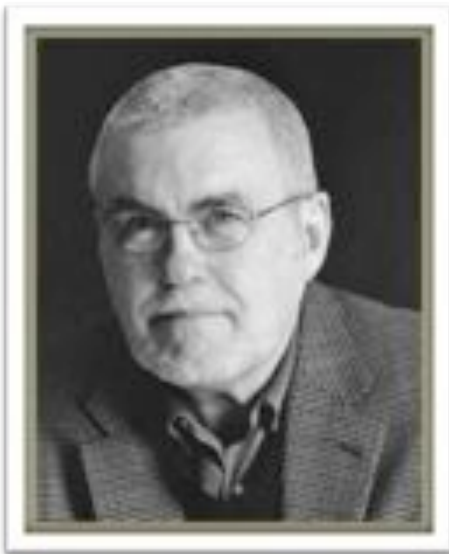
Jones County Music Teachers Association will participate in the Ellisville area MMTA Evaluations on Saturday, April 6, 2012, at Jones County Junior College.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine Beasley

2012 Conference
November 2–3
Belhaven University, Jackson



Robert Vandall is our guest clinician and will present pedagogical sessions and lead a master class.



James S. Sclater is our commissioned composer. His woodwind trio will be premiered Saturday morning.

Our concert artist is Richard Heard, tenor, accompanied by Theresa Sanchez. He will present "Art Songs and Spirituals by African-American Composers."



Our IMTF speaker, Kevin Chance, will be presenting on duets.



Other presentations will be given by Stephen Sachs, Danilo Mezzadri, Sandra Polanski and Alice Ballard, Joanna Burnside, and Svetlana Belsky.



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2012 MMTA Conference Schedule

November 2-3, 2012, at Belhaven University, Jackson, MS

(Please check conference program book for possible schedule changes and room assignments)

Friday, November 2:

8:00 Registration- Lobby - Morrison Bros. music display in lobby

Registration of students for MTNA competitions also begins.

8:15 MMTA Board meeting - Conference room

9:00 Alfred publisher session - Robert Vandall, clinician

10:30 Member presentation: Stephen Sachs (Belhaven) - "The Art of Teaching Through Encouragement and Critical Thinking"

11:30 Past presidents luncheon/lunch on your own

1:30 "The More the Merrier" Robert Vandall duet presentation

3:00 New faculty recital

3:00 Certification session - Joanna Burnside

4:00 MMTA Pre-College Evaluation Info Session - Sandra Polansky and Alice Ballard (HCC), VP for Pre-College Performances

Sandra Polansky will discuss how to prepare students for Evaluations and will give hints that will help both teacher and student. Her comments will be helpful to new teachers and experienced teachers. Alice Ballard will discuss updates and changes in the pre-college syllabus.

5:00 Recital 1 of Vandall piano music by area pre-college students - Robert Vandall will make comments on the piano compositions performed in the recital.

5:00 Member woodwind presentation: Danilo Mezzadri (USM) : "Segmented Practice" Efficiently develop tone quality and technique by combining long term goals with focused segmented exercises.

6:00 Banquet - Cooper Room

7:30 Guest Artist Recital - Richard Heard, tenor, accompanied by Theresa Sanchez (JCJC) - "Art Songs and Spirituals by African-American Composers" Belhaven Center for the Arts Concert Hall-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (free). Reception following recital hosted by Music Forum of Jackson

Saturday, November 3:

8:00 MMTA Business meeting

8:30 Recital 2 of Vandall piano music by area pre-college students – Robert Vandall will make comments on the piano compositions performed in the recital.

9:30 Piano Masterclass with R. Vandall

10:00 Pre-college Gold 2012 Winners Recital

10:00 Vocal Masterclass with Richard Heard

10:30 Recital including Premiere of Commissioned composition by James Sclater for woodwind trio plus additional woodwind selections

Three Pieces for Flute, Clarinet and Bassoon (1925) by Walter Piston

Central Park in June (2012) by Benjamin Williams (world premiere)

8 Bagatelles for Woodwind Trio (2012) by James S. Sclater (world premiere of 2012
MMTA Commissioned Composition)

Pentimento Trio:

Stephanie Steelman, Flute

James S. Sclater, Clarinet

Benjamin Williams, Bassoon

11:00 Svetlana Belsky "The Psychology of Practice and Performance" (partner with USM)

12:00 IMTF luncheon with Kevin Chance – "Let's Duet! Inspiring Student Artistry Through Ensembles" Cooper Room

1:15 Registration for concerto competition

1:30 Pre-college concerto competition ending with Masterclass

Hotel Information

Cabot Lodge Millsaps (on State Street near Woodrow Wilson)

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The Conference advance registration fee includes the Conference Program Book as well as admission to all workshops, lectures and concerts during the 2012 Conference. Your materials and name tag will be available at the Conference registration desk. Registration fee for MMTA members and non-members is \$20. College and Pre-college students may attend at no cost.

Please note that the **Guest Artist Concert on Friday evening at 7:30PM (Richard Heard, tenor) is open to the public with no admission charge.**

Our annual conference presents opportunities for professional development, networking and assistance in MTNA certification. We will offer a certificate of attendance and/or CEU's for any student or teacher requiring documentation.

Registration fees will also be accepted at the Conference registration desk.
 Friday evening Banquet fees and the Saturday IMTF Luncheon fees **MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.**

I am enclosing payment for the following (please check):

_____ **MMTA MEMBER OR Non-Member REGISTRATION FEE – \$20**
 _____ **College or Pre-college student REGISTRATION - free**

_____ **BANQUET FEE – \$16.95 - The Caruso “Little Italy” Buffet:**
Italian Chicken, lasagna italiano(veg.), whole green beans, Caesar salad with aged parmesan cheese and home-style croutons, and buttery garlic bread sticks. Bread pudding with vanilla or chocolate sauce for dessert. Iced tea.

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- 3. Old Thyme Country Salad Trio:** *A scoop of our homemade chicken salad, tuna salad scoop, and egg salad scoop served on a bed of mixed baby greens with fresh tomato, cucumber, and crackers. Chocolate chip cookie. Iced tea*

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Mark Your Calendar

November 2-3, 2012 – MMTA State Conference, Belhaven University, Jackson

November 2-3, 2012 - MTNA Collegiate and Pre-College Solo Competitions, Belhaven University, Jackson

November 3, 2012 - MMTA Pre-College Concerto Competition, Belhaven University, Jackson

November 17, 2012 - Sonata/Sonatina Festival, Millsaps College, Jackson

February 2, 2013 -- Bach Festival, Hinds Community College

April 6, 2013 - Pre-College District Evaluations, Group B (Columbus/Starkville, Ellisville, Oxford, and Vicksburg)

April 13, 2013 - Pre-College District Evaluations, Group A (Goodman, Gulf Coast, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Meridian, and Tupelo)

April 20, 2013 -- MVSU Piano Festival, Itta Bena, MS

May 18, 2013 - MMTA Pre-College Finals, Hinds Community College, Raymond

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From the MMT Editor

Our Fall Conference is a little over a month away! I'm excited about the line up we have for this year's conference. We are going to have great presentations, great music, and a great chance to catch up with our colleagues from around the state.

Barbara Tracy, Stephen Sachs, and Valerie Tate have been instrumental in planning this year's conference. When you see them, be sure to thank them for all of their hard work.

See you at Belhaven!



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