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Collegiate Competitions

**Plan to attend our 2018 Conference
November 2-3 at William Carey
University in Hattiesburg.**

Message from the President

This year's Pre-College Finals held on the Hinds Community College Raymond campus were a grand success, and I wanted to be sure to thank all who took part. Jung-Won Shin, our VP for Pre-College Performances, orchestrated the planning and details, which is a huge job. Our hospitality was handled by Music Forum of Jackson. Thank you for delicious treats, MFJ!

We had several dedicated members in the workroom who worked on facts and figures, as well as award prep and presentation. The teachers and workers who kept time, door monitored, announced, and did all sorts of things are to be commended, as well. In addition, there was a rotating team who managed sales and giving information. Of course, the Finals could not have taken place without the huge preliminary work of those involved in the District Evaluations. I do appreciate the efforts of Creighton Holder and Patience Coats, who served as first-time VPs for Pre-College Evaluations, with the focus of preparing the theory tests. It was a big job, and they got it done.

Another important MMTA competition took place this past March. Phyllis Lewis-Hale skillfully organized and handled the Collegiate competitions, held on the Jones County Junior College campus in Ellisville. She was capably assisted by Susan Smith and Vickie Johnson, who hosted the event.

I am sure there are more wonderful people who contributed in ways large and small to the success of these competitions. Such endeavors take leaders and many, many supporters to create solid results. Many thanks to every member who cares about music learning and performance and expresses that care every day with their students.

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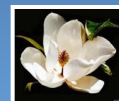
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Message from the President (continued)

I want to share with you how delightful the MTNA National Conference was this year. It took place at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort near Orlando, Florida. A number of our MMTA members were in attendance. Carol Durham and I were able to meet Mickey Mouse and snag a picture with him! Our state is so proud to have gained a national winner in these esteemed competitions. Matthew Kim, flute, won the MTNA Junior Performance Woodwind competition. Additional credit for this success is certainly due to his teacher, Myung Kim.



Alice Ballard

At the MTNA Gala, I was able to receive the Foundation Fellow award on behalf of our own Edna Mae McCoy, who was unable to attend. The attendees from the state of Oklahoma graciously shared their table with Carol Durham and me. It was an unexpected pleasure to dine with both Jane Magrath and Barbara Fast, our state Conference Clinicians in 2017 and 2018! Later in the week, I attended the Southern Division Business Meeting and reception where I was pleased to give the President's Report for our state. Mississippi contributed a \$50 gift for the State Pride Raffle. I chose a collection of books written by personal friend and author Dr. John Marszalek, MSU Professor Emeritus of history and executive director and managing editor of the Ulysses S. Grant Association.

Watch your email in February 2019, so you can vote in the MTNA elections! We have two former Southern Division leaders in the running. Keven Chance, immediate past director of Southern Division, is on the slate for MTNA Vice President. Marc Hebda, a former director of Southern Division, will be on the ballot for MTNA Secretary-Treasurer. Another bit of national news is that MTNA China is up and running! The international reach of MTNA grows steadily.

By way of closing, I want to ask you to attend the 64th annual conference at William Carey University in Hattiesburg this November 2-3. An inspirational time awaits you in the form of interesting presentations, dynamic performances, and friendships to be gained. Please come!

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Ballard
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President-Elect's Message



Victoria Johnson

Plans for the 64th annual MMTA conference (November 2-3, 2018) are well underway. William Carey University, Hattiesburg, is our host institution. Brian Murphy and his colleagues there have reserved all necessary spaces and are very excited to welcome us, especially since WCU recently became Mississippi's first all-Steinway school.

We have a fabulous group of conference artists, as usual. The featured clinician, Dr. Barbara Fast (University of Oklahoma), will present a masterclass for elementary to intermediate level piano students. Her workshops on student empowerment, sight-reading, and practicing are sure to appeal to pianists and non-pianists alike. Dr. Pamela Pike (Louisiana State University) is the Independent Music Teachers Forum guest presenter, giving a session on motivating intermediate students. Many thanks go to Karen Murphy, IMTF Chair, for securing her services. There will be a bit of a vocal emphasis at this year's

conference: Dr. Chuck Chandler, tenor (Florida State University) is the guest artist, and Dr. Richard Montalto (Mississippi University for Women), our commissioned composer, has written *Psalms of Praise and Joy*, to be premiered by the Columbus Girlchoir. I am grateful to Susan Smith, Vocal Area Chair, and Valentin Bogdan, Theory/Composition Chair, respectively, for inviting these artists.

The Mississippi Arts Council grant application was submitted in February. We requested \$5000 in assistance for our conference and competitions, and will receive MAC's response in early July. We are always most appreciative of their generous support of our programs. Alice Ballard was once again a huge help in preparing the MAC grant application as well as the final report for last year's grant – thanks a million, Alice!

The conference planning committee will meet in August. Please feel free to contact me anytime with proposals, suggestions, and ideas for the fall conference. The contributions of MMTA members are always integral to the success of the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Johnson

Vice President for Pre-College Performances

The 2018 MMTA Pre-College Finals event was held on Saturday, May 19, at Hinds Community College in Raymond. Eight 8-year Outstanding Achievement Awards (OAA) were given and 215 High Composite Score certificates were awarded with ties for the highest scores in Levels 3, 5, and 6. Twenty-three plaques were awarded: fifteen for the highest composite scores and eight for the OAA winners. Ten judges worked during the day: eight piano judges, one voice judge, and one strings judge. All recitals on the day ended by 3:20 pm.

The number of participants/participating groups in the Pre-College Finals and the number (in the parenthesis) of students eligible for the Finals in each category are as follows:

- Piano - Solo: 148 (194)
 - Ensemble: 24 (29)
 - Sonata/Sonatina: 34 (37)
 - Theme & Variations: 6 (7)
- Strings - Solo: 17 (19)
 - Ensemble: 3 (3)
 - Sonata/Sonatina: 1 (1)
 - Theme & Variations: 2 (2)
- Voice - Solo: 7 (10)



Jung-Won Shin

The success of this year's Pre-College Finals is thanks to the cooperation and hard work by many persons including: Alice Ballard, President of MMTA and Host of the finals; Chris Ballard, Treasurer of MMTA; the teachers in the workroom all day without having shifts; the District Chairs for their meticulous work and cooperation in providing me with the necessary paperwork; all of our teachers, parents, and helpers who worked hard in recital rooms and at the information table; and the members of Music Forum of Jackson who provided wonderful hospitality. We are also appreciative to Mr. Shane Sprayberry, Chair of the Department of Music of Hinds Community College, for allowing us to use the music buildings for this annual event. A big thank you to everyone!

Box lunches by Newk's were available for purchase for \$8.75-10.00 and Program Booklets for \$4 per copy. The Pre-College Finals for next year will be held at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus on Saturday, May 18, 2019. The performance order for all recitals next year will be Z-A.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make the 2018 Pre-College Finals a success!

Respectfully submitted,

Jung-Won Shin

Vice-President for Pre-College Performances

Vice-President for Collegiate and National Competitions



Phyllis Lewis-Hale

Dear MMTA Members,

Greetings from the VP for Collegiate and National Competitions!

This year's MMTA Collegiate Competitions were held at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, MS. I must say that it was an amazing day of outstanding music performances! Thank you and congratulations to all of the MMTA teachers and their students who participated in the competitions.

I would like to thank Susan Smith, Victoria Johnson, Gregory Wascoe and the entire JCJC Fine Arts Division for hosting event. I would also like to thank the collaborative pianists, the Vocal and Piano Area Chairs, Susan Smith and Elizabeth Moak and the amazing judges, Robert Holm of the University of South Alabama-Piano and Claire Vangelisti of the University of Louisiana-Monroe-Vocal. Stephanie Holmes, Alice Ballard, Chris Ballard and Ellen Elder must also be recognized for assisting before, during and after the conference.

Unfortunately, only the piano and vocal areas had enough entrees for the competitions to be held this year. I am sure that next year we will have more time to advertise and to recruit more teachers and competitors. Please continue to encourage your colleagues to renew their memberships or to join MMTA. Our students deserve for us to provide this opportunity for them!!!!

2018 MMTA Collegiate Competition Participants: Total = 26

Divisions:

F/S Solo Piano - 4

J/S Solo Piano - 1

EA Solo Piano - 1

GR Solo Piano - 6

F/S Solo Voice - 4

J/S Solo Voice - 7

Undergraduate Aria - 3

Respectfully submitted,

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Vice-President for Membership and Web Management



Janine Beasley

At the end of the 2017-2018 year MMTA had 158 members. As of June 22, 2018, 75 members are listed for the 2018-2019 year.

Website changes:

Uploaded November meeting minutes

Updated Stephanie Holmes picture on the officer page (and other officer information as requested)

Uploaded Evaluations Testing Documents

Updated the Calendar per requests from Alice Ballard Uploaded the Winter 2018 newsletter

Updated MMTA District Chairs as requested

Ongoing:

Miscellaneous updates as needed

Continue to send mass emails to members as requested

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Beasley

Treasurer's Report



Chris Ballard

As the MMTA financial fiscal year comes to a close I am happy to report that we should end the year in the black. As I begin to close out this year's budget, all financial indicators point to having an overall profit for the past fiscal year. Thanks again to all of you for being prudent in your MMTA expenditures. As always, if I can help you in any way with MMTA financial questions you may have, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Chris Ballard, MMTA Treasurer.

MISSISSIPPI MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION ACCOUNT BALANCES

26,617.19 - Ending Checking Account Balance - June 23, 2018
3,961.00 - PayPal Account Balance
\$30,578.19 - Total Available Cash

11,648.62 - Certificate of Deposit #1
6,731.58 - Certificate of Deposit #2
\$48,958.39 - Total All Accounts as of June 23, 2018

2018 MTNA Conference
Disney's Coronado Springs Resort
Lake Buena Vista, Florida

MMTA Attendees



L-R: Portia Davis, Donna Reed, Patsy Simpson



MTNA Conference Gala, with Mickey Mouse
Carol Durham



Alice Ballard

MTNA Conference attendees not pictured: Dorothy Glover, Chris Ballard

Congratulations!

MMTA would like to congratulate Matthew Kim, winner of the MTNA Junior Woodwind Competition. We are proud of your accomplishment!

MTNA Junior Woodwind Competition

Winner: Matthew Kim, Southern Division (Mississippi); Myung Kim, teacher

Matthew Kim, 13, from Nesh, Mississippi, competed at the MTNA Southern Division Competition, representing the state of Mississippi. Kim performed at Carnegie Hall in 2016, won International Grande Music Competition in 2017 and performed at Merkin Concert Hall. Kim attends White Station Middle School and is a member of the Student Council and National Honor Society. Currently, Kim performs with the Memphis Youth Symphony Orchestra as principal flutist.





Mississippi Music Teachers Association

2018 MMTA COLLEGIATE COMPETITION WINNERS:

F/S Solo Piano Division	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
First Place:	Young Hye Min	Jung Won Shin
Second Place:	Semi Dong	Karen Fosheim
Honorable Mention:	Yeim Kim	Jung Won Shin
Honorable Mention:	Ashley Chang	Rachel Heard
 J/S Solo Piano Division		
First Place:	A J Robinson	Elizabeth Moak
 GR Solo Piano Division		
First Place:	Dino Gerardo Henriquez Rios	Ellen Elder
Second Place:	Jorge Andres Ossa Gonzalez	Elizabeth Moak
Honorable Mention:	Yuan-Hung Lin	Elizabeth Moak
 F/S Solo Voice Division		
First Place:	Raegan Barber	Susan Smith
Second Place:	Addison Nelms	Susan Smith
 J/S Solo Voice Division		
First Place:	Kayla Wilson	Phyllis Lewis-Hale
Second Place:	Aja Brimm	Phyllis Lewis-Hale
Honorable Mention:	Hillary Watkins	Phyllis Lewis-Hale
 Undergraduate Aria Division		
First Place:	Hillary Watkins	Phyllis Lewis-Hale

Competition Winners

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Freshman/Sophomore Voice



Junior/Senior Voice



Aria



Freshman/Sophomore Piano



Junior/Senior Piano



Graduate Piano

Affiliate News

Vicksburg Music Teachers League

We are so happy to welcome two new members to our local association! Gwen Reiber, is a long-time Vicksburg resident and educator, who teaches piano; and Hannah Christensen, who is a relative newcomer to our area, a graduate of Brigham Young University who teaches clarinet and piano. Based on the plans we made in early June, the coming year will be a great one for our group and our students.

We will kick off the year at the end of October with a Fall/Halloween recital, which is always a hit with students who like to wear costumes. In February 2019, we will hold a "Music Through the Ages" recital, with brief educational elements about the musical era/s and composers whose works are performed. In March, we'll hold a Hymns and Ensembles recital. We are considering a workshop of some kind, in addition to Evaluations and an Honors Recital toward the end of the season.

The Vicksburg Music Teachers Association sends you our best wishes as you enjoy the rest of summertime, and a good year of teaching ahead!

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Evans



Music Forum of Jackson

Music Forum of Jackson celebrated its' 50th anniversary royally, under Patsy Simpson's leadership. In the fall duo-pianists Sandra and Frank Polanski, as well as the brother and sister Laubengayer teams presented a sparkling recital. On Saturday, September 8, at 10:00, we invite all of you to another duo-piano recital at Millsaps College by teams Rachel Heard and Lynn Raley, as well as Stephen and Carolyn Sachs. Please, please come and invite your students, colleagues, and friends.

Our annual Sonatina/Sonata festival was again held at Millsaps, under the able leadership of Donna Reed and Patsy Simpson. 56 students from 18 teachers participated.

We continued to celebrate our 50th anniversary with our "First Thursday meetings, where members reviewed each decade.

Other events this year included our spring luncheon at Anjou's, planned by Ruth Keyes. Carolina Whitfield planned a delightful program remembering other teachers who have influenced our teaching careers, followed by honoring of four local teachers: Anna Smira honored Sandra Polanski and her mother, Isabella Ivshin; Kay Johnson was honored by her former student, Carolina Whitfield-Smith; and Annette Joe, Carol Durham, and Susie Cook by Dorothy Claire Glover.

We will celebrate our 50th annual Bach Festival in February, again under the leadership of Kathie Lott.

The Jackson area MMTA evaluations will be held April 13, with Jacquelyn chairing them.

Possible programs for the coming year include suicide prevention and teaching children with learning disabilities.

Music Forum members will miss beloved member Sarah Price Wright, who passed away this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Johnson, president-elect, Music Forum of Jackson

Music Forum of Jackson Spring Luncheon



Music Forum of Jackson Duo Piano Concert

Music Forum will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Music Forum with a Special Recital on September 8, at 10:00 a.m. at Millsaps Recital Hall. Dr. Rachel Heard and her husband, Lyn Rhaley along with Dr. Steven Sachs and his wife Carolyn will our guest artists for this special event. It will be a program of duets and duos.

This is certainly a highlight of our Anniversary Celebration year. We hope many of you will attend and invite your students to be in attendance also.

A reception will follow the recital.

For any questions, please contact Patsy Simpson at 601-954-8028 or patsy.simpson@comcast.net.



JONES COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Janine Beasley, President

June 23, 2018

The JCMTA annual Ensemble Festival was held on February 24, 2018.

A business meeting was held prior to the event.

Jones County Music Teachers Association participated in the Ellisville area MMTA Evaluations on April 14, 2018, at Jones County Junior College.

A meeting will be held during the summer 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 will also be selected.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine Beasley



Celebrating our Fiftieth Anniversary

Duo Piano Concert and Reception
"First Thursday" Meetings/Programs
Sonata-Sonatina Festival
Christmas and Spring Luncheons
Forty-Ninth Annual Bach Festival
MMTA Area Evaluations
Fall 2018 Piano Concert

Gulf Coast Music Teachers Association

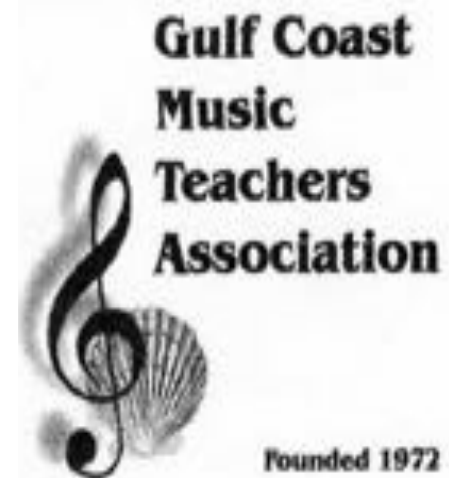
GCMTA's Music Festival was held on February 24, 2018, at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Jeff Davis Campus in Gulfport. Out of a total of 87 piano and strings performances, 49 of these performances received High Superior and 43 were featured in the five Honors Recitals which were held during the day. This year Bonnie Sheldon chaired the event, assisted by Dawn Nelson. Inspired by the Music Forum of Jackson's very-organized Bach Festival, we overhauled our Festival's traffic pattern and placed all of the sign-in and record keeping together, in the foyer of the main auditorium. Much better! We even added a photo booth, courtesy of member Christy Meyer, who is the owner of Steinway Piano Gallery of Spanish Fort, Alabama. Bonnie reported that parents were giving lots of impromptu feedback regarding the new Festival format. We were again delighted that Dr. Lois Leventhal and her husband Dr. David Evenson returned to the Coast from Boston, Massachusetts to judge for our event! They were joined by Dr. Debra Atkinson, head of Choral Activities at MGCCC-JD, and Dr. Timothy Bergman, Coast music director and strings teacher.

Our local MMTA Pre-college Evaluations took place on April 14, at MGCCC-JD. Participation by students and teachers was up by at least 40%. Participating were 41 piano and strings students representing 7 teachers, turning in a total of 55 performances. Qualifying for State Finals were 33 performances of 20 students representing four teachers. Quite a few students participated non-competitively this year. Judges were Dr. Stephen Redfield, professor of violin at University of Southern Mississippi; Elizabeth Moak, professor of piano at USM; Joanna Burnside, piano instructor at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Perkinston Campus; and Debra Atkinson, piano and choral instructor at MGCCC-JD Campus. Carol Mahler chaired our Local Evaluations, assisted by Co-chair Angela Hsu.

GCMTA's June Luncheon Meeting was held at the lovely home of Valerie Wilkerson, in Ocean Springs, on Thursday, June 21. During the business meeting, the nominees were elected to serve during the 2018-2019 year as follows: Carol Mahler, President; Sarah Dukeman, Vice-President; Emily McClung, Recording Secretary; Mandy Long, Treasurer; and Bonnie Sheldon, Web and Membership Manager.

We are looking forward to next year!

Respectfully submitted by
Carol Mahler, GCMTA President



Mark Your Calendar

November 2-3, 2018 - 64th MMTA State Conference - William Carey University, Hattiesburg

November 2, 2018 - 64th MTNA State Competitions - William Carey University, Hattiesburg

November 3, 2018 - MMTA Pre-College Competition - William Carey University, Hattiesburg

March 2, 2019 - MMTA Collegiate Competitions - Belhaven University, Jackson

March 16-20, 2019 - MTNA 2019 Conference- Spokane, Washington

TBA Group B - 2019 MMTA Pre-College Evaluations - Columbus/Starkville, Ellisville Gulf Coast, and Vicksburg

TBA Group A - 2019 MMTA Pre-College Evaluations - Goodman, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Oxford, and Tupelo

TBA 2019 - MMTA Pre-College Finals - Mississippi University for Women, Columbus

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From the MMT Editor

Does anyone else feel like they need a few more weeks of summer, or is it just me? It's been a very busy summer, and I think the start of a new school year is the only thing that will settle things down!

As summer is winding down, I hope you are all rested for the students coming your way very soon! We have such an important job sharing music with the next generation. Best wishes for the new school year!



Stephanie Holmes

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