



# Tennessee Music Teachers Association

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## 2019 Fall Competitions Report

The 2019 Fall Performance Competitions for Tennessee were held November 15-16 at Lipscomb University School of Music in Nashville. There were 94 entries in the MTNA competitions and TMTA's collegiate competitions. Solo entries included piano, woodwind, string, brass, and voice. Ensemble entries included MTNA senior piano duet and TMTA college piano ensemble.

Chairs for the various categories were Dr. Lynn Worcester Jones for Junior Piano, Dr. Chihee Hwang for Senior Piano, Dr. Esther Park for Young Artist Piano and TMTA Collegiate Piano, Dr. Mary Matthews for Winds and Voice, Dr. David Kovac for Strings, and Dr. Jerome Reed for composition. Local chair for arrangements was Dr. Jerome Reed, Professor of Piano at Lipscomb.

The competition committee is extremely grateful to Dr. Reed and to Lipscomb music students, NAMTA members, and TMTA executive board members who assisted with monitoring and registration. The results of the competitions are below. The 2020 fall competitions will be held at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville.

-Dr. Elaine Harriss, Competitions Coordinator

### Tennessee Fall Competitions School of Music, Lipscomb University November 15-16, 2019

#### TMTA Collegiate Piano Winner List

Piano Solo Winner: Liam McBane

Piano Solo Runner-up: Ting-An Chiu

Piano Ensemble Winners: Jie Zhou and Ting An Chiu

Piano Ensemble Runner-up: Jackie Yong and Jingfang Huang

Teacher: Arunesh Nadgir

Teacher: Yi-Yang Chen

Teacher: Yi-Yang Chen

Teacher: Chih-long Hu

## MTNA Tennessee State Winner List

### *Junior Performance Piano*

Winner: Ewan Manolo

Alternate: Marissa Lui

Teacher: Heather Connor

Teachers: Cathal Breslin and Yukiko Whitehead

### *Senior Performance Piano Solo*

Winner: Aidan Hartman

Alternate: Yuka Yang

Teacher Cahill Smith

Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead

### *Senior Performance Piano Duet*

Representative: Jessie and Hollis Chan

Teacher: Luann Forell

### *Young Artist Performance Piano*

Winner: Max Randal

Alternate: Katherine Benson

Honorable Mention: Aidan Hedrick

Teacher: Karen Krieger

Teacher: Chih-long Hu

Teacher: Cahill Smith

### *Junior Performance Woodwind*

Winner: Marissa Liu

Alternate: Cindy Liu

Teacher: Myung Kim

Teacher: Myung Kim

### *Senior Performance Woodwind*

Winner: Sophia Cheng

Alternate: Camille Hu

Teacher: Myung Kim

Teacher: Jessica Dunnavant

### *Young Artist Performance Woodwind*

Winner: John Di Fatta

Alternate: Andrew Gaffey

Honorable Mention: Cortney Morley

Teacher: Brian Utley

Teacher: Brian Utley

Teacher: Shelley Binder

### *Junior Performance String*

Representative: Iris Shepherd

Teacher: Cornelia Heard

### *Senior Performance String*

Winner: Kingston Ho

Alternate: Bright Johnston

Teacher: Cornelia Heard

Teacher: Stephen Miahky

### *Young Artist Performance String*

Winner: Melody Sim

Alternate: Samantha Hearn

Teacher: Carolyn Huebl

Teacher: Miroslav Hristov

### *Young Artist Performance Brass*

Winner: Nicholas Fisher

Alternate: Robert Wake

Teacher: Stephanie Frye-Clark

Teacher: Jeremy Wilson

### *Senior Performance Voice*

Representative: Rachel Mauger

Teacher: Sun-Joo Oh

### *Young Artist Composition*

Representative: Jesse Jennings

Teacher: Jerome Reed

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# 2020 TMTA Foundation Fellow: Ann Almond Pope

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Please remember to send tax-deductible contributions to the MTNA Fellowship Fund and designate Ann Almond Pope so that TMTA can get the credit. We must raise a total of \$1500 by January 20, 2020. Ann recently lost her husband and brother so this honor would be an extra special blessing for her. Donations of any amount are welcomed. She will receive a list of contributors but not the amount. Thanks for all you do.

Judy Warrington, NCTM  
MTNA Foundation Chair

See below for instructions for contributing to the MTNA Foundation Fellow Fund of Ann Almond Pope:

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1. [MTNAFoundation.org](http://MTNAFoundation.org)
2. Fellow Program
3. Proceed to Fellow Information Form
4. Make a Contribution
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6. Check the box for “Foundation Fellow”
7. Enter name “Ann Almond Pope”

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3. Enter name “Anna Almond Pope”
4. Mail form and donation to address listed on bottom of page



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# Upcoming Competitions and Events

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**BLAIR SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND  
NASHVILLE AREA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

**PRESENT**

**YI-YANG CHEN AND DOREEN HALL**

## **Workshop and Master Class** **Feb. 15, 2020 - 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

Choral Hall, Blair School of Music, Nashville, TN

Cost: \$25 MTNA members, \$35 non members, Free for students

Join us for our *Teacher Enrichment Workshop* as we welcome these two incredible speakers. In the morning, we welcome Doreen Hall, author of "The Happiest Piano Teacher in Town" and "The Ultimate Preschool Piano Activities Book", as she shares her presentation *Teach-Play-Love*. We are also pleased to welcome Yi-Yang Chen, Pianist and Professor of Piano and Music Theory at ETSU, as he shares *Strategies in Selecting Piano Repertoire to Maximize Motivation and Musicality*. Afternoon master classes with Yi-Yang Chen will follow the morning lectures.

Registration opens in January!

[www.nashvilleareamusicteachersassociation.org](http://www.nashvilleareamusicteachersassociation.org)

## 17th annual TTU Young Artist Piano Competition

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Deadline: February 19, 2020

You will find the updated brochure and application on the next page (pg 6). Please encourage your students grades 9-12 to participate in this wonderful event. Cash awards range from \$300 to \$1000. Contact Catherine Godes ([CGodes@tntech.edu](mailto:CGodes@tntech.edu)) for questions.

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## University of Tennessee at Martin Pre-College Piano Competition

March 7, 2020

Deadline: February 26, 2020

The 2020 UTM Piano Competition for pre-college students will take place Saturday, March 7, in Blankenship Recital Hall in the Fine Arts Building on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin. Each solo contestant/ensemble will perform a maximum of two contrasting works/movements from the standard piano repertoire (no arrangements), not to exceed a total of 15 minutes. Solo works are to be performed from memory; ensemble players may use music. There are three solo categories: grade 6 and below, grades 7-9, and grades 10-12. There is one ensemble category for students in all grades. Cash prizes are awarded in each category.

The entry fee is \$30 for each solo entry and \$30 for each ensemble entry (not each ensemble member). Application and payment of fees are to be made online on or before February 26, 2020. Go to [www.utm.edu/pianocompetition](http://www.utm.edu/pianocompetition) for additional information about the competition and links to solo and ensemble application forms. Direct your questions to Dr. Elaine Harriss, [elaineh@utm.edu](mailto:elaineh@utm.edu).

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## University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Piano Arts-Competition

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Deadline: March 6, 2020

For more info: <https://www.utc.edu/music/events/piano-arts-competition.php>

Contact: Dr. Lynn Worcester Jones ([Lynn-Worcester@utc.edu](mailto:Lynn-Worcester@utc.edu)), Assistant Professor, UTC

# Young Artist Piano Competition

## February 29, 2020

[tntech.edu/music](http://tntech.edu/music)



Held in the Bryan Fine Arts Building's Wattenbarger Auditorium at Tennessee Tech University, the annual TTU Artist Piano Competition is a showcase for young pianists, grades 9-12, in Tennessee.

### **Awards**

**First Prize:** Herman Godes Award (\$1,000)

**Second Prize:** S.K. Ballal Award (\$600)

**Third Prize:** Dave M. McCall Award (\$500)

**Fourth Prize:** Rodney L. Carlson Award (\$300)

### **Competition Rules**

- Students must be in grades 9-12 in the 2020 school year.
- The jury will include faculty from the TTU music school and regional professionals. If a jury member is related to or has taught a contestant, that jurist will recuse himself or herself from voting on that contestant.
- Previous first place winners are ineligible to compete.
- Deadline for application and 50.00 entrance fee is February 19, 2020

### **Admission Audition**

Graduating seniors who plan to attend TTU are eligible for additional scholarship awards, including the prestigious Herman Godes Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000).

### **Required Repertoire & Performance**

- At least two works of contrasting style from the standard piano repertoire; Popular music selections are not appropriate.
- The performance must not exceed 20 minutes.
- Memorization is required.

[Young Artist Piano Competition Application](#)

<https://www.tntech.edu/fine-arts/music/community-programs/piano-competition-app.php>

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# Planning Ahead

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## 2020 TMTA Conference: Memphis, Tennessee

Our conference clinician will be Marvin Blickenstaff. Marvin Blickenstaff is known among piano teachers throughout the country for his teaching, lecturing, performing, and publishing. Currently, he maintains a private studio in the Philadelphia area and teaches at The New School for Music Study in Princeton.

Our concert artist will be Dr. Igor Lipinski. Lipinski earned his Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance and Musical Arts and Master of Music in Piano Performance and Literature from the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester where he studied piano under the tutelage of Douglas Humpherys. As a teaching assistant of Vincent Lenti and Tony Caramia, he received Eastman's Teaching Assistant Prize for Excellence in Teaching. Lipinski continued his graduate studies at Northwestern University Bienen School of Music earning his Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance under the tutelage of Alan Chow. Before joining the piano faculty at OU, Lipinski was a member of the piano faculty at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

### TMTA Board Meeting

January 18, 2020 at 12 noon  
Vanderbilt University Blair School of Music  
Nashville, Tennessee

### 2020 Collegiate Chapters Piano Pedagogy Symposium

January 10-11, 2020  
Ball State University  
Muncie, Indiana

### 2020 MTNA National Conference

March 21-25, 2020  
Chicago, Illinois

### 2020 TMTA Conference and Competition

May 30-June 2, 2020  
Memphis, Tennessee

### 2020 National Group Piano/ Piano Pedagogy Forum

July 24-25, 2020  
Oberlin, Ohio

### Upcoming TMTA Conferences

2020 Memphis; 2021 Knoxville;  
2022 Jackson; 2023 Chattanooga;  
2024 Nashville; 2025 Martin;  
2026 Johnson;  
repeating Murfreesboro

### Upcoming MTNA Conferences

2021 Atlanta; 2022 Minneapolis

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**Member News:** Craig Campbell, faculty member at Northeast State Community College, adjudicated a regional college age piano competition at East Tennessee State University organized by Blair Academy for the Arts. The competition took place on Saturday, November 16th. He holds degrees from The Juilliard School and Yale University.