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Letter from the President

Greetings from East Tennessee! As I sit to write this letter, my desk is covered with end-of-semester papers to grade and tasks to accomplish here at Carson-Newman. I'm looking at a week filled with averaging and assigning final grades, picking out literature for next semester, and preparing for all of the busyness that comes with being a performing and church musician during the holiday season. And that doesn't begin to touch the social engagements that will happen and the uncertainty that navigating another December while still in a pandemic will bring. I'm sure your life is filled similarly with responsibilities and events—some taxing, some joyous, and some mundane.

As I look back on our year with TNMTA I am immediately grateful to the many members who have continued to work diligently to keep our wonderful organization moving forward despite the challenges brought by the pandemic. Thanks to David Brunell and the KMTA members in Knoxville for hosting our first virtual conference. KMTA did a wonderful job of providing us with an illuminating and worthwhile conference experience even though most of us were scattered across the state. Thanks to

Competitions Coordinator Elaine Harris and her cohort of helpers (Esther Park for Collegiate; CheHee Hwang and Ryan Fogg for senior high; Lynn Worcester-Jones for Junior high; Laura Gubanov for Elementary; Mary Matthews and Ivy Blair for chamber, Vocal and Instrumental; and David Kovac for Strings) for their great work in hosting our Summer TMTA Competitions and Fall MTNA Competitions virtually. We had a total of 196 participants in the summer and 98 in the fall. Congratulations to all of the participants and teachers!

And, while I'm writing about excellent recent work by TNMTA, have you looked at our new website? We completely revamped the website during the pandemic. If you haven't already seen the new site, please go spend a few minutes at www.tnmta.org. You'll find an attractive and easily navigated site that does a great job of both containing important information for members and presenting our organization favorably to those outside of TNMTA.

I am personally grateful to these and so many others who work to keep TNMTA functioning well and moving forward. They are too many to list here, but I do want to say a special word of thanks in advance to our colleagues in West Tennessee who are hard at work putting together a wonderful conference for us for 2022. I'm hoping I get to see many of you in person in Memphis next summer. For now, we are assuming we will be in person, but the final decision on that will be made in 2022.

I hope you find much joy and fulfillment in the midst of everything your life holds over the next few weeks!



Mark Hussung, 2021-2023 TNMTA President

Fall 2021 MTNA Performance Competition Results for Tennessee

Junior Piano

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|-------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Winner | Colin Xie | Heather Connor (NAMTA) |
| Alternate | Katie Wang | Heather Connor (NAMTA) |
| Honorable Mention | Daniel Guo | Heather Connor (NAMTA) |
| | Ella Liu | Yukiko Whitehead (GMMTA) |

Senior Piano

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| Winner | Kevin Cho | Craig Nies (NAMTA) |
| Alternate | Marissa Liu | Jonathan Tsay (GMMTA) |
| Honorable Mention | Joshua Stanzak | Sharon Stanzak (MTMTA) |
| | Haruki Takeuchi | David Northington (KMTA) |

Senior Piano Duet

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| Representative | Jeng Yee Chan/Hongkam Chan | Luann Forell (GMMTA) |
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Young Artist Piano

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| Winner | Sean Yang | Amy Dorfman (NAMTA) |
| Alternate | Liam McBane | Arunesh Nadgir (MTMTA) |
| Honorable Mention | Zhaohan Wang | Chih-Long Hu (KMTA) |
| | Ting-An Chiu | Ester Park (AMTA) |

Junior String

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| Winner | Luka Hernandez Palmer | Bradley Mansell (MAMTA) |
| Alternate | Isabel Kao | I Pei Lin (KMTA) |

Senior String

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|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Winner | Vivian Okimura Kung | Cornelia Heard (NAMTA) |
| Alternate | Abby Reed | Christina McGann (NAMTA) |
| Honorable Mention | Audrey Cox | Carolyn Heubl (NAMTA) |

Young Artist String

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|-----------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Winner | Samantha Hearn | Yung-Li Chen (KMTA) |
| Alternate | Sarah McGuire | Carolyn Heubl (NAMTA) |

Junior Woodwind

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| Winner | Ella Liu | Myung Kim (GMMTA) |
| Alternate | Catherine Cheng | Myung Kim (GMMTA) |

Senior Woodwind

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| Winner | Marissa Liu | Myung Kim (GMMTA) |
| Alternate | Branden Sanchez | Brian Utley (NAMTA) |

Young Artist Woodwind

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| Representative | Miranda Henry | Allison Adams (KMTA) |
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Senior Brass

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| Winner | Geoffrey Sims | Robert Fant (IND) |
| Alternate | Anna Voros | Robert Fant (IND) |

Young Artist Brass

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| Representative | Grace O'Connell | Michael Arndt (IND) |
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Senior Voice

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| Winner | Kelly Patrick | Yvonne Blair (AMTA) |
| Alternate | Emma Shackelford | Yvonne Blair (AMTA) |

Fall 2021 MTNA Performance Competition Results for Tennessee

Adult Piano Solo

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| Winner | Jim Lees | Lynn Worcester (CMTA) |
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Collegiate Piano Solo

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| Winner | Minyoung Park | Esther Park (AMTA) |
| Runner-up | Xinruo Wei | Esther Park (AMTA) |

Collegiate Piano Ensemble

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| Winner | Chuxuan Li/Jeremi Lukanus | Esther Park (AMTA) |
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Music Teachers National Association is pleased to announce the results of the composition competition for Southern Division:

Elementary:

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| Winner | Ford Phillips | Student of Daniel McCurry, SC |
| Honorable mention | Grady McSpadden | Student of Deanna Zack, GA |
| Honorable mention | Isaiah Westlund | Student of Valerie Gregg, TN |

Junior:

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|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Winner | Raphael Mouawad | Student of Julie Harris, NC |
| Honorable mention | Miles Hansen | Student of Portia Davis, MS |
| Honorable mention | Phoebe Pylant | Student of Karen Zgonc, GA |

Senior:

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| Winner | Alexander Moiseev | Student of Julie Harris, NC |
| Honorable mention | Albert Wang | Student of Thomas McKinley, FL |

Young Artist:

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| Winner | Andrew Eskut | Student of Adam Booher, FL |
| Honorable mention | Hannah Adhikari | Student of Valentin Bogdan, MS |
| Honorable mention | Aurora Kenison | Student of Martin Jones, GA |

This year, the Southern Division judges were: Clifton Callender, Quinn Dizon, and Noam Faingold. The winning compositions automatically advance to the national competition as national finalists. The results of that competition will be announced by the end of January.

Congratulations to all of the participants in the competition! We hope that the comments you receive from the judges will be helpful to you and your teacher. Your efforts are to be commended, and we hope that you will continue to learn and grow as a composer. Good luck with your musical studies!

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Submitted by Elaine Harriss, Competition Coordinator

TMTA Fellow Nominee: Emily Ross



Emily Ross is a resident of Germantown, TN, where she is an independent piano teacher in her privately owned home studio. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Following her bachelor's degree, Emily completed graduate work in Suzuki at the University of Memphis, and Pedagogy at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

She formerly served as President and other positions, and is currently a member of the Greater Memphis Music Teachers Association and Germantown Collierville Piano Teachers Association, and is also a current member of the National Guild Association.

Emily's professional career has included teaching at University of TN, Knoxville, University of Memphis, Lausanne Collegiate School, and Rhodes College.

She enjoys accompanying, entertaining, and playing for her church, and continues to use her expertise judging the National Guild Auditions, the Mid-South Fair competition, and a variety of local auditions.

Memphis International Piano Festival and Competition: Winners

Bright Juniors:

- 1st Celeste Bao (Teacher: Dr. Artina McCain)
- 1st Caleb Wang (Teacher: Dr. Jerome Reed)
- 2nd Jaslyn Macon (Teacher: Dr. Artina McCain)
- 3rd Yosef Tam (Teacher: Dr. Naoki Hakutani)

Young Stars:

- 1st Rosalyn Bao (Teacher: Dr. Artina McCain)
- 2nd Adrien Poux (Teacher: Cindy Zou)
- 3rd Sophie Tan (Teacher: Dr. Jerome Reed)
- 3rd Bernard Gray (Teacher: Cindy Zou)

Young Artists:

- 1st Marissa Liu (Teacher: Dr. Jonathan Tsay)
- 2nd Haruki Takeuchi (Teacher: David Northington)
- 3rd Yuka Yang (Teacher: Yukiko Terada)

Collegiate

- 1st Sean Yang (Teacher: Dr. Amy Dorfman)
- 2nd Tzu-Jung Peng (Teacher: Dr. Chih Long Hu)
- 2nd Chun-Syuan Wei (Teacher: Dr. Gustavo Romero)



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Planning Ahead: 2022 TMTA Conference



Memphis TMTA conference:

June 6 & 7 at the University of Memphis, hosted by Greater Memphis and West Tennessee MT Associations. Guest Artist is Dr. Igor Lipinski (left) and Clinician is Dr. Leah Claiborne (right).