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Report from Competition Chair Elaine Harriss

Three competition chairs have “retired” after many years faithfully serving TMTA. We are grateful to Ryan Fogg for his service as Senior Piano chair for the June competitions, to Lora Gubanov for her service as Elementary Piano chair, and to Mary Matthews for her service as Chamber, Instrumental, and Vocal chair. Our new Chamber, Instrumental, and Vocal chair is Ivy Blair.

The fall 2021 TMTA Collegiate competitions and the state preliminaries for the MTNA competitions will again be virtual. All entries (TMTA collegiate and MTNA solo) must be made by September 15, 3:00 p.m. ET. MTNA entries are to be made on the MTNA website. TMTA entries are to be made on the TMTA website. Videos must be uploaded by 11:59 p.m. CT, October 30, 2021. Results of judging should be available on TMTA’s website by November 18. Please note that the regulations and deadlines for MTNA’s chamber music and two-piano competitions are different. Please check the MTNA website for information. These two competitions do not go through state levels.

TMTA’s 2021 June competitions were virtual. Below are the results of the state competition.

TMTA Competition Results June 2021

Elementary Piano

Grade K/1 Solo:

Winner:	Vivian Cao	Teacher: Kikue Yamada, KMTA
Runner-up:	Julian Kang	Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead, GMMTA

Grade 2 Solo:

Winner:	Seohyun Park	Teacher: ChiHee Hwang, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Zoey Wei	Teacher: ChiHee Hwang, NAMTA
Honorable Mention:	Lucas Zhang	Teacher: Esther Park, AMTA
	Tomoki Makida	Teacher: Krystyna Koneczny, KMTA

Grade 3 Solo:

Winner:	Max Chizhikov	Teacher: Lisa Ramirez, GMMTA
Runner-up:	Caleb Wang	Teacher: Jerome Reed, NAMTA
Honorable Mention:	Rika Shinohara	Teacher: Kikue Yamada, KMTA
	Maggie Neuman	Teacher: Fay Adams, KMTA

Grade 4 Solo:

Winner:	Ryan Zhao	Teacher: Li Li, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Kiri Fellenbaum	Teacher: Rachel Acuff, KMTA
Honorable Mention:	Elijah Kilmon	Teacher: Sheri Harris, MTMTA
	Chloe Zhu	Teacher: Li Li, NAMTA

Grade 5 Solo:

Winner:	Evan Xu	Teacher: Li Li, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Timothy Powers	Teacher: Fay Adams, KMTA
Honorable Mention:	Sophia Vo	Teacher: Lisa Ramirez, GMMTA
Honorable Mention:	Suzie Zhao	Teacher: Amy Dorfman, NAMTA

Elementary Concerto:

Winner:	Timothy Powers	Teacher: Fay Adams, KMTA
Runner-up:	Caleb Wang	Teacher: Jerome Reed, NAMTA

Junior Piano

Grade 6 Solo:

Winner:	Justin Guo	Teacher: Jama Reagan, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Ella Liu	Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead, GMMTA
Honorable Mention:	Naomi Brown	Teacher: Lisa Ramirez, GMMTA
	Camden Arndt	Teacher: Sharon Stanczak, MTMTA

Grade 7 Solo:

Winner:	Florence Yu	Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead, GMMTA
Runner-up:	Colin Xie	Teacher: Heather Connor, NAMTA
Honorable Mention:	Sophie Tang	Teacher: Jerome Reed, NAMTA
Honorable Mention:	Sarah Wang	Teacher: Heather Connor, NAMTA

Grade 8 Solo:

Winner:	Katie Wang	Teacher: Heather Connor, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Daniel Guo	Teacher: Heather Connor, NAMTA
Honorable Mention:	Harrison Shao	Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead, GMMTA
	Maya Iyengar	Teacher: Lisa Ramirez, GMMTA

Junior Concerto:

Winner:	Sophie Tan	Teacher: Jerome Reed, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Andrew Vo	Teacher: Lisa Ramirez, GMMTA

Junior Ensemble:

Winner:	Justin Guo & Isaac Guo	Teachers: Chihee Hwang & Jama Reagan, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Maddie Bellamy & Naomi Brown	Teacher: Lisa Ramirez, GMMTA

Senior Piano

Grade 9 Solo:

Winner:	Haruki Takeuchi	Teacher: David Northington (KMTA)
Runner-Up:	Dannie Dong	Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead (GMMTA)
Honorable Mention:	Pearlie Wang	Teacher: Andre Duvall (GMMTA)

Grade 10 Solo:

Winner:	Yuka Yang	Teacher: Yukiko Terada (GMMTA)
Runner-Up:	Marissa Liu	Teacher: Jonathan Tsay (GMMTA)
Honorable Mention:	Eric Xie	Teacher: Lisa Ramirez (GMMTA)
Honorable Mention:	Elaine Zhang	Teacher: Li Li (NAMTA)

Grade 11 Solo:

Winner:	Madison McCoy	Teacher: Valerie Middleton (NAMTA)
Runner-Up:	Josh Lin	Teacher: David Northington (KMTA)

Grade 12 Solo:

Winner:	Joshua Stanczak	Teacher: Sharon Stanczak (MTMTA)
Runner-Up:	Madelyn Brown	Teacher: Olivia Ellis (CMTA)

Senior Concerto:

Winner:	Yuka Yang	Teacher: Yukiko Terada GMMTA
Runner-up:	Tara Lim	Teacher: Lisa Ramirez (GMMTA)

Senior Ensemble:

Winner:	Melinda Jubea & Danielle Jubea	Teacher: Irina Polyakova (CMTA)
Runner-Up:	Eric Xie & Tara Lim	Teacher: Lisa Ramirez (GMMTA)

Jazz Piano

Winner:	Ben Cowle	Teacher: Jim Fox (NAMTA)
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Woodwinds

Junior Solo:

Winner:	Catherine Cheng	Teacher: Myung Kim
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Senior Solo:

Winner:	Hannah Chen	Teacher: Jessica Dunnavant
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Junior Concerto:

Winner:	Christina Moon	Teacher: Myung Kim
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Senior Concerto:

Winner:	Marissa Liu	Teacher: Myung Kim
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Strings

Elementary Solo:

Winner:	Alexa Huang	Teacher: Shu-Zheng Yang, NAMTA
Runner-up	Amanda Murias	Teacher: Annie Dupre, NAMTA
Honorable Mention:	William Jebasingh	Teacher: Dana Meyer, NAMTA
Honorable Mention:	Silas Tian	

Junior Solo:

Winner:	Shilo Wang	Teacher: Galina Timofeev, SMMTA
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Senior Solo:

Winner:	Abby Reed	Teacher: Christina McGann, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Amy Xu	Teacher: Cornelia Heard, NAMTA
Honorable Mention:	Brian Xu	Teacher: Shu-Zheng Yang, NAMTA

Elementary Concerto:

Winner:	Amanda Murias	Teacher: Annie Dupre, NAMTA
Runner-up:	Sophia Seawell	Teacher: Christia Chambers, NAMTA

Senior Concerto:

Winner:	Sheerea Yu	Teacher: Stephen Miahky, MTMTA
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Senior Ensemble:

Winner:	Sheelinbe Yu & Sheerea Yu	Teacher: Stephen Miahky, MTMTA
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Voice

Senior Solo:

Winner:	Sarah Katheron Latham	Teacher: Katheron Latham, CMTA
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Membership Recognition and Awards



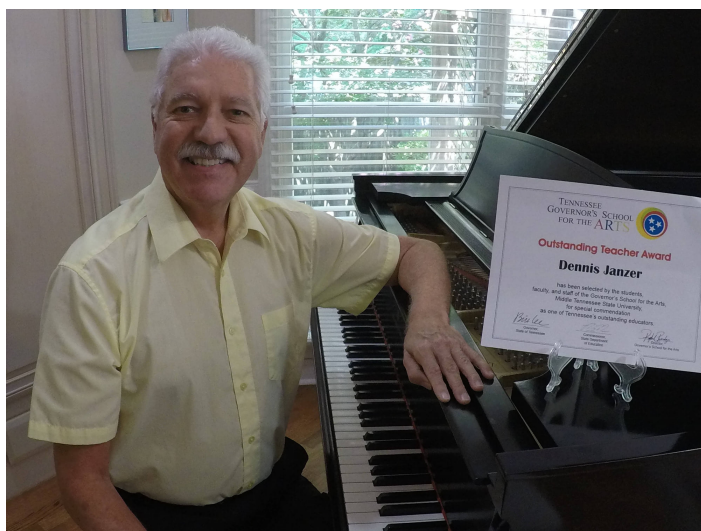
During the TMTA online conference business meeting on June 8, 2021, Rachel Acuff announced **Judy Warrington** as the recipient of the TMTA Distinguished Service Award. Margaret Ann Randolph surprised Judy by presenting her with the plaque in her home in Chattanooga.

Judy joined TMTA, MTNA and CMTA right after she received her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Lee College, which is now Lee University. Shortly afterwards, she was asked to serve on the TMTA board in the position of IMTF chair. She has also served the state as the TMTA Recording Secretary, chair of the Musicianship Manual Committee, and chair of Local Associations. Currently Judy is the MTNA Foundation chair.

She has served as president of both CMTA and OMTA, of which she is a co-founder, plus chairing

a number of other committees locally. Currently she is OMTA Treasurer and CMTA Membership chair. Both locals have awarded the Teacher of the Year award to Judy in the past. She is a long-time, permanently certified teacher of MTNA and TMTA. Judy is an independent teacher who has taught some years at UTC's Cadek Conservatory, Al Miller Music Store and Summitt Pianos, along with several churches' music academies in Chattanooga and Cleveland.

Judy is married to Don Warrington, who has been a great helper of hers, TMTA and her locals. Although he is not a musician, he is a great supporter of the arts.



Dennis Janzer received the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts Outstanding Teacher Award. The Governor's School for the Arts provides the opportunity for students to select teachers who have had an important educational and artistic influence in their life. One of his students was chosen by audition and participated in the 4-week piano program. The pre-professional summer curriculum includes individual and group instruction designed to help each student explore and develop his or her talents. Dennis fills his musical life through teaching, performing and

composing - mostly for the organ, and is Director of Music at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Memphis, TN and a collaborative pianist at Rhodes College.

Teacher Resources

Are you choosing materials and gearing up for a new semester? Follow this link to watch a promo video about the practice journal recently created by TMTA member Olivia Ellis and her colleague Davis Dorrrough:

The Music Student's Practice Journal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mromDycq9mc>

Phillis Alpert Lehrer and Ingrid Clarfield are thrilled to announce their blog about their series, ***Classics for the Developing Pianist Books 1-5:***

<https://blog.sheetmusicplus.com/2021/07/28/great-editing-the-difference-between-success-frustration/>

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Competitions, Master Classes, and Workshops

Dear TMTA members,

Greetings! Lee University School of Music is excited to celebrate the 2nd year of LeeU Collab Music, and we would like to extend our invitation to you!

This year we are pleased to offer both virtual and in-person participation options for live performances and interactive experiences with presenters. On **Saturday, Sept. 18, the workshop will take place from 9 am - 4 pm** in Squires Recital Hall at Lee University and via Zoom. The highlights of the event are as below.

- **Keynote speech & Vocal-Instrumental-Piano masterclass** (Dr. Elvia Puccinelli, the founder and president of the International Keyboard Collaborative Arts Society)
- **The Collaborative Researcher** (Dr. Nico de Villiers, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, UK): A lecture on how writing about the music process brings about renewed insight into our subject, whether it is writing program notes, preparing a composer's biography, or discussing the music and characters we prepare.
- **Eurhythmics** (Prof. Brian Sweigart, Head of Eurhythmics at Cleveland Institute of Music): Eurhythmics session, exploring how music and movement work together to reinforce the foundational rhythmic concepts of pulse and subdivision, how those concepts can be combined in various ways to reinforce tempo, create meter, and generate polyrhythms such as 2 against 3.
- **Panel discussion** with our SOM faculties, Dr. Vanessa Wei (piano), Dr. Brian Reichenbach (trumpet), and Dr. Cameron Weatherford (choral).

The **online registration** is now open until Sept. 11 (\$50 registration fee.) For more info, please visit **our website** or contact us at CollabMusic@leeuniversity.edu.

Thank you very much. We look forward to seeing you on the 18th!

Sincerely,

Dr. ChoEun Lee, Director of LeeU Collab Music

Performing Arts Workshop

For High School Students • October 9 • 10:00 am-2:30 pm

The Bryan Performing Arts Workshop is a one-day event on a Saturday that aims to bring talented young artists from East Tennessee and nearby areas together. The workshop includes specialty tracks for piano, theatre, vocal, and worship arts students. Participants will also have a choice of elective classes and be able to interact with Bryan professors and students. Lunch and a t-shirt will be provided. This year's event is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 am-2:30 pm on October 9. There will be no registration fee this year. However, each track has limited space, so secure your spot early! Students can register at bryan.edu/arts-workshop.



University of Memphis

Memphis International Piano Festival and Competition

Co-Festival Directors: Drs. Artina McCain and Jonathan Tsay

Our collegiate competition is back this year and we are accepting ages 4-30!

Ages: 4-30

Festival Dates: October 22nd-23rd masterclasses and competition at RESSOM in Harris Hall

Video and application deadline: October 8th

Finalist Competition in Person: October 23rd

Masterclasses with Dr. Artina McCain and Dr. Jonathan Tsay SATURDAY in person!

Schedule, Application, and rules: <https://memphisipfc.com/>

Judges and Masterclass Clinicians:

Drs. Chih-long Hu, Lynn Worcester-Jones, Rochelle Sennet, Adrienne Park, Kyle Orth

Voce Virtuoso Competition - Blair Academy For The Arts

The annual Blair Academy For The Arts' Voce Virtuoso Competition is a showcase for young vocalists, grades 6-12, and collegiate students under the age of 25. Auditions will be held on **November 5 & 6, 2021** at Mathes Hall Music Building, East Tennessee State University, 216 Sherrod Drive, Johnson City, TN 37604. Contact Ivy Blair with questions at ivyblair@gmail.com or 423-218-9671.

10th Annual Carson-Newman Piano Master Class

For High School Students • Saturday, November 13, 2021

Apply here: [Student Participation Application](#)
For more information, contact Ryan Fogg at rfogg@cn.edu

CMTA Programs and Meetings

Sept. 9, Thursday: Scholarship Winners Recital, Meet and Greet new and returning members
Red Bank Baptist Church, Option for Zoom attendance

Oct. 14, Thursday: Music Therapy
Professor Katie Goforth Elvard, *Meeting by Zoom*

Nov. 11, Thursday: “Structural Hearing of Rubato”
Dr. Jonathan Jung, *Location TBD*

Jan. 13, Thursday: CMTA Roundtable Discussion, *Location TBD*

Feb. 10, Thursday: “Improvisation Techniques for the Intermediate to Advanced Pianist”
Dr. Lynn Worcester and Patrick Jones, *Location TBD*

Mar. 12, Thursday: CMTA Student Recital, *Location TBD*

Apr. 8, Thursday: CMTA Executive Board Meeting *Location TBD*

May 12, Thursday: CMTA Scholarship Winners Recital, Teacher of the Year, and Reception
6:30 PM, *Red Bank Baptist Church, 4000 Dayton Blvd., Chattanooga*

CMTA Special Events

March 12, 2022: Summer Music Camp and College Scholarship Competitions

April 23, 2022: CMTA Auditions, Chattanooga State Community College



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Planning Ahead

Upcoming TMTA Conferences

- 2022 Jackson
- 2023 Chattanooga
- 2024 Nashville
- 2025 Martin
- 2026 Johnson City

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- 2022 Minneapolis, Minnesota