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2015 STATE COMPETITIONS AND CONFERENCE June 6-9, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga



Gloria Chien, pianist



Soovin Kim, violinist



Ingrid Clarfield, clinician

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

We are pleased to present two sessions and a piano master class by our dynamic conference clinician, Ingrid Clarfield. Our top-notch conference artists Gloria Chien (piano) and Soovin Kim (violin) will present a solo/collaborative concert as well as individual master classes. IMTF Chair Rachel Acuff has planned a wonderful panel presentation for the IMTF luncheon "Notes from the Road: Ideas on Community Outreach for your Studio." As always, our IMTF luncheon topics challenge everyone, not just our independent teachers! So come join us and enjoy a chicken salad plate at the Mount Vernon Restaurant.

For something different, be sure to attend Bryony Stroud-Watson's session on Yoga for musicians: "Practice Balance," which helps students become grounded, aware, and at peace with their body's limitations, and gain practical knowledge of how to access their courage and creativity, providing a lifetime of awareness of the wellspring of their own potential. Don't worry, we won't be on the floor. Just come as you are and explore Yoga moves in your chair!

Something else is a conference first—a mini-session about sight-reading by our Chattanooga Area Collegiate Chapter. Come support the teachers of tomorrow! Rounding out our sessions will be "The Piano Music of Clara Schumann" (Olivia Ellis) and the "21st Century Digital Music Studio" (Shelley Binder). You will want to stay for the banquet at the Walden Club overlooking the city and hear banquet speaker and recent MTNA President (our own) Ben Caton with music by world-champion hammered dulcimer player Stephen Humphries. The complete conference schedule is included in this newsletter.

Letter from the President...



Tennessee made a fine showing at the MTNA Conference in Las Vegas. Garrett Law, student of Leslie Norton (NAMTA), won the Young Artist Brass Competition, and Yun Lu, student of Ning An (CMTA), received the Evelyn Lindblad Folland Award for second place in Senior Piano. Hongni Wu, student of Esther Park and Chih-Long Hu (AMTA) performed in the master class given by Lang Lang. Carol Barr (GMMTA) and Dorothy Mahaffy (MTMTA) were named MTNA Foundation Fellows at the Gala, and two Tennesseans, Charlynnne Harris Fry (CMTA) and Roberta J. Motz of Gallatin, were recognized as fifty-year members of MTNA. Tennessee received an MTNA Membership Growth and Stability Award as one of the states which increased membership numbers this year. Many TMTA members served as monitors for the Senior Competitions, chaired by Fay Adams (KMTA). Congratulations to all!

Many thanks to the members of the TMTA Board who have served during these past two years. Our work in TMTA is ongoing, which is a positive way of saying that it is endless, and it is the efforts of the board members that provide direction. Much of TMTA's momentum derives from the activities of the local associations, without which there would be no TMTA. I appreciate the cooperation of the local presidents who worked to adjust policies and cleanse documents so that we would be in compliance with the Federal Trade Commission decree. I thank non-board members who agreed to serve on committees. These two years as TMTA President have been challenging and rewarding. There were the TN/MTNA competitions in Cookeville and at Belmont in Nashville. KMTA hosted an exciting conference for us in 2014 and then held the Southern Division Competitions this past January. We look forward to being in Chattanooga in June. I reflect on the term of my presidency with appreciation for every member of the organization. Thank you.

If you are sending students to the TMTA Competitions in Chattanooga, please remember to prepare them, as well as their parents, for the process, from registration through to the Honors Recitals. As guests in Chattanooga for the TMTA Conference, let us enjoy visiting with our friends while being sure to introduce ourselves to colleagues we have not met. TMTA members are the best!



Garrett Law, student of Leslie Norton, Young Artist Brass Winner



Yun Lu, student of Ning An, recipient of the Evelyn Lindblad Folland Award for second place in Senior Piano



Dorothy Mahaffy (standing third from left) and Carol Barr (not pictured) receive the honor of MTNA Foundation Fellow at the 2015 National Conference held in March.

2015 STATE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 7

6:00 TMTA Executive Board Dinner and Meeting, Heritage Landing Clubhouse

Monday, June 8 Cadek Hall unless otherwise indicated

8:15 Continental breakfast (Cadek lobby)

8:45 Welcome, Dr. Lee Harris. Introductions of new TMTA members

9:00 Ingrid Clarfield: "Preparing Students for Auditions and Competitions—Turning Fear into Fun"

10:30 Break

11:00 Ingrid Clarfield: "Classics for the Developing Pianist: Core Repertoire for Study and Performance"

12:00 IMTF Lunch, Mount Vernon Restaurant. "Notes from the Road: Ideas on Community Outreach Programs for your Studio." Rachel Acuff, IMTF Chair

2:00 Ingrid Clarfield: Multi-level Piano Master Class

3:30 Break. Alfred music purchase 3:30-5:00, Cadek lobby

3:45 Chattanooga Area Collegiate Chapter mini-session:
"Reading Between the Lines: Building Confident Sight-Readers"

4:15 General Business Meeting

7:30 Concert: Soovin Kim, violin; Gloria Chien, piano
Roland Hayes Concert Hall, Fine Arts Center. Reception following in lobby

Tuesday, June 9

8:00 Past Presidents breakfast, City Cafe

8:15 Continental breakfast (Roland Hayes lobby, Fine Arts Center)

9:00 Gloria Chien: Advanced Piano Master Class (Roland Hayes)

9:00 Soovin Kim: Violin Master Class (Cadek Hall)

10:30 Break

10:45 Bryony Stroud-Watson: Yoga for Musicians "Practice Balance" (band room)

11:45 College faculty lunch/Local presidents lunch, Boathouse Restaurant

1:45 Olivia Ellis: "The Piano Music of Clara Schumann" (Cadek Hall)

2:45 Break

3:00 Shelley Binder: "21st Century Digital Music Studio" (Cadek Hall)

6:00 Banquet, Walden Club. Benjamin D. Caton, speaker. Stephen Humphries, hammered dulcimer.

Bios for Ingrid Clarfield, Soovin Kim and Gloria Chien can be found in the December 2014 Newsletter on our website at www.tnmta.org.

Dr. Benjamin D. Caton, Banquet Speaker



The 2013 Recipient of the ETSU Distinguished Faculty Award, Benjamin D. Caton is a Past President of MTNA and TMTA. Caton's time on the MTNA Board spans 10 years during which time he served as Southern Division President, MTNA Secretary/Treasurer, MTNA President-elect, President and Immediate Past President.

In 2004, Caton became the first recipient of the TMTA Distinguished Service Award. Other honors include the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs Award for Excellence, the John Phillip Sousa Award and an MTNA Foundation Fellow. He served two terms as member of the Music Advisory Panel for the Tennessee Arts Commission.

An avid football fan, Ben is a strong supporter of the Buckeyes of the Ohio State University where he earned his MA (1972) and PhD (1982). Caton holds a Kodaly Certificate in Pedagogy/Musicianship. His articles have appeared in *Clavier*, *Music Educators Journal*, *American Music Teacher*, and *The Tennessee Musician*. He has presented numerous sessions at local and state associations.

The 2015 TMTA Competitions and Conference will be held June 6-9 at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, using Cadek Hall, 725 Oak St. and the Fine Arts Center, 752 Vine St., with excursions to several popular local restaurants.



PARKING

Parking is free on Saturday and Sunday and after 6:00 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. With parking passes, parking is available during the day on Monday and Tuesday in lots 13 (behind Cadek) and lot 17 (in front of the Fine Arts Center, Oak Street side), or any general lot. Reserve and pay for your parking passes at the discounted rate of \$3 per day when you register for the conference. You may pick up your parking passes at the Cadek lobby registration desk. Refer to the campus map on the following page.

LODGING



Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 440 W. Martin Luther King Blvd., 423-664-4321 or 1-800-HOLIDAY. With a \$99 room rate, our downtown conference hotel is handy to everything. Please identify yourself as part of the Tennessee Music Teachers Association group. For online reservations, book at:

[http://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?
path=hd&brandCode=ex&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=CHALK&_PMID=99502056](http://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=ex&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=CHALK&_PMID=99502056)

Add group code TMT to get the correct room rate. Reserve your room by **May 10**. The \$99 room rate cannot be guaranteed after that date.

If you want more shopping in the Hamilton Place Mall area, a greater variety of restaurants, and don't mind driving 25 minutes or so, we also have rooms reserved (\$85 room rate) at the Courtyard Chattanooga I-75 by Marriott, 2210 Bams Drive, 423-499-4400 or 1-800-321-2211. Identify yourself as part of the Tennessee Music Teachers Association 2015 Annual Conference Room Block group. If you are staying at this hotel, directions are available from Sigrid Luther, Luthersi1829@gmail.com.



DIRECTIONS

FROM NASHVILLE TO THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES DOWNTOWN CHATTANOOGA. 440 MLK Blvd. Take Interstate 24 East to Chattanooga. Take the single lane that leads to Hwy 27N/downtown. Take exit 1A, MLK Blvd. Turn left onto MLK Blvd. The Holiday Inn Express will be on your left. If the turning lane is full, you may have to keep going and make a U-turn.

FROM KNOXVILLE TO THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES DOWNTOWN CHATTANOOGA. 440 MLK Blvd. Take Interstate 40 West, then Interstate 75 South to Chattanooga. At the split, follow Interstate 24 West (not Interstate 75 South to Atlanta). Follow the signs to US127N/Downtown (you will go right at the fork, not left to take Interstate 24W to Nashville). Take exit 1A, MLK Blvd. Turn left onto MLK Blvd. The Holiday Inn Express will be on your left. If the turning lane is full, you may have to keep going and make a U-turn.

CAMPUS MAP



DIRECTIONS

FROM HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS TO CADEK HALL. 725 Oak St. As you leave the hotel, turn right onto MLK Blvd. At the 5th stoplight, turn left onto Georgia Ave. At the second stoplight, turn right onto McCallie Ave. At the 5th stoplight, turn left onto Palmetto St. Go one short block and turn left onto Oak St. The Fine Arts Center is on the corner. Keep going; the next building, on your right, is Cadek Hall.

FROM CADEK HALL TO HERITAGE LANDING CLUBHOUSE, 1001 Heritage Landing Dr. From Cadek, turn left onto Oak St. and right onto Palmetto St. In one block the road “T’s” at McCallie and there is a stoplight. Turn right onto McCallie. At the 5th stoplight, just after the road veers right, turn right onto Georgia Ave. Continue onto Veterans Bridge. At the end of the bridge, get into the left turning lane and turn left onto Frazier Ave. Take the first left onto Tampa St., then turn left onto River St. (the road T’s and you will see Riviera Villa Condos sign). River St. will wind to the right as it becomes Heritage Landing Dr. Go along the river past a school on your left. The road ends at Heritage Landing subdivision. You will need to stop at the gate and speak to the security guard. Then drive straight ahead to the clubhouse, which will be on the right.



DIRECTIONS (continued)

FROM CADEK HALL TO MOUNT VERNON RESTAURANT. 3535 Broad St. From Cadek, turn left onto Oak St., then right onto Palmetto St. Go one block to the stoplight (the road “T”s) and turn right onto McCallie. At the 5th stoplight, just after the road veers right, turn left onto Georgia Ave. At the 2nd stoplight turn right onto MLK Blvd. At the 2nd stoplight turn left onto Broad St. Travel 2.3 miles on Broad St. As the road curves toward the mountain, the Mount Vernon Restaurant will be on your right.

FROM HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS TO THE CITY CAFÉ DINER. 901 Carter St. As you leave the hotel, turn right onto MLK Blvd. Carter St. is at the second stoplight. Look for the sign on your right for the City Café, which is connected to Days Inn and located on the corner of MLK Blvd and Carter St. (Look for several U.S. flags) Turn right onto Carter St. and enter the parking lot.

FROM CADEK HALL/FINE ARTS CENTER TO BOATHOUSE ROTISSERIE & RAW BAR. 1459 Riverside Drive. Turn left onto Oak St., then turn left onto Palmetto St. Pass Vine and E 5th. Where the road “T”s turn left onto E 3rd St. Stay in the left lane. Go downhill and the road will turn right in a merger under the bridge and up onto what will become Riverside Drive. Soon after the road divides end, The Boathouse will be on your left. If you come to a stoplight, you have gone too far.

RETURN TRIP FROM BOATHOUSE. As you leave the Boathouse, turn right onto Riverside Dr. Take the first exit, “3rd St.” Immediately turn left onto Mabel. Pass the arena and stay in the left lane. You will veer right onto 5th. At the stop sign, turn right onto Palmetto. Pass Vine, turn right onto Oak to return to Cadek, Fine Arts Center and parking lots.

FROM HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS TO THE WALDEN CLUB. 633 Chestnut St., #2100. As you leave the hotel, turn right onto MLK Blvd. The first street after the underpass is Chestnut St. Turn left onto Chestnut St. The second stoplight is at 7th St. Just after you cross 7th St., turn left into the Bank of America Republic Center Parking. The Walden Club is on the top floor.



The General Business Meeting will be held during the conference on Monday, June 8, at 4:15, in Cadek Hall. It is open to the entire TMTA membership. The agenda includes the election of officers, a vote on the updated TMTA Constitution, the budget outline for the upcoming two years, and the competitions report. There will also be a brief review of the Federal Trade Commission decree, under which all local and state affiliates now operate. Please plan to attend.

2015 TMTA Conference Registration

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, June 6-9

Registration deadline is May 15

Name: _____

Local Association (initials): _____

Email address: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Emergency contact name and phone number: _____

Event	Price	No.	Total Price
Member Registration	Free		
Non-Member Registration MON TUE	\$25 per day		
Executive Board Dinner Sunday, June 7 - Heritage Landing	Free		
IMTF Luncheon Monday, June 8 – Mount Vernon Restaurant	\$15		
Past Presidents Breakfast Tuesday, June 9 – City Cafe	Dutch		
College Faculty Luncheon Tuesday, June 9 – The Boat House Restaurant	Dutch		
Local Presidents Luncheon Tuesday, June 9 – The Boat House Restaurant	Dutch		
Banquet Tuesday, June 9, 6pm – Walden Club	\$35		
Parking MON TUE	\$3 per day		
Special dietary needs: _____			Total

Monitors Needed for TMTA Competitions	AM	PM
I can help on Saturday, June 6		
I can help on Sunday, June 7		

Parking passes are required for Monday and Tuesday. These may be purchased in advance and picked up at the Cadek registration desk. Parking will be available in Lot 13, Lot 17, or any general lot.

Parking is free Saturday, Sunday and after 6:00 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday

Please make checks payable to: CMTA (Chattanooga Music Teachers Association)

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DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS



**EAST TENNESSEE STATE
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Summer Piano Camp
June 29-July 3, 2015

**A Residential
and Commuter Camp**
Track I: For Young Pianists, Ages 10-12
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Guest Artist and Clinician **Dr. David Brunell**
University of Tennessee

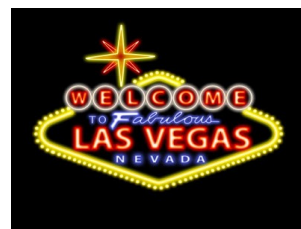
Scholarship Opportunities Available

For more information, visit <http://www.etsu.edu/cas/music/camps/>
email paolini@etsu.edu or call 423-439-4418

COMING MARCH 2016!

We want to support summer camps around the state by offering a complete listing of camp opportunities in the March Newsletter each year. Simply send your camp info to the Newsletter Editor by the February 15 deadline to be included in the listing. It will be a wonderful and easy way to advertise your camps to other teachers around the state!

MTA Goes to Vegas!



Members from across the State attended the 2015 MTNA National Conference



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May 1, 2015

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June 6-9, 2015

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Chattanooga, TN

August 15, 2015

Deadline for September Newsletter
submissions

November 13 -14, 2015

TMTA/MTNA Competitions
MTSU—Murfreesboro, TN

April 2-6, 2016

MTNA National Conference
San Antonio, TX

June 2016

TMTA State Competitions and
Conference, Nashville, TN