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2016 State Conference Recap

This past June, TMTA members and their students attended the State Conference and Competitions at the Blair School of Music in Nashville. They enjoyed a collaborative concert from The Peabody Trio as well as a masterclass with members of the trio and conference clinician, Phillip Keveren. There was a diverse offering of session topics ranging from Jazz Piano to composing and even Chamber Music with presenters ranging from Keveren to some of our own TMTA members. The conference was a wonderful opportunity for members to recharge their teaching and connect with other teachers from across our state. Start making plans now to attend the June 2017 State Conference at UT—Martin!

Thank you to the members of NAMTA for all of your efforts in planning a fabulous conference!



Peabody Trio performs



Students pose with Phillip Keveren following a master class

Congratulations



*Fay Adams presents Alayne Griffin with the
Teacher of the Year award*

For competitions results and more photos, please visit
our webpage:

<http://tnmta.org/competitions-auditions.html>

*Right and Below: Students pose following Honors Recital
performances.*



*Sandy Triplett presents Terry McRoberts with the
Distinguished Service Award*



*Elementary
Piano Concerto
Winner
Dannie Dong
(Judith Fairchild,
Teacher)*

Letter from the President...



I hope you have had a relaxing summer and are ready to start the new teaching year. Our 63rd annual state conference in Nashville was a great time to reconnect with friends across the state. We enjoyed the Peabody Trio concert and master classes, workshops with Phillip Keveren, chamber music performances by Blair precollege students, enriching sessions with Ryan Fogg and Sarah Burns, a Tai Chi class, a wonderful Italian feast at our awards brunch, and great hospitality from our NAMTA hosts. We look forward to the next state conference at UT-Martin, June 3-6, 2017. Congratulations to WTMTA for the highest amount (per person) donated to the May drive for the Scholarship Awards Endowment Fund. The drive is still active until the end of 2016 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the fund. Let's see if we can reach our \$10,000 goal! We thank Beth Cormier for

30 years of helping the Scholarship Awards Endowment Fund to grow, and we welcome Valerie Middleton as the new chair.

There are a few more transitions among the Executive Board. Olivia Ellis has become the new treasurer while Pat Ward enjoys a well-deserved retirement after many years of managing our funds. Esther Park and Lora Gubanov are new in the competitions area; we thank Miro Hristov and Jeanette Hawk for their dedicated service in the Chamber/Vocal/Instrumental and Elementary Piano competitions.

As of the end of June we have 412 members in TMTA compared with 420 last year. MTNA finished 2016 with a slight increase in membership (the first time in the last 10 years)! Nationally we are number 20 in the number of members, so we are holding our own among states with much denser populations (we have more members than New York). Let's work on growing our membership by inviting more teachers to join and thinking creatively about how to involve all of our members.

And now that fall is just around the corner, make note of the September 14, 3:00 p.m. (Eastern time) application deadline for the fall competitions. Check out tnmta.org and mtna.org for complete information.

Best wishes as you start the new teaching year, and I hope to see you at the competitions on November 11-12 in Cookeville!

Upcoming Competition and Masterclass Opportunities

For a comprehensive listing of competition, masterclass, and camp opportunities, visit our website at www.tnmta.org/links.html

TTU Young Artist Piano Competition

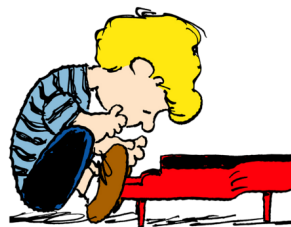
The eleventh TTU Young Artist Piano Competition for high school students will be held on Saturday, September 24 at TTU: the deadline for application is Aug. 31: the brochure and application are available on the TTU music website: www.tntech.edu/music

Emory Young Artist Piano Competition January 29, 2017

Application Deadline: December 1, 2016

Open to students ages 13-18 who live in the southeastern USA. Requirements, application, and prize information is available at the Emory University website:

<http://music.emory.edu/home/performance/piano.html>



Carson Newman 5th Annual Piano Master Class

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Application Deadline: October 15, 2016.

Open to selected students grades 9-12. This master class is offered at no cost to both participants and attendees. Teachers and parents are also encouraged to attend. All participants are invited to an information session & box lunch for potential music majors.

For more information, please contact Dr. Ryan Fogg at rfogg@cn.edu or (865-471-2057).



Beth Cormier and the Endowment Fund featured in NashvilleArts Magazine

NashvilleArts magazine highlighted Beth Cormier's teaching career and service to TMTA in an article by Dipti Vaidya. The following text is quoted from that article:

After decades of dedication to students, Cormier is stepping down this year from chairing the Tennessee Music Teachers Association Scholarship Awards Endowment Fund, which she and several other teachers helped found in 1991.

"It's been a wonderful life," she said. "Other musicians that I've worked with are such bright, intelligent and dedicated people ... The students have been bright and intelligent, eager to learn."

"Really, it's been a privilege to work with such good students and try to share the love of music."



Beth (pictured above right receiving a bouquet from Karen Ann Krieger) was honored for her 30 years of service at the Board Meeting in

The fund, managed by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, gives modest dollar awards of \$60 to \$300 to music students who perform in state and regional competitions. The awards help offset students' travel costs and expenses. The fund has tripled in value since its inception and has given \$45,998 to 503 music students.

Full Article:

<http://nashvillearts.com/2016/06/90-year-old-piano-instructor-still-helping-students/>

Your donation can help us reach our goal of \$10,000 by the end of 2016! <http://bit.ly/TMTAscholarship>



Where Are They Now? - Susan Yang

Susan Yang is a second-year DMA piano student at the University of Michigan studying with Dr. Logan Skelton. Prior to attending U of M, Susan received her Master of Music degree from the College-Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, OH, and Bachelor of Music *cum laude* from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. Susan recently placed second in the Naftzger Young Artist Competition and presented at the Piano Pedagogy Symposium at the University of South Carolina. In 2013, Susan was selected as a Graduate Arts Scholar by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, which provided full scholarship for her studies at CCM. Susan is currently a Graduate Student Instructor and on faculty at the Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts, teaching both group and private piano. Growing up in Nashville, Susan's primary teachers were Amy Dorfman, Helen Gleason, and Dr. Jerome Reed.

Contact Deane Gray (deanegray@gmail.com) with names of students you would like to see featured in this section

2017 MTNA Foundation Fellows

The MTNA Foundation Fellow program offers a meaningful method for honoring deserving individuals while supporting the efforts of the MTNA Foundation Fund through a donation to the Foundation Fund in an individual's name. This year, Tennessee has 2 nominees for this recognition; Louann Forell (GMMTA) and Terry McRoberts (WTMTA). Luann Forell is fully funded, but donations are still needed for Terry McRoberts. Please consider a donation in honor of your colleague. Contributions may be made through the MTNA website, and there is no contribution too small. Thank you in advance for your support!

Please use this link to donate: <https://www.mtnafoundation.org/contribute/donation-form>



Spotlight on MTNA Fellow nominee, Louann Forell

Luann Coleman Forell is a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music celebrating 50 years as an independent piano teacher. She holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in Piano and Organ Performance from the Sherwood Music School in Chicago, and has done post-baccalaureate work at Northwestern University and the University of Memphis. A two-time past president of the Greater Memphis Music Teachers Association, Mrs. Forell was named Teacher of the Year in 2002 and in 2007. She has served as an adjudicator at many local and state competitions and presently serves on the Executive Board of GMMTA as well as the Tennessee MTA.

Spotlight on MTNA Fellow nominee, Terry McRoberts

Terry McRoberts teaches piano and organ, and serves as University Organist and Carillonneur at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee. He holds degrees from Ball State, Youngstown State, and Manchester universities, and previously taught at Blue Mountain College.

A past president of TMTA and former editor of *Tennessee Music Teacher*, McRoberts currently serves as membership chair. In 2002 he was named TMTA Teacher of the Year, and received the Distinguished Service Award in 2016. He served the American Matthey Association for Piano as president and editor of *The Matthey News*, and was presented the Distinguished Service Award from that organization in 2014. A past president of the Southern Chapter of the College Music Society, he served Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia as governor of Province 15 and received the Volunteer of the Year Award from that organization in 2006.

McRoberts performs regularly as a solo and collaborative pianist, and was principal pianist with the Jackson Symphony. His research interests include Harriet Cohen, the teachings of Tobias Matthey, and Chinese piano music. He currently serves as organist at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson.



TMTA/MTNA Competition FAQs

- 1.) When and where will the fall 2016 TMTA Adult/Collegiate competitions and the 2016-2017 MTNA competitions be held?
They will be held November 11 and 12 on the campus of Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville.
- 2.) When are applications due for the fall 2016 TMTA Adult/Collegiate competitions and the 2016-2017 MTNA competitions?
The deadline for all performance entries is 3:00 p.m. EASTERN TIME, Wednesday, September 14, 2016.
- 3.) What if I have problems with the electronic application?
Because of the anticipated volume of last-minute submissions, you are strongly advised to complete your online applications several days in advance. This will give you time to solve any application problems before the deadline. The deadline is final.
- 4.) May we enter our students by mail?
No. All TMTA competition applications must be made online at the TMTA website and all MTNA applications must be made on the MTNA website. All must be made on time as the process for each shuts down promptly at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 14. Please allow plenty of time to complete your entries. Do not wait till the last day.
- 5.) What changes have taken place this year with MTNA Auditions?
The awards for chamber music string have changed. They are as follows:
National Winning Ensemble: \$3,000 made possible by James Norden, NCTM
National Second Place Ensemble: \$2,000 made possible by the Allen L. McHose Scholarship Fund
National Third Place Ensemble: \$1,000 made possible by James Norden, NCTM
- 6.) May I wait and pay my MTNA dues after I enter my students?
No. Your 2016-2017 MTNA membership dues must be paid prior to completing the application to avoid being assessed the nonmember fee.
- 7.) Where may I get complete information about the MTNA auditions?
For information about the MTNA Competitions, visit the MTNA Website:
<http://www.mtna.org/programs/competitions/competitions-guidelines/>
- 8.) Where may I get complete information about the TMTA Adult/Collegiate competitions?
For information about the TMTA Competitions, go to the TMTA website: www.tnmta.org

DATES & DEADLINES

September 14, 2016

Deadline for TMTA/MTNA Competition registration. (3pm EST)

November 11-12, 2016

TMTA/MTNA Competitions
Tennessee Tech University
Cookeville, TN

March 18-22, 2017

MTNA National Conference
Baltimore, Maryland

June 3-6, 2017

TMTA State Competition and
Conference UT- Martin

March 17-21, 2018

MTNA National Conference
Orlando, FL

Complete listing of Executive Board
Officers and Committee Chairs
available on our website.

www.tnmta.org

MTNA Website and Contact

www.mtna.org
Toll free: 1-888-512-5278

Future State Conference Dates and Locations

2018 Johnson City

2019 Murfreesboro

2020 Memphis

2021 Knoxville

2022 Jackson