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TMTA Newsletter

TMTA Conference 2019



Registration for the 2019 State Conference of the Tennessee Music Teachers Association at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN, is now open. You can find everything you need to know to plan your trip in this newsletter.

Tennessee's own Karen A. Krieger of the Blair School of Music of Vanderbilt University will serve as our conference clinician. Conference artist Jennifer Hayghe of University of Colorado Boulder will serve as our guest artist. There will also be sessions presented by TMTA members.

If you have a student who wishes to perform for one of the master classes, please contact Dr. Arun Nadgir at arunesh.nadgir@mtsu.edu. Invite your musician friends to the conference. Guests are welcome to attend sessions.

The conference is a wonderful opportunity for members to recharge their teaching and connect with fellow teachers from across the state. Begin making plans now to attend the May 2019 conference.



Jennifer Hayghe has performed in solo recitals and made orchestral appearances throughout the world, including the United States, Europe and Asia. Hayghe received her bachelors, masters and doctorate degrees from The Juilliard School, where she was the last student of the legendary artist-teacher Adele Marcus. Hayghe won every award possible for a Juilliard pianist to receive, including the William Petschek Debut Award, resulting in her New York City recital debut at Alice Tully Hall.

Hayghe has performed and taught as a soloist and chamber musician at universities and colleges throughout the country as well as appearing as a concerto soloist with various orchestras throughout the United States. She has performed in major chamber music series, including Bargemusic in New York and the Garth Newel Center for Music series in Virginia, and has taught chamber music throughout the United States and Central America.

Hayghe is currently an Associate Professor in the Roser Keyboard and Piano Area at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Formerly an Associate Professor of Piano at Ithaca College and the Barineau Endowed Professor of Piano at Louisiana State University, Hayghe has served as a featured artist at music teachers' conventions throughout the country as well as a presenter at the Music Teachers National Association national conference. Most recently, Hayghe has given masterclasses at the Manhattan School of Music and in the New York University Piano Master Class Series. She lives with her husband, Robert McGaha, and son William in Erie, CO.



Karen Ann Krieger, Collegiate Piano Chair, is Associate Professor of Piano

and Piano Pedagogy at Vanderbilt's Blair School of Music. Before coming to Blair in 1988, she was Assistant Professor of Piano at Columbus State University in Georgia, and an award-winning TV journalist in Columbus and Nashville.

Through the years, Krieger has presented many sessions at MTNA (Music Teachers National Association), NCKP (National Conference of Keyboard Pedagogy), and the World Piano Pedagogy Conference. She has also presented to local organizations in Nashville, across Tennessee, and at southern state conferences. She is the author of student solo and duet compositions and books on blues and rock 'n' roll published by Alfred Publishing Company and FJH Music. Krieger has also received a contract with Hal Leonard for her collegiate textbook: *Group Piano: Proficiency in Theory and Performance*, with contributing editor Elizabeth Cormier.

As a composer, pianist and clinician, she has given more than 100 workshops and concerts around the world for Alfred Music and Yamaha. Krieger has had solo and chamber music performances throughout the United States, British Columbia, Great Britain, Spain, Italy and Yugoslavia, and concerto performances with the symphony orchestras of Nashville, Chicago Heights, Columbus and LaGrange (Georgia), Mercer University, Western Illinois University and the Huntsville Youth Orchestra. She has also toured with saxophonist Neal Ramsay through Columbia Artists, New York, performing on both piano and accordion.

Call for Conference Proposals

Submission Deadline: January 15, 2019

The 2019 Conference Committee of the Middle Tennessee Music Teachers Association welcomes proposals for presentations at the TMTA conference in Murfreesboro, Tennessee on May 23-26, 2019. Proposals may relate to the general interests of music, including, but not limited to arts advocacy, wellness, collaboration, outreach, performance, theory, literature and pedagogy.

- ~ Sessions are limited to 45 minutes.
- ~ Proposers must communicate with all co-presenters and/or panelists regarding their interest and availability prior to submitting a proposal. Proposals that do not list all participants will not be considered.
- ~ Proposers must submit their own work and may not submit proposals on behalf of their students or others.
- ~ All persons whose work is selected for inclusion on the program are expected to register for and attend the full conference.
- ~ Proposers agree to present on either May 23-26, should their proposal be accepted.
- ~ Electronic submissions are required. Please do not mail proposals. Email proposals to veronicadouglas0214@gmail.com

Complete proposals include the following:

1. The proposal title, format, and area of specialty.
2. An abstract not exceeding 250 words.
3. A biography of ALL involved persons (250-word maximum per person).
4. A list of required equipment
5. A list of all personnel involved in the presentation.

Submissions that do not conform to the above guidelines will not be considered. Proposers will be notified by February 15, 2019.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Veronica Douglas 2019 Conference Co-Chair Email: veronicadouglas0214@gmail.com

Planning Ahead...

Jan. 4-5, 2019
Collegiate Chapters
Piano Ped Symposium
James Madison University
Harrisonburg, VA

Saturday, January 19, 2019
TMTA Winter Board Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
Blair School of Music, Nashville

March 16-20, 2019
MTNA National Conference
Spokane, Washington

May 23-26, 2019
TMTA State Conference/Competitions
Murfreesboro, TN

Upcoming TMTA Conferences:
2020 Memphis; 2021 Knoxville; 2022
Jackson; 2023 Chattanooga; repeating
Nashville

Upcoming MTNA Conferences:
2020 Chicago, IL; 2021 Atlanta, GA; 2022
Minneapolis, MN

Message from the President



It's December! And that means it's time for us to bring joy to the world through our music! In this photo, we see a group of my students on a recent visit to their favorite senior residence. Every year I ask them – would you like to go back to visit the seniors? And they answer without hesitation, yes! How amazing it is for these young people to want to take time from their busy schedules to play music (and pass out sugar-free candy!) to our local senior community. I know that TMTA teachers and students across the state are engaged in similar outreach programs, and making spirits bright!

Equally amazing is the hard work of our board members who coordinated and planned the October 19-20 MTNA/TMTA competitions: Elaine Harriss, competition coordinator; ChiHee Hwang, Arun Nadgir, Esther Park, David Kovac, and Mary Matthews, competition chairs; and Melissa Rose, facility coordinator. We must also express gratitude to the Blair School of Music for hosting our competitions this fall. A list of all competition results are included in this newsletter. Congratulations to all student winners and their teachers!

I must add a special note of thanks to Arun Nadgir, who is stepping down from the position of Collegiate and Adult Piano Chair. Arun has enjoyed the opportunity to work closely with teachers and students from across the state. We are grateful for his many years of service. Esther Park will take over Arun's position, with Dr. Lynn Worcester-Jones (UTC) taking over Esther's duties as coordinator of the Junior Piano competitions (TMTA and MTNA). Lynn will begin her service with the 2019 summer competitions. Thank you, Esther, for assuming Arun's position, and a big welcome to Lynn!

And as we look ahead to the new year, let's mark our calendars for the 2019 TMTA Conference, May 23-26, at MTSU in Murfreesboro. Veronica Douglas, president of MTMTA, is busy planning a fantastic conference for the state, with the help of all her MTMTA members. See more information regarding the conference in this newsletter.

Here's wishing good tidings of comfort and joy to all TMTA members this holiday season!

Jeri

Upcoming Events

Tennessee Tech University 15th Annual Young Artist Piano Competition

The TTU Young Artist Piano Competition was held on September 22: the winner was Joshua Stanczak, a student of Sharon Stanczak of Murfreesboro. The Second Place award went to Micah Galicinski, student of Dr. Catherine Godes, Professor of Piano at TTU. Third place winner was Tommy Zhuo, student of Janet Linton of Bell Buckle. Fourth Place was won by Jane Keenan, student of Jama Reagan of the Blair School.

Judging the competition were Graciella Kowalczyk, Adam Clark and Kanako Reames.

TTU Piano Day

Tennessee Tech will host a Piano Day on February 9, 2019. Featured artists will be Graciella Kowalczyk and Catherine Godes. The day will include master classes and a recital featuring Kowalczyk, Godes and piano majors at TTU. For more information, contact Catherine Godes at cgodes@tntech.edu

TTU Summer Music Institute

The TTU Summer Music Institute for piano, voice and guitar will be held May 28-May 31, 2019. This event will be an immersive 3-day festival focused on small chamber ensembles, duo piano coaching and individual instruction. For more information, contact Dr. Catherine Godes at cgodes@tntech.edu

TMTA Competition Report

The 2018 Fall Performance Competitions for Tennessee were held October 19-20 at Blair School of Music on the campus of Vanderbilt University in Nashville. There were 90 entries in the MTNA competitions and TMTA's collegiate competitions. Chairs for the various categories were Dr. Ester Park for Junior Piano, Dr. Chihee Hwang for Senior Piano, Dr. Arunesh Nadgir for Young Artist Piano and TMTA Collegiate Piano, Dr. Mary Matthews for Winds and Voice, and Dr. David Kovac for Strings. Local chair for arrangements was Dr. Melissa Rose, Associate Dean at Blair. The competition committee is extremely grateful to Blair music students, NAMTA members, and TMTA executive board members who assisted with monitoring and registration. The composition competition was chaired by Dr. Jerome Reed. The results of the competitions are below.
Dr. Elaine Harriss, Competitions Coordinator

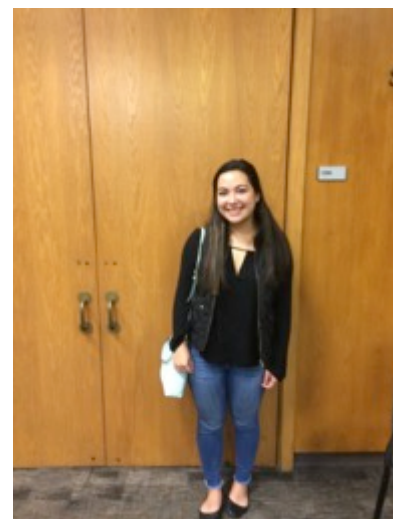
Tennessee Fall Competitions
Blair School of Music, Vanderbilt University
October 19-20, 2018

TMTA Collegiate Winner List

Piano Solo Winner: Faith van Ryckeghem	Teacher: Esther Park
Piano Solo Runner-up: Xinwen Zhang	Teacher: Chih-long Hu
Piano Ensemble Winners: Selene Wu and Rui Chi	Teacher: Chih-long Hu
Piano Ensemble Runner-up: Gian Garma and Grant Larcom	Teacher: Elaine Harriss

MTNA Tennessee State Winner List

Junior Performance String	Teacher: Cornelia Heard
Winner: Iris Shepherd	Teacher Daniel Veis
Alternate: Joshua Kovac	
Senior Performance String	Teacher: Carolyn Huebl
Winner: Sarah McGuire (bottom pic)	Teacher: Felix Wang
Alternate: Jocelyn Hartley	
Young Artist Performance String	Teacher: Carolyn Huebl
Winner: Eliza Wong (top pic)	Teacher: Cornelia Heard
Alternate: Isabel Tannenbaum (middle pic)	
Chamber Music String	
Winner: Trio Cadeau	Teacher: Carolyn Huebl
Eliza Wong	
Meghan Leong	
Miranda Shum	
Alternate: Avalon Trio	Teacher: Jerome Reed
Alayna Nicotera	
Amelia Harrison	
Elementary Composition	Teacher: Judith Fairchild
Representative: Sophia Rus	
Junior Composition	Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead
Representative: Dannie Dong	
Junior Performance Piano	Teacher Li LI
Winner: Caleb Park	Teacher: Cathal Breslin
Alternate: Marissa Lui	Teacher: Cahill Smith
Honorable Mention: Ewan Manalo	
Senior Performance Piano	
Winner: Sean Yang	Teacher: Yukiko
Whitehead	
Alternate: Aiden Hendrick	Teacher Cahill Smith
Young Artist Performance Piano	
Winner: Katherine Benson	Teacher: Chih-long Hu
Alternate: MuTong Mai	Teacher: Chih-long Hu
Honorable Mention: Songkum Yang	Teacher: Chih-long Hu
Junior Performance Woodwind	
Winner: Cindy Liu	Teacher: Myung Kim
Alternate: Marissa Liu	Teacher: Myung Kim
Senior Performance Woodwind	
Winner: Jack Allen	Teacher: Brian Utley
Alternate: Hwangyu Baek	Teacher: Cindy Kim
Winner: Andrew Gaffey	Teacher: Brian Utley
Alternate: Natalie Gregg	Teacher: Shelley Binder
Alternate: Cadre Saxophone Quartet	Teacher: Phillip Barham
Zachary McAlpin	
Brandon Gilbert	
D. J. Roberts	
Kylian Andrew	
Savannah Royston	



Pictures top to bottom
 Top: Eliza Wong
 Middle: Isabel Tannenbaum
 Bottom: Sarah McGuire

Chamber Music Winds

Teacher: Todd Waldecker

Winner: Bel Rumore Clarinet Quartet

Brianna Marie Owens
Nicholas Cody Rediker
Lee Joseph Johnson
Jacob Dean Hickman

Young Artist Performance Woodwind

Winner: Andrew Gaffey

Teacher: Brian Utley

Alternate: Natalie Gregg

Teacher: Shelley Binder

Senior Performance Voice

Representative: Rachel Mauger

Teacher: Sun-Joo Oh

Young Artist Performance Voice

Representative: Olivia Heaner

Teacher: Tyler Nelson

(Picture below left) Front Row, left to right:

Bel Rumore Clarinet Quartet,

Winner of Chamber Music Winds: Jacob Hickman, Brianna Owens, Nicholas Rediker, and Lee Johnson

Back Row, left to right:

Members of the Cadre Saxophone Quartet; Alternate of Chamber Music Winds: Zachary McAlpin, Brandon Gilbert, D. J. Roberts, Kylian Andrew

(Picture far right) L to R:

Cindy Liu, Winner, Jr. Woodwind; Marissa Liu, Alternate, Jr. Woodwind; Jack Allen, Winner, Sr.

Woodwind; Hwangyu Baek, Alternate, Sr. Woodwind.



TMTA Endowment Fund

It has been decided that the white elephant sale to benefit the endowment fund previously announced for the TMTA convention is not feasible this year. However, we need more of you to select us as your designated charity on Amazon Smile! Please follow the directions below and encourage your students and parents to do the same!

Do you shop on Amazon? If you designate "Tenn Music Teachers Assn" as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com, 0.5% of your purchases will be contributed by Amazon to the TMTA Endowment fund at NO COST to you! [Please click here](#) to select our group. You must use the abbreviated name, "Tenn Music Teachers Assn" where it asks you to choose your own organization. After enrolling, you will shop at "[Smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)" rather than Amazon.com. Please help us by spreading the news to parents and students!

Thanks,
Valerie Middleton

MTNA FOUNDATION FELLOW

Congratulations to Karen Ann Krieger!



Karen Ann Krieger, Collegiate Piano Chair and Associate Professor of Piano and Piano Pedagogy at the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University, has been designated as an MTNA Foundation Fellow. In the words of Gary Ingle, Executive Director of MTNA, in a recent letter to Karen, “this honor is bestowed by friends and colleagues upon individuals like yourself who have made a significant impact upon their lives. Their generosity to the MTNA Foundation on your behalf is indicative of their deep and abiding gratitude for your life and work.”

Karen will be recognized during the Conference Gala at the 2019 National Conference in Spokane, WA on Monday, March 18, at the Spokane Convention Center.

TMTA is proud to have Karen Ann Krieger as our 2019 MTNA Foundation Fellow!

Where are they now?



Belizean-born pianist Jeriel Jorguenson is a promising young performer and teacher. He enjoys performing and competing, and was awarded the first place award in the Beethoven Music Club Competition in Memphis in 2018. Jorguenson has also competed in the MTNA Young Artist Competitions at Blair School of Music. His love of music has allowed him to travel far and wide, including the Governor’s School for the Arts in 2012, the Interharmony Music Festival in Italy in 2013, and a visit to the Steinway factory in New York City in 2015. He has even performed on “Live in Studio C,” a classical music radio station sponsored by NPR, performing solo pieces prepared for his undergraduate senior recital.

For the past year, Jorguenson has served as the principal pianist for the University of Memphis Wind Ensemble, and performed with the University of Memphis Collegiate Choir in the spring of 2018. In addition to his performing, he served as adjudicator for the Piano and Harp Solo Competition at the Bellevue Baptist School of Performing Arts. Currently, Jorguenson also teaches class piano to undergraduate music majors at the University of Memphis.

In high school, Jorguenson studied with Mrs. Helen Gleason, and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Lipscomb University, where he studied with Dr. Jerome Reed. He is currently working on his Master of Music in Piano Performance degree at the University of Memphis with Dr. Artina McCain. While away from the piano, he enjoys reading legal and crime thrillers, drawing, and is a bit of an American history buff.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

