

TMTA Newsletter

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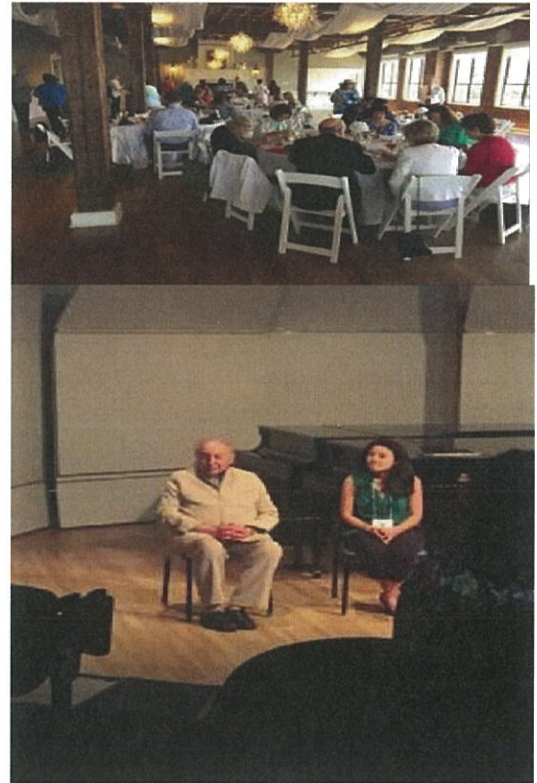
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2018 TMTA Conference RECAP

The Thrill of Teaching Music" was the theme of the 65th annual TMTA State Conference/Competitions on the East Tennessee State University campus. Conference Clinician Seymour Bernstein presented an engaging lecture on the interpretive indications in Chopin's music along with a masterclass. This was followed by a showing of the award-winning film, "Seymour: An Introduction," and a question and answer time. Seymour endeared himself to the TMTA teachers. Guest artists Sergiu Schwartz (violin) Thomas Landschoot (cello) joined ETSU's Esther Park (piano) for a stunning evening of chamber music

that concluded with the Mendelssohn Trio in D Minor. Tuesday began with a demonstration of various steps of Suzuki instruction by 20 students from the Academy of Strings that featured various stages of Suzuki instruction and was followed by masterclasses in violin and cello. The final session was a stimulating panel discussion on teaching with questions and input from TMTA members in attendance. President Paolini ended the conference at the Awards Lunch and invited everyone to the 66th conference at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro in May.

Photo: (Right) Esther Park and Seymour Bernstein (Below) Masterclass Thomas Landschoot





Front Row
Junior Woodwinds Solo Winner
Matthew Kim
Myung Kim (WTMTA), teacher

Back Row
Senior Woodwinds Solo
Hwan-Gyu Baek
Cindy Kim (KMTA), teacher

Junior Woodwinds
Concerto Winner
Marissa Liu
Myung Kim (GMMTA), teacher
Cindy Kim (KMTA), teacher

Senior Voice Winner
Olivia Preshong
Yvonne Blair (AMTA), teacher
Senior Piano Grade 10 Winner
Aidan Hartman

Senior Piano Grade 11 Winner
Sean Young
Yukiko Whitehead

Directly Below L to R
Elementary Piano Grade K/1 Winner
Elijah Kilmon
Shari Stoner-Harris (MTMTA), teacher

Elementary Piano Grade 2 Winner
Mito Mori
Kikue Yamada (KMTA), teacher

Elementary Piano Grade 3 Winner
Rosalyn Bao
Judith Fairchild (GMMTA), teacher

Junior Piano Ensemble Winner
Jeng Yee and Hongkam Chan
Luann Forrell (GMMTA), teacher

Elementary Piano Ensemble Winner
Harrison and Catherine Shao
Judith Fairchild (GMMTA), teacher

Junior Piano Concerto Winner
Yuka Yang
Yukiko Whitehead (GMMTA), teacher



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Elementary Strings Solo Winner
Eliana Kovacova
David Kovac (AMTA), teacher

Elementary Strings Ensemble Winner
Eliana Kovacova and Joshua Kovac
David Kovac (AMTA), teacher

Elementary Strings Concerto Winner
Shilo Wang
Galina Timofeev (SMMTA), teacher

Junior Strings Solo Winner
Jade Ward
Galina Timofeev (SMMTA), teacher

Senior Strings Solo Winner
Seong-Min Jeong
Ann Rylands (CMTA), teacher

Senior Piano Grade 9 Winner
Joshua Stanczak
Sharon Stanczak (MTMTA), teacher



Middle Photo cont'd.
Senior Piano Grade 12 Winner
Nicholas Stigall
David Brunell (KMTA), teacher

Senior Piano Ensemble Winner
Henry Shen and Melody Guo
David Brunell and Celeste Varagona (KMTA), teachers

Senior Piano Concerto Winner
Sean Yang
Yukiko Whitehead (GMMTA), teacher



From left to right

Elementary Piano Grade 4 Winner
Colin Xie
Heather Conner (NAMTA), teacher

Junior Piano Grade 6 Winner
Dannie Dong
Yukiko Whitehead (GMMTA), teacher

Junior Piano Grade 7 Winner
Marissa Liu
Cathal Breslin (GMTA), teacher

Junior Piano Grade 8 Winner
Luke Turner
Heather Conner (NAMTA), teacher

PLANNING AHEAD...

Sep. 7-9, 2018 Cincinnati
MTNA Leadership Summit

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

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

Oct. 19-20 2018
Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt-deadline 9/12 3pm EST

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

Upcoming TMTA Conferences 2020 Memphis, 2021 Knoxville, 2022, Jackson; 2023 Chattanooga; repeating starting in Nashville

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

TMTA ENDOWMENT FUND: SPRING CLEANING IN SEPTEMBER

At this time of year when we are planning the academic calendar and looking ahead to the year's events, I would ask you to keep the **TMTA Endowment Fund** in mind. There will be a "white elephant" sale at the state convention in Murfreesboro with proceeds going to the endowment fund. Please start thinking about items you might donate for the sale, musical or not. I will be asking you to send me a list of donations by the end of April so that we can plan on the space we need. The only rule will be, "If you bring it and it doesn't sell, you take it home!" So, needless to say, you or a friend will need to bring it to the convention and possibly take it away. If anyone has musical instruments or larger items to donate, we might be able to sell it using a photograph. Yours, Valerie Middleton TMTA Endowment

MTNA Foundation

Karen Krieger has been nominated for a 2019 MTNA Foundation Fellow. Please show her your appreciation and support by sending in contributions to the MTNA Foundation and naming her to receive the credit. Each nominee now has to receive \$1500 in contributions. The amount has been raised by MTNA.

Also I am still accepting nominations for other fellow nominees. Contact me if you wish to nominate and help raise the funds at jfwnctm@bellsouth.net.

Special thanks to all contributors.

This is a special honor for all of the Foundation Fellow nominees.

Sincerely,

Judy F. Warrington, NCTM
MTNA Foundation Chair



Karen Ann Krieger is the collegiate piano chair and associate professor of piano and piano pedagogy at the Vanderbilt University Blair School of Music where she established a TMTA/MTNA collegiate student chapter. "Make music and have fun, and remember it's not about you, it's about the music" is Krieger's oft-repeated mantra to her students, one of whom recently performed the Rachmaninoff 3rd piano concerto with the Vanderbilt Orchestra. Krieger is also a nationally certified teacher through MTNA and for the past fifteen years has served on the TMTA state board, in addition to several years on the NAMTA board. In 2017, she was awarded the NAMTA Service Recognition Award in appreciation for her outstanding and dedicated service to the Nashville area music community.

Through the years, Krieger has presented at various local chapters around Tennessee, at southern division state conferences and at MTNA national conferences. She is also a frequent adjudicator around the southeast.

Krieger is proud that over the years her elementary, high school and collegiate students have won auditions in NAMTA, TMTA, as well as placing in MTNA divisional and national auditions. Many of her students have gone on to teach at leading universities. She credits her success to teaching all ages and to a well-rounded education at Western Illinois University and the University of Illinois.

Before coming to Vanderbilt University in 1988, Krieger was Assistant Professor of Piano at Columbus State University in Georgia, and an award-winning TV journalist in Columbus and Nashville, TN. She 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, most recently, with the Huntsville Youth Orchestra. She

(Kreiger cont'd) has also toured with saxophonist Neal Ramsay through Columbia Artists, New York, performing on both piano and accordion.

Krieger has compositions published by Alfred and FJH and has received a contract with Hal Leonard for her collegiate textbook: *Group Piano: Proficiency in Theory and Performance*, with contributing editor Elizabeth Cormier. She is especially honored to be nominated as a MTNA Foundation Fellow by colleagues in East Tennessee.

2018 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Melissa K. Rose (NAMTA)



Congratulations to Melissa Rose! Melissa's lengthy career of service to TMTA includes chairing the Instrumental, Vocal, and Chamber Music Competitions from 2005-2014; TMTA President from 2015-2017; and current Past President.

As a pianist, Melissa has a 30-year career partnering with instrumentalists and singers in concerts throughout the United States and at venues in Argentina, Malta, Santorini and Russia. She is a sought-after collaborative pianist whom critics describe as "powerfully musical" (*Kansas City Star*) and "an exceptional partner" (*kcmetropolis.org*).

Melissa has performed for 23 years with the Summerfest Chamber Music Series in Kansas City. In Nashville she is a member of ALIAS Chamber Ensemble and performs frequently with the Nashville Ballet. She has recorded and edited arrangements for viola/piano of the *Tonadillas* by Granados (*ViolaSound*), one of which was included in the 2017 Grammy-nominated music film *The Music of Strangers*. Her chamber music recordings are on the Naxos, Centaur, Blue Griffin, Delos, Good Child Music, and Navona Records labels. She recently recorded two works by Paul Moravec: *Tempest Fantasy* with ALIAS (Delos 2016) and a premiere of the *Trio* with Leslie Norton, horn, and Jared Hauser, oboe (forthcoming on Good Child Music).

Melissa received the master's degree in solo piano performance from the Yale School of Music and a D.M.A. in collaborative piano from the University of Michigan, where she studied with Martin Katz. She started her teaching career at Truman State University, and in 1996 joined the faculty at Blair, where she teaches courses in collaborative piano and chamber music and also serves as associate dean of the collegiate program.

2018 Teacher of the Year



ChiHee Hwang (NAMTA)

Congratulations to ChiHee Hwang! ChiHee has been a member of the piano faculty at the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University for 13 years. She served NAMTA as Vice-President of Programs for 3 years, is currently serving as NAMTA's FallFest Chair (since 2012), as well as the MTNA/TMTA Senior Piano Fall Competition Chair (since 2014). ChiHee has been the recipient of NAMTA's Outstanding Service Award for her work for the organization.

Recognized for her teaching abilities, ChiHee has been invited to serve as a music instructor at the International Christian Academy of Nagoya, Japan (2008) and at the Soongeui Women's College, Seoul, Korea (2015). Her students regularly receive top awards in many local and state-level piano competitions, such as TMTA state competitions, Young Artist Achievement Awards, Blair Pre-College Piano Competitions, and Clavierfest. She frequently appears as an adjudicator at various piano competitions and auditions, including the Georgia Music Teachers Association's MTNA competition, Nashville Piano Achievement Competitions, Junior Federation Piano Festival, Nashville Music Teachers Association Annual Auditions, as well as the competitions organized by the Tennessee and Alabama music teachers associations.

ChiHee was selected by the Korean Ministry of Education among Koreans abroad to receive a full scholarship to attend Hanyang University in Seoul, Korea, where she obtained her Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees. She also completed her second Master of Music degree at The University of Tennessee where she taught Class Piano as a graduate teaching assistant. Her solo piano mentors include David Brunell and Eun-Mo Chung, and her piano pedagogy mentors were Fay Adams and Patricia Z. Carter. An experienced clinician, ChiHee is certified in numerous pedagogical methods, including the Orff-Schulwerk, Suzuki, and Robert Pace approaches. She and her students also have studied with Sheila Paige.

ChiHee has performed solo and chamber recitals in Korea and United States, featuring repertoire such as Béla Bartók's Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion with Professor Patricia Z. Carter. Her performances have been broadcasted WNPT-2 Television and WUOT 91.9 FM. In recent years, she has been sought after particularly in the area of duo piano performances.

Message from President Jeri Paolini



TOGETHER *We Can Make It Happen!*

Here we are - Esther, Olivia, and myself - working together this past June, along with many others - Ben Caton; AMTA and SMMTA members; TMTA board members and competition coordinators; guests artists Seymour Bernstein, Sergiu Schwartz, Thomas Landschoot, and Tim and Kim Barrett; in collaboration with the ETSU Department of Music – ***TOGETHER*** we made it happen – another great TMTA State Conference and Competitions! Plans are underway for the 2019 TMTA Conference, May 23-26, 2019, at MTSU in Murfreesboro. Mark your calendar for next year's Memorial weekend conference!

TOGETHER, TMTA local association presidents, along with their executive officers, work to organize stimulating programs and activities for their local members. We thank our retiring local presidents for their service, and welcome the new local presidents to the TMTA board: Nancy Teague (CMTA), Linda Williams (MAMTA), Amanda Welch (NAMTA), Jeanette Hawk (SMMTA), and Terry McRoberts (WTMTA). Other new board members include Karen Caldwell, Facebook Chair, and Yi-Yang Chen, Web Contact Co-Chair. Karen will be setting up a private Local Presidents Forum on TMTA's Facebook page. And Yi-Yang will be assisting Cahill Smith in maintaining our website.

TOGETHER, TMTA's competition coordinators will plan a rewarding fall competitions experience for TMTA students and teachers. The MTNA/TMTA Fall Competitions will take place October 19-20, at the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University. Students must register by Wednesday, September 12, 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

TOGETHER you and I can step up to the challenge proposed by our Membership Chair, Terry McRoberts,. Read more about his initiative in this newsletter. Let's work together to reverse the MTNA national and TMTA state trend of declining memberships.

And finally, ***TOGETHER*** you and I can tirelessly strive to inspire our students, touch the hearts of our audiences - and in the process, become better human beings.

UPCOMING

COMPETITIONS

AND FESTIVALS

Tennessee Tech University

The 14th annual TTU Young Artist Piano Competition will be held on September 22. Application deadline is September 7.
The application is available at the TTU School of Music website: tntech.edu/music

University of Memphis

The 2nd annual Memphis International Piano Festival and Competition will be held on Friday, October 5-7th at the Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music located at the University of Memphis. Featuring weekend extravaganza artists from faculty and international guests. Over \$3000 in prize money and competitive events: Bright juniors 6-9; young stars 10-13; young artists 14-17; collegiate 18-32.

Registration fee \$50

Deadline September 21st

For more info: www.memphisipfc.com

Bryan College

The Performing Arts Workshop is a one-day event on Saturday, October 27th held on the Bryan College campus in Dayton, Tennessee. We aim to bring talented young artists from Tennessee and nearby areas together. The workshop includes instrumental, piano, voice, and theatre tracks taught by Bryan College professors as well as a choice of elective classes. Any high school student with an interest in the performing arts is welcome to apply; priority deadline is September 24. A fee of \$35 for the workshop includes the cost of music, activities, lunch for the day, admission to the Hilltop Players evening theatre show, and a t-shirt and is due by mail after you receive your acceptance letter. For additional information or questions, please call 423-775-7282 or email Olivia.Ellis@bryan.edu.

To register, follow this link: www.bryan.edu/arts-workshop.

7th Annual Carson-Newman Piano Master Class

A free opportunity for high school students to perform and receive feedback from Carson-Newman faculty. Saturday, November 3, 2018

Find more information by clicking [here](#)

MTNA COMPETITIONS

The deadline for entry into the 2019 MTNA competitions is **3:00 p.m. Eastern time on Wednesday, September 12, 2018**. Please make your applications the week before that deadline. You will need credit card numbers and accurate information on the student's repertoire, including timings and historical periods. In addition, teacher dues or a non member fee must be paid before the student can enter. The deadline is firm and late applications will not be accepted by the national office.

The Tennessee state preliminaries for the MTNA 2019 competitions and all TMTA collegiate/adult competitions will take place October 19 and 20, 2018, at Blair School of Music on the Vanderbilt campus. Please note that all competitions will take place on Saturday October 20. The only categories competing on both Friday AND Saturday are those so large that one day is inadequate. Please be sure your students are aware they may need to compete on Friday. If your students have time concerns, it is your responsibility to contact the state chair of the applicable category BEFORE the entry deadline. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate, but the state chair must know as soon as possible. Once the schedule is set, changes can't be made.

TMTA JUNE COMPETITIONS-TMTA expresses its gratitude to those who worked so diligently for the 2018 June state competitions held at ETSU in Johnson City. Competition chairs were Dr. David Kovac, chamber, vocal, and instrumental; Dr. Ryan Fogg, senior piano; Dr. Esther Park, junior piano, and Dr. Lora Gubanov, elementary piano. There were 164 entrants in the state competitions in piano, strings, voice, and woodwind. Results of the competition are as follows:

TMTA ELEMENTARY PIANO

Grade K-1 Solo

Winner: Elijah Kilmon

Runner Up: Celeste Bao

Honorable Mention: Mae Li

Teacher: Sheri Stoner-Harris, MTMTA

Teacher: Judith Fairchild, GMMTA

Teacher: Jerilyn Paolini, AMTA

Grade 2 Solo

Winner: Mito Mori

Runner Up: Samantha Coplan

Teacher: Kikue Yamada, KMTA

Teacher: Lauren Coplan, NAMTA

Grade 3 Solo

Winner: Rosalyn Bao

Runner Up: Ella Liu

Honorable Mention: Catherine Shao

Teacher: Judith Fairchild, GMMTA

Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead, GMMTA

Teacher: Judith Fairchild, GMMTA

Grade 4 Solo

Winner: Colin Xie

Runner Up: Florence Yu

Honorable Mention: Addis Shiberou

Teacher: Heather Conner, NAMTA

Teacher: Judith Fairchild, GMMTA

Teacher: Lora Gubanov, GMMTA

Grade 5 Solo

Winner: Yuki Wang

Runner Up: Katie Wang

Honorable Mention: Harrison Shao

Teacher: Fay Adams, KMTA

Teacher: Jerome Reed

Teacher: Judith Fairchild, GMMTA

Elementary Piano Concerto

Winner: Catherine Shao

Teacher: Judith Fairchild, GMMTA

Elementary Piano Ensemble

Winner: Catherine Shao and Harrison Shao

Teacher: Judith Fairchild, GMMTA

TMTA JUNIOR PIANO

Grade 6 Solo

Winner: Dannie Dong

Alternate: Haruki Takeuchi

Honorable Mention: Allen Feng

Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead (GMMTA)

Teacher: Stephanie Northington (KMTA)

Teacher: Jerilyn Paolini (AMTA)

Grade 7 Solo

Winner: Marissa Liu

Alternate: Yuka Yang

Teacher: Cathal Breslin (GMMTA)

Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead (GMMTA)

Grade 8 Solo

Winner: Luke Turner

Alternate: Carissa Shuxteau

Teacher: Heather Conner (NAMTA)

Teacher: Valerie Middleton (NAMTA)

Honorable Mention: Jackson Shue

Junior Piano Concerto

Winner: Yuka Yang

Alternate: Alice Tang

Junior Piano Ensemble

Winners: JengYee & HongKam Chan

Alternate: Henry & Florence Yu

TMTA SENIOR PIANO

Grade 9 Solo

Winner: Joshua Stanczak

Runner-Up: Campbell Rutherford

Grade 10 Solo

Winner: Aidan Hartman

Runner-Up: Kevin Xian

Grade 11 Solo

Winner: Sean Yang

Runner-Up: Henry Shen

Grade 12 Solo

Winner: Nicholas Stigall

Runner-Up: Monet Harriman

Senior Piano Concerto

Winner: Sean Yang

Runner-Up: Aidan Hartman

Senior Piano Ensemble

Melody Guo

TMTA INSTRUMENTAL

Junior Woodwinds Solo

Winner: Matthew Kim, flute

Junior Woodwinds Concerto

Winner: Marissa Liu, flute

Senior Woodwinds Solo

Winner: Hwan-Gyu Baek, flute

Elementary Strings Solo

Winner: Eliana Kovacova, violin

Runner-Up: Shilo Wang, violin

Elementary Strings Ensemble

Winners: Eliana Kovacova, violin
and Joshua Kovac, cello

Elementary Strings Concerto

Winner: Shilo Wang, violin

Junior Strings Solo

Winner: Jade Ward, violin

Runner-Up: Skylar Zou, violin

Junior Strings Concerto

Winner: Jade Ward, violin

Senior Strings Solo Winner: Seong-Min Jeong, violin

Runner up: Mason Crowder, violin

TMTA VOICE

Senior Voice

Winner: Olivia Preshong

Teacher- Fay Adams (KMTA)

Teacher- Yukiko Whitehead (GMMTA)

Teacher- David Brunell (KMTA)

Teacher- Luann Forell (GMMTA)

Teacher: Judith Fairchild (GMMTA)

Teacher: Sharon Stanczak (MTMTA)

Teacher: Rachel Acuff (KMTA)

Teacher: David Brunell (KMTA)

Teacher: Heather Conner (NAMTA)

Teachers: Yukiko Whitehead (GMMTA)

Teacher: David Brunell (KMTA)

Teacher: David Brunell (KMTA)

Teacher: Rachel Acuff (KMTA)

Teacher: Yukiko Whitehead (GMMTA)

Teacher: David Brunell (KMTA)

Teachers: David Brunell and Celeste

Teacher: Myung Kim (WTMTA)

Teacher: Myung Kim (GMMTA)

Teacher: Cindy Kim (KMTA)

Teacher: David Kovac (AMTA)

Teacher: Galina Timofeev (AMTA)

Teacher: David Kovac (AMTA)

Teacher: Galina Timofeev (SMMTA)

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Teacher: Mary Fennell (KMTA)

Teacher: Yvonne Blair (AMTA)