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2020 State Conference & Competitions

May 30-31, June 1-2, Memphis

The Art of the Musical Illusion

The Greater Memphis Music Association is looking forward to seeing you May 30 & 31 for the TMTA Competitions and June 1 & 2 for the 67th TMTA Conference.

Our conference clinician is Marvin Blickenstaff, who has excellent videos online you might like to preview.

<https://youtu.be/HltRyN4UxSo>

<https://youtu.be/8NP6rfHLhbQ>

Dr. Igor Lapinski is our Conference Artist. Several of you may have met Dr. Lapinski when he was affiliated with the University of Tennessee Knoxville. Follow these links for videos of Dr. Lapinski.

<https://youtu.be/wcvYiXTwUBM>

<https://youtu.be/hI-u-3ZOVoe>

Thanks to our TMTA President Kevin Richmond, we are delighted to be able to offer dorm rooms for the 2020 TMTA Conference. Below is the information and contact person.

Housing is available to individuals, groups, and interns at Centennial Place. This residence hall features air-conditioned rooms furnished with two beds, dressers, desks, chairs, and closets. Each floor has gender-based 'wings' where guest rooms are located. Each wing offers semi-private baths with mirror/sink areas. Free laundry facilities are provided on each floor as well as a kitchen with stoves, microwaves, sinks, and an ice machine. Centennial Place offers gender-based apartment-style units with 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and a shared living room/kitchen area.

RATE INFORMATION:

Short Term Housing (1-29 nights)

Double Occupancy Rate *Double means two individuals in the room.

without linens: \$28.00 per night

with linens: \$30.00 per night

Single Occupancy *Single means one person in the room, based on availability.

without linens: \$34.00 per night

with linens: \$36.00 per night

Parking is available at an estimated rate of \$3.00 per day

The university is now taking reservations for summer dorm housing. Those interested should contact: Ms. Tiffany Murphy, tyoung@memphis.edu, 901-678-6070

There is a hotel across from the street from the University of Memphis. We were not able to obtain a special rate for the conference.

Holiday Inn University of Memphis: 3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

Phone: 901-678-8200 / 901-678-2957; Fax: 901-678-0536

Fogelman Executive Conference Center & Hotel (on campus): 901-678-3700

MTNA Southern Division Competition

Southern Division Winners: Tennessee was well represented in the 2020 Southern Division Competitions. The winners will represent the Southern Division at the 2020 MTNA Conference in Chicago. Tennessee's winners and alternates are listed below.

Junior Performance String

Winner: Iris Shepherd

Teacher: Cornelia Heard

Junior Performance Woodwind

Winner: Marissa Liu

Teacher: Myung Kim

Senior Performance String

Winner: Kingston Ho

Teacher: Cornelia Heard

Young Artist Performance Brass

Alternate: Nicholas Fisher

Teacher: Stephanie

Frye-Clark

Young Artist Performance String

Alternate: Melody Sim

Teacher: Carolyn Heubl

Young Artist Composition

Winner: Jesse Jennings

Teacher: Jerome Reed

Honorable Mentions: Upon recommendation from the TMTA Executive Board, the competition committee has increased the number of honorable mentions allowed at the state level. Previously there was no honorable mention for 10 or fewer entries, 1 honorable mention for 11 to 20 entries, and 2 honorable mentions for 21-30 entries. Below is the new policy which will take effect this year.

1-5 entries	0
6-10 entries	1
11-20 entries	2
21-30 entries	3
31 or more entries	4

TMTA Competitions

TMTA Summer Competitions: The 2020 summer competitions will take place Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31. Elementary (grades K-5) and junior (grades 6-8) piano solo, piano concerto, and piano ensemble will take place on Saturday; all strings, winds, voice, chamber music, and senior piano events will take place on Sunday. Applications must be made online. Teachers are responsible for the entries and are strongly encouraged to make or supervise their students' entries. Completed applications and fees for the spring state competitions must be submitted by 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Savings Time, May 1, 2020. Late entries are not accepted. Please note there is an administrative fee of \$3.00 for each application. There will also be a non-member teacher fee charged as applicable. No changes in repertoire may be made after that time. If you expect a time conflict with an accompanist or another event, you MUST notify the respective chairman when you make the entry. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate but can't be guaranteed. Once the schedule is set, it can't be altered.

Requirements and regulations for the competitions are in the TMTA Auditions Syllabus which is on the TMTA website. Teachers may find the Syllabus on the TMTA Competitions page under the heading, "TMTA Auditions and Competitions Syllabus @ August 1, 2014." Hard copies may be purchased from Competition Syllabus Chair, Barbara Hildebrand. Teachers are responsible for following the information in the "Auditions and Competitions Syllabus," including approved composers and the quality of literature expected for these competitions. If there is a question regarding literature, please contact your local and state chair for approval. Note that to enter the state concerto competition, the student must also enter the state solo competition.

Fall Competitions: The 2020 fall competitions for all MTNA entrants and TMTA collegiate level entrants will be Saturday, November 7, at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville. Should any category require more than one day, Friday evening will be used. Mary Matthews and Catherine Godes will be the local coordinators.

2019 MTNA Competitions

2019 Young Artist Piano

Winner, Max Randal

Alternate, Katherine Benson

Honorable Mention, Aidan Hedrick (not pictured)



Max Randal



Katherine Benson



Samantha Hearn

2019 JUNIOR PIANO

Winner, Ewan Manalo

Alternate, Marissa Liu



Ewan Manalo



Marissa Liu



Alternate and Judges



Young Artist Woodwinds



Junior and Senior Woodwinds



MTNA Young Artist Brass



TMTA State Competition



TMTA Board Meeting Dinner

TMTA Member Announcements

East/West International Piano Festival Publicity Release

HAVE YOU BEEN WANTING TO EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT OF SOUTH KOREA???

Here is your opportunity! The East/West International Piano Festival will hold its fifth annual summer festival in Seoul, South Korea from July 27 th to August 8th, 2020. The first three festivals were held in major locations throughout China before the Festival moved to Seoul, South Korea in 2019. Founded in 2016 by Dr. David Northington, the Festival is open to gifted students and teachers of all ages, and provides an opportunity for students to study with an outstanding international faculty, including Dr. Jerome Reed from Nashville (Lipscomb University) and Dr. David Northington from Knoxville (Powell Endowed Professor Emeritus from the University of Tennessee). In addition, the Festival is excited to welcome the following outstanding Tennessee artist/teachers who are also members of TMTA: Dr. Lora Gubanov of Memphis (LeMoyne-Owen College of Memphis), and Dr. Olivia Ellis from Dayton (Bryan College). The application deadline is June 15th, and complete information on the Festival and its distinguished faculty is available on the official website: www.ewpianofest.com. For further questions, please contact Dr. David Northington at dnorthin@utk.edu. SEE YOU IN SOUTH KOREA!!!

On February 2, 2020, 5 students had the privilege of singing a concert in Carnegie Hall with the National Honors Choir. Finalists were chosen from over a thousand students auditioning from around the world. These five students study with Ivy Blair and Mason VanBuren at Blair Academy for the Arts in Johnson City, TN.

Each student was asked to sing an Italian art song in addition to one or two contrasting pieces. Upon evaluation approximately 185 students were asked to perform. The students were set among students from Sante Fe, California, Georgia, Alabama, Virginia, Maine, Florida, and Ohio in their group. The honors choir itself had students from China, the Netherlands, Australia, Canada and the Emirates. These students learned a total of seven pieces under the direction of Dr Jeffrey Redding. The concert boasted a full house in attendance, performing an array of international music - classical, jazz, and modern.



Left to right: Bella Beane from Gray, TN ; Madison McClelland from Elizabethton, TN; Rachel Rees from Gray, TN ; Michael Rees from Gray, TN ; and Thomas Wade from Johnson City, TN

Remembering Dr. Philip Autry



On February 20th, 2020, we lost a friend and valued member of our community, Dr. Philip E. Autry, D.M.A., after a year-long battle with cancer.

Dr. Autry was born in Humboldt, TN on April 9, 1965 and raised in Milan, TN. After graduating from Jackson Christian School, he earned the Bachelor of Science from Lipscomb University, the Master of Arts from Middle Tennessee State University, and the Doctor of Musical Arts from University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Autry served on faculty at Fisk University since 2000, most recently

serving as Music Discipline Coordinator. He held a robust career in piano performance and music mentorship, participating and leading numerous organizations in music. Dr. Autry is survived by his loving partner, Nestor Figueroa, father Max Autry, brother Charles Autry, cousin Linda Gibson, niece Tracy, nephews Chad and Brent, great nieces Lilly and Adelaide, and other family and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to the music program at Fisk University's Department of Arts and Languages.

Source: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/nashville-tn/philip-autry-9046169>

Local Chapter Spotlight

Nashville Area MTA



NAMTA was proud to host its 2020 Winter Workshop on February 15th. We were pleased to have two guest speakers. Without coordinating topics, the theme that arose that weekend was “Motivation!”

Our first speaker, Doreen Hall, motivated our teachers with her presentation “Teach, Play, Love.” She wanted to motivate teachers to fully dive in and love what we do! She offered teachers a Teaching Roadmap with ideas on how to create a studio mission statement, how to find a personal niche, and how to create an education plan for each student.

Then, our next speaker, Yi-Yang Chen, spoke to us about how to motivate our students. He encouraged us to have students listen to the musical contemporaries of the “standard” composers such as Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven. In doing so, students discover many hidden gems of music they connect with and are unique to them. Yi-Yang also encouraged us to teach repertoire from living composers. He treated us to one of his compositions which was incredible to witness! Yi-Yang finished the workshop by giving a master class to four students, each from a different grade category which provided many insights throughout the levels!



We are looking forward to our upcoming audition, recital, and competition season. We also are looking forward to our “Teacher Celebration.” This is the meeting in which we award our Distinguished Service award and our Teacher of the Year award. We are excited to try something new this year and have a community spotlight. We are asking members who want to participate to submit a story, accomplishment, or photo from their studio. We want to highlight all the ways we have been inspired as teachers this year!

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Welch, Nashville Area Music Teachers Association President

Middle Tennessee MTA

MTMTA has been focusing solely on student performances this year, including a Master Class led by Dr. Lynn Worcester Jones from UT Chattanooga. Another note of interest will be pianist Dr. Arunesh Nadgir performing for the final recital of the 2019-2020 MTSU Keyboard Artist Series. The concert will be on Friday, March 27 at 7:30pm in Hinton Hall on the MTSU campus. His program will consist of:

Beethoven: Sonata in A-flat Major, Op. 26 and Sonata in E Major, Op. 109

Paul Osterfield: Piano Variations

Debussy: La Fille aux Chevaux de Lin and L’isle Joyeuse

Tickets can be purchased at the door: \$10 Adults, \$5 Seniors, free with MTSU ID or if under 18 years old.

We would like to see our TMTA colleagues at this concert. Sincerely, Pat Ward, MTMTA President

Chattanooga MTA

The Chattanooga MTA Executive Board made plans for this year last summer at a gourmet brunch in the home of our president, Wanda Everett. Our meetings so far have been the following:



September--Meet and greet time with refreshments, followed by a program of works by female composers. Performers were members Bryony Stroud-Watson (violin) and Dr. Olivia Ellis (piano).

October--Member Lou Ann Yackley Pope gave a hands-on session about Tonara, the "Ultimate Music Practice App for Teacher and Students," which she developed.



November--Dr. Martha Summa-Chadwick presented an excellent session on the topic "Practical Advice about Teaching Special Needs Students."

January--A favorite meeting comes in January each year, when we have a roundtable discussion about topics of interest to our members. (Not pictured)

February--Member Andrea Shepherd Tierney discussed "Injury Preventive Keyboard Technique," with a model skeleton, abundant reading material on display, and audience participation.

In **March**, we will have a Piano and Violin Master Class with teachers Dr. Lynn Worcester Jones, piano and Dr. Wendy Case, violin. In May, we will have our scholarship winners recital, Teacher of the Year presentation, and reception. We are pleased to offer scholarships for summer music camp attendance as well as scholarships to graduating high school seniors. New this year is the availability of a professional development grant for our members.



Planning Ahead

2020 MTNA National Conference

March 21-25, 2020

Chicago, Illinois

2020 TMTA Conference and Competition

May 30-June 2, 2020

Memphis, Tennessee

2020 National Group Piano/ Piano Pedagogy Forum

July 24-25, 2020

Oberlin, Ohio

Upcoming TMTA Conferences

2021 Knoxville; 2022 Jackson;

2023 Chattanooga;

2024 Nashville; 2025 Martin;

2026 Johnson;

repeating Murfreesboro

Upcoming MTNA Conferences

2021 Atlanta; 2022 Minneapolis