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Message from the President



Donna Banks

Becoming an officer in MMTA is an extremely mysterious process. I say that because it is still a mystery to me how I became secretary of the MMTA Executive Board in 1990. I had moved to the State in July of 1989 and my only experience with the group had been to take my 3rd grade daughter, Mary, to local auditions in Winona, MS.

That day in Winona was a rainy one, and the children had to go outside and down an alley for part of the auditions. They had to warm-up on old Sunday-school pianos and walk down an alley to the public library to play their pieces. On the way, Mary slipped and skinned her knee. Well, I invited them all to Delta State for auditions the following year because the accommodations were better. The teachers said they would love to come!

The following January, people started sending me registration information for local auditions. What I didn't realize was that I had somehow appointed myself Local Auditions Coordinator when I thought I would just be making coffee and unlocking the doors! Now I had not one, but two offices in Mississippi Music Teachers Association, both mysteriously acquired. In 2003, I am still active in hosting local auditions – it seems to be a lifetime commitment!

Taking minutes at my first Executive Board meeting was an interesting experience, since I had never met a single person on the board and I did not know what any of the issues were that the people were discussing. Imagine taking minutes at a meeting when you have to ask everyone their name when they speak! I think it was later that year when Delta State hosted the famous State Special Recognition Recitals when you had to navigate the campus by canoe because of the rain.

Somewhere along the way I was asked to accept the nomination as treasurer of the Board, but when I told Joel Harrison that I had not balanced my checkbook for 10 years, he withdrew the offer and asked if I would think about the office of Parliamentarian. Those of you who know me well will understand the humor that this position carries with it. I know little about any normal procedures, much less

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~ From the Editor ~

*It is my pleasure to assume the editorship of the MMTA Newsletter from Janet Gray, who published the newsletter for the past two years. I hope you enjoy the new look of this publication and will feel free to pass along your comments and suggestions as time goes by. Please adhere to the deadlines for receipt of any materials you may wish to submit for the next publication. **Summer edition submissions should be received no later than May 23 , 2003.** Whenever possible, please e-mail materials (including written articles, photos or ads) to ihominic@olemiss.edu.*

Thank you ♦ . – Ian Hominick

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parliamentary ones. I was, however, Parliamentarian for two years.

At the convention when I was to be elected Vice-President for Competitions, Jeff McClelland laughed uproariously each and every time he saw me. You see, if you have had this job, you can hardly wait to give it to the next person! From Jeff I received a box of files and his condolences! (Since Jeff left the State soon thereafter, I don't know how I would have made it without the help of Sharon Lebsack from USM.)

Speaking of Sharon, she called to ask me to take the office of President-elect. By this time, I had become accustomed to taking offices that I knew nothing about and had to learn and feel my way as I did them, so I said yes. Suddenly I found myself a grant-writer, (did I mention you have to do things you know nothing about?) a convention planner, a contract writer and also the local coordinator since the Convention was to be at DSU.

The MTNA Summit meeting in Cincinnati is supposed to train state presidents for their jobs. Well, this state president came away feeling a bit overwhelmed with all of the issues that were presented. I hope I am up to the job.

One thing you can be sure about in MMTA so far as jobs are concerned: **THERE IS CERTAINLY ONE FOR YOU!!!** No one expects you to be perfect. No one expects you to already be trained. All anyone expects from you is that you care about the welfare of our discipline, of our students and our organization. If you would like a job (there are vacancies) contact me at: dbanks@deltastate.edu. ♦

MMTA Celebrates 30-Year Awards

Ms. Josephine D'Arpa has served on the faculty of the Winters School of Music at William Carey College since 1965. A noted soprano, Ms. D'Arpa has distinguished herself as a performer of cantata and oratorio literature, performing throughout the southern U.S. and Brazil. An active member of MMTA and NATS, her students consistently excel in state and regional competitions. In addition to her responsibilities as a teacher, she is serving as minister of music at Court Street United Methodist Church in Hattiesburg.



Josephine D'Arpa



Dr. Paul Anderson

Dr. Paul D. Anderson retired as Professor of Music at The University of Southern Mississippi having served from 1965-1999. During that time, he was Assistant Dean of the College of Fine Arts, President of MMTA from 1986-88 and was Organist and Choirmaster of Trinity Episcopal Church,

Hattiesburg, from 1967-1999. Since retirement, he splits his time between Hattiesburg and New Orleans.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Jackie Edwards-Henry

As of January 24, 2003, MMTA has 251 members. We welcome our newest regular and reinstating members, Gregory Engell of Calhoun City and Diane Mize of Meadville.

The process for sending handbooks/syllabi to new members changed in November, 2002. Formerly, the President kept copies of the handbook/syllabus and sent them to new members. Now, the Vice President for Membership has these copies and will send them to new members. The most current edition is from Fall, 1999. Since its printing, many changes have been made. I am in the process of producing a sheet alerting new

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COMPETITIONS REPORT – Angela Willoughby

The annual convention and competition for MMTA was held this past November (Oct. 31-Nov.2) at Mississippi College in Clinton. The total number of participants in the competition was greater than the year before by almost 40. Over 200 students applied to participate, although, as usual, a few dropped out before the actual day of competition. The number of participating teachers was nearly the same as the year before, with a slight increase.

Changes implemented in the previous summer seemed to enhance the procedure this year, and alleviate some logistical problems. In lieu of a joint awards ceremony, area chairs presented the certificates immediately following the conclusion of the final competition of the day. This gave area chairs more involvement with participants and judges as well. It was also a relief to the current competition chair! All in all, more people went away with their adjudication sheets, certificates, and/or medals. One refinement for next year will be to include a letter from the Vice President for Public Relations with instructions for sending pictures and other materials for printing in the MMT.

A big word of thanks goes to Bob Knupp, a relative newcomer to MMTA, who fulfilled the role of campus liason with the greatest of ease! He certainly went “the extra mile” in several situations, including negotiating fees being waived for the use of Swor Auditorium.

One more word of thanks goes to Jeff Brown at Jones Junior College for making the new web site a reality. From the posting of the new rules and policies to seeing the results on the site immediately after the competition, the web site is just beginning to make us more efficient, not to mention, a bit more “up-to-date.”

Just for the record, Graham was a wonderful president. It can't be “brown-nosing” if he's not president anymore! ♦

PRE-COLLEGE ACTIVITIES – Jacquelyn Thornell

The dates for the MMTA District Audition are April 5, for Group B (as listed in the Syllabus, page 7) and April 12, for Group A. Letters have been sent to all district chairs with copies of the current requirements for all levels and KT & T Adjudication forms. I have received information on several errors regarding requirements and scoring on the KT & T form, which will be corrected and provided for district chairs along with tests for 2003. The one correction of interest to you now regards Level 1B: (A2) scales. This should read “hands alone or together.” Jan Mesrobian very efficiently made arrangements with Hinds Community College for the use of facilities for the May 10, SSRR, reserving the appropriate rooms. I encourage all members to help in your area auditions (and thank your district chair!), and plan now to help at SSRR. ♦

SPECIAL STATE RECOGNITION RECITALS

HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2003

(Membership Report cont.)

members to updates and copying the portions of the syllabus to send to new members with the Fall, 1999 Handbook/Syllabus. I apologize to new members for the delay caused by this change in procedure. Your copies are on their way to you. If you have not received your copy, please e-mail me at jeh@ra.msstate.edu or call me at 662-325-2864.

I recommend to the Board to consider reprinting an updates edition of the handbook/syllabus to send to new members beginning in 2003. This would enable the Vice President for Membership to get copies to new members in a more timely fashion. ♦

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– from Marvin Blickenstaff

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- Technology Hub for hands-on experience with the latest studio equipment
- Mini-concerts twice daily by pre-college students featuring age-appropriate music
- Evening concert presented by national MTNA winners
- Forums on Piano Pedagogy to discuss in small groups the issues facing us in our studios: practice, remedial reading, and contests/auditions

IN ADDITION, consider this:

- a pre-conference seminar for independent teachers addressing the topics of Studio Design, Polishing our Image, Research in the Private Studio, The Professionalism Portfolio, and The Summer Anti-Slump
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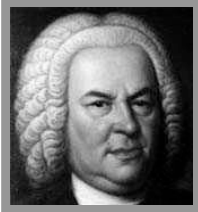
... at the MMTA Conference Registration Table ...



beginning DAY 1 ...



...and ending DAY 2



2003 Bach Festival Report



Five-Year Superior Winners

Jane Armstrong (Jacquelyn Thornell); Krissy Ford (Jane Fox);
Annalissa Grant (Celia Henley); Dee Wu (Isabella Ivshin)

2003 Festival Winners

ADVANCED PERFORMANCE:	1 st Place	Emily Etheridge	(Karen Laubengayer)
SENIOR PRELUDE & FUGUE:	1 st (Tie)	Kathlyn Castilla	(Sandra Polanski)
	1 st (Tie)	Joseph Wolfe	(Karen Laubengayer)
	2 nd Place	Jacob Benda	(Mina Somekawa)
SENIOR SUITE:	<i>No eligible performers</i>		
SENIOR INVENTION:	1 st Place	Felicia Johnson	(Sandra Polanski)
	2 nd Place	Terrance Evans	(Sandra Polanski)
	3 rd Place	Tabatha Ash	(Diane Walker)
SENIOR POTPOURRI:	1 st Place	Sarah Bateman	(Gena Everitt)
	2 nd Place	Meleah Bertelmann	(Carol Durham)
JUNIOR PRELUDE:	1 st (Tie)	Madison Audiffred	(Jan Mesrobian)
	1 st (Tie)	Bowen Zhou	(Annette Joe)
	2 nd (Tie)	Erin Pennebaker	(Kay Johnson)
	2 nd (Tie)	Lydia Velichkovski	(Annette Joe)
	3 rd (Tie)	Ashley Keys	(Kay Johnson)
	3 rd (Tie)	Jessica Wroten	(Isabella Ivshin)
JUNIOR SUITE:	1 st Place	Jonathan Wolfe	(Karen Laubengayer)
	2 nd Place	Sital Sanjanwala	(Tricia Dennis)
	3 rd Place	Amanda Parsons	(Kay Johnson)
JUNIOR INVENTION:	1 st (Tie)	Samantha Nowicki	(Ellen Gunn)
	1 st (Tie)	Ammon Perkes	(Sandra Polanski)
	1 st (Tie)	Carrie Shumaker	(Sandra Polanski)
	2 nd Place	Shardale McAfee	(Sandra Polanski)
	3 rd Place	Dee Wu	(Isabella Ivshin)
JUNIOR POTPOURRI:	1 st Place	Jane Armstrong	(Jacquelyn Thornell)
	2 nd Place	Amy Gordecki	(Isabella Ivshin)
	3 rd Place	Erin Realini	(Jan Mesrobian)
ANNA MAGDELENA BACH:	1 st Place	Jessica Sawyer	(Isabella Ivshin)
	2 nd Place	Emily Sawyer	(Isabella Ivshin)
	3 rd Place	Katie Van Camp	(Isabella Ivshin)

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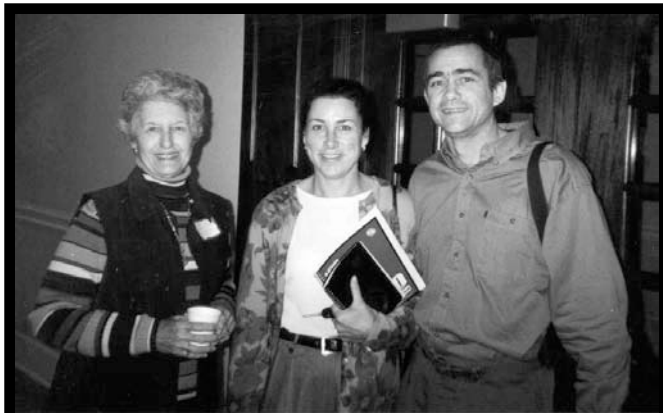
<http://www.jcjc.edu/depts/finearts/mmta/>



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Roy Wylie & Jennifer Hayghe relax



Ellen Gunn & the Burnside

Some teachers with their talented students



Rebecca Carter & Donna Banks



Karen Laubengayer & Jonathan Wolfe



Karen Fosheim with Michael Shuman

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Treasurer's Report – Janet Gray

The following is a condensed version of the Treasurer's Report of income and expenses from July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002:

<u>CONVENTION</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Grants:		\$4,010.00
Rebates & Registrations:	\$4,769.25	
Artists & Judges:		\$6,998.70
Other Expenses:		\$2,173.60
 <u>MMT PUBLICATION</u>		
Ad Income:	\$825.00	
Publication Costs:		\$1112.75
 <u>ASSN. ADMINISTRATION</u>		
MTNA Rebates:	\$3,686.00	
Other Income:	\$ 374.96	
Board Expense:		\$1,142.95
Other Expense:		\$ 308.23
 <u>TOTALS</u>	 \$13,665.21	 \$11,736.23
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2002 MTNA WINNERS

Collegiate Artist Brass

Winner: Brian Scott (Richard Perry)
Alternate: William Farmer (Dennis Behm)

Collegiate Artist Woodwinds

Winner: Misty Rondeau (Sharon Lebsack)
Alternate: David Parks (Lawrence Gwozdz)
Hon. Mention: Marcus Ballard (Lawrence Gwozdz)

Junior High Woodwinds

Winner: Kristen Turnage (Marcia Cochran)

Collegiate Artist Guitar

Winner: Josh Tannehill (Miroslav Loncar)

Collegiate Artist Voice

Winner: Kristen Johnson (Dana Rice)
Alternate: Rebecca Freshwater (Dana Rice)
Hon. Mention: Nancy Ward (Lucy Phillips)

High School Voice

Winner: Courtney Rowe (Lucy Phillips)

Collegiate Artist Chamber

Winner: *USM French Horn Quartet* (Dennis Behm)
[Patrick Creel, William Farmer, Valerie Fuller, Paul Mormino]
Alternate: *Four Horns Too Many* (Dennis Behm)
[Thomas Jenkins, Katie Perkins, Chris Pickens, Meghan Sheehy]

Yamaha High School Piano

Winner: Bradley Broughton (Jan Mesrobian)
Alternate: Meagan Malone (Lois Leventhal)
Hon. Mention: Christine Gwozdz (Lois Leventhal)
Hon. Mention: Rachel Evenson (Jan Mesrobian)

Baldwin Junior High School Piano

Winner: Jonathan Feng (Harold Thompson)
Alternate: Lydia Velichkovski (Annette Joe)
Hon. Mention: Sam Bateman (Jan Mesrobian)
Hon. Mention: Michael Counihan, Jr. (Frankie Harpole)

High School Strings

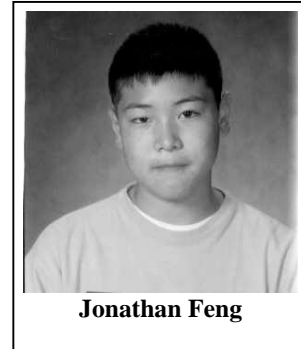
Winner: Amanda Smith (Connie Heard)



Kristen Turnage



Courtney Rowe



Jonathan Feng



Amanda Smith

Master Teacher Series at Ole Miss

The *Master Teacher Series* at Ole Miss will be entering its third season in Fall, 2003. Independent piano teachers are invited to contact Dr. Ian Hominick if they are interested in presenting for the piano students and faculty of Ole Miss. Presentations should be approximately 45 minutes in length and on a topic relevant to a broad range of piano students. Past presenters have included Jan Mesrobian; Ellen Gunn; Annette Joe; Harold Thompson; J.D. Kelly; Desmond Kincaid; Mary Kay MacDowell and Janet Gray. A modest honorarium is offered along with overnight accommodations, if needed. If you have a teaching-related topic which is near and dear to your heart and you would like a chance to present it to a captive (and appreciative) audience, please contact me at your convenience at ihominic@olemiss.edu or telephone (662) 915-1282.

Submission of PHOTOS

Parents and teachers who would like photos of SSRR winners to be included in the Summer edition of MMT should submit photographs during the week immediately following SSRR (**DEADLINE: May 17, 2003**). **NO SOLICITATION** will be undertaken to secure photos for the publication. Photographs arriving late cannot be guaranteed for inclusion.

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Convention Scrapbook



hmmm ... obviously planning something!



Roy Wiley's presentation



Jennifer Hayghe with Theresa Sanchez



Annette Joe, Kay Johnson & Caroline Whitfield Smith



waiting for the wine to be served ... again



Got keys! Bob Knupp to the rescue!



Lynn Raley & Rachel Heard with student



Angela Willoughby



Carol Schutzmann & Joanna Burnside



the "pros" hanging out in the foyer



Kristen and Tammy Turnage ... ahhhh!



composer James Sclater



look out Vegas!!

BEFORE AND AFTER ... A LEGACY TO GRAHAM PURKERSON



Oh, pull-ease ... let me rule forever!



But, Donna ... do I really HAVE to go?!

CONVENTION REPORT by Donna Banks

It is always gratifying to watch the annual convention and competitions come to life after the year of work and planning of so many people from MMTA to organize the events. We can never thank Dr. Robert Knupp adequately for his work as local coordinator for this year's convention. There are so many small details that have to be planned and done, and Bob always did them with a smile. Thank you so very much.

The competitions were again in the able hands of Dr. Angela Willoughby. Angie had spent the year revising forms and clarifying rules to help the competitions run smoothly. Students and teachers were even able to access competition forms and later view winners from our new web site maintained by Jeff Brown at Jones County Junior College. As a past competitions' VP, I know the commitment involved in this job, and the next time you see Dr. Willoughby, be sure to thank her with all your heart. As always, thanks to Graham Purkerson and Carol Schutzmann who always seem to be in the right place at the right time to help out.

Several new ideas were tried at this convention in terms of programming and scheduling. Your officers continue to try ideas to better serve the membership and to help the convention run smoothly. We appreciate the work of Jacquelyn Thornell and the Music Forum of Jackson in planning the Friday evening supper and program, which was new to the convention this year. Janet Gray shared a fine program, even with her sore foot! If you have additional ideas, be sure to seek someone out and share them.

On Saturday, following Dr. Willoughby's performance of James Sclater's commissioned work *Variations and Toccata on a Theme of Paganini*, there was a short "Meet the Composer" session in which attendees could ask the composer questions about the work and about the compositional process. This forum was also new to the convention.

The new officers would like to hear from you about the convention – particularly what draws you to it, or what keeps you away. Don't worry about hurting our feelings, at least to a point!!! ♦

2002 MMTA WINNERS

Freshman-Sophomore Piano Solo

1st Place: David Reed (Angela Willoughby)
 2nd Place: Lauren Smith (Ann Eaves)
 Hon. Mention: Rebecca Carter (Donna Banks)

Junior-Senior Piano Solo

1st Place: Jonathan Mitchell (Elizabeth Moak)
 2nd Place: Michael Shuman (Karen Fosheim)
 Hon. Mention: Michael Brown (Lois Leventhal)

Piano Concerto

1st Place: Sungjin Kim (Lois Leventhal)

Freshman-Sophomore Woodwind Solo

1st Place: Ruth Braden (Sharon Lebsack)
 2nd Place: Jessica West (Lana Johns)
 Hon. Mention: Marcus Washington (Sheri Falcone)
 Hon. Mention: Rebecca Carter (Andrea Cheeseman)

Junior-Senior Woodwind Solo

1st Place: Andrea Browning (Lana Johns)
 2nd Place: Carrie Miller (Wilbur Moreland)
 Hon. Mention: Karen Floyd (Lana Johns)
 Hon. Mention: Rachel Cline (Sheri Falcone)

Woodwind Concerto

1st Place: Marcus Washington (Sheri Falcone)
 2nd Place: Myra Graham (Sheri Falcone)

Freshman-Sophomore Voice

1st Place: Lydia Phillips (Josephine D'Arpa)
 2nd Place: Princess Thompson (Kimberley Davis)
 Hon. Mention: April Wesbrooks (Josephine D'Arpa)

Junior-Senior Voice

1st Place: Amanda Freeny (Kimberley Davis)
 2nd Place: Shanna Carey (Connie Roberts)
 Hon. Mention: Russ Greer (Edward Dacus)
 Hon. Mention: LaDona Ferguson (Josephine D'Arpa)

Aria

1st Place: Caleb Cook (Edward Dacus)
 2nd Place: Ashley Cline (Edward Dacus)

Freshman-Sophomore Brass Solo

1st Place: Geoffrey Philabaum (Dennis Behm)
 2nd Place: Thomas Jenkins (Dennis Behm)
 Hon. Mention: Michael Sneed (Dennis Behm)



Sungjin Kim



Jonathan Mitchell



Andrea Browning



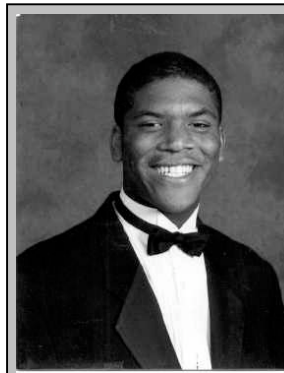
Amanda Freeny



Lauren Smith with Ann Eaves



Perry Lawley



Marcus Washington

2002 MMTA WINNERS ... Continued

Junior-Senior Brass Solo

- 1st Place: Perry Lawley (Richard Perry)
 2nd Place: Katie Perkins (Dennis Behm)
 Hon. Mention: Charles Page (Richard Perry)
 Hon. Mention: Leroy Brown (Richard Perry)

Brass Concerto

- 1st Place: Brian Hasty (Richard Perry)
 2nd Place: Thomas Jenkins (Dennis Behm)
 Hon. Mention: Michael Sneed (Dennis Behm)
 Hon. Mention: Geoffrey Philabaum (Dennis Behm)

Freshman-Sophomore Guitar Solo

- 1st Place: David Histing (John DeChiaro)
 2nd Place: Melody Infinger (Miroslav Loncar)
 Hon. Mention: Clint Johnson (John DeChiaro)

Junior-Senior Guitar Solo

- 1st Place: Kelly Roth (John DeChiaro)
 2nd Place: Brit Bartels (Miroslav Loncar)
 Hon. Mention: Jonathan Bass (John DeChiaro)

Guitar Concerto

- 1st Place: Brit Bartels (Miroslav Loncar)
 2nd Place: Alma Sehic (Miroslav Loncar)

Freshman-Sophomore Organ Solo

- 2nd Place: Margaret Cooper (Len Bobo)
 Hon. Mention: M.J. Gallop (Robert Knupp)

Junior-Senior Organ Solo

- 2nd Place: Marc Cerisier (Robert Knupp)

Freshman-Sophomore Chamber

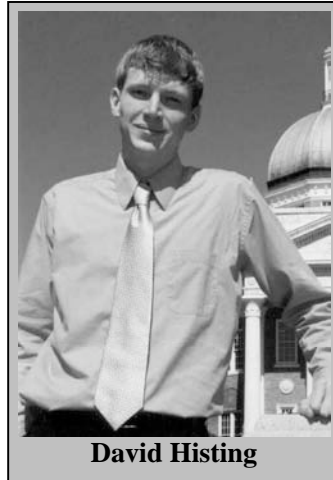
- 1st Place: *Southern Arts Guitar Quartet* (John DeChiaro)
 [Clint Johnson, David Dawson, Trevor Hunt, Robert Kelly]
 2nd Place: *Four for Four* (Dennis Behm)
 [John Egger, Michael Goff, Geoffrey Philabaum, Michael Sneed]

Junior-Senior Chamber

- 1st Place: *Brouwer Power Hour* (Miroslav Loncar)
 [Brit Bartels, Melody Infinger, Alma Sehic, Josh Tannehill]

Junior-Senior Jazz Ensemble

- 1st Place: *Southern Arts Jazz Trio* (John DeChiaro)
 [Jonathan Bass, Adrian Hester, Frank Pesci]



David Histing



Southern Arts Guitar Quartet



Kelly Roth

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2002 MMTA Pre-College Concerto Winners

Elementary Strings
 Winner: Lindsey Hawkins (G. Gwozdz)

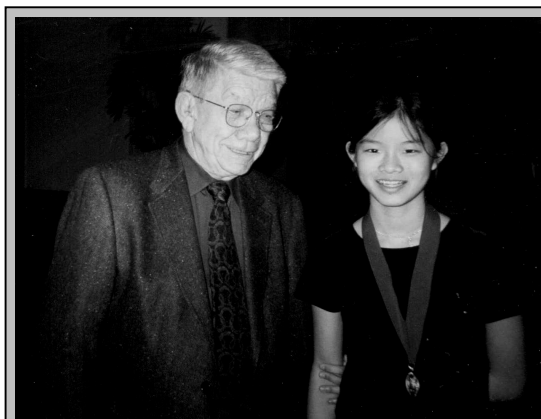
Elementary Piano
 Winner: Troy Sorensen (Mesrobian)
 Second: Anna Beth Rowe (Mesrobian)
 Third: Luke Rowe (Mesrobian)

Junior Piano
 Winner: Eulene Jang (Thompson)
 Second: Greg Sorensen (Mesrobian)

Senior Piano
 Winner: Bradley Broughton (Mesrobian)
 Second (tie): Mary Elizabeth Randolph (Mesrobian)
 Jonathan Wolfe (Laubengayer)



Jan Mesrobian and Bradley Broughton



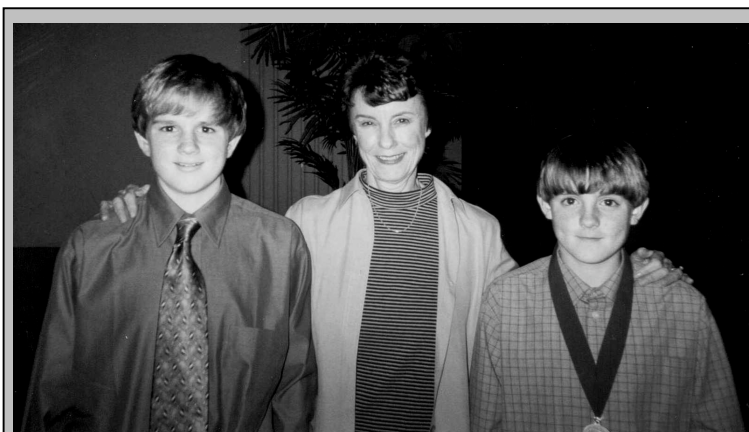
Harold Thompson with Eulene Jang



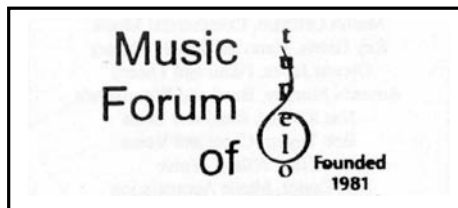
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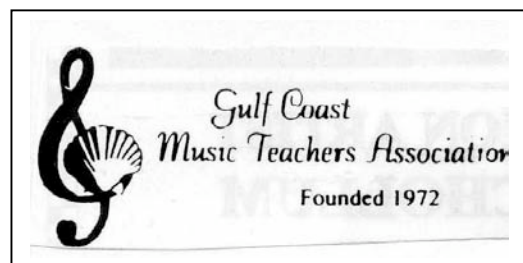
MMTA members are invited to submit original articles which are based on an educational theme (such as pedagogy, performance, music history or repertoire) for inclusion in the *Summer edition* of MMT. Articles should not exceed 500 words and the deadline for receipt of articles is May 23, 2003. Subject matter should appeal to the majority of the membership. Any questions should be directed to the editor, Ian Hominick.

MMTA Mystery Teacher Profile

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Upcoming Events

MTNA Convention Salt Lake City, UT	→ March 16-19
Group B, Pre-College Auditions	→ April 5
Group A, Pre-College Auditions	→ April 12
MVSU Piano Festival	→ April 12
SSRR @ Hinds CC	→ May 10
MMTA Board Meeting	→ May 17
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Music Forum of Jackson

– Jacquelyn Thornell

Music Forum of Jackson has focused this year on providing stimulating programs for area teachers and members of MMTA. We mailed invitations to all MMTA members for special presentations and wrote music departments of area colleges inviting them to bring their students to experience the benefits of MFJ and MMTA. Shearon Horton, NCTM of New Orleans inspired us with her outstanding workshop and masterclass.

Jackson revived a tradition of hosting a Dutch Treat Dinner and providing a program for the MMTA Convention at Mississippi College. Janet Gray's program entitled "Betwixt and Between – the Middle Years" offered valuable insight into Janet's success in keeping an impressive number of middle and high school students in piano study.

November brought MFJ's annual Sonata/Sonatina Festival. Both the "Clarion-Ledger" and the "Northside Sun" printed pictures of all medal winners. Our traditional December lunch was a special treat with a delicious meal at Nick's and a beautiful performance of "O Holy Night" by our own Gena Everitt. Several members brought guests. Dr. Brenda Wilder presented a program on the benefits of music, including music therapy, for our January meeting as plans were being finalized for the 34th annual Bach Festival.

This year, 2003, marks the 35th anniversary of Music Forum of Jackson, which we plan to celebrate in the coming months. ♦

Vicksburg Music Teachers' Association

– Barbara Tracy

VMTA met on January 16 for a Pizza lunch to review plans for the spring semester. A new member, Kim Steen, was welcomed by the group. Kim moved to Vicksburg from Minnesota and was a member of the MTNA and her state organization in Minnesota and is opening a piano studio in Vicksburg. Several teachers sent students to Pedals, Pipes and Pizza sponsored by the Jackson Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on January 11. The next VMTA activity is a Solo, Ensemble and Sacred Songs recital on February 23 at First Christian Church. The Annual Beginners' Recital is planned for March 22 at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Vicksburg Pre-College Auditions will be on April 5 at Bowmar Baptist Church. A special Honors recital for Vicksburg SSRR qualifiers will be held on May 6 at Hawkins United Methodist Church. Piano Guild auditions will be held April 24-26 at First Presbyterian Church.

Fall events included a concert by pianist Ian Hominick on November 15 and a master class on November 16. The concert was co-sponsored by the Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation and VMTA with a mini-grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission. The master class was sponsored by a local affiliate grant from MMTA. The concert took place in the historic Old St. Francis School auditorium which is now part of the SCHF and offers excellent acoustical and visual contact with the artist. The concert was very well-attended, and everyone was treated to an excellent performance by Dr. Hominick. Compositions by Beethoven, Medtner, Liszt, Brahms and Thalberg were included in the program. All levels of students were included in the master class and all received excellent performance and pedagogical advice on their pieces. The Vicksburg newspaper took pictures at the master class and one of the pictures made the front page of the Sunday paper.

A recital for boys only was held on November 24 at Christ Episcopal Church. This event helps encourage the young men who study piano. Students from several teachers' studios played Christmas music in connection with the Festival of Trees event at the Vicksburg Convention Center on the first weekend in Advent. ♦

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Jones County Music Teachers Association – Ellen Gunn

Greetings from members of Jones County Music Teachers Association. We are now 20 members strong ... active and growing. We claim the distinction of being the first group to be organized in the State (1964). Some of our charter members are still teaching and going strong. One example is Hazel Lewis who celebrated her 90th birthday in July and is still making sweet music for her church, civic clubs and students.

We had a summer meeting June 28 to elect officers for the coming year. They are as follows: Ellen Gunn, Pres., Leshia Taylor, V.P., Bobbie Smith, Sec., Martha Tisdale, Treas., Ouida Graves, PR and Hazel Lewis, Historian.

Several committees met during the summer to select music for the Solo-Sonata Festival in January and the Ensemble Festival in March. JCMTA provided partial scholarships for four students who attended Mississippi Keyboard Camp at Hinds Community College, honored three high school seniors who had outstanding achievements in piano and contributed \$250 to the JCJC Music Department.

Angie Armour is Chairman of the Solo-Sonata Festival; Kelly Shows will coordinate the 28th Annual Ensemble Festival and Bobbie Smith was in charge of the November Showcase Recital. On November 10, each teacher presented one or two students who played at Foote Chapel on the JCJC campus for families and friends.

The first meeting of the year was held on Saturday, September 14th at the JCJC cafeteria. At that time, yearbooks were handed out and plans for coming events were discussed. We expect this year to be one of opportunities and challenges for teachers and students. We appreciate being a part of MMTA and MTNA and offer our complete support to these outstanding organizations. ♦

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