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Outstanding Pre-College Student Achievement Award Winners

These outstanding students have achieved eight years of eligibility for SSRR,
five of which must be in Solo Performance.

Other SSRR winners are honored in the Special MMT SSRR Edition



Hunter Chancellor

Age 17, 12th grade

From Ellisville

Student of Dr. Theresa Sanchez

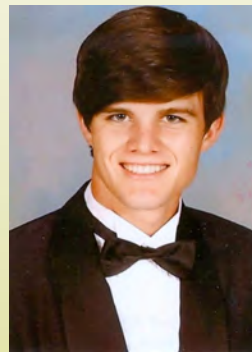


**Elizabeth
Rachel Benson**

Age 17, 12th grade

From Brandon

Student of Judith Allen

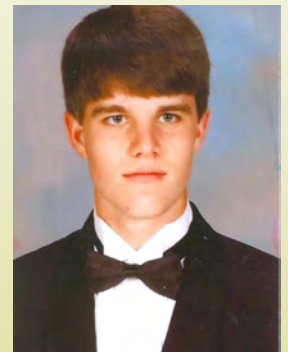


**Benjamin
Gibbs Hurston**

Age 17, 12th grade

From Hattiesburg

Student of Martha R.
Tisdale



**Brock Therrell
Hurston**

Age 17, 12th grade

From Hattiesburg

Student of Martha R.
Tisdale



Catherine Feng

Age 14, 9th grade

From Starkville

Student of Edna Mae McCoy



Kiefer Slaton

Age 17, 12th grade

From Vicksburg

Student of Susan Gambrell

See submitted biographical information on these
outstanding Mississippi students beginning on page
9 and continuing on p. 11 of this MMT.

Message from the President

Rachel Heard



The past few months have been exciting, most notably my attendance at the MTNA National Convention in Atlanta. My primary function as MMTA president is to present our MMTA report to the Southern Division meeting. I've included this report at the May 2009 MMTA Board meeting for our records.

During the State President's Advisory Council Meeting, MTNA Executive Director & CEO, Gary Ingle, presented his thoughts on the financial situation of our organization. Since over 50% of the operating funds for MTNA comes from dues, we need to encourage all of our members to renew their membership for the coming year. Unfortunately, the MTNA Executive Board has made major cuts to help with the financial stability of our organization; the largest being the cancellation of the 2009 Summit meetings which costs around \$65,000.00 per year. He was quick to add that items they did not cut were important MTNA membership services such as liability insurance for all state and local activities, ASCAP group exemption, the 501© (3) group exemption for state and local associations, plus all awards and grants for the state and locals like teacher enrichment grants.

My next duty and honor as MMTA president was to present awards at our 2009 SSRR held in Oxford at Ole Miss. The success of this event is in large part because of the tireless efforts of both Ellen Price Elder (VP-Performance) and Ian Hominick (SSRR host). Their organizational skills and ability to maintain calm as so many little ones were forced to stay inside due to the stormy weather outside were truly admirable. From my vantage point, everything seemed to run smoothly.

One final note left over from my President-elect days, I submitted my final report to the Mississippi Arts Commission on May 1, 2009, and received our final grant payment of \$700.00.

Again, I thank you for allowing me to serve our organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

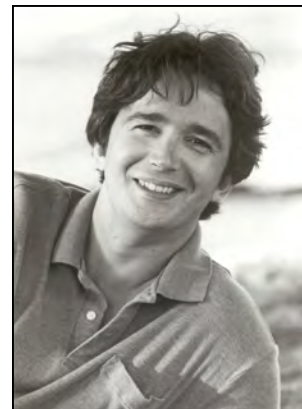
Rachel Heard



PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dear MMTA Members,

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Ian Hominick

MMTA Vice-President's Report – May, 2009

I trust that everyone has had a productive year of teaching and we are all ready for a bit of a hiatus over the summer months. I hope you all will be patient with me as I adjust to my new role and will understand when I cannot immediately answer all questions. I'll do my best to do justice to the duties of this position.

The MMTA grant proposal was submitted to the Mississippi Arts Commission in early March and we should have some news over the summer months. Board members have done our best to minimize the cost associated with the Convention but we would like to stress that it is YOUR organization, therefore, please consider some involvement either at the state or local level. Since I have been a member of MMTA, I have noticed that attendance at the annual convention is nowhere close to where it should be. We encourage your involvement at the Convention and throughout the year and feel that active members are critical for our group to thrive and move forward to bigger and better things.

The March *Collegiate Competitions* ran smoothly at Mississippi College thanks to the impressive organizational skills of Daniel Kelley and host Angela Willoughby.

It was a pleasure to have hosted the 2009 *State Special Recognition Recitals* at The University of Mississippi on May 2nd. The recitals ran smoothly and the judges were impressed by the wealth of young talent that abounds in our State. I have also acquired a few new umbrellas, a library book and some scores which I can now add to my library. Seriously, if anyone is missing items, please contact me. I actually still have an expensive Canon photo lens camera from the last time Ole Miss hosted SSRR.

We are looking forward to the Fall MMTA Conference which was to be held at The University of Mississippi Nov. 5-7. However, the football gods have deemed it necessary to add a home game to the Ole Miss schedule thereby making Oxford rather inhospitable for those of us artistically inclined. As a result, Ellen Price Elder has graciously offered to host the Conference at William Carey University. Many thanks to Ellen for stepping in to bail me out!

I can relay to you some special guests who will be featured at the Conference November 5-7, 2009. Our special guest clinician will be Cathy Albergo from Frederick Harris Publications based in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. Ms. Albergo is a featured editor in the acclaimed *Celebration Series Perspectives* published by Frederick Harris and has recently joined the University of North Carolina-Wilmington as their music department chair. She is a former National Certification Chair of MTNA and contributed numerous articles to professional keyboard journals in the field of piano pedagogy and class piano. Ms. Albergo will present two workshops during the Conference.

Amanda Penick from the University of Alabama is well known throughout the region and will be the IMTF Luncheon presenter and adjudicator for the pre-college piano concerto competition on Saturday. Our guest composer is Justin Sharp, a native of Sebastopol, MS, who studied with James Sclater at Mississippi College. Justin is currently a doctoral candidate in composition at The University of Texas at Austin. The special guest artist recital will feature soprano Ann Marie McPhail, a native of Atlanta who has worked with the Houston Ebony Opera, the Paris Comique Opera, the Capitol City Opera and the San Francisco Opera. Ms. McPhail was featured at the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games Closing Ceremonies portraying the *Diva Goddess*.

There is still plenty of time for MMTA members to submit proposals to present at the Fall Conference. Use your imagination and take the plunge (if you've never "plunged" before). I am sure there is a topic you would love to hear discussed and who better to raise it within the friendly MMTA confines than yourself! Subjects representing the broadest applied spectrum are especially welcome.

I look forward to seeing many of you at various events around the State over the coming year and wish everyone a wealth of relaxation, motivation and success!

MMTA 2009 Collegiate Competitions Results

March 7, 2009

Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi



Freshman/Sophomore
Solo Strings: First Place

Grazzia Sagastume, student
Hsiaopei Lee, teacher



Junior/Senior Solo Strings

Julia Watkins, student, at right

First Place

Song Xie, teacher

With Marta Szlubowska, judge



String Concerto

First Place: **Jacqueline Bateman**

Song Xie, teacher

Standing with Marta Szlubowska



Magnolia Trio Chamber Music Group

Winners of First Place:

Cliff Rybick clarinet, on left

Jenny Merry, soprano, in middle

and **Bart Chumbley**, piano

Jackie Edwards-Henry, coach



President - **Kathie Lott**

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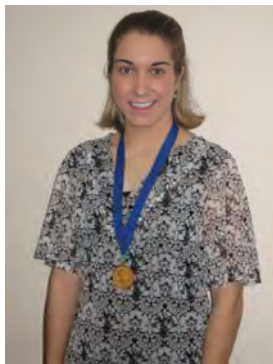


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MMTA 2009 Collegiate Competitions Results

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Woodwind Concerto
First: **Olivia Boatman**
Second: **Crystal Snyder**
(Crystal not pictured)
Lana Johns, teacher



Freshman/Sophomore Woodwinds
First Place: **Austin White**, on left
Second Place: **Steven Hugley, Jr.**
Andrea Cheeseman, teacher

MMTA Past Presidents

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- 1955-56 Mark Hoffman
- 1957-58 Roger Phelps
- 1959-60 Grady Cox
- 1961-62 George Mums
- 1963-66 Jack Lyall
- 1967-70 Sigfred Matson
- 1971-72 Jonathan Sweat
- 1973-74 Virginia Hoogenakker
- 1975-76 William Rutledge
- 1977-78 Desmond Kincaid
- 1979-80 George Imbraglio
- 1980-81 Harold Thompson
- 1982-84 Natalia da Roza
- 1984-86 Pat Tuley
- 1986-88 Paul Anderson
- 1988-90 Annette Joe
- 1990-92 Darwin Brooks
- 1992-94 Theresa Sanchez
- 1994-96 Joel Harrison
- 1996-98 Sharon Lebsack
- 1998-00 Carol Schutzmann
- 2000-02 Graham Purkerson
- 2002-04 Donna Banks
- 2004-06 Joanna Burnside
- 2006-08 Angela Willoughby



Freshman/Sophomore Solo Voice
First: **Anastasia Talley** (middle), student of Kimberly Davis
Second: **Jennifer Hayes** (right), student of Connie Roberts
Honorable mention: **Andrew Jones**, student of Connie Roberts



Freshman/Sophomore Piano Solo
First: **Clifford Coile**, (middle)
student of Rachel Heard
Second **Justin Bruce** (on right)
Honorable Mention: **Ameenah Abdour-Rashied**
Both students of Karen Laubengayer

MMTA 2009 Collegiate Competitions Results continued from previous page



Freshman/Sophomore Piano Solo
Participants with Adjudicator,
David Evenson



Freshman/Sophomore
Guitar
First Place: **Jacob Gibson**
Student of Jimmy Turner



Junior/Senior Solo Voice
First: **Christopher Napier** (front right)
Student of Connie Roberts
Second: **Vertecia Hodge**, (front left)
Student of Phyllis Lewis-Hale
Honorable mention: **Dale Brumfield**
Student of Connie Roberts



Freshman/Sophomore Brass
First Place: **Bradley Ballard** (far left)
Second Place: **David Mason** (3rd from left)
Honorable Mention: **Brian Thompson**
(far right)
David Dick, Adjudicator (2nd from left)



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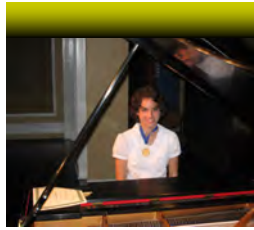
Vocal Aria Category

First: **Christopher Napier**
(left)

Second: **Dale Brumfield**
(center)

Honorable Mention: **Daniel Massey**, right

Students of Connie Roberts



Piano Concerto

First Place:

Hannah Thomas

Student of Stephen
Sachs



Piano Concerto

Second Place

Sarah Jones

Student of Stephen
Sachs



Junior/Senior Piano Solo

First Place: **Tae Young Hong**

(far right) Student of Ellen
Elder

Second: **LeMorris Hunt**
(middle), Student of Karen
Fosheim

Honorable mention: **Jeremy Fortenberry**, (left in photo)

Student of Angela Willoughby

MMTA IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT MAY 23, 2009 REPORT



Angela Willoughby Im-
mediate Past President

My activities have been fairly limited this spring. In my quest to develop a new Officer Handbook, I have begun to format the information. It seems that the practical implementation of the manual would best be applied on the website due to logistical and financial considerations. Realization of this fact has led me to a simple format that would be submitted to the publications and website board members for addition to the website. Printed copies could be made available on request.

Additionally, I have sponsored the beginning of a new collegiate chapter of MMTA at Mississippi College. We raised funds and sponsored Carolyn Bridger from Florida State University in solo and collaborative master classes on our campus. This year should be a bit more organized since we will begin the year with a new fall session instead of trying to begin in the middle of an academic year. The organization includes international students and graduate students in addition to undergraduates and has provided a venue for international students to interact with traditional American students while working for common goals.

Plans for the summer and fall include finishing the collection and format of the Officer Handbook, implementing and facilitating the process of sponsorship of the Foundation Fellow (pending approval), and consulting on possible implementation of a new graduate category for the state Collegiate Competition (pending approval).

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Willoughby, Immediate Past President



We want to welcome Michael Rushing from JCJC as our new Mississippi Music Teachers Association Treasurer. He plans to have his report in the next MMT and is currently working to suggest an appropriate budget for our organization for the coming year. He is listed on our MMTA officers page in this MMT but his address is: Michael Rushing, 200 Blue Gable Rd. #117, Hattiesburg, MS 39401 and his cell number is (803) 606-7868, e-mail: Michael.rushing@jcmc.edu should you need to contact him. Welcome Michael!

SSRR Correction from online Special edition

There are a few corrections in names that have been made in the Special SSRR MMT edition that is already online. These include: on page 1, Division A, Piano Ensemble should be Taylor Robinson, not Roberts; Hailey Perkins name was mis-spelled in Div. A, Ensemble, Rachel Holifield's name was mis-spelled in Piano Ensemble Division B and Kristeen Ginn's name was mis-spelled in Div. B, Winners, also. On page 2, Mika Takahashi's name was mis-spelled in Level 7 piano solo. If we are notified of other mistakes, we will be happy to correct those as well. The online edition should have already been corrected but some of our members received a hard printed copy and, of course, this information is mainly for them. Contact the MMT editor, Darwin Brooks, at dbrooks@network-one.com for other corrections.

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<i>Carrie Strickland, Brass</i>	<i>Theresa Sanchez, Piano</i>
<i>Susan A. Smith, Voice</i>	<i>Greg Smith, Voice</i>
<i>Michael Rushing, Piano</i>	<i>Mark Taylor, Choir</i>
<i>Matthew Pickering, Low Brass/Band</i>	

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Oustanding Achievement Award Winners 2009 MMTA

The students' teachers were asked to submit biographical information on these students from our front page. This information was received.

Catherine Feng, fourteen year old daughter of Eric and Candy Feng and sister of Jonathan, will be a sophomore at Starkville Academy in the fall. At age six, Catherine began piano lessons with Dr. Harold Thompson and has studied with Edna Mae McCoy since the summer of 2005.

During SSRR she has been awarded five Gold Medals, two second places, three highest composite scores and other places. In pre-college auditions she has received only Superior ratings in four Basics, Sonata-Sonata, Theme and Variations, Ensemble and during the fall conference, the Concerto event.

In 2007 she won a scholarship to the Mississippi College Music Camp through the Mississippi Federation of Music Club's Festival. She was the First Place winner in the Starkville Symposium's Honors Recital in 2007 and 2008. She also received First Place awards during Jackson's Bach Festival in 2008 and 2009.

Catherine volunteers for the local Junior Auxiliary, Area Arts Council and serves as accompanist for the Youth Choir of First United Methodist Church. She has enjoyed teaching piano at the Boys' and Girls' Club and playing for the residents of the Starkville Manor Nursing Home. Her academic achievements are numerous: State Spelling Bee Winner four times; Science Fair Winner twice; and First and Second Place Winner, 2008 and 2009 at the District Math Competition, sponsored by S.P.T.A. In 2007 she received State and Grand Recognition from the Duke University TIP program for her high ACT score. During the summer of 2008 she participated in Duke's TIP program for three weeks and will attend again in June, 2009.

Catherine was recently voted "Most Outstanding Student" in Who's Who at Starkville Academy. An avid reader, she also enjoys creative writing, drawing, photography, and traveling.

Benjamin Gibbs Hurston is the 18 year old son of Joey and Becky Hurston of Hattiesburg, MS. He has studied piano for eleven years with Martha Tisdale of Hattiesburg.

Ben has participated in many local and state piano festivals during his years of piano study. He has received superior ratings in the majority of these festivals. In 2006, he received an honorable mention for solo performance at SSRR, as well as the first place medal in sonata performance. The festivals in which he has participated are: MMTA Auditions (8 years); JCMTA Ensemble Festival (2 years); JCMTA Showcase Recital (4 years); JCMTA Solo/Sonata Festival (5 years, and won 1st place in four of these); National Guild of Student Musicians (4 years); Wolfgang Music Piano Competition (4 years, having won a 1st, 2nd, and 4th place). He presented a 7th grade Recital, along with his twin brother, and they will present a Senior Recital this summer. In addition to all these performances, Ben has performed in his church, for civic clubs, and retired teachers groups. He received a JCMTA Senior Scholarship Award, Spring 2009.

At Oak Grove High School, he has been an outstanding tennis player, having won a state championship four out of the last five years. He is an "A" student and has been named a National Merit Semi-Finalist. In 1999 he wrote an original piano composition. For his Senior Project, he composed four piano pieces and recorded them.

In addition, he has performed in six musical theater performances, having had the lead role in several of these. Ben plans to attend Ole Miss in the fall and major in Journalism.

Having earned the MMTA Outstanding Pre-College Student Award this past May is certainly a highlight of his piano career.

Brock Therrell Hurston is the 18 year old son of Joey and Becky Hurston of Hattiesburg, MS. He has studied piano for eleven years with Martha Tisdale of Hattiesburg. Brock has been an active participant in many local and state piano festivals, having earned all superior ratings, with the exception of one excellent rating. In 2006, he received an honorable mention for solo performance at SSRR. His festival participation includes MMTA Student Auditions (8 years); JCMTA Ensemble Festival (2 years); JCMTA Showcase Recital (4 years); JCMTA Solo/Sonata Festival (6 years, having won four 1st places, and one 2nd place); National Guild of Student Musicians (4 years); Wolfe Gang Music Piano Competition (4 years, having won two 1st places, one 2nd and one 3rd). At the end of his 7th grade year, he and his twin brother presented a recital, and they will present a Senior Recital this summer. In addition to all these performances, Brock has performed in his church, for civic clubs, and retired teacher groups. He received a JCMTA Senior Scholarship Award, Spring 2009.

At Oak Grove High School, Brock has been an outstanding tennis player, having never lost a set, and has won either a singles or doubles state championship for five straight years. He is an "A" student and has been named a National Merit Semi-Finalist. *Continued on page 11*

Dr. Laura Broughton, NCTM
HMTL President Hattiesburg Music Teachers League



The spring semester included many events to keep our students active and motivated to practice. Several HMTL Student Recitals were held the morning of February 14 in the recital hall of Mississippi Music. These recitals afford our students the opportunity to gain additional performance experience or they can serve as further preparation for upcoming auditions. The District III MFMC Junior Festival was held on February 21 at William Carey University under the capable direction of Anne Kathryn DeViney, our District III Chair.

April is always a very busy month for our students and teachers. MMTA Pre-College Auditions for Hattiesburg were held on April 4 at USM and were very successfully organized, as always, by both Cristina Moreland and Dixie Lawson. Another HMTL Student Recital was held the morning of April 18 in the recital hall of Mississippi Music, with both pre-college and college students performing. Summer music camp scholarship auditions for our students were held on April 20, with three winners selected by the judges. Two pianists were each awarded \$300.00 scholarships to attend the Music Camp at Mississippi College. One violinist was also awarded a \$300.00 scholarship to attend the Premier Orchestral Institute. Our annual Spring Concert, which showcases outstanding high school students, was held on April 26 in the Lucile Parker Art Gallery of William Carey University.

On May 2, a number of Hattiesburg students competed in SSRR at Ole Miss, with several of our students winning gold medals in their events and several others placing among the top students in the state. Our year concluded with a business meeting and luncheon on May 14 at Seasons Restaurant.

Vice President for Membership and Web Management report from May 23, 2009



Melody Hanberry Vice President for Membership and Web Management

Hello from the Membership and Web Management VP! This quarter is usually the slowest of the year, and this year has been no exception. Following is a brief list of the happenings since January:

The first batch of dues reports and rebate checks from the national MTNA office has arrived (and it is quite small at this point). Please renew your memberships for the 2009-2010 year if you haven't already, and encourage other members to renew. Talk to individuals who have not joined MTNA. The best way to recruit new members is by talking with them for a professional, but also personal perspective.

The other addition to this list of events is the recent vote to change the name of SSRR to MMTA Pre-College Finals. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of MMTA Pre-College Finals, so all paperwork/documents/etc. pertaining to SSRR need to have the new name in place as soon as possible. I need to collect corrected electronic versions of all documents related to MMTA Pre-College Finals (formerly SSRR) so that I can send them to our webmaster to update the website. Please send your corrected documents (as attachments in Microsoft Word format) to me by June 30th. Thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Hanberry, Vice President for Membership and Web Management

Continued from page 9 regarding Brock Therrell Hurston

In addition, he has performed in six musical theater performances, having had the lead role in several of these. Brock plans to attend Ole Miss in the fall and major in Business.

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Kiefer Slaton, 18, started playing piano at age 8 and since has dedicated the time and practice needed to achieve MMTA superior rankings every year since. He has performed as a pianist in numerous productions and has been involved with the Praise and Worship teams at his home Church in Vicksburg. His love of the arts and performing talent has landed him one of the principal entertainer spots for the last two years in both the Miss Mississippi Outstanding Teen pageant and the Emmy award winning Miss Mississippi Pageant. He had won numerous talent shows and has performed in Musicals at Vicksburg High School. Along with piano he is accomplished on both trumpet and acoustic guitar.

Kiefer was selected both Star Student and Valedictorian at Vicksburg High School. He is a National Merit Finalist, Mississippi State University Distinguished Scholar Finalist and has received numerous scholarships including the Bagley School of Engineering Scholarship.


He plans to attend Mississippi State University in the fall majoring in Chemical Engineering with a minor in Music.

Hunter Chancellor is the son of Mike and Sherry Chancellor. He is graduating from Laurel Christian School where he was an active member of Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America, and First Priority. He is the co-captain of LCS's nationally recognized speech and debate team. He is also a member of their nationally-awarded drama team. He has studied piano for eleven years in the studios of Alicia Dubose, Beth Parker and Dr. Theresa Sanchez. He plans to attend New York University in the fall of 2009 where he will pursue a degree in pre-medicine.

Elizabeth Benson is a homeschooled senior from Brandon, MS who has studied piano for eleven years under Mrs. Judith Allen. Since 2002, she has participated in MMTA and competed in the state competition, garnering four first places, two second places, two third places, and two fourth places and earning the Highest Composite Score award five times. She has also competed in Bach Festival, winning numerous awards and their five-year superior medal, as well as the Hymn Festival sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Federated Music Piano Festival. Elizabeth is proud that she has never earned any grade but a superior in all of her piano endeavors.

Elizabeth has many strengths and interests in addition to piano. In school, she is a consistent "A" student, a biology lover, a member of the National Homeschool Society, and a National Merit Finalist. She went to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to assist those affected by Hurricane Katrina and volunteers at the Jackson Horses for the Handicapped and Habitat for Humanity. She studied ballet for eight years at Ballet Magnificat!, advancing to the school's top level and performing with the company on numerous occasions before leaving to devote more time to her studies. Art also forms a significant part of her makeup, and she has won several local and statewide awards in drawing and painting. Her other interests include horses and show jumping, reading (especially fantasy), outdoor sports including camping and hiking, exercise (running, swimming, biking, and weight lifting), and spending time with her wonderful family.

Elizabeth will be attending Asbury College (Wilmore, KY) in the fall, where she received a music performance scholarship and a piano accompaniment scholarship—both of which will keep her busy! She plans to major in biology with the goal of becoming a surgeon.

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2009 MMTA SSRR Piano Performance Level 3 and below submitted by Ellen Price Elder

- Gold Medal: Jane Fan (Edna Mae McCoy)
- 2nd place: Joanna Bu (Adrienne Park), Nyah Jordan (Susan Fairchild), Peter Liang (Jan Mesrobian)
- 3rd place: Victoria Gong (Judith Allen), Edward Hu (Ian Hominick)
Tracey Singer (Edna Mae McCoy), Michelle Sun (Jan Mesrobian)
- 4th place: Mary Coats (Ellen Gunn)
- Honorable Mention: Maggie Cayson (Sandy Coutoumanos), Angela Fang (Karen Fosheim)
Logan Knight (Sandy Coutoumanos), Lisa Lee (Harold Thompson)
Cathy Li (Harold Thompson), Carrie Shi (Edna Mae McCoy)
Gian Luigi Zaninelli (Ellen Price Elder)

Piano Performance Level 4:

- Gold Medal: Allen Huang (Jan Mesrobian)
- 2nd place: Kayla Han (Harold Thompson)
- 3rd place: Jesse Li (Isabella Ivshin)
- 4th place: Sumner Thomas (Isabella Ivshin)
- Honorable Mention: Ruby Liang (Jan Mesrobian)

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2009 SSRR Performance Winners continued from previous page**Piano Performance Level 5:**

Gold Medal: Joy Cariño (Laura Stokes)
2nd place: Ben Wiggins (Ellen Gunn)
3rd place: James Zhou (Karen Laubengayer)
4th place: Caroline Rhett (Ellen Price Elder)
Honorable Mention: Michelle Li (Harold Thompson)

Piano Performance Level 6:

Gold Medal: Helen Shi (Edna Mae McCoy)
2nd place: Cici Zhang (Harold Thompson), Elizabeth Liu (Rachel Heard)
3rd place: Kristen Lacy (Harold Thompson)
4th place: Anna Peoples (Debbie Barnes), Robert Gaillet (Kay Johnson)
Honorable Mention: Melinda Xu (Dixie Clark), Katie Owen (Ouida Thomas)
Nijior May (Sandra Polanski), Casey Ford (Dixie Lawson)

Piano Performance Level 7:

Gold Medal: Mika Takahashi (Stacy Rodgers)
2nd place: Taylor Weeks (Ian Hominick)
3rd place: Joelle Young (Adrienne Park)
4th place: Austin Li (Karen Fosheim), Samantha Ong (Rachel Heard)

2009 SSRR Performance results continued on next page**LOCAL AFFILIATE NEWS—MUSIC FORUM OF TUPELO**

The teachers of Music Forum of Tupelo have felt as stressed as many of their students this year. So many of the older students are so busy that they have little time to practice sufficiently to reach the levels they are required to perform.

We had planned for a recognition recital of honor students but we cancelled due to so many conflicts

We are trying to discuss and see how we can address this problem in terms of junior and high school students especially. We would appreciate any suggestions any of you might have for addressing this problem.

Music Forum of Tupelo

Peggy Oakes President

Piano Performance Level 8:

Gold Medal: Rosalie Doerksen (Ian Hominick)
2nd place: Taide Ding (Ian Hominick)
3rd place: Dora Chen (Stacy Rodgers)
4th place: Jordan Broughton (Jan Mesrobian)
Honorable Mention: Christina Vilar (Cristina Moreland), Cason Robbins (Ian Hominick)
Caleb Foster (Dixie Clark), Goodloe Chilcutt (Edna Mae McCoy)

Piano Performance Level 9:

Gold Medal: Joshua Banks (Edna Mae McCoy)
2nd place: Catherine Feng (Edna Mae McCoy)
3rd place: Johan Anantharaj (Edna Mae McCoy), Ariel Cheng (Isabella Ivshin)

Piano Performance Level 10:

Gold Medal: Alexander Zhu (Harold Thompson)
2nd place: Erin Dyer (Stacy Rodgers)
3rd place: Morgan Gaughf (Brenda Sullivan)
4th place: Scott Chen (Cristina Moreland)
Honorable Mention: Kyle Benson (Judith Allen)

Piano Performance Level 11:

Gold Medal: Ann Marie Chilcutt (Edna Mae McCoy)
2nd place: Mary McKibben (Dixie Clark)

Piano Performance Level 12:

Gold Medal: Elizabeth Benson (Judith Allen)
2nd place: Taylor Pounds (Ellen Gunn)
3rd place: Amanda Hester (Ellen Gunn)

Piano Ensemble Division A

Gold Medal: Hannah Harrison and Taylor Robinson (Marilyn Huff)
2nd place: Hailey Perkins and Alyssa Scott (Marilyn Huff)

Piano Ensemble Division B

Gold Medal: Kristeen Ginn and Helen Shi (Edna Mae McCoy)
2nd place: Rachel Holifield and Chelsea Musgrove (Marilyn Huff)
Allen Huang and Ruby Liang (Jan Mesrobian)

Piano Ensemble Division C

Gold Medal: Mary Margaret Hyer and John Baxter (Laura Broughton)
2nd place: Jordan Hutton and Erin Wilson (Brenda Sullivan)
3rd place: Victoria Clark and Megan Grafton (Janine Beasley)

2009 MMTA SSRR Winners list continued from previous page**Piano Ensemble Division D**

Gold Medal: Jeremy Anantharaj and Johan Anantharaj (Edna Mae McCoy)

2nd place: Daniel Coats and Michael Coats (Ellen Gunn)

3rd place: Michael Hankins and Lawrence Zachary (Ouida Thomas)

Piano Ensemble Division E

Gold Medal: Patience Coats and Amanda Hester (Ellen Gunn)

Sonata/Sonatina Division A

Gold Medal: Michelle Sun (Jan Mesrobian)

Sonata/Sonatina Division B

Gold Medal: Jesse Li (Isabella Ivshin)

2nd place: Allen Huang (Jan Mesrobian)

3rd place: Helen Shi (Edna Mae McCoy)

4th place: Kristeen Ginn (Edna Mae McCoy)

Sonata/Sonatina Division C

Gold Medal: Rosalie Doerksen (Ian Hominick)

2nd place: Taide Ding (Ian Hominick)

Sonata/Sonatina Division D

Gold Medal: Joshua Banks (Edna Mae McCoy)

2nd place: Ruiqi Feng (Isabella Ivshin)

3rd place: Ariel Cheng (Isabella Ivshin)

4th place: Catherine Feng (Edna Mae McCoy)

Sonata/Sonatina Division E

Gold Medal: Monica Pani (Kay Johnson)

Theme and Variations Division B

Gold Medal: Moses Adedeji (Elsie Barnes)

Theme and Variations Division C

Gold Medal: Jordan Broughton (Jan Mesrobian)

2nd place: Jeremy Anantharaj (Edna Mae McCoy)

Theme and Variations Division D

Gold Medal: Caroline Lanford (Kay Johnson)

2nd place: Johan Anantharaj (Edna Mae McCoy)

Theme and Variations Division E

Gold Medal: Patience Coats (Ellen Gunn)

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2009 MMTA SSRR Winners continued from previous page**Vocal Performance Level 9 (no show)****Vocal Performance Level 10**

Gold Medal: Lee Waits (Laura Broughton)

Vocal Performance Level 11

Gold Medal: Grace Claire Cordes (Jeanne Evans)

Vocal Ensemble Division E (no show)**Vocal Performance Level 12**

Gold Medal: Eboni Harris (Shawn Morgan)

Brass Performance Level 6

Gold Medal: Ashley German (Melinda Porter)

Strings Solo Division A (no show)**Strings Solo Division B**

Gold Medal: Nyah Jordan (Gail Fox)

Strings Solo Division C (no show)**High Composite Score Winners:**

Lv. 3 and below = Maggie Cayson (300)

Lv. 4 = Rebecca Chen (399)

Lv. 5 = Jamie Malley (398)

Lv. 6 = Cici Zhang (399)

Lv. 7 = Jeremy Anantharaj (395), Austin Li (395), and Joelle Young (395)

Lv. 8 = Caleb Foster (396) and Taide Ding (396)

Lv. 9 = Catherine Feng (389)

Lv. 10 = Ruiqi Feng (381)

Lv. 11 = Stephanie Sapp (390) and Patience Coats (390)

Lv. 12 = Elizabeth Benson (388)

Eight-Year Achievement Award Winners (biographies listed earlier in this publication):

Hunter Chancellor, student of Dr. Theresa Sanchez

Catherine Feng, student of Edna Mae McCoy

Brock Therrell Hurston, student of Martha Tisdale

Benjamin Gibbs Hurston, student of Martha Tisdale

Elizabeth Rachel Benson, student of Judith Allen

Kiefer Slaton, student of Susan Gambrell

Note that there is a complete special SSRR issue online at the MMTA website with all available pictures of these students.

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Here is the report regarding participation in our Spring 2009 MMTA Competitions:

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Fr/So Voice—7	Jr/Sr Voice—4	Aria—7
Fr/So WW—4	Jr/Sr WW—0	WW Concerto—2
Fr/So Brass—3	Jr/Sr Brass—0	Brass Concerto—0
Fr/So Strings—1	Jr/Sr Strings—1	Strings Concerto—1
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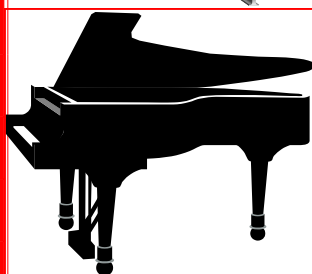
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Master classes were offered in each area.

I will start email reminders/announcements/fliers in June and get at least three emails circulating by mid-August. Remember that the application deadline is September 15!

Respectfully submitted by Daniel Kelly

**Piano Discoveries Camp
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FROM THE MMT EDITOR

Thanks for those of you who are so prompt in submitting your articles, reports and announcement for each Mississippi Music Teacher edition. It really makes it so much easier to be able to have access to that information in a timely manner. You should notice the complete list of officers, their addresses and e-mail addresses in this issue. I believe that they are all correct, but if anyone sees a mistake, please let me know so I can correct it.

We did publish a special SSRR online edition with photos of winners from the recent event held at The University of Mississippi. We also want to give special recognition to the six students who have achieved a long-term record with our MMTA organization so you will find their photos on the cover of this issue. Articles, information about the Convention, and reports will be due by August 29th for inclusion in the Fall MMT which highlights our convention. Suggestions for articles to include or other materials are always appreciated. See you at the Fall Convention.



L. Darwin Brooks



2009 MMTA Fall Conference Nov. 5-7

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For a teacher, there is nothing more gratifying than to see a child learn to play their instrument..... We feel the same way.

 A black and white photograph of a woman with short hair, wearing a dark jacket and light-colored pants, leaning over a young girl with blonde hair. The girl is sitting on a piano bench and playing a dark-colored Yamaha upright piano. The woman is smiling and looking at the girl's hands on the keys.

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