Mississippi Music Teacher

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Featuring Highlights from the November Conference

Thanks, Tae Young Hong, Student at William Carey University
To: Members of the MMTA Board  
From: Rachel Heard  
Re: President’s Report to the Board  
Date: January 30, 2010

This report marks the end of my first year as MMTA President, and I must say it has truly been an honor to serve such a professional group of musicians and teachers. I recently returned from the Southern Division conference which was held at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama; and as I reported on all that you do as teachers, mentors and musicians, everyone in attendance could not help but be impressed. Our membership numbers are holding steady, students are participating in our many festivals, conferences and workshops are being held and enjoyed. I’ve always felt that the very best reason to be active in MMTA and MTNA is not only for professional and musical growth, but the wonderful sense of camaraderie that truly permeates our group. With every conference I attend, new friendships are made and ideas are shared.

And even as I say this, I also know that we still have work to do. As professionals, we must continue to learn, grow, and change with the evolving world around us. We must especially mentor to our fellow colleagues who may feel at times “burned out” from the many, many students who come through their doors. And so remember to not only take advantage of such commonality and friendships, but to reach out to those who may not have attended a meeting or conference in a while or involved there students in recent festivals. Give them a call and offer a ride to the next meeting. Take a look at a membership list from a few years back to see if there is someone who has not been active in a while. Maybe they just need a little nudge to become involved again. See if they are willing to accept a small position or job within your local.

And as always, please feel free to share your needs and goals with me as I continue to serve my two-year term. It is after all, my primary job to serve the local organizations in any way I can, in order that you may realize your goals. I continue to believe that we will have a strong future with such a firm foundation.

Finally, I mentioned earlier that the Southern Division Conference was held in Birmingham, Alabama, January 15-18, and as President I gladly helped with monitoring for the MTNA divisional competitions. What a treat! All of our state winners performed so well. We had FIVE Mississippi competitors to be recognized at Southern Division:

- Young Artists Chamber Music group, The Krang Quartet (saxophone quartet, coached by Lawrence Gwozdz) from USM was alternate,
- Senior Voice Grace Claire Cordes (student of Jeanne Evans) was alternate,
- Senior Piano Taide Ding (student of Ian Hominick) was honorable mention,
- Young Artists Composer Stephen Kachenovich (student of Karen Fosheim) was honorable mention, AND
- Young Artists Voice Brad Gilmore, tenor (USM and student of J. Taylor Hightower) was the winner and will advance to the national MTNA competition.

And congratulations to not only the students mentioned above but to ALL of our state representatives as they served us well in Birmingham!

Again, I look forward to serving Mississippi Music Teachers Association for the next year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Heard
Vicksburg Music Teachers Association

January 30, 2010

Vicksburg Music Teachers Association will present a Latin Festival on February 28, 2010, at 2:30Pm in the auditorium of the Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation. The program will feature performances by VMTA students, Alcorn University students and VMTA teachers including Bernardo Scarambone, a native of Brazil. Information on Latin styles and composers from Italy, Spain and Latin America will also be included in the program. Latin snacks will also be available. We hope that performing, listening and learning about the latin rhythms and dances will make music study more fun. A local affiliate grant from MMTA and donations at the door will help defray expenses for the event.

VMTA will host MMTA Pre-College Evaluations on Saturday, March 27, at the Bowmar Baptist Church. A Beginners' recital is planned for March 7 and a Vicksburg Honors recital will be held on April 25. Vicksburg Piano Guild auditions are planned for April 23.

Barbara Tracy , President

Vice President for Membership and Web Management

Scottye Adkins

Greetings!

The following will reveal what has transpired since September 16 when it was my privilege to assume the duties previously rendered by Melody Hanberry.

Membership dues and reports have been forwarded to Treasurer, Michael Rushing for the months of May, June, July, August, and September 2009.

I am pleased to announce that as of January, MMTA has 189 members..

Members, if you have not been receiving e-mails regarding MMTA, please communicate that to me at scottye.adkins@gmail.com. I have received several failure notices when trying to communicate with the membership. You may check your e-mail contact information for accuracy by finding your name on the website under “Find a Teacher.” On the homepage click on “Find a Teacher.” Next, type your name in the boxes and click the box marked “Find Teachers.”

Website changes have included:

*Updating the current membership including teaching field for search purposes,

*Updating the officers,

*The addition of a link to the General Liability insurance provided by MTNA at no cost to its affiliates both state and local.,

*Providing new contact information for submissions to the MMT newsletters, and

*New events with respective links for these events on the calendar.
Editor’s note. I left out the Hattiesburg Music Teachers League’s report from the last MMT and am printing it in this edition. We did send it out as an e-mail to all MMTA members earlier so they would know about these wonderful events. My apologies for the omission.

The fall semester promises to be a very busy one for HMTL teachers and our students. We will begin our year with a general meeting on September 12 in March Auditorium at USM. Dr. Dana Ragsdale, harpsichordist and retired professor for the USM School of Music, will present a program entitled, “Performing Baroque and Early Classical Music for the Pre-College Student.” This program will be sponsored by the Hattiesburg Music Teachers League and the Jones County Music Teachers Association and should be very informative and most enjoyable for all who can attend. Several HMTL student recitals are scheduled for October 31 in USM Marsh Auditorium. The MMTA State Conference will be held November 5-7 at William Carey University, and the league will be doing our part to help host this event.

Our largest event for this fall will be our biennial Composer Festival on November 20 & 21, featuring Robert Vandall and his music. The Composer Festival will begin on Friday morning, November 20, with a workshop for teachers at Wolfe Gang Music presented by Robert Vandall. Students recitals of Mr. Vandall’s music are scheduled for Friday night and Saturday at Mississippi Music, with autograph parties for participating students following each student recital. The commissioned piece for the 2009 festival is an intermediate level suite for piano with Southern themes. One of the highlights of the festival is the final recital, which always features ensemble music of the guest composer. The final recital of this year’s festival will showcase not only our students performing the ensemble music of Robert Vandall, but several of our teachers as well. It promises to be an exciting two days for the HMTL!

Laura Broughton, D.M.A. President

Here is their most recent affiliate report:

The spring semester promises to be a very busy one for HMTL teachers and our students. We will begin our year on January 23 with a meeting and work day at Mississippi Music for teachers participating in our NFMC Junior Festival, scheduled for February 20 at William Carey University.

HMTL student recitals are scheduled for both February 13 and April 17 in the recital hall at Mississippi Music. Our MMTA Pre-College Evaluations will be held on April 10 at William Carey University. A special highlight of our year is always the annual Spring Concert, scheduled for April 25 in the Lucille Parker Art Gallery at William Carey University. The Spring Concert showcases outstanding high school musicians who are students of league members. The MMTA Pre-College Finals will also take place at William Carey University on May 1. Our year will conclude with a business meeting and luncheon, scheduled for May 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Broughton, D.M.A., NCTM

HMTL President
Greetings!

“Pre-College Evaluations,” previously known as “Pre-College Auditions,” will be held on March 27, and April 10, as determined by the syllabus, except as approved by VP of Evaluations.

**March 27:** Jackson (Kay Johnson), Goodman (Donna Banks), Meridian (Joyce Tillery), Tupelo (Sandy Coutoumanos & Janet Gray), Vicksburg (Barbara Tracy).

**April 10:** Columbus/Starkville (Edna Mae McCoy), Ellisville (Ellen Gunn), Gulf Coast (Carol Mahler), Hattiesburg (Cristina Moreland & Dixie Lawson), Oxford (Adrienne Park).

We hope that every local association and area chair will encourage teachers in their area to think of MMTA Evaluations as an opportunity to educate the parents of their students regarding the benefits of sight reading, technical skills and written theory to the success of their child’s music study. Most beginner students are capable of successfully completing the requirements for Grades 3 and Below. Such success is an invaluable motivator for continuing lessons. With transfers or older beginners, take advantage of “non-competitive” participation.

*Remember, any student may participate at the level considered appropriate by the teacher.*

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## MMTA PRE-COLLEGE CONCERTO PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR TEACHERS (in order of performance)

**Saturday, November 7, 2009**

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Reception after the New College Faculty Showcase was sponsored by Delta Omicron Music Fraternity. Thanks so much.

New Faculty Showcase (L to R) Bernardo Scarambone, pianist from Alcorn State University; Ellen Price Elder, accompanist for Rudy Gatlin; Nikki Melvin Johnson, soprano from Jones County Junior College; Joseph La Rosa, pianist from Copiah Lincoln Community College, Michael Rushing, accompanist for Nikki Johnson; and Rudy Gatlin, tenor from William Carey University

Bruce Tychinski from The University of Southern Mississippi led a great session on using Hi-Tech in any type of music studio. Very practical

Frederick Harris Music Clinician, Cathy Albergo, led three sessions featuring the Celebrate Piano! Method as well as teaching tips for group piano.

Sr. Division Voice State Representative, Grace Claire Cordes

Young Artist Voice Class Winner: Anastasia Talley and Alternate: Brad Gilmore
Young Artist Brass Winner: Patrick Richards (right) and Wayne Schmidt, Alternate (on left)

Guest Presenter: Anna Hamilton on subject of: “Piano for the Young Beginner”

Registration went very smoothly…..thanks to everyone who helped out at the front desk.

MMTA Executive Committee Meeting-Thursday —President Rachel Heard, presiding

Okay, should we have a competition for who can make-up the best caption for this shot?

Waiting for results outside the Gillespie Art Museum at WCU

Taide Ding, Senior Piano Division State Representative

Special thanks to all the WCU staff who worked so hard to help during our Conference . . . especially Fine Arts Administrators!

Junior Piano Division Winner: Rosalie Shinwei Doerkson (not pictured, Austin Li, Alternate)
Justin Sharp was our Commissioned Composer for the 2009 Conference. His work, “Phantasiemusik,” was performed admirably by Angela Willoughby.

Donna Banks (on right), MMTA President from 1990-1992, was recognized for her leadership in MMTA by being named a “Fellow” in MTNA. Angela Willoughby, Past President, made the presentation at the Conference.

Angela Willoughby (on right), presented “Unexpected Meets Uncommon,” at the Conference. She was assisted by Janet Taylor (on left) in the performance of “Suite en Valse” by Dohnanyi.

Dr. Stephen Redfield, USM, served as judge for the MMTA Pre-College Strings concerto on Saturday afternoon.

2009 MMTA Conference Artist: Ann Marie McPhail, Soprano, and her accompanist for the program: Carol Joy Sparkman, of Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi. They were assisted by a student chorus from Hattiesburg High School, N.R. Burger Middle School and Choral students of Professor John Flanery, USM.

Amanda Penick, University of Alabama, spoke at the IMTF Luncheon on Saturday in the Lucille Parker Art Gallery.
Reception sponsored by the Jones Co. Music Teachers Association and the Hattiesburg Music Teachers League following Concert by Ann Marie McPhail. Our local affiliates are wonderful.

Krang Quartet: Chamber Winners
Thomas Giles, Noah Madison, Ryan Raziano, David Wozniak

IMTF Luncheon on Saturday was enjoyed by all

Elem. Pre-college Concerto: 1st place tie: Rhyin Plumlee and Sherisse Joy Carino;
1st Alternate: Ruby Liang

Pre-College Concerto 2009 MMTA
Pre-college Junior Piano Winner: Tiade Ding; 1st Alt.: Samantha Ong

Pre-college Senior Piano Winner: Erin Leigh Dyer, 1st Alternate: Catherine Feng

Dr. Ellen Price Elder, our local Conference Liaison and Host . . . Thanks!

Elementary Strings: Dylan Howard, winner; Wynter Hilbun and Zachary-Scott Neal, tied for 1st alternate and Bailey Ann Neal, 2nd alternate

Junior Strings: Rosalie Doerksen, winner and Alex Fan, 1st Alternate

Senior Strings winner: Rebekah Taylor; Pre-college

Young Artist Division, Piano: Winner, Gustavo Schafachek (on right), Alternate, Vera Zholondz (middle) and Matthew Pettigrew (left in photo)
The African Drumming session on Friday, led by MMTA Member, Karen Fosheim, was a lot of fun.

Some of the audience at the “Strengthening Musicianship Skill through African Drumming” session

Gustavo Schafaschek, Winner of Young Artist in the Piano Division
2009 Pre-College Winners and their teachers

*Elementary Piano:*

Sherisse Joy M. Carino and Rhyan Plumlee, winners (tie) [Dixie M. Clark and Janice Mesrobian are the respective teachers]
Ruby Liang--1st alternate (Janice Mesrobian, teacher)

*Junior Piano:*

Tiade Ding--winner (Ian Hominick, teacher)
Samantha Ong--1st alternate (Rachel Heard, teacher)

*Senior Piano:*

Erin Leigh Dyer--winner (Stacy Rodgers, teacher)
Catherine Feng--1st alternate (Edna Mae McCoy, teacher)

*Elementary Strings:*

Dylan Howard--winner (Susan Gaston, teacher)
Wynter Hilbun and Zachary-Scott Neal--1st alternate (tie) (Gail Fox, teacher)
Bailey Ann Neal--2nd alternate (Gail Fox, teacher)

*Junior Strings:*

Rosalie Doersken--winner (Robert Riggs, teacher)
Alex Fan--1st alternate (Gail Fox, teacher)

*Senior Strings:*

Rebekah Taylor--winner (Alexander Russakovsky, teacher)
Did you know that MTNA offers these opportunities for local associations?

MTNA Local Associations provide special educational programming, festivals, and opportunities to meet new friends with common interests, connecting members to a powerful network of teaching professionals. MTNA provides its Local Associations with many benefits, as well.

General Liability Insurance—MTNA offers general liability insurance coverage for every MTNA-affiliated state and local association. Every state and local association is covered under this policy for an unlimited number of events at no cost to any individual association. MTNA has agreed to pay the cost of this premium.

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To take advantage of this benefit, affiliates must review their constitutions for compliance with Code Section 501(c)(3) requirements and submit a letter authorizing the national organization to include them on MTNA's "group exemption roster." The national headquarters provides guidelines for completing the process.

For more information on these three programs, click on this link: http://www.mtna.org/AboutMTNA/DivisionStateLocalInformation/AffiliateServices/tabid/246/Default.aspx.

Each year, MTNA recognizes the local Music Teachers Association that makes the most significant contribution to the music teaching profession through participation in MTNA national programs and additional programs established within their state and local area each year. The MTNA Local Association of the Year Award is presented each year at the MTNA National Conference.

To find an application for this award, follow this link: http://www.mtna.org/Programs/Awards/MTNAAwards/tabid/582/Default.aspx.

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## Mississippi MTNA Competition Results 2009

### Piano:
- **Young Artist**: Winner - Gustavo Schafaschek (Elizabeth Moak, USM)  
  Alternate - Vera Zholondz (Bernardo Scarambone, ASU)  
  Honorable Mention - Matthew Pettigrew (Bernardo Scarambone, ASU)
- **Senior**: State Representative - Taide Ding (Ian Hominick, UM)
- **Junior**: Winner - Rosalie Shinwei Doerkson (Ian Hominick, UM)  
  Alternate - Austin Li (Karen Fosheim, DSU)

### Voice:
- **Young Artist**: Winner - Anastasia Talley (Kimberley Davis, USM)  
  Alternate - Brad Gilmore (J. Taylor Hightower, USM)
- **Senior**: State Representative - Grace Claire Cords (Jeanne Evans)

### Brass:
- **Young Artist**: Winner - Patrick Richards (Heidi Lucas, USM)  
  Alternate - Wayne Schmidt (Richard Perry, USM)

### Woodwinds:
- **Young Artist**: Winner - Thomas Giles (Lawrence Gwozdz, USM)  
  Alternate - Lindsey Keay (Danilo Mezzadri, USM)
- **Senior**: State Representative - Brittany Trotter (Danilo, Mezzadri, USM)

### Chamber:
- **Winner** - Krang Quartet: Thomas Giles, Noah Madison, Ryan Raziano, David Wozniak (Lawrence Gwozdz, USM)
  Alternate - Power Trio: Zach James, Edward Muller, Jonathan Rowe (Bruce Tychinski, USM)
  Honorable Mention - 4 Aces Quartet: Bradley Ballard, David Cunningham, James Koestler, Jr., David Mason (Douglas Mark, DSU)

### Not Performing:
- **State Representative, Junior Strings**: Rosalie Sinwei Doerkson (Robert Riggs, UM)
- **State Representative, Senior Strings**: Jocelyn Zhu (Song Xie, Belhaven College)
- **State Representative, Young Artist Strings**: Shellie Brown (Song Xie, Belhaven College)
- **State Representative, Young Artist Composition**: Stephen Kachenovich (Karen Fosheim, DSU)
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#### Balance Sheet as of Oct. 31, 2009

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**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

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January 30, 2010

MMTA Executive Board Meeting Report

VP for Pre-College Performances

The MMTA Pre-College Concerto Competitions were held Saturday, November 7, 2009, during the MMTA Conference at William Carey University. In the piano competition there were 11 elementary entrants, 2 junior entrants, and 2 senior entrants. In the strings competition there were 4 elementary entrants, 2 junior entrants, and 1 senior entrant. All of the students were very well-prepared. Congratulations to all student winners, participants, and their teachers!

A list of winners, participants, and their teachers will be available in this edition of the *MMT*. A special thanks to Darwin Brooks for his work on publishing this information!

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Pre-College Evaluation dates (formerly Pre-College Auditions). They are March 27 for Group A (Jackson, Meridian, Tupelo, Vicksburg, Goodman) and April 10 for Group B (Hattiesburg, Ellisville, Gulf Coast, Columbus/Starkville, Oxford, Wesson). The MMTA Pre-College Finals (formerly SSRR) will take place Saturday, May 1, 2010, at William Carey University. Jacquelyn Thornell and I are in the process of updating the pre-college auditions forms on the website, as well as the forms that the District Chairs will use to submit their materials.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Price Elder

VP for Pre-College Performances
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I did not receive many local affiliate reports to include in this issue of the MMT. Affiliate Presidents, MMTA Officers, MMTA area chairmen and others who have matters that would benefit from being in the MMT please remember that each MMT comes out after a Board meeting so your report needs to be submitted by that time.

You will see a lot of photos in this issue from our November 2009 Conference held at William Carey University in Hattiesburg, Ms. We always appreciate so much the work that goes in each of our MMTA events.
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VP for Collegiate and national Competitions Report

Submitted by Daniel Kelly

November 5, 2009

MTNA state level competitions are Friday, Nov. 6 at William Carey University, Hattiesburg. Dr. Ellen Elder is Conference Host.

A total of 49 contestants entered

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To date, one entrant in Junior Piano has withdrawn (due to illness)

Where there is only one entrant in a caption, that person is named State Representative and automatically advanced to the Divisional Competitions (Samford University, Birmingham, AL, Jan. 15-18, 2010) and invited to perform at the state level for judge’s comments. Two of the three State Representatives in the Strings Competitions elected not to perform for judge’s comments so the decision was made to cancel that competition.

As stipulated in the competition rules, a solo even with seven or more entries requires a three-judge panel—we hired Robert Holm and Jung-Won Shin to join Faina Lushtak for the Young Artist Piano panel. And in the Chamber Competition, multiple entries involving more than one instrument family requires a three-judge panel that best represents those instruments—we hired Carrie Holden (violin) and Jonathan Noffsinger (who is also our Woodwinds judge) to join Brian Shaw (brass) for the Chamber Music panel. The rest of the judges for this year are Ann-Marie McPhail (voice) and John Mueller (brass).

All area chairs have agreed to act as inside Monitors for their respective competitions. Dr. Elder has arranged for WCU students to act as Outside Monitors and to assist with various other functions.

The VP would like to thank Ian Hominick and Ellen Elder for their invaluable efforts with the MTNA Performance Competitions!

Daniel Kelly
V.P. for Collegiate and National Competitions