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Join Us for the Fall Conference November 4-6, 2010



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Conference Information:

See page 10 for Conference Registration Form and pages 15-18 for Schedule.

Special member presentations and other information throughout this issue!



Message from the President

Rachel Heard, August 21, 2010

Mostly the summer months have been rather uneventful as President of MMTA. Although mid-summer, I unfortunately received the letter from the Mississippi Arts Commission with news that we had not received a grant for our Fall Conference and Spring Collegiate Competitions. What this means is our conference will be slightly smaller and we will need to be more creative with our sessions. I am grateful to Karen Fosheim and her colleagues at Delta State University for hosting the upcoming 2010 MMTa Conference as I'm sure we will surely enjoy our time together, learning and sharing ideas.

It is with great regret that I must report the early resignation of our vice-president for membership & web management chair, Scotty Adkins, and our vice-president for competitions, Daniel Kelly. Both have accepted college positions in other states. We will surely miss their service to our organizations. Our new interim VP for membership and web management is Janine Beasley who has a background in computers. Even though she is a busy lady, she felt it was her duty to share her computer talents with MMTA. Thank you, Janine! And Donna Banks has agreed (ONCE AGAIN, bless her heart!) to fill Daniel Kelly's shoes through our November MTNA competitions. Organizing the MTNA competitions is a huge job, and so I'm sure I speak for everyone in thanking Donna for stepping up once again to help us out.

As I often remind myself, we are an all-volunteer group! It takes many to create a strong organization, and I am always eternally thankful to those of you who dedicate your time and energy to MMTA.

And as always, I thank you for allowing me to serve our organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Heard, President MMTA

Throughout this issue you will see brief overviews of special topics and presentations that will be at our 2010 Conference in November. These are meant to

"entice" you. For example . . .



Michael Rushing will give a member presentation that you won't want to miss!

"Learning Theories in the Pedagogy Curriculum"

President-Elect

MMTA Vice-President's Report-August 2010

We are looking forward to the upcoming MMTA Conference on the campus of Delta State University in Cleveland, MS November 4-6, 2010. Karen Fosheim will be our local coordinator and we are anticipating a good turnout for this year's event. The Conference Planning Committee includes the following individuals.

Ian Hominick, Conference Committee Chair

Ellen Price-Elder, Pre-College Performances

Donna Banks, MTNA Competitions Coordinator

Darwin Brooks, VP for Public Relations

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Rosangela Sebba, IMTF Chair

Karen Fosheim, Piano Area Chair

Phyllis Lewis-Hale, Voice Area Chair

Alexander Russakovsky, Strings Area Chair

Douglas Mark, Brass Area Chair

Jung-Won Shin, Chamber Area Chair

Theresa Sanchez, Collaborative Arts Chair

Shelley Collins, Woodwinds Chair

As some of you may know, we did not receive a grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission this year. Naturally, this means that we need to especially watch expenses as we move forward with the year's activities. That said, we do have some wonderful guests lined up for the Conference. Our guest artist and guest publishing house presenter will be Randall Faber. We will get to both hear Dr. Faber in performance and hear him speak at several sessions. The IMTF Luncheon guest speaker and pre-college concerto judge will be Dr. Ronald Shinn of Samford University. Our commissioned composer will be dr. Howard Keever from William Carey University. In addition to these guests, several members have stepped forward to offer presentations on a range of topics. There remains space available for others to present as well.

Please check the MMTA web site regarding registration information for both the MMTA Banquet and IMTF Luncheon. I anticipate this being available in early September. Program information will also be available by mid-September by checking the web site.

In closing, allow me to express what an honor it has been to serve as your Vice-President for the past two years. I look forward to serving as your next President (no lavish inauguration or parade necessary!).



Ian Hominick

Ian Hominick, President-Elect

Vice President for Membership and Web Management

We are happy to report that Janine Beasley, who is also President of the Jones County Music Teachers Association has graciously agreed to served as our Vice President for Membership and Web Management. Her address is: 3122N 5th Ave., Laurel, MS 39440. E-mail at music@beasinc.com Phone: (601) 649-9240. Thanks so much Janine. We appreciate your computer background and your willingness to help lead our organization.



President - Kathie Lott

Music Forum of Jackson was founded April, 1968,
and is affiliated with MMTA and MTNA



You won't want to miss our Conference Artist, Randall Faber.

Here is his planned program.

Friday November 5, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Randall Faber
piano

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| W. A. Mozart | Sonata in B-flat Major, K. 570
Allegro
Adagio
Allegretto |
| F. Chopin | Etude in C Minor ("Revolutionary"), Op. 10, No. 12
Etude in F Minor, Op. 10, No. 9

Berceuse, Op. 57 |
| F. Liszt | Mephisto Waltz, No. 1 |

intermission

- | | |
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| G. Gershwin | Three Preludes
Allegro ben ritmato e deciso
Andante con moto e poco rubato
Allegro ben ritmato e deciso |
| C. Debussy | Suite pour le piano
Prelude
Sarabande
Toccata |

Vice-President for Pre-College Performances

August 21, 2010

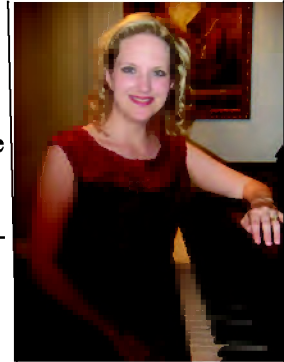
Delta State University will host the MMTA Conference on November 4-6, 2010. The Pre-College Concerto Competitions will take place on Saturday, November 6 during the Conference. This competition is open to all instruments. Entrants must perform one movement of a standard concerto from memory. Students must provide their own accompanist, but teachers may accompany their own students. Please start to prepare your students to participate, and encourage teachers within your local districts to enter their students.

Application forms are available online under the "Student Activities" section. Click on "Pre-College Concerto Application." The deadline for submission of application forms and fees is October 1, 2010.

The MMTA Pre-College Finals will take place Saturday, May 14, 2011, at Mississippi College in Clinton. ***Please note that this date had to be changed due to conflicts at the previously scheduled host facility.*** I am sorry for this inconvenience, but greatly appreciate Dr. Angela Willoughby, Dr. Michael Rushing, and the faculty and staff of Mississippi College for agreeing to host the Finals.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Price Elder

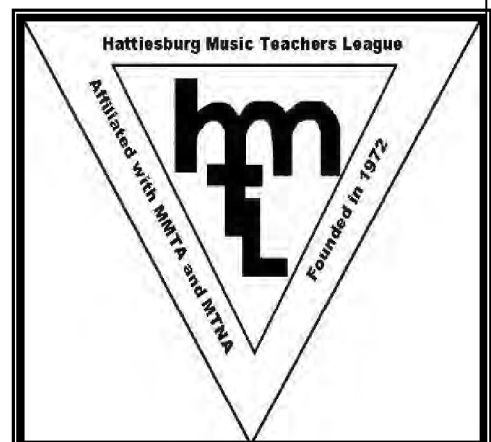


Ellen Price Elder
Vice-President for Pre-College Performances



Theresa Sanchez will give a presentation at the Fall 2010 Conference.

"The Year of Collaborative Music"





Jones County Music Teachers Association

Janine Beasley, President

JCMTA held its thirty-fifth annual Ensemble Festival on Saturday, February 28, 2009 and the local MMTA Auditions on Saturday, March 28, 2009.

Meetings were held on June 29, 2009 at the Oaks Restaurant in Collins to determine 2009-2010 officers, and on July 26, 2009 to determine music for the 2010 Solo Sonata Competition and for the 2010 Ensemble Festival, and to determine dates for events for the year.

JCMTA will join the Hattiesburg Music Teachers League on September 12 for a program with Dana Ragsdale and her harpsichord. Our annual Showcase Recital will be held November 15; the Solo and Sonata Competition will be held January 23, the Ensemble Festival will be March 6, and the local MMTA Auditions will be April 10.

Vicksburg Music Teachers Association

Barbara Tracy, President

August 21, 2010

The Vicksburg Music Teachers Association plans to sponsor several theme recitals for 2010-2011. The Annual Boys' Recital will take place on October 31 and have a Halloween theme with seasonal refreshments and optional costumes. A special Girls' Recital with a Valentine Tea Party or Hearts and Flowers theme will take place on February 13, 2011. The annual Vicksburg Honors recital will be on May 1, 2011. The Vicksburg MMTA District Evaluations are scheduled for April 2. Piano enrichment event in March is continuing.

VMTA welcomes back previous member, Dixie Henry. Dixie will be reopening her piano studio after several years of public school teaching. Bernardo and Desiree Scarambone have moved to eastern Kentucky, and VMTA will miss their imagination, vitality and positive influence on piano study.

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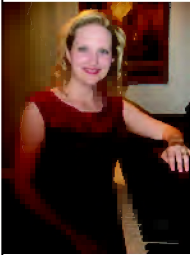
Membership on the Coast is still not growing so meetings and events are undergoing changes. Due to health issues of a significant number of members, GCMTA will join Hattiesburg MTA for Pre-College Evaluations on April 9, 2011.

Yvonne Young-McGrath, President

The Music Forum of Tupelo

The Music Forum of Tupelo is also experiencing some membership loss as other affiliated groups but plans are underway to host a new member “meet and greet” on October 4, 2010 at the home of President, Peggy Oakes. Beautiful postcards have been printed with some of the benefits of joining our organization listed on the postcard and then mailed to many friends in our area that the membership believed might be prospects. We will let you know how the event turned out and how it was received in the community.

Peggy Oakes, President



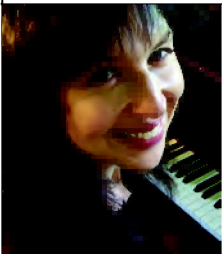
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MMTA 2010 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail your Conference registration, Banquet and IMTF Luncheon fees along with this form



by **OCTOBER 25** to:

Ian Hominick

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Oxford, MS 38655

The Conference advance registration fee includes the Conference Program as well as admission to all workshops, lectures and concerts during the 2010 Conference. Your materials and name tag will be available at the Conference registration desk. Registration fee for MMTA members is \$20. Registration fee for non-members is \$30. A special \$5 registration fee for students is also available. Our annual conference presents opportunities for professional development, networking and assistance in MTNA certification. We will offer a certificate of attendance for any student or teacher requiring documentation. Registration fees will also be accepted at the Conference registration desk.

Friday evening Banquet (Nov. 5, 2010) fees and the Saturday IMTF Luncheon (Nov. 6, 2010) fees **MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE** to ensure a spot for you!

I am enclosing payment for the following (please check):

_____ **MMTA MEMBER REGISTRATION FEE – \$20**

_____ **MMTA NON- MEMBER REGISTRATION FEE – \$30**

_____ **STUDENT REGISTRATION FEE – \$5**

_____ **BANQUET FEE (please indicate your preference in each row) – \$15.00**

(✓one) _____ **Beef Brisket** _____ **Chicken Alfredo** _____ **Cheese Tortellini**

**meal includes salad, roasted vegetable medley, garlic bread, tiramisu trifle, un-sweet tea, water*

_____ **IMTF LUNCHEON FEE (create your own sandwich) – \$10.00**

**meal includes choice of ham, turkey, roast beef, potato salad, pasta salad, waldorf salad, cookies, un-sweet tea*

\$ _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED (make checks payable to MMTA)**

Information for Conference name tag:

NAME: _____

MMTA LOCAL AFFILIATE: _____

I would like a Certificate of Conference Attendance _____ YES _____ NO



Michael Rushing,

MMTA Treasurer 's Report

(presented in his absence at August Board Meeting)

The loss of the MS Arts Commission grant is reflected in the proposed budget. Last year, the MAC grant accounted for approximately 1/2 of the budgeted income for the November Conference. This will further necessitate financial restraint by members of MMTA. Vice-presidents are encouraged to revisit vendors and “shop around” when preparing for events. Please adhere as close as possible to the budget that is agreed upon and voted upon at the August Board meeting.

The proposed budget reflects many of last year’s numbers, but is fairly optimistic in its income and expense projections. Extraordinary and unexpected expenses will not be easily covered this fiscal year.

I apologize for my absence from this important planning meeting. Over the course of the summer, I’ve managed to graduate from the University of South Carolina, get married, and have accepted a visiting professorship at Mississippi College (quite a summer). Please change my contact information to the following:

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Or Director of the Taylor School of Music, Mississippi College, Aven Hall 203 Phone: (601) 925-3230

(Editor’s note: Please see Michael for a copy of the final approved budget if you are interested)

MMTA 2010-2012 Ballot of Officers

General Business Meeting Friday November 5, 2011

8:15 a.m.

President: Ian Hominick

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Beasley**

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Vice President for Pre-College Performances: Alice Ballard

Secretary: Yvonne Young-McGrath

Treasurer: Michael Rushing

Some dates you may be interested in:

MSU Double Reed Day: Friday November 12, 2010 to be held at the MSU Colvard Student Union. Guest artists from the Mississippi Symphony. Double Reed Ensemble. Masterclasses and more.

MSU Woodwind Day: Friday April 1, 2011 to be held at the MSU department of music. Guest artists from Julliard and Indiana University to give masterclasses on Baroque ornamentation. Special Baroque concert on period instruments to take place the evening before at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Starkville.

For more information on both events, contact Dr. Elaine Peterson
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2011 MMTA State Collegiate competitions: March 5, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS

2011 MTNA National Conference: March 26-30, Milwaukee, WI

2011 MMTA Pre-College Evaluations:

April 2 Group B: Ellisville, Columbus/Starkville, Vicksburg

April 9 Group A: Hattiesburg, Jackson, Meridian, Tupelo

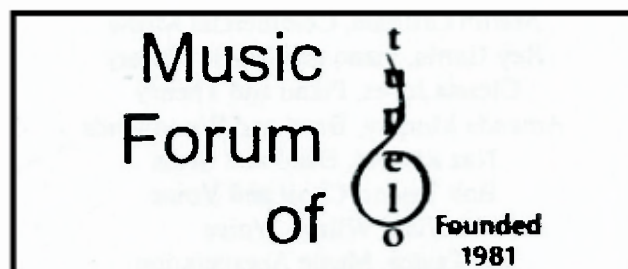
MMTA 2011 Pre-College Finals: May 14, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS

Entire month of November 2010 is **American Music Month**

Bach Festival, sponsored by the Music Forum of Jackson:

Piano Discoveries Camp, University of MS, Oxford June 12-18, 2011

Music Camp at Mississippi College, Clinton



Midsouth Double Reed Society: Calling all Oboists and Bassoonists

I am pleased to announce the start of the new Midsouth Double Reed Society, for bassoonists and oboists in Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, and Arkansas. The purpose of the Midsouth Double Reed Society is two-fold: 1. To enhance the art of double reed playing by encouraging the improvement of the performance of double reed instruments, and assisting teachers and students of double reed instruments to attain high standards of performance. 2. To give double reed musicians, and all those interested in the problems peculiar to performers, teachers, students, and manufacturers of double reed instruments, a means and body through which communication can be fostered in the Midsouth region. This organization for bassoonists and oboists will be hosting a website, newsletter and annual conference that will include guest clinicians, masterclasses, and massed double reed ensemble. Watch for a conference to take place this spring. If you would like to be involved with the organization, would like to become a member, or would like more information about the conference, please contact Dr. Elaine Peterson at ep145@msstate.edu or call 662-325-2863. Also look for us on Facebook: Midsouth Double Reed Society.

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Collaborative Arts

Theresa Sanchez

MMTA Performance Area Chairs

IMTF Fall Conference Luncheon Speaker: Dr. Ronald Shinn Dr. Ronald Shinn is on the faculty of Samford University. We know that you will benefit greatly from hearing his presentation. Come and join the Independent Music Teachers' Forum as we learn together.

His topic will be "Teaching Concerti to pre-college students."

Lodging in the Conference area for your consideration

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2010 MMTA CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 4 — Saturday, Nov. 6

Delta State University – Cleveland, MS

This is a preliminary schedule only — please check the Conference Program for event times and locations.*THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4****6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting****FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5****8:00 am — MMTA Conference Registration & MTNA Competition Registration —****8:15 am General Business Meeting****9:00 am MMTA Member Presentation: Michael Rushing: “Learning Theories in the Pedagogy Curriculum”****10:00 am RANDALL FABER: *Stages of Talent Development*****11:00 am MMTA Member Presentation: Theresa Sanchez – "The Year of Collaborative Music"****11:30 am *Past President's Luncheon* - The Gallery, Merigold, MS****11:30 am Pre-College Competitions Meeting****1:30 pm RANDALL FABER: *ABC's of Artistry*****2:30 pm — Hospitality Break —****3:00 pm MMTA Member Presentation: Victoria Johnson: “Teaching the Millennial Generation”****4:00 pm Preparing for MTNA Certification****4:00 pm MMTA Member Presentation: Barbara Tracy & Susan Gambrell:****"Something New for Piano Lessons"****5:30 pm Commissioned Composition Performance*****“Dreams: A Song Cycle on Poems of Langston Hughes”* by Howard Keever****Leo Day, tenor, and Ellen Elder, piano****6:00 pm – CONFERENCE BANQUET –****7:30 pm Guest Artist Recital: RANDALL FABER, piano****9:00 pm Reception sponsored by Delta State University Dept. of Music**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 8:00 am** — MMTA Conference Registration —
- 8:00 am** MMTA Board Meeting
- 9:15 am** MMTA Member Presentation: Ellen Price Elder – "The First Year of Group Piano Instruction: From Initial Interview to First Recital"
- 10:00 am** Victor Asuncion Piano Master Class
- 10:15 am** RANDALL FABER: *Ages and Stages of Motivation*
- 11:30 am** ITMF LUNCHEON with Ronald Shinn: *"Teaching Concerti to pre-college students."*
- 1:00 pm** — Registration for Pre-College Concerto Competitions —
- 1:30 pm** MTNA College Faculty Forum – Open Discussion
- 1:30 pm** Pre-College Concerto Competitions
- 3:30 pm** Ron Shinn Piano Master Class

MTNA/MMTA COMPETITIONS**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

- 8:00 am** MTNA Competition Registration
- 9:00 am** MTNA Competitions (times TBA for each event)

JUDGES:

Piano – Victor Asuncion

Chamber – Soh-Hyun Park Altino; Ruth Ann McClain; Aaron Deaton

Woodwinds – Ruth Ann McClain

Strings – Soh-Hyun Park Altino

Voice – Leo Day

Brass – Aaron Deaton

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 1:00 pm Registration for Pre-College Concerto Competitions
- 1:30 pm Pre-College Concerto Competitions
- 3:00 pm Ron Shinn Piano Master Class

2010 MMTA Commissioned Composition

You certainly won't want to miss our Commissioned Composition Performance on Friday, November 4, 2010. Our composer is Howard Kever. The title of his new work is: *"Dreams: A Song Cycle on Poems of Langston Hughes."* We will be privileged to hear the work performed by Leo Day, tenor and Ellen Elder, piano.



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From the MMT Editor



L. Darwin Brooks, Editor
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Thanks so much for allowing me to serve these past two years as Vice-President of Publicity for MMTA. I had been off the Board for several years and it was so great to be able to work with our State's leadership again.

Stephanie Holmes, who has so graciously served MMTA as the Assistant to the Vice-President for Public Relations has accepted the nomination for the Vice-President for Public Relations position for the next two years. After the election of officers at the Fall Conference she would assume her responsibilities and you will see her with notes and camera in hand, I feel, at all of our activities. She will also take over the publication of the online MMT issues, the College Competitions and the Conference program.

Please make sure that she receives information in a timely manner. Remember, the general rule is that the deadline for material to be submitted to an online issue of the MMT is one week after the Board Meeting's date. She will also select an assistant to help her with the advertising part of her job. She may be contacted at: Stephanie Holmes, seholmes2@hotmail.com Her mailing address is 210 W. Adams Street, Apt. 3, Kosciusko, MS 39090 (662) 417-1390