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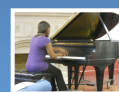
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## Message from the President

I feel very humbled when I look at the fine musicians who have served as presidents of MMTA. I will certainly bring diversity to the office and hope my background in science and engineering can add some extra dimensions to MMTA. Retirement from my day job also gives me a gift of time. I thank Ian for all his advice and assistance, and I will certainly seek his counsel. I currently have an active pre-college studio and also work as a church organist (celebrated 25 years in my current position with a recital last fall) where I interact with choirs, instrumentalists, church staff, and the people in the pews. I think music study and the ability to appreciate, perform, and enjoy fine music is very important in our current fast-paced culture. MMTA is an excellent fit for anyone who wants to encourage music study. We may need to encourage non-major music students and think about college chapters to encourage our MS young people to become active musicians and teachers. We also have a lot of areas of Mississippi where we only have a few members or no

## Message from the President (continued)

members at all. I hope we can make our activities meaningful so being part of MMTA will be an asset and a vehicle to enhance music teaching and learning. Communication is so important in any group, and it is a pleasure to work with such a great group of professionals.

Ian presented me with boxes full of material; and I am slowly wading through notebooks, file folders, and the constitution. I have been practicing communication through lots of emails. My last MMTA job involved chairing the 2012 MMTA conference, and I think this is probably one of our most important programs because it brings teachers and students together in performance and learning situations. The communication between colleagues should enhance our organization. We had 31% of our membership attending the 2012 conference, and attendance was better than it has been in the last several years. Music Forum of Jackson was especially supportive with at least 15 attendees. I also commend Vicksburg with 70% attendance. We had members from



*Barbara Tracey*

from 7 out of our 8 local affiliates. College faculty members came from 11 MS colleges and universities. We were fortunate to have excellent conference artists and presenters and made an effort to include events for non-piano specialists. The pre-college recitals were very successful and brought teachers, parents, and friends to our conference. The Vandall music recitals were an enjoyable alternative to the normal master class format. The facilities at Belhaven were wonderful, and Stephen Sachs even invited us to come back soon. We are very appreciative of Valerie Tate and the Belhaven student helpers. My thanks to all our MMTA officers who helped make the conference happen. Please add your support and help to Ellen Elder as she plans the 2013 Conference at MUW (Columbus) in their newly refurbished music building on November 1-2. Please put the conference on your calendar and make plans to attend.

Jacquelyn Thornell, NCTM, has accepted the certification chair position. We thank Joanna Burnside, NCTM, who previously served in this position. All other board positions are currently filled. Welcome to other new officers and area chairs.

Southern Division met for meetings and competitions at UNC Greensboro, NC, January 19-21. My first MMTA duties were to help with competition monitoring and presentation of the MS report at the Southern Division dinner meeting. The Alabama president was very appreciative of the help that was given to the state after the destructive tornadoes. The reports from the other states contained many useful ideas. Several states are planning conferences at resorts during the summertime. They think it might encourage attendance if families can come. The facilities at UNCG were wonderful--an especially impressive Andover pipe organ in one of the recital halls. The event was very well-planned, and we are fortunate to have excellent people in all the division positions with the leadership of Martha Thomas, MTNA Southern Division Director. MS had one Honorable Mention in Young Artist Voice: Tiffany Townsend (student of James Martin)--congratulations. MS has not had JR contestants in a while--we may need to encourage this. We thank all the MS contestants and their teachers for their excellent performances. It was great to see Andrea Cheeseman, who served as one of the woodwind judges. Theresa Sanchez was one of the three accompanists. SD will meet in KY (University of Louisville) on January 17-20, 2014.

The MTNA National Conference will take place in early March in the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, CA. A roster of wonderful artists and presentations has been scheduled. Southern Division will be hosting a reception for all members from the Southern Division states. Please make plans to attend the reception if you are attending the MTNA National Conference. Helen Marlais, guest clinician at our 2011 Conference, will be speaking on Pedagogy Saturday. Pamela Pike, our 2011 IMTF speaker, will also be giving a presentation.

Ian presented me with a plastic tiara and magic wand when I started this position. I wish I could wave the wand and make all the damage from the February 10 Hattiesburg tornado go away. We have members who have lost homes or had severe damage, and we are very grateful that there was no loss of life. The music buildings at USM received a direct hit from the tornado, and classes and performances will need to be moved to other parts of campus or into the community. USM is Mississippi's large music school and is a wonderful asset both to our state and the south. MS has been granted a little extra time for our state report at the Southern Division meeting at the MTNA conference in March so our division colleagues can be informed about the tornado damage. I know we do not have millions of dollars for rebuilding; but if there are specific needs we could address or if there are incentives we could offer, please let me know. Please remember that our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who was impacted by this storm.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

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**Jane Duran Fox, President**

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



*Ellen Price Elder*

## President-Elect's Message

During the past few weeks, I have been tying up loose ends with my former position of VP for Collegiate and National Competitions. These include the following:

1) The MMTA collegiate competition syllabus now reflects the addition of the "Emerging Artist" category and its requirements for entry, as well as the February 15 application deadline. Janine Beasley has uploaded these changes to the website.

2) I created a flyer for the February collegiate competitions, which Rosangela Sebba has distributed to the membership.

3) Two contestants from the March 2012 competitions need to be reimbursed for their registration fees. Ivan Villalobos needs to be reimbursed \$20 for his MMTA collegiate competition registration fee (he mistakenly paid \$40 for the March competitions, but only entered one event, not two). A second student, Pablo Hernandez, was unable to compete because of the age restrictions for the event that he entered. He paid \$40 for two events, but I was unable to accept his application due to our age restrictions.

I had a wonderful Skype meeting with Rosangela Sebba, the new VP for Collegiate and National Competitions. I know that she will do a wonderful job in this position.

I look forward to my duties as President-Elect. I would like to thank Barbara Tracy for her guidance and words of wisdom as I embark on this new position.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ellen Price Elder*

Ellen Price Elder  
President-Elect

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## Treasurer's Report



*Michael Rushing*

Account balances as of 1/26:

Checking: \$13,014.33

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State MMTA Conference in November:

	Budget	Actual
Expenses	\$13,720	\$11,784.65
Income	\$13,730	\$12,606.40

## Vice President for Membership and Web Management



*Janine Beasley*

As of January 24, 2013, 179 members are listed for the 2012-2013 year (up from 176 in November). Among these are: 3 adding or joining local associations, 3 new collegiate members, 8 new members (one from MTNA conference), 6 reinstating membership, 5 status change from collegiate to active.

Website changes:

Added Mississippi College Department of Music Duet Fest Registration Form and February 2013 MMTA Collegiate Competitions Flyer to Resources under the Member s Login tab.

Ongoing:

Miscellaneous updates as needed.

Continue to send mass emails to members as requested.

Continue to update MMTA member list as updates are received from MTNA.

Updated the Officers page with new officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Beasley

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### **Gulf Coast Music Teachers Association**



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## Vice President for Pre-College Performances

The MMTA Pre-College Concerto Competitions were held Saturday, November 3, 2012 during the annual Conference, held this year at Belhaven College in Jackson. In the piano competition there were 6 elementary entrants and 6 junior entrants; in the strings category, 2 students competed. The number of entrants tripled this year, which is cause to celebrate! Last year, there were 5 competitors in piano, only. Be sure and see the listing of Pre-College Concerto winners and teachers included in this edition of the MMT.



*Alice Ballard*

As a reminder about the 2013 Pre-College Evaluations, it will be Group B's turn to audition first. On April 6, evaluations will take place in the Ellisville, Columbus/Starkville, Oxford, and Vicksburg districts. On April 13, Group A will audition in Jackson, Meridian, Tupelo, Hattiesburg, Gulf Coast, and Goodman.

Following the district Evaluations, the Pre-College Finals will be held on May 18, 2013 at Hinds Community College in Raymond. HCC's Reeves Hall has been remodeled on its exterior, so expect a new look!

Welcome aboard, Dixie Lawson, our new VP for Pre-College Evaluations! Previously, she has done a fine job as the District Chair of Hattiesburg, and I truly look forward to working with her on the Executive Board.

I thank the membership for allowing me to represent MMTA for another two years in this position. I look forward to having another wonderful experience working with the participants and teachers in the 2013 Pre-College Evaluations.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alice Ballard*



## Vice-President for Collegiate and National Competitions



*Rosângela Sebba*

Dear MMTA members,

Greetings from the Collegiate and National Competitions VP! As my first semester in this position I welcome and encourage teachers and students to prepare for our next events. Forms are available online under *Students Activities*, under *College Competition Application*. It has been a learning experience organizing such event, but thanks to our past VP officer, Dr. Ellen Elder, the transition has been smooth.

This year MMTA Collegiate Competitions were smaller than usual. But, competitions were scheduled at the end of February, making the deadline only a week apart from the event date. We also had a terrible storm in Hattiesburg causing lots of competitors to drop out of the event and some to completely forget about the deadline. I am sure next year we will have more time to advertise and to recruit competitors. Please encourage your MMTA colleagues to enter students in these events.

Here is the report regarding participation in our Spring 2013 MMTA Competitions:

Fr/So Piano - 9

Jr/Sr Piano - 5

Fr/So Voice - 5

WW Concerto - 5

Master classes were offered in each area after awards announcements. Please let me know if I can be of any help to you.

Respectfully submitted

Rosângela Sebba, D.M.A.

VP for Collegiate and National Competitions

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## Affiliate News



### JONES COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Janine Beasley, President

January 26, 2013

The JCMTA annual Showcase Recital was held on Sunday, November 11, 2011. Student performers and composers were highlighted at this event.

The JCMTA annual Solo and Sonata Competition was held on Saturday, January 19, 2013. The competition is for students sixth through twelfth grade.

Business meetings were held prior to the above events

The JCMTA annual Ensemble Festival will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2013. A business meeting will be held prior to the event.

Jones County Music Teachers Association will participate in the Ellisville area MMTA Evaluations on Saturday, April 6, 2012, at Jones County Junior College.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janine Beasley

The **Vicksburg Music Teachers Association** plans a busy Springtime of music events, starting with a "Southern Music" recital on February 17, at the Southern Cultural Center Auditorium. This is the same auditorium where the movie, "O Brother, Where Art Thou" was filmed, and a great place to perform. We are commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in Vicksburg this year. Other spring activities include a Beginners Recital, and our local evaluations are set for April 6. We will also hold our annual Honors Recital for students who receive a Superior Rating in our local evaluations.

Jeanne Evans, VMTA President



**Gulf Coast Music Teachers Association**  
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January 25, 2013

Gulf Coast Music Teachers Association got off to a great start this past Fall with three new members, thanks in part to our summer recruitment luncheon, as well as to members inviting friends and family members! President Carol Mahler presided over the Board's planning meeting in August. The first regular meeting was held in September, at the home of vice-president Rebekah Lipscombe, who presented the program, "Preparing Students for Pre-college Evaluations – A Sensible Approach".

Three GCMTA members were able to attend MMTA's Fall Conference. During the November meeting, which was held at John Westley Hodges' School of Music, members who had attended Fall Conference gave a report on the highlights of the weekend's offerings. John Hodges, new publicity chairman, detailed how publicity should be submitted, encouraging the members to be more active in this area. Thanks to our tech-savvy members such as John, Joanna Burnside, and Yvonne McGrath, we're getting the word out, and it is paying off on several levels. We'd like to remind everyone about the GCMTA website: [www.gcmusicteachers.com](http://www.gcmusicteachers.com). Please friend us on Facebook!

Yvonne McGrath headed up GCMTA's Christmas Recital in December at Biloxi First UMC. Seven teachers entered enough pianists, violinists, vocalists, and guitarists to necessitate two recitals! Donations were accepted at this event on behalf of MTNA's Superstorm Sandy Relief fund, with \$600.00 being donated and sent in.

The January meeting was held at Hidden Acres Music School, Carol Mahler director. New member Emily M. McClung, who teaches through HAMS, presented the program, "Skyping Strings Instruction Across the Time Zones" from her home in Arizona. There seemed to be a lot of interest in this topic.

Upcoming events are the Music Teachers Festival, Pre-college Evaluations, and National Guild of Piano Teachers auditions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Mahler, GCMTA president

**Golden Triangle Music Forum**

January 22, 2013

This school year has been a productive time for GTMF members and students. Although the club remains small, there are several new members, bringing our total to 16 members.

Two GTMF teachers prepared students for the Concerto Contest held in November at MMTA Conference on the campus of Belhaven University. There were a total of nine students from the Golden Triangle area who prepared a movement of a concerto for this contest. In the Elementary Division, Ian Hominic's student from Oxford was the first place winner. Gloria Zheng won second place, and Hannah Kim was the third place winner. In the Junior Division, all three spots were captured by GTMF students. Tracey Singer won first place for the third year in a row. Angela Tang was second, and Jane Fan was third. Tracey, Gloria, and Jane are all students of Edna Mae McCoy and Hannah and Angela are students of Ricki Prewitt. Congratulations to these fine students, as well as to the others who learned concerto movements.

Harold Thompson taught a master class of GTMF students which was very instructive for students and their teachers. The year was topped off by the annual Fall Musicale for students of all teachers. This year there were two new teachers who brought students. Katie Wallace has finished her Master's degree at LSU and is back in Starkville teaching, and Trent Smith, a recent MSU graduate, is also teaching, getting ready to go to graduate school.

The most exciting new happening for GTMF is the beginning of the web site, designed and maintained by Dixie Clark's student, Caleb Foster, with help from his dad. The web site can be seen at [www.gtmfms.com](http://www.gtmfms.com). It is still a work in progress, but is looking very good and keeping us all apprised of happenings for our club.

Also an important development for our club was the formation of a junior music club connected with the organization. Teachers in charge of the club are Trent Smith and Katie Wallace and they have several community service activities planned for the juniors. They participated in our Christmas "Twelve Days of Christmas" fundraiser, which was quite successful. "Kudos" to the Foster family who spearheaded the fundraiser to try to help us earn money for the club.

Plans for this semester include, in addition to Federated Festival, MMTA Local Auditions and State Finals, a recital and master class presented by Julia Martyakova, now head of the music department at MUW. Both the recital and the master class will take place in the newly renovated Poindexter Hall, where many of us spent our college years learning and earning degrees in music.

### **Hattiesburg Music Teachers League**

The HMTL held its second meeting of this academic year on Saturday, January 19, 2013. The business meeting and NFMC workday were held immediately prior to the program. Our program was presented by Dr. Lois Leventhal, chair of the piano faculty of the University of Southern Mississippi. Lois presented a very informative program of helpful and fun teaching tips derived from her class piano lab in the USM School of Music.

Two HMTL student recitals have been planned for this semester on February 9 and April 20, and both will be held in the recital hall of Mississippi Music. Our annual Spring Concert for high school students will be held on April 28 at William Carey University.

Other important 2013 dates for the HMTL include the annual District III MFMC Festival, scheduled for Saturday, February 16, 2013, at USM and our local district MMTA Pre-College Evaluations, scheduled for April 13, 2013, also at USM. The annual HMTL scholarship auditions for our students interested in attending local and state summer music camps will be held on April 29 at Mississippi Music. Our year will conclude with our annual business meeting and luncheon scheduled for May 16 at Purple Parrot Café and the MMTA Pre-College Finals on May 18 at Hinds Community College.

The league commemorated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 10, 2012, with a special dinner and program for members, former members, and spouses, which featured highlights of our organization over the past four decades. Jan Mesrobian, founding member of the league, did a superb job as chairman of our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner and party. Scrapbooks filled with photos, newspaper clippings, and recital and composer festival programs from past years were on display to peruse during the evening. The delicious dinner was catered by former league member, Marcia May, in her beautiful and spacious home. For our post-dinner entertainment, Jan Mesrobian put together a delightful video of clips of our composer festivals over the years, which was enjoyed by all. The special evening afforded everyone a chance to reminisce and brought back fond memories of the past four decades of our organization.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Broughton, D.M.A., NCTM  
HMTL President

**Music Forum of Jackson**

Jane Duran Fox, President

January 26, 2013

On October 12, Music Forum of Jackson had our fall meeting and program, chaired by Jacqueline Thornell at Millsaps College. We were fortunate to have Dr. Jovanni-Rey de Pedro, visiting assistant professor of music at Millsaps present Ginastera's *Twelve American Preludes*. We enjoyed Dr. de Pedro's remarkable technique in performance and the in-depth analysis of the preludes. Afterwards, we enjoyed a luncheon at Sofia's restaurant in the Fairview Inn in Belhaven.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> during the MMTA convention, it was a pleasure to have students perform in recital for Robert Vandall, and later that evening Music Forum of Jackson hosted the reception for the Richard Heard recital at Belhaven University.

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, Music Forum of Jackson hosted our annual Sonata-Sonatina Festival at Millsaps, co-chaired by Donna Reed and Patsy Simpson. Nineteen of our teachers presented fifty-four students for adjudication.

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, our social chair, Susan Mayfield, arranged for us to have a relaxing Christmas luncheon together at Anjou in Ridgeland.

During the Christmas season on December 15<sup>th</sup>, students of Music Forum of Jackson provided beautiful holiday music for the shoppers at Northpark Mall in Jackson. There were ninety-six students playing from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Chaired by Dot Bittick, our annual Pianothon has become a fun and favorite activity for students, and this year the event was even covered by WLBT News!

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, we had our winter board meeting and program at the Municipal Art Gallery in Jackson, chaired by Jacqueline Thornell. We were pleased to have Dr. Victoria Johnson from Jones County Junior College. She presented "The Short Preludes and Sinfonias of J.S. Bach: The Neglected Teaching Literature." She discussed the appropriate order of study and valuable teaching techniques. She performed these pieces with precision and grace even though she had a broken foot! After the program, we had lunch at nearby Basil's in Belhaven.

We now turn our attention to our annual Bach Festival, chaired by Carol Durham: it will be our forty-fourth. We have 438 students from all over the state registered to play. We will all gather at Hinds Community College in Raymond to host this event of auditions and recitals of Baroque music. We look forward to seeing all participating teachers and students.

As our spring marches on, we will anticipate the MMTA pre-college evaluations, chaired by Kay Johnson at Hinds on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

It is with sincere gratitude that I thank the dedicated teachers of Music Forum of Jackson for all they have done and will do to move us through another successful year in music.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Duran Fox, President MFOJ

# 2012 Fall Conference Snapshots

## November 2 – 3, 2012

### Belhaven University, Jackson







## Competition Winners



### Young Artist Woodwinds

Jesus Castro (alternate), Koty Cox (winner)



### Young Artist Brass

Josiah Andrews (winner)



### Young Artist Piano

Tim Dail (winner), Megan van der Bijl (alternate)



### Young Artist Voice

Tiffany Williams (honorable mention), Tiffany Townsend (winner), Jordan Hammons (alternate)



Elementary Piano Concerto Participants



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<u>Performance Category</u>	<u>Entrant</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
<b>Senior Performance:</b>		
<i>Piano</i>	Taide Ding-representative	Ian Hominick
<i>Strings</i>	Jocelyn Zhu-representative	Song Xie
<b>Senior Composition:</b>	Callie Tullos-representative	Carolina Whitfield-Smith
<b>Young Artist:</b>		
<i>Brass</i>	Josiah Andrews-winner Amanda Ray-alternate	Douglas Mark Heidi Lucas
<i>Piano</i>	Tim Dail-winner Brooke Kressin Maggie McLinden Tianna Rogers Megan van der Bijl-alternate	Elizabeth Moak Stephen Sachs Stephen Sachs Stephen Sachs Stephen Sachs
<i>Strings</i>	Shellie Brown-representative	Song Xie
<i>Voice</i>	Jordan Hammons-alternate Tiffany Townsend-winner Tiffany Williams-honorable mention	Cheryl Coker James Martin Phyllis Lewis-Hale
<i>Woodwinds</i>	Jesus Castro-alternate Koty Cox-winner	Danilo Mezzadri Lawrence Gwozdz
<b>Chamber Music:</b>	Euphoria-representative Koty Cox DeAnna Hunt Lindsey Daniels Eric Fry	Lawrence Gwozdz

*\*These entrants are advancing to the MTNA Southern Division Competitions as Mississippi's State Representatives.*

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# Pre-College Concerto Competition Winners

November 3, 2013

## Elementary Piano Concerto

Edward Hu (Winner), student of Ian Hominick

Gloria Zhang (1st Alternate), student of Edna Mae McCoy

Gloria Zhang was also chosen for the Piano Masterclass.

Hannah JeeSoo Kim (2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate), student of Ricki Prewitt

## Junior Strings Concerto

Dylan F. Howard, cello (Winner), student of Susan Gaston

## Senior Strings Concerto

Julia Kirk, violin (Winner), student of Song Xie

## Junior Piano Concerto

Tracey Singer (Winner), student of Edna Mae McCoy

Angela Tang (1st Alternate), student of Ricki Prewitt

Angela Tang was also chosen for the Piano Masterclass.

Jane Fan (2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate), student of Edna Mae McCoy



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## Mark Your Calendar

**April 6, 2013 - Pre-College District Evaluations, Group B (Columbus/Starkville, Ellisville, Oxford, and Vicksburg)**

**April 13, 2013 - Pre-College District Evaluations, Group A (Goodman, Gulf Coast, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Meridian, and Tupelo)**

**April 20, 2013 -- MVSU Piano Festival, Itta Bena, MS**

**May 18, 2013 - MMTA Pre-College Finals, Hinds Community College, Raymond**

**Fall 2013 MMTA Conference - Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, MS**

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If there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you!

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