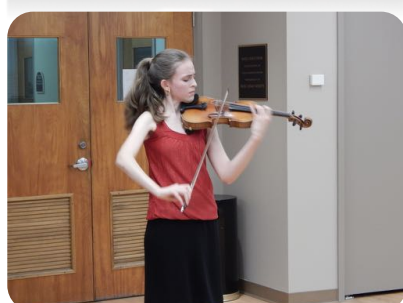


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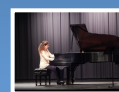
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Message from the President

Hello, everyone, and Happy New Year! This report was written the day after Winter Storm Jonas made his way through the United States. And while temperatures are certainly cold in Mississippi (perhaps some of you even saw snow) I trust that you are doing well and enjoying these first few weeks of the new year!

I had the pleasure of attending the Southern Division competitions which were held January 15-18 at the University of South Florida in Tampa. The competitions were very well organized, thanks to the Southern Division officers and staff. I monitored the Senior Piano Duet category and was blown away with the level of talent and artistry displayed by all of the performers. I also served as one of the Southern Division accompanists and collaborated with one of the competitors in the Young Artist voice category from Tennessee. I was thrilled to be able to hear several of our

Message from the President (continued)

Mississippi contestants compete – I heard Minji Kim, Young Artist Piano from Delta State University; our Chamber Music Woodwind group from USM; and Michael Sparks, our Young Artist Brass contestant from Delta State. They all represented Mississippi beautifully! I was also proud of my student, Madeleine Yu, who competed in the Junior Piano category. It was a wonderful experience for her!

I attended the Southern Division banquet and business meeting. Dr. Karen Bryan, Director of the University of South Florida School of Music, was our guest speaker. Each President was asked to give a report during the banquet. It was nice to see the other Presidents from Southern Division whom I have developed wonderful friendships with, and to hear about the exciting things that are happening in their states.

Congratulations to all of our state winners who represented Mississippi at the competitions! Several Mississippi competitors received awards at Southern Division:

Jade Agler (student of **Carol Mahler**) was winner of the **Elementary Composition** competition.

Luke Zhang (student of **Adrienne Park**) was winner of the **Junior Composition** competition.

Lydia Newton (student of **Sonja Foster**) was winner of the **Junior Performance String** competition and will compete in the MTNA national competitions in San Antonio in April.

Minji Kim (student of **Jung-Won Shin** from Delta State University) received honorable mention in the **Young Artist Piano** competition.

Shellie Brown (student of **Paul Kantor** from Rice University) received honorable mention in the **Young Artist Strings** competition.

I invite you to please read Sheri Falcone's report for a list of all of our Southern Division competitors and their teachers. We are so proud of all of you – thank you for representing Mississippi so beautifully!

I am energized and ready to begin this new year. We look forward to the MMTA collegiate competitions which will be held on March 5 at USM. Please help get the word out by reminding your University colleagues about this opportunity. These competitions can be a wonderful learning experience for the students and serve as preparation for the MTNA competitions in the fall. The competition application deadline is February 15. We had wonderful participation in the MTNA competitions in November – wouldn't it be great if we could do the same in March?

We also look forward to our MMTA Pre-College District Evaluations which will be held April 2 (Group A) and April 9 (Group B). The MMTA Pre-College Finals Competitions will be held May 21 at University of Mississippi in Oxford.



Ellen Elder

Plans for the 62nd MMTA State Conference are already underway. Please give your support to Alice Ballard as she begins to make preparations for the conference. She will also submit the MAC grant application on our behalf.

Thank you to all of our officers for your work. I look forward to working with you all and appreciate everything you are doing on behalf of our organization.

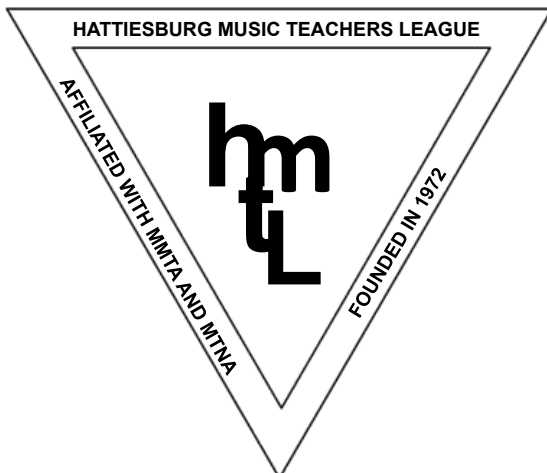
Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Elder

MMTA President
ellen@ellenelder.com



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



President-Elect's Message



Alice Ballard

We had a remarkable group of guest artists, clinicians, judges, and workshop presenters for our 61st MMTA Conference at Mississippi College in Clinton. We had 37 paid registrants, in addition to 10 individuals who were either students or who were sponsored by members, bringing the total conference attendance to 47.

Our hosts at Mississippi College, Angie Willoughby, Ben Williams, Michael Rushing, and Dottie Serio, were most gracious in fulfilling the many duties associated with serving as the host institution.

Special thanks to the Music Forum of Jackson for providing delicious treats at the reception following the Guest Artist Recital. Ruth Keyes and Brenda Sullivan organized the gathering beautifully. Stephanie Holmes prepared excellent conference booklets again this year. She always does a great job!

Our Conference artists, soprano Kyoung Cho and bass Won Cho, accompanied by pianist Kyung-Eun Na, gave a dazzling performance on Friday evening. The Mortyakova/Bogdan Piano Duo premiered commissioned composer Valentin Bogdan's interesting new work "Metamorphosis IV." Melody Bober, piano clinician, held an Alfred publisher session featuring her compositions. She also held a couple of workshops on energizing student recitals and energizing group lessons. Area students were able to perform Melody Bober's compositions for her in a special recital. Immediate Past President Barbara Tracy kindly took care of Melody Bober's travel and other needs during her stay with us in Clinton.

Other highlights of the weekend included four new faculty members performing in the New Faculty Recital, and IMTF speaker Susanna Garcia's wonderful presentation on teaching beginning piano students to play expressively.

Mississippi College was very busy on Friday, with MTNA student competitions taking place simultaneously with the MMTA conference sessions. The MTNA competitions were coordinated by Sheri Falcone with assistance from the performance area chairs, and Ellen Elder executed the competitions, since Sheri had other performance commitments.

We are immensely grateful for the support of the Mississippi Arts Commission for our 2015 Conference and March 2016 MMTA Collegiate Competitions. MAC makes a difference in the success of our organization!

Plans are already beginning for the 2016 MMTA conference, location to be announced. Be thinking about suggestions or proposals for the 2016 MMTA Conference! The conference committee will meet in May prior to the regular MMTA board meeting and as always, a representative from each local affiliate is welcome to attend the conference planning meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ballard

Vice President for Membership and Web Management



Janine Beasley

As of January 22, 2016, 163 members are listed for the 2015-2016 year. Among these are 11 reinstating members, 10 new members, and 3 new collegiate members.

Website changes:

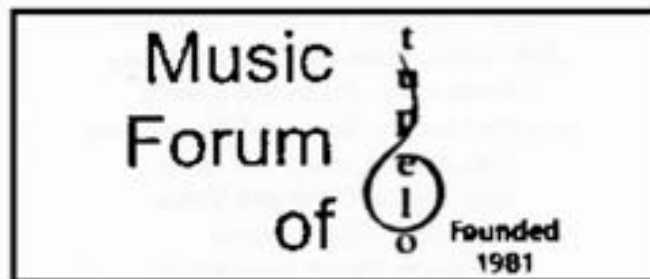
Added links for MMTA State Collegiate Competitions, World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest & Festival

Ongoing: miscellaneous updates as needed.

Continue to send mass emails to members as requested.

Updated member list with most current information; continuing to add new members as I get information. Unpaid members have been deleted.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine Beasley



Vice President for Collegiate and National Competitions



Sheri Falcone

The MTNA Collegiate Competitions were held on Friday, November 6, 2015 at Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi. There were a total of 42 registrants. We had a large number of contestants enter this year and this may have been one of the largest in a long time. Once again, I would like to personally thank Dr. Ellen Elder and Alice Ballard, members of the board, and area chairs for helping and assisting me with the duties as the new Vice President and taking over while I was performing with our local symphony. I could have not done it without your help! I would also like to extend a heart-felt thank you to the faculty/staff and student workers of Mississippi College for graciously hosting and assisting the MTNA competitions and for your commitment in making this event so successful. I would also like to thank Angela Willoughby and Ben Williams for finding and reserving space for the competition. Thank you all so much; it truly was greatly appreciated! I look forward to working with you again!

There were a total of 7 judges this year for the MTNA Competition. I commend them on their hard work. Our seven judges included Dr. Won Cho (voice judge and masterclass clinician), Dr. Maxim Samarov (string judge), Mr. Justin Cook (brass judge), Ms. Jennifer Whitehead (woodwinds), Dr. Timothy Phillips (woodwinds), Dr. Caterina Bristol (woodwinds), and Jonathan Jung (piano)

Below is the breakdown of entries in each division:

YABrass: 3
 YAPiano: 4
 Jr. Piano: 2
 Sr. Piano: 3
 YAStrings: 6
 YAVoice: 5
 YAWoodwinds: 8
 Jr. Strings: 1
 Sr. Strings: 1
 Sr. Voice: 1
 Jr. Woodwinds: 2
 YACHamber: 3 groups
 Compositon: 3

Student participation has definitely improved. We hope that future competitions will have even more entrants and attendees since this is a great opportunity for students to continue to broaden their musical and performance skills. I would like to encourage you to continue to enter your students in the MMTA as well as the MTNA Competitions for the upcoming year. Please encourage your colleagues to be a part of Mississippi Music Teachers Association.

See you in March!

Musically,
 Sheri A. Falcone
 Applied Clarinet and Saxophone
 Department of Music
 Mississippi State University

The **Southern Division Conference** was held at the University of South Florida in Tampa on January 15-18. Congratulations to all of our 13 state winners who represented the state of Mississippi at the Southern Division competitions!

Minji Kim – Young Artist, Piano
Madeleine Yu – Junior, Piano
Shellie Brown--Young Artist, String
Chamber Winds--Daniel Backe, Jeffrey Humphrey, Curtis Nichols, Matthew Gioia
Michael Sparks – Young Artist, Brass
Ja'Marvae Lard – Young Artist, Voice
Austin White – Young Artist, Woodwind
Natalie Newton – Senior, Piano
Lydia Newton – Senior, Strings
Victoria Gong – Junior, Strings

We had five Mississippi competitors who were recognized at Southern Division:

Southern Elementary Composition - 3 entries

Winner - Jade Agler (student of **Carol Mahler**) and will advance to the national MTNA competition in San Antonio, Texas in March!

Southern Junior Composition - 6 entries

Winner - Luke Zhang (student of **Adrienne Park**) and will advance to the national MTNA Competition in San Antonio, Texas!

Southern Young Artist Performance Piano - 9 entries

Honorable Mention - Minji Kim (student of **Jung-Won Shin**)

Southern Young Artist Performance Strings - 8 entries

Honorable Mention - Shellie Brown (student of **Paul Kantor**)

Southern Junior Performance String - 8 entries

Winner - Lydia Newton (student of **Sonja Foster**) and will advance to the national MTNA Competition in San Antonio, Texas!

Bravo and congratulations on a job well done! We are so proud of you and are looking forward to another exciting year! Keep up the good work!

Sheri A. Falcone
Applied Clarinet and Saxophone
Department of Music
Mississippi State University
VP for Collegiate and National Competitions

Vice President for Pre-College Competitions



Karen Murphy

Both the Gold Medalists' Recital and the Pre-College Concerto Competition took place successfully during the November 6-7, 2015 Conference.

There were initially 14 students who enrolled in the Gold Medalists' Recital but 2 regrettably were unable to perform due to required school music events. The student performances included solo piano, piano ensemble, and violin representing Level 3 through Level 12. It was a very nice recital with many families and teachers in the audience. We hope to have even more participating next year!

This year's enrollment was up in the Pre-College Concerto Competition. Piano entries included 2 in Elementary A; 6 in Elementary B; 7 in Junior and 5 in Senior Piano. There were also 2 in Junior Strings and 1 in Senior

Woodwinds. Next year we hope for even more in piano and other instruments. The list of winners with photos is included in this Newsletter so be sure and look for a lot of smiling winners. A *congratulations* is extended to all student performers and their teachers! Appreciation is also extended to our judges: Dr. Susanna Garcia, piano; Dr. Perry Combs, strings; and Mrs. Gayle Entrekin, woodwinds. All in all, it was a very successful and rewarding event for the talented performing students and the audience present to hear them.

I personally would like to thank Ellen and Alice for their help with set-up and presenting awards and to Stephanie who was the photographer for both of these events.

Another exciting bit of news is that a new style of gold medal was designed and awarded at the Pre-College Concerto Competition. It received a lot of compliments and so I will be ordering more to be given out at State Finals next spring.

Speaking of State Finals, remember that the Evaluations will be in consecutive order with Group A on April 2nd, and Group B on April 9th. State Finals will follow on May 21st at Ole Miss. Also, a new guideline was voted upon and passed at the November Board Meeting. Division A for Piano only in the Sonatina/Sonata, Theme and Variations and Piano Ensemble categories will include both Levels 3 and below **and Level 4**, leaving Level 5 and Level 6 in Division B.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and successful new year!

Karen Murphy, NCTM
Vice-President for Pre-College Performances
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Treasurer's Report



Chris Ballard

This current Financial Report covers the time period of November 7, 2015 to January 7, 2016. This was a relatively quiet time as far as the MMTA finances are concerned. The main expense during this time period was associated with the Southern Division Competition held in Tampa, Florida. That expense came to \$1655.00. Various other expenses amounted to \$978.63 for a total expenditure of \$2643.63. The majority of the income we received during this period came from member dues that amounted to \$1750.00, with a total income of 2500.00.

On another note, \$1125.00 was collected from various MMTA members over the last three months to honor Janet Gray, Mississippi Music Teachers Association's nominee as a Music Teachers National Association Fellow for 2016.

As always, if I can be of help to any of you as your State Treasurer, please feel free to contact me any time.

Chris Ballard, MMTA State Treasurer

Mississippi's 2016 MTNA Foundation Fellow

Janet Gray has been involved in the music activities and cultural growth of her community her entire life: teaching, organizing, performing and adjudicating. She has served in leadership positions in Mississippi Music Teachers' Association, Corinth Federated Music Club, and National Guild of Piano Teachers, including several decades as auditions chairs for MMTA and NGPT, and in various offices of the Music Club and MMTA.

Her former students serve as musicians in many churches, as educators in various disciplines and as promoters of music wherever they reside. Their consistent success in auditions and competitions sharpened their love for music and their commitment to its excellence. The conclusion of her 57 years of active piano teaching in 2015 was marked by a community wide



tribute at the annual Community Christmas musical, at which she performed.

She received her community's Outstanding Citizen award in 1994 for her dedication to the arts and community service: twenty years of active service to Junior Auxiliary of Corinth and leadership in the National Association; decades as treasurer of the Crossroads Museum (as it evolved from display of artifacts in a room within a historic mansion to its present location in a multi-segmented modern museum housed in the historic Corinth Depot); fifteen years as Chair of the Corinth Library Commission, as well as numerous other community projects.

She was honored in 2015 at First United Methodist Church of Corinth for her contributions of over 56 years as pianist, interim organist, youth and children's choir leader, chancel and hand bell choir member, Sunday School teacher, Bible study leader, leadership roles and for her faithfulness in participation.

Her early love of church and piano were encouraged by her pianist grandmother, who encouraged her to begin playing for church at eleven years of age. Her undergraduate studies with Leona K. Vinson and A. Thomas Talbot led toward her B.S. from MUW (MSCW) where she studied with Harold Richey. A lifelong student, she studied organ with Edward Ludlow, and attended continuing music education weeks at USM, MSU, UM, UTMartin, CSU, among other summer education opportunities.

Gray is the widow of Herman L. Gray, having been married 56 years. Her children, all musicians in their own right, are Linda Wofford of Franklin, TN, Mary Ellen Donaldson of Brentwood, TN, and David E. Gray of Arlington, VA. She has two grandsons and six granddaughters.

Affiliate News

The **Hattiesburg Music Teachers League** began the spring semester on January 9 with a business meeting at USM. Following the meeting, a recital of educational vocal music for pre-college students was presented in Marsh Auditorium by JCJC music faculty member, Jennifer Hart, soprano, and HMTL member, Diane Dobson, pianist.

Student recitals will be held in the recital hall of Mississippi Music on February 20 and the MFMC District III Junior Festival will be held on February 27 at WCU. Upcoming events for mid-spring include the district MMTA Pre-College Evaluations for Hattiesburg, the annual HMTL Spring Concert for outstanding high school students, HMTL summer music camp scholarship auditions and additional student recitals, all scheduled for April.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Broughton, HMTL President

MUSIC FORUM OF JACKSON

Brenda Sullivan, President

♪ The Sonata/Sonatina Festival was held on November 21, 2015, Millsaps College, in Jackson. Sixty-nine students were registered, and sixty of those participated in the event. These students represented the studios of Dot Bittick, Carol Durham, Jane Fox, Rachel Heard, Isabella Ivshin, Annette Joe, Kay Johnson, Karen Laubengayer, Donna Reed, Patsy Simpson, Brenda Sullivan, Jacquelyn Thornell, Christy Turner & Carolina Whitfield-Smith.

We are very appreciative of our excellent chairmen, Donna Reed & Patsy Simpson. It was a day that focused on great music, due to their detailed planning and execution.

♪ On December 4, 2015, membership enjoyed a lovely meal and wonderful fellowship at our Christmas Luncheon. Each member also received a beautifully wrapped gift. This was held at Anjou Restaurant in Ridgeland. Our Social Chairman, Ruth Keyes, planned this delightful event.

♪ On January 8, 2016, an excellent program was presented for us at Morrison Bros. Music in Ridgeland. Our Program Chair, Annette Joe, introduced Barry Ellis, a former member who now lives and teaches in Nashville. He led us in a presentation about teaching intermediate-level students and repertoire that is appropriate, challenging, and enjoyable for them. It was the perfect setting, Annette's studio, for our time together...fun, informative, clear, and enlightening. The next morning, January 9, we met at the Municipal Art Gallery in Jackson. Barry conducted an intermediate-level master class that involved six well-prepared students from the studios of Jane Fox, Kay Johnson, Anna Smira & Carolina Whitfield-Smith. It was refreshing to listen, and then watch Barry coach and challenge these talented young people, focusing on the music and on the physical elements of their playing.

♪ On February 6, 2016, we celebrated the 47th annual BACH FESTIVAL at Hinds Community College in Raymond. We welcomed the performances of 394 registered students, representing 52 teachers. It was an exhilarating day as the halls were filled with the sounds of early keyboard music. We thank chairman

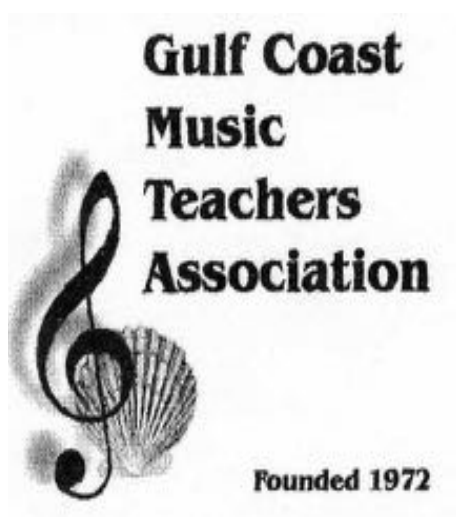
Kathie Lott for taking the helm of this monumental event, and we appreciate her exceptional leadership.

♪ Upcoming Spring Events. . .

- MTNA National Conference, April 2-6, 2016, San Antonio, Texas (I am honored to represent Music Forum of Jackson.)
- MMTA Pre-College Local Auditions, April 2, 2016, Hinds Community College in Raymond; Jacquelyn Thornell, Chair

Vicksburg Music Teachers began the busy New Year with a Sacred Music recital in January. In February, we held a recital called, "For the Love of Music," in which students played or sang their favorite piece, or a piece somehow related to Valentine's Day. We put out a basket for "love offerings," to help recharge our tiny bank account, to afford costs for our upcoming Evaluations. We are offering our adult students a chance to perform for their peers, in a "Parlor Recital," held in March, at the home of Jeanne Evans. An Ensemble Recital is set for early April, followed by our local MMTA Evaluations in early April. The annual Vicksburg Honors Recital in late April will feature all students who receive a Superior Rating on performance. Our students appreciate the recognition, as do their parents.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Evans
Vicksburg MTA





JONES COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Janine Beasley, President

January 23, 2016

The JCMTA annual Showcase Recital was held on Sunday, November 15, 2015. Student performers were highlighted at this event.

The JCMTA annual Solo and Sonata Competition will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016. The competition is for students sixth through twelfth grade. 27 students are entered for this event.

JCMTA will hold its annual Ensemble Festival on March 5, 2016.

Business meetings will be held prior to the above events.

Jones County Music Teachers Association will participate in the Ellisville area MMTA Evaluations April 9, 2016, at Jones County Junior College.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine Beasley



Gulf Coast Music Teachers Association

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Our first meeting of the year was held at Gulf Coast School of Music in Gulfport on Saturday, September 12. During the business part of the meeting, Penny Edwards of Mississippi Music explained the upcoming Clavinova Festival, and handed out teacher materials with fliers. The program for the meeting, “Teaching Theory and Technique – the Best of the Best,” was presented by Kristen Moody and Dawn Nelson. Members were invited to bring their two best tools for teaching theory and technique. Nine members were in attendance.

GCMTA held its Fall group recital at Mississippi Music on Sunday afternoon, October 18. Betty Hopkins was in charge of this event during which 19 students performed.

Our usual November meeting was moved to October 29, in order to plan for the Clavinova Festival. After the business part of the meeting, which was held at Mississippi Music, members repaired to the onsite Clavinovas to familiarize themselves with the control panels of the newer models to be used at the Festival.

On Saturday, November 14, GCMTA assisted Mississippi Music with the Clavinova Festival at Edgewater Mall from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. It was a fun and encouraging performance outlet for all the students who entered. Around eighty students participated!

On January 9, 2016, Carol Mahler facilitated a program entitled “Navigating the MTNA Competitions – Consider Composing!”, at her home.

Upcoming: Our Music Teachers Festival will be held on February 27, 2016, with our local Pre-college Evaluations taking place on April 9. Both events will be held at MGCCC-JD in Gulfport. The Senior Awards Recital is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 24, at Bible Fellowship Church in Pass Christian.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mahler, GCMTA President

2015 Fall Conference Snapshots

Mississippi College, Clinton





Competition Winners



Young Artist Woodwinds

Austin White (winner), Daniel Backe (alternate), Sara Crider (honorable mention), Jeffrey Humphrey (honorable mention), & Rory Young II (honorable mention)



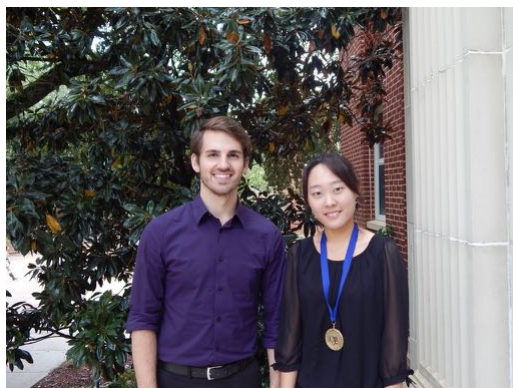
Senior Piano Performance

Natalie Newton (winner), Kryshun Chaffin (alternate), & Jesse Li (honorable mention)



Chamber Music Winners

Tangents



Young Artist Piano

Minji Kim (winner), Julian Pernet Castilla (alternate, not pictured), & Fred Blaine IV (honorable mention)



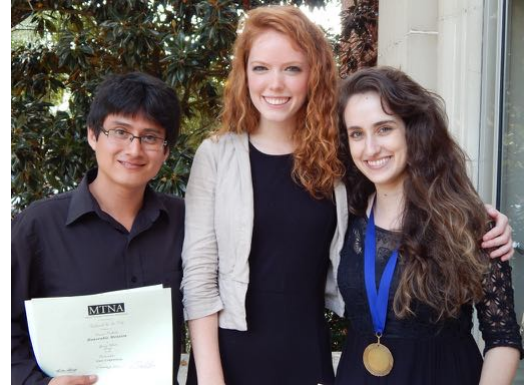
Young Artist Voice

Ja'Marvae Land (winner), Kayla Wilson (alternate), Lauren Abramson (Honorable Mention), & Krystal Jackson (Honorable Mention)



Young Artist Brass

Michael Sparks (winner), Bethany Grant (alternate), & Davien Watkins (honorable mention)



Young Artist Strings

Shellie Brown (winner), Jessica Schmidt (alternate), & Nathaniel De la Cruz (honorable mention)



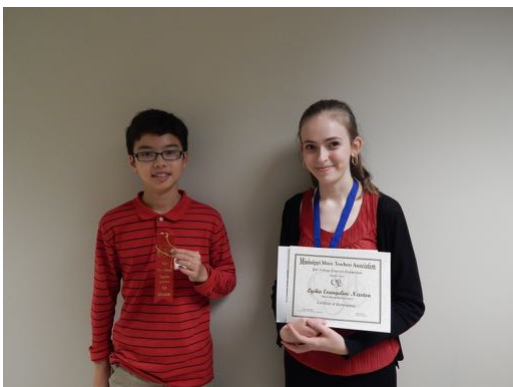
Junior Piano

Madeleine Yu (winner) & Matthew Li (alternate)



Junior Woodwinds

Victoria Gong (winner) & Matthew Kim (alternate)



Junior Strings Concerto

Lydia Newton (winner) & Edmond Doerksen (alternate)



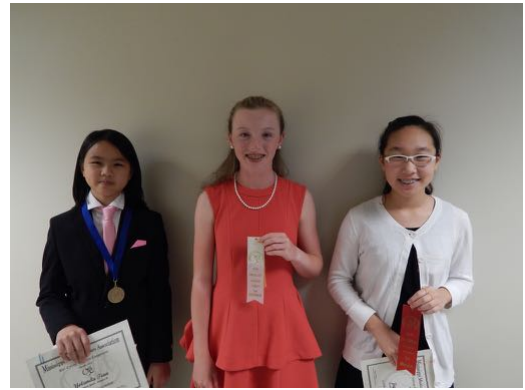
Senior Woodwinds Concerto

Shelby Jones (winner)



Elementary Piano A Concerto

Katie Chung (winner), & Claire Rhee (1st alternate)



Elementary Piano B Concerto

Yolanda Tian (winner), Jiyoung Seo (1st alternate), & Christina Danford (2nd alternate)



Junior Piano Concerto

Edmund Doerksen (winner), Landon Maughon (1st alternate), & Edward Yang Hu (2nd alternate)



Senior Piano Concerto

Calendula Y. Cheng (winner), Samantha Simpson (winner), Tamjeed Azad (1st alternate), & CiCi Zhang (2nd alternate)

Mississippi MTNA Winners

Junior Piano Performance

Madeleine Yu (winner)	Ellen Elder	
Matthew Li (alternate)	Rachel Heard	Madison Middle

Junior Strings Performance

Lydia Newton (winner)	Sonja Foster	
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Junior Woodwinds Performance

Victoria Gong (winner)	Sybil Cheesman	Vicksburg Catholic
Matthew Kim (alternate)	Myung Kim	Desoto Central

Senior Piano Performance

Natalie Newton (winner)	Robert Holm	
Krysun Chaffin (alternate)	Carolina Whitfield-Smith	Murrah
Jessi Li (honorable mention)	Rachel Heard	Madison Central

Senior Voice Performance

Jessalyn Davis (winner)	Khara Molsbee	Gulfport
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Young Artist Brass

Michael Sparks (winner)	Douglas Mark	DSU
Bethany Grant (alternate)	Douglas Mark	DSU
Davien Watkins (honorable mention)	Richard Human	MSU

Young Artist Strings

Shellie Brown (winner)	Paul Kantor	Rice University
Jessica Schmidt (alternate)	Song Xie	Belhaven
Nathaniel De la Cruz (honorable mention)	Marcos Machado	USM

Young Artist Voice

Ja'Marvae Lard (winner)	Kimberly Davis	USM
Kayla Wilson (alternate)	Phyllis Lewis-Hale	Jackson State
Lauren Abramson (honorable mention)	James Martin	Millsaps College
Krystal Jackson (honorable mention)	James Martin	Millsaps College

Young Artist Woodwinds

Austin White (winner)	Adam Estes	UM
Daniel Backe (alternate)	Lawrence Gwozdz	USM
Sara Crider (honorable mention)	Bret Pimentel	DSU
Jeffrey Humphrey (honorable mention)	Lawrence Gwozdz	USM
Rory Young II (honorable mention)	Bret Pimentel	DSU

Pre-College Concerto Competition Winners

November 7, 2015

Piano Elementary A

Gold Medal:

Katie Chung (Katie Wallace)

1st Alternate:

Claire Rhee (Katie Wallace)

Piano Elementary B

Gold Medal:

Yolanda Tian (Janice Mesrobian)

1st Alternate:

Jiyoung Seo (Jung-Won Shin)

2nd Alternate:

Christina Danford (Ellen Elder)

Junior Piano

Gold Medal:

Edmund Doerksen (Ian Hominick)

1st Alternate:

Landon Maughon (Michael Rushing)

2nd Alternate:

Edward Yang Hu (Ian Hominick)

Senior Piano

Gold Medal:

Calendula Y. Cheng (Ian Hominick)

Samantha Simpson (Ian Hominick)

1st Alternate:

Tamjeed Azad (Ian Hominick)

CiCi Zhang (Harold Thompson)

Junior Strings

Gold Medal:

Lydia Newton (Sonja Foster)

1st Alternate:

Edmund Doerksen (Sue Gaston)

Senior Woodwinds

Gold Medal:

Shelby Jones (Jessica Banks)

Mark Your Calendar

March 5, 2016 - MMTA Collegiate Competitions - The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg

April 2 -6, 2016 - 2016 MTNA National Conference, San Antonio, TX

April 2, 2016 - Group A MMTA 2016 Pre-College Auditions - Goodman, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Oxford, and Tupelo

April 9, 2016 - Group B MMTA 2016 Pre-College Auditions - Columbus/Starkville, Ellisville, Gulf Coast, Vicksburg

April 16, 2016 - Mississippi Valley State Piano Festival, Itta Bena

May 21, 2016 - MMTA Pre-College Finals - The University of Mississippi, Oxford

Do you have an event you would like to be placed in the Mississippi Music Teacher? Contact Stephanie Holmes at sholmes057@gmail.com.

Membership in Mississippi Music Teachers Association is open to individuals professionally engaged in any field of musical activity. Since MMTA is a state affiliate of Music Teachers National Association, all membership is handled through national headquarters. Please check the MTNA website <http://www.mtna.org/home.htm> or the MMTA VP for Membership for membership information or application forms.

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Susan A. Smith, Chair

Tracy Bedgood, Low Brass

Mike Boyd, Guitar/Music Survey

Jeff Cannon, Band

Joel Dunlap, Concert Choir

Kay Guiles, Piano/Organ

Jennifer Hart, Voice/Theater

Nikki Johnson, Voice/Theater

Victoria Johnson, Piano

Lindsey Keay, Flute/Band

Meri Newell, Woodwinds

Patrick Richards, High Brass

Theresa Sanchez, Piano/Music Literature

Grey Shealy, Percussion

Susan A. Smith, Voice/Theory/JC Voices

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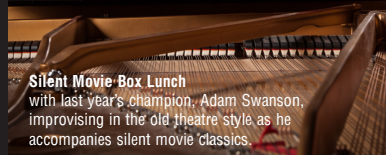
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I would also like to congratulate all of the students who performed in the recitals and competitions. You all performed beautifully! Keep up the wonderful work!

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