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Plan to attend our virtual 2021 Conference November 5-6

Message from the President



Valentin Bogdan

Dear colleagues and friends,

This has been a very busy summer and start of fall.

Two weeks ago, I attended the MTNA Leadership Summit (it was virtual this year). We had spirited discussions on several topics, but at the forefront was the topic of diversity and inclusion and how our organization can play a leading role in this important endeavor. Some ideas considered included making the performance canon more inclusive, making music lessons more accessible for a wider variety of students, and several others.

The MTNA leadership have decided to create a committee to further explore MTNA's role, and I am certain we will hear more about this soon.

The national conference will be held in person in Minneapolis in March 2022. As far as our Mississippi state conference, we unfortunately had to circle back and move the event online, since the Covid cases were (and still are) too high for comfort. Nonetheless, we are looking forward to this year's event – the conference committee and our President-Elect Jung-Won Shin are working hard to plan a fulfilling conference. We will still have synchronous and asynchronous sessions, as well as new music concert, guest artists, guest clinicians and speakers.

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I am happy to announce that Millsaps College graciously agreed to host the 2022 Pre-College Finals. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Rachel Heard for agreeing to host us, and we look forward to our time in Jackson

I would also like to welcome back on the MMTA executive board our former president, Alice Ballard. She graciously agreed to serve as the MMTA secretary – I want to personally thank her for her willingness to serve the organization again. Alice is replacing Yvonne McGrath, our long-time MMTA Secretary and Executive Board Member. I would also like to thank Yvonne for her outstanding service to our organization; her presence on the board will be missed.

I am happy to report that honorariums were sent in behalf of MMTA to all college-level participants in the 2020 MTNA Competition and the 2021 Collegiate Competitions. The board conducted an email vote during the summer and approved an \$85 payment for each participant (per category). We believe this was the best way spend some unexpected extra funds left over from the MAC Grant, while also offering some assistance to our young Mississippi artists. I want to express my thanks to our treasurer, Chris Ballard, who sent individual checks to each competitor and to Janine Beasley, our VP for Membership and Webmaster for researching the contact info for the competitors.

I hope to see many of you during our November virtual conference. I look forward to catching up with as many folks as possible and see how everyone is doing. I am very excited for the future of MMTA and where this organization is going. The past year and a half has been challenging for everyone, but I also believe it made us stronger, more adaptable, and more willing to experiment with new pedagogical and musical approaches. Please do not hesitate to email or call me if you have any ideas you'd like to discuss, any thoughts on our organization, simply or just to say hello. Meanwhile, I wish you all the best.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Valentin M. Bogdan
President, Mississippi Music Teachers Association
Professor of Music
Mississippi University for Women



President-Elect's Report



Jung-Won Shin

The Mississippi Arts Commission Project Grant requested last March to support our fall conference and Collegiate Competitions has been approved. The conference will be held at Hinds Community College in Raymond on November 5-6, 2021. The Collegiate Competitions will take place at Delta State University in Cleveland on Saturday, March 5, 2022.

Dr. Ken Renfrow, Alfred author and professor of piano pedagogy at Bob Jones University, will be our clinician for the state conference this November. The guest artists for the conference will be UAB (The University of Alabama at Birmingham) Chamber Trio (trumpet, clarinet, and piano). The commissioned composer for the conference will be Mr. Aaron Patrick Mann, an active Mississippi-born composer. Dr. Naoki Hakutani, Associate Professor of Piano at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, will be our Speaker for IMTF Luncheon and Piano Judge for Pre-College Concerto Competitions.

Both the conference call for proposals and the call for the new faculty recital have been announced to our members. The deadline for conference proposals is September 12. Any new music faculty member in Mississippi is invited to perform at the new faculty recital during the conference. The submission deadline for the new faculty recital is September 20. Both MMTA and non-MMTA members are invited to submit proposals. In addition to presentations and the New Music Recital, the conference will feature

I would like to extend my thanks to Victoria Johnson and Valentin Bogdan for providing all guidelines for the procedures of the conference and the MAC grant; Alice Ballard, our host for the conference, for providing all necessary information for conference lodging, food, and facilities; Chris Ballard for reviewing the conference budget and providing paperwork for the MAC Grant; Karen Fosheim for agreeing to host the Collegiate Competitions; Janine Beasley for sending out all announcements to the membership and updating our Website; Stephanie Holmes for organizing the conference booklet; Portia Davis and Jonathan Mitchell for organizing the IMTF Luncheon and the New Music Recital with the commissioned composer respectively; and Michael Rushing and Danilo Mezzadri for organizing the pre-college events (the Gold Medal Recital and the Pre-College Concerto Competitions) and the state round of the MTNA Competitions respectively; all the Performance Chairs for securing judges and moderating the MTNA state competitions; and Yvonne Young-McGrath for serving as MMTA Secretary for many years.

Respectfully submitted,

Jung-Won Shin

Treasurer's Report



Chris Ballard

As you know, this past fiscal year has been very unusual for MMTA due to Covid. We finished the 2020-21 fiscal year with a net gain of approximately \$7,500. This gain is mainly due to the fact that many of our MMTA events were held virtually instead of in person. This in turn cut down on expenses we would have normally incurred. We currently have a cash balance of \$68,310.91.

It is impossible at this point to know how Covid might affect our events scheduled for this fiscal year. With that in mind, I have put together a proposed budget that I think is flexible enough to blend into whatever circumstances might arise. Therefore, I submit the proposed budget below for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted: Chris Ballard, MMTA State Treasurer



Mississippi Music Teachers Association
Proposed Budget

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Ordinary Income and Expense

Income:	<u>Proposed</u>
MMTA Member Dues rebates	2,500.00
Commissioned Composer rebate	750.00
MAC Grant	4,750.00
Fall Conference	2,900.00
Collegiate Competition	600.00
Pre-College Evaluations	9,750.00
Pre-College Finals	250.00
<u>Total Income:</u>	<u>21,500.00</u>

Expense:	<u>Proposed</u>
Office Supplies	200.00
Fall Conference	7,500.00
MTNA Summit	100.00
Southern Division Expense	200.00
Affiliate Grant	200.00
Collegiate Competitions	1,100.00
MTNA National Conference Expense	1,750.00
Web Page Hosting Fee	650.00
Pre-College Evaluations	5,000.00
Pre-College Finals	4,000.00
Medals/Ribbons/Awards	600.00
Natural Disaster Donation, Funeral Flowers, etc.	200.00
<u>Total Expenses:</u>	<u>21,500.00</u>

Vice-President for Membership and Web Management



Janine Beasley

As of August 20, 2021, 98 members are listed for the 2021-2022 year. Of these 1 is a new member, 1 is a reinstating member.

Website changes:

Uploaded Summer MMT (from Stephanie Holmes)

Updated Events Calendar with 2021 – 2022 information that I have received to date

Ongoing:

Miscellaneous updates as needed

Continue to send mass emails to members as requested

Updating website with member information; will send email to members who have not renewed to remind them to renew

Respectfully submitted,
Janine Beasley

Vice Presidents for Pre-College Evaluations



Rosângela Sebba



Karen Fosheim

After the District Evaluations and State Finals were done online a questionnaire was sent to collect information from the MMTA members. We thank all who took the time to participate, and a final result will be sent soon. The suggestions are taking in consideration in case we need to be online again.

Decisions have not been made for next semester as we hope that we will be able to be face-to-face, though we will follow guidelines to secure everyone's health. We would like to thank all area chairs and board members who contributed to the revisions.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fosheim & Rosângela Sebba
Vice-Presidents for Pre-College Evaluations

Affiliate News

Music Forum of Jackson

Once again, summer has come and gone. Hope everyone had an enjoyable vacation and relaxing time! Teaching schedules have been made and plans for the year have been made.

We are so excited that our very own Annette Joe has been selected as the Outstanding Teacher of the Year for MMTA 2021.

On Friday, September 17, at 11:00, we'll meet at The Trace Grill for an informal lunch. We've not had any get together times with our year of Covid.

Sonatina Festival plans are moving along. Date is November 20, 2021 at Millsaps. Registration deadline is October 15.

Bach Festival will be held on February 12, at Hinds. Deadline for registration is December 15. As with Covid restrictions, we will not be having any Honors Recitals this year; the Competitive Recitals will be held. Brochures have been mailed out.

We will be announcing our programs for the year in the coming days.

Best wishes for a fabulous year of teaching!!

Patsy Simpson
President, Music Forum of Jackson

Golden Triangle Music Forum

Due to the challenges facing our music teachers last year, Golden Triangle Music Forum has learned to make the best of our circumstances. We have partnered with the Mississippi State University Community Music School for two outdoor piano recitals in the last year. The students LOVE it! For the Spring recital, one of Katie Johnson's students (who has always struggled with nerves in performing) said that he felt very comfortable in this recital. He performed more passionately in this relaxed setting than he ever has before! Rebekah Moore-Schultz and Katie Johnson performed a four-hand work at the end and our students enjoyed hearing their teachers play. We are considering having two keyboards next time, so students can perform their concerti for a live audience.

Several of us participated in MMTA Auditions in the Spring and are preparing our students for another virtual concerto competition.

Earlier this year, we decided to drop our website since none of us are very tech savvy and it was costly. In place of the site, Rebekah Moore-Schultz took over our Facebook page and now she posts events and news for us, including videos of our students performing.

Starkville High School was able to put in a brand new piano lab this year, and our own member, Trent Smith, will be teaching the students there. This is exciting news for our community, because some of our own music students will be receiving extra theory, ear training, sight-reading, and chord-playing lessons in their group piano classes!

In Columbus, Mississippi University for Women Piano Faculty Dr. Julia Mortyakova and Dr. Valentin M. Bogdan will perform a solo and duet concert on Friday, September 17th at 7:30pm in Kossen Auditorium, Poindexter Hall. "Nancy Knight Gilpin Piano Dedication Concert" is an inauguration concert for a new Steinway Concert Grand Piano donated to the MUW Department of Music by the Gilpin family, in the honor of the late Nancy Knight Gilpin, MUW music alumna. The recital will feature solo works by Cécile Chaminade, Teresa Carreño, Fanny Hensel, Domenico Scarlatti, Franz Liszt, Sergei Rachmaninoff, as well multiple selection of music written for piano four-hands. The event is free and open to the public.

We had to postpone our Fall meeting due to concerns over Covid, but are excited to have several new members in our group, including organist and pianist Dr. Michaelle Harrison! For years, we have been in need of more trained music teachers in the Starkville/Columbus area to cover the demand for lessons. This area has the most wonderful families and we are very fortunate to get to teach them! Our dear Dr. Jackie Edwards-Henry will be retiring at the end of this year after 31 years of serving MSU and MMTA. MSU will hold a recital on February 26, 2022 of solo and ensemble works by pianists in the community to honor Jackie. MSU will also host their first Monster Piano Concert on April 30, 2022.



JONES COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Janine Beasley, President

August 21, 2021

This summer we planned our year, and dates for Showcase Recital, Solo-Sonata Competition, and Ensemble Festival were determined. We also selected music for Solo-Sonata Competition and Ensemble Festival. Martha Tisdale has worked diligently getting our yearbook ready. The yearbook consists of our calendar, membership information, and all other information that our organization needs to conduct our business and our events. This year, we conducted business via email.

All officers and committees are the same as the previous year, with the exception of Derrick Meador who has moved to Shreveport, LA, as organist and choirmaster at St. Mark's Cathedral. We will miss him, both in JCMTA and at St. John's Episcopal in Laurel, but we offer him our congratulations on this position.

We plan to have a meeting in August or September, in order for Martha Tisdale to distribute yearbooks with our yearly information, to the members of JCMTA.

The JCMTA annual Showcase Recital will be held on Sunday, November 7, 2021. Student performers and composers will be highlighted at this event.

The JCMTA annual Solo and Sonata Competition will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2022. The competition is for students sixth through twelfth grade.

JCMTA will hold its annual Ensemble Festival February 19, 2022.

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, 2022 at Jones College.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine Beasley

Mark Your Calendar

November 5-6, 2021 – 67th MMTA Virtual State Conference

April 2, 2022 – 2022 MMTA Pre-College Evaluations, Group A – Goodman, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Oxford, Tupelo

April 9, 2022 – 2022 MMTA Pre-College Evaluations, Group B – Columbus/Starkville, Ellisville, Gulf Coast, Vicksburg

April 23, 2022 – MSVU Piano Festival – Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, MS

TBD – MMTA Collegiate Competitions – TBD

May 21, 2022 – MMTA Pre-College Finals – Millsaps College, Jackson

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

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From the MMT Editor

Our Fall Conference is quickly approaching! While our format will be different this year, I hope you make plans to log in and attend virtually.

Jung-Won Shin has been instrumental in planning this year's conference. Be sure to thank her for all her hard work.

I'll miss seeing y'all in person this year, but I hope your teaching year is off to a great start. Have a fabulous rest of the semester!



Stephanie Holmes

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