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**Plan to attend our 2022 Conference  
November 4-5 at Mississippi  
College in Clinton.**

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## Message from the President



*Valentin Bogdan*

The following is a brief report of my activities since our May meeting. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend the Zoom meeting of the Southern Chapter presidents, since it took place on the first day, I was diagnosed with Covid, and I was incapacitated for a few days. However, I did read the meeting minutes - there are no major events/announcements to keep you apprised of. I will attend the September MTNA Leadership Summit in Cincinnati, I am certain there will be more announcements then about future activities of our organization,

Per a request from our immediate past president, Victoria Johnson, I reached out to three of our local chapter presidents to ask them to serve on this year's MTNA Nominating Committee. I am certain Victoria will have some news to share about this committee's work as well.

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## Message from the President (continued)

As you know, we have lost several prominent members this year. Our long-time member, Sandra Polanski and her husband Frank made a generous monetary donation to MMTA, to honor the memory of the colleagues we have lost. I sent Sandra a note of thanks on behalf of our organization.

I would like to convey my thanks to immediate past-president Victoria Johnson for leading the May meeting. I truly appreciate her help stepping in on my behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentin M. Bogdan, President  
Mississippi Music Teachers Association



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## President-Elect's Report



*Jung-Won Shin*

The MMTA 2022 State Conference will be held in person at Mississippi College in Clinton on November 4-5, 2022. Prof. Dennis Alexander, who has written numerous Alfred piano method books, will be our clinician for the state conference. The guest artist for the conference will be Prof. Janet Hopkins, a Metropolitan Opera singer and professor of voice at the University of South Carolina. The commissioned composer for the conference will be Mr. Paul Heindl, an active composer and percussionist and faculty member of Hinds Community College. Dr. Lauren Schack Clark, Chair of the Music Department and Director of Keyboard Studies at Arkansas State University, will be our Speaker for IMTF Luncheon and Piano Judge for Pre-College Concerto Competitions.

Piano and vocal master classes by the guest clinician and the guest artist respectively will be held on Saturday morning. Conference performances include the Guest Artist Recital, the New Faculty Recital, the New Music Recital on the work written by the commissioned composer and the winners of the MTNA composition competitions, and the Gold Medal Winners Recital.

Our 2022 application for the Mississippi Arts Commission Project Grants had been submitted to support our fall conference and the Collegiate Competitions also held at Mississippi College on Saturday, March 4, 2023, and was approved by the MAC last July. The call for conference proposals has been sent out to our members and posted on the MMTA website.

I would like to extend my thanks to Valentin Bogdan, Victoria Johnson, Janine Beasley, Chris Ballard, Michael Rushing, Stephanie Holmes, Susan Smith, Danilo Mezzadri, Portia Davis, and Jonathan Mitchell for their continuous work, help, and support in preparation of the state conference and the MAC Project Grant application. Finally, my deepest condolences go to the family and friends of the long-time MMTA members and highly respected teachers and colleagues who passed away last summer, Ms. Edna Mae McCoy, Ms. Ouida Thomas, Ms. Janet Gray, and Dr. Karen Fosheim.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jung-Won Shin

## Treasurer's Report



*Chris Ballard*

As of July 31, 2022, we finished up the 2021-22 fiscal year with a net gain of \$2,637.84. We currently have a cash balance of \$70,858.60.

The proposed budget I am submitting today for your consideration for this new fiscal year is based on my projected income and expenses for the coming year, as well as consideration given to last fiscal year's actual income and expenses. Thank you all for your continued support and help in the wise and frugal monetary decisions you make throughout the year involving the use of MMTA funds. As always, if I can help any of you with questions or concerns involving MMTA finances, please feel free to contact me at: [glfblue@yahoo.com](mailto:glfblue@yahoo.com).

Respectfully Submitted: Chris Ballard, MMTA State Treasurer



**Mississippi Music Teachers Association**  
**Proposed Budget**

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

**Ordinary Income and Expense**

<b>Income:</b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>	-
MMTA Member Dues rebates	4,000.00	
Commissioned Composer rebate	750.00	
MAC Grant	4,750.00	
Fall Conference	3,500.00	
Collegiate Competition	300.00	
Pre-College Evaluations	11,000.00	
Pre-College Finals	1,000.00	
Donations	300.00	
<b>Total Income:</b>		
25,600.00		-
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<b>Expense:</b>		-
<b><u>Proposed</u></b>		
Office Supplies	200.00	
Fall Conference	7,500.00	
MTNA Summit	100.00	
Southern Division Expense	200.00	
Affiliate Grant	300.00	
Collegiate Competitions	750.00	
MTNA National Conference Expense	1,750.00	
Web Page Hosting Fee	500.00	
Pre-College Evaluations	7,000.00	
Pre-College Finals	6,000.00	
Medals/Ribbons/Awards	1,100.00	
Natural Disaster Donation, Funeral Flowers, etc.	200.00	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b><u>25,600.00</u></b>	

## Vice-President for Membership and Web Management



*Janine Beasley*

As of August 19, 2022, 100 members are listed for the 2022-2023 year. Of these 5 are new members, 2 are reinstating members, and 1 is a transfer from Alabama. At this time last year, 98 members were listed for the 2021-2022 year.

### Website changes:

Updated Events Calendar with 2022 – 2023 with information that I have received to date

Updated Conference page with information about the 2022 conference, per Jung-Won.

### 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

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## Affiliate News



### JONES COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Janine Beasley, President

August 20, 2022

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. Michelle Howells is working diligently to get 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/text, and we will meet the last Sunday of August (28<sup>th</sup>) for the yearbooks to be distributed.

All officers and committees are the same as the previous year, with the exception of Treasurer. Martha Tisdale has resigned from this position, and Michelle Howells has stepped up to take over the position.

The JCMTA annual Showcase Recital will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2022. Student performers and composers will be highlighted at this event.

The JCMTA annual Solo and Sonata Competition will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023. The competition is for students sixth through twelfth grade.

JCMTA will hold its annual Ensemble Festival February 18, 2023.

Business meetings will be held prior to the above events.

Jones County Music Teachers Association will participate in the Ellisville area MMTA Evaluations, presumably March 25, 2023 at Jones College.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janine Beasley

### 2022 MMTA Pre-College Finals Results

LEVEL	PLACE	NAME	TEACHER
<b>Level 3 Piano</b>			
	1	Ella Cui	Katie Johnson
	1	Evalyn Wu	Katie Johnson
	2	Sophia Tan	Yeim Kim
	2	Joshua Wang	Sandy Coutoumanos
	3	Carmen Fisher	Carol Mahler
	3	Robert King	Laura Broughton
	4	Max Bian	Rebekah Schultz
	4	Cody Zhu	Kay Johnson
<b>Level 4 Piano</b>			
	1	Effia Wu	Katie Johnson
	2	Yucheng Lin	Le Bai
	3	Justin Chung	Katie Johnson
	3	Liuliu Ding	Laura Broughton
	4	Aiden Rhee	Katie Johnson
	4	Brandon Zhu	Kay Johnson
	4	Claire Lin	Laura Broughton
<b>Level 5 Piano</b>			
	1	Audrey Fisher	Carol Mahler
	2	Alina Zheng	Laura Broughton
	2	Amelia Bennett	Laura Broughton
	3	Kara Gaughf	Brenda Sullivan
	4	Alleigh Etheredge	Paula Henderson
	4	Carolina Lowry	Paula Henderson
	4	Sonia Sumner	Victoria Johnson
<b>Level 6 Piano</b>			
	1	Victoria Tan	Jung-Won Shin
	2	Miriam Caballero	Rachel Heard
	3	Keely Sun	Rebekah Schultz
	3	Nicholas Adcock	Debbie Barnes
	4	Iane Zhu	Rachel Herd
	4	Kevin Zhang	Katie Johnson
	4	Nathan Bai	Janice Mesrobian
<b>Level 7 Piano</b>			
	1	Katie Chung	Katie Johnson
	1	Margo Bennett	Laura Broughton
	2	Bruce Pang	Donna Reed
	2	Sofia Escobedo	Carol Mahler
	3	Melissa Khadivi	Donna Reed

	3	Crystal Zhou	Rachel Heard
	3	Lucas Zheng	Laura Broughton
	4	Cathleen Zheng	Carolina Whitfield-Smith
	4	Lucas Wang	Jacquelyn Thornell
	4	Patrick Liu	Donna Reed
	4	Anya Rai	Rosangela Sebba
	4	Michelle Xiao	Le Bai
<b>Level 8 Piano</b>			
	1	Matthew Hatchett	Donna Reed
	2	Mary Holland Nicholas	Rebekah Schultz
	3	Caleb Zhu	Rachel Heard
	3	Olivia Caviness	Paula Henderson
	4	Julia Kim	Dorothy Glover
	4	Virginia Mills	Dorothy Glover
<b>Level 9 Piano</b>			
	1	Kate Lansford	Carol Mahler
	2	Ayiana Li	Janice Mesrobian
<b>Level 10 Piano</b>			
	1	Agatha Taquino	Rosangela Sebba
	2	Kallen Zhou	Janice Mesrobian
	3	Laura Box	Rachel Heard
	4	Fancier Shi	Donna Reed
<b>Level 11 Piano</b>			
	1	Anabel Morgan	Donna Reed
	2	Ella Lansford	Carol Mahler
	2	Joseph Agler	Carol Mahler
	3	Leo Mei	Donna Banks
	3	Mary Lee Topik	Jacquelyn Thornell
	4	Jackson King	Janine Beasley
	4	John Wallace Valentine	Donna Reed
<b>Level 12 Piano</b>			
	1	Bonnie Littlejohn	Sandy Coutoumanos
	2	Tom Henry Brister	Sandy Coutoumanos
	3	Raymond Huang	Debbie Barnes
<b>Piano Ensemble A</b>			
	1	Evalyn Wu and Effia Wu	Katie Johnson

	2	Hannah Wang and Joshua Wang	Sandy Coutoumanos
	3	Woodsen Little and Mattie Rae Rounsaville	Marilyn Huff
	3	Wyatt Yoder and Adaylnn Toder	Marilyn Huff
	4	Lilly Harper and Wyatt Yoder	Marilyn Huff
<b>Piano Ensemble B</b>			
	1	Ely Hatchett and Iane Zhu	Donna Reed and Rachel Heard
<b>Piano Ensemble C</b>			
	1	Aiden Rhee and Claire Rhee	Katie Johnson
	1	Bruce Pang and Anna Box	Donna Reed
	2	Amelia Bennett and Margo Bennett	Laura Broughton
	2	Caleb Zhu and Matthew Hatchett	Rachel Heard
	3	Faith Kay and Lola Kay	Marilyn Huff
	3	Keely Sun and Mary Holland Nicholas	Katie Johnson
	4	Brooklyn Grady and Sidney Ridgeway	Marilyn Huff
	4	Jimin Kim and Mary Holland Nicholas	Rebekah Schultz
	4	Leah Wilson and Emalee Moss	Janine Beasley
<b>Piano Ensemble D</b>			
	1	Laura Box and Fancier Shi	Rachel Heard
	2	Samantha Wong and Melissa Khadivi	Rachel Heard and Donna Reed
	3	Katie Chung and Breih Magbanua	Katie Johnson
	3	Kiana Li and Ayiana Li	Janice Mesrobian

	4	Ella Page and Emily Kinsey	Janine Beasely
<b>Piano Ensemble E</b>			
	1	Tom Henry Brister and Caleb Kellum	Sandy Coutoumanos
	2	Anabel Morgan and John Wallace Valentine	Donna Reed
	2	Sofia Escobedo, Ella Lansford, Kate Lansford, Gonzalo Esco	Carol Mahler
	3	Katy Freeman and Lauren Moss	Janine Beasely
<b>Piano Theme and Variation A</b>			
	1	Max Bian	Rebekah Schultz
	2	Justin Chung	Katie Johnson
<b>Piano Theme and Variation B</b>			
	1	Sam Cobb	Ruth Keyes
	2	Jayden Shroyer	Ruth Keyes
<b>Piano Theme and Variation C</b>			
	1	Sienna Porter	Ruth Keyes
	2	Lilly Faith Bassett	Ruth Keyes
	3	Alice Astarlioglo	Carol Durham
	3	Kiana Li	Janice Mesrobian
<b>Piano Theme and Variation D</b>			
	1	Kallen Zhou	Janice Mesrobian
<b>Sonata/Sonatina A</b>			
	1	Max Bian	Rebekah Schultz
	2	Effia Wu	Katie Johnson
	2	Sophia Tan	Yeim Kim
	3	Lingfei Zhang	Barbara Tracy
	4	Hansel Tan	Jung-Won Shin
<b>Sonata/Sonatina B</b>			
	1	Kara Gaughf	Brenda Sullivan
	1	Sonia Sumner	Victoria Johnson
	2	Ely Hatchett	Donna Reed

<b>Sonata/Sonatina C</b>			
	1	Bruce Pang	Donna Reed
	2	Matthew Hatchett	Donna Reed
	2	Melissa Khadivi	Donna Reed
	3	Sofia Escobedo	Carol Mahler
<b>Sonata/Sonatina D</b>			
	1	Agatha Taquino	Rosangela Sebba
<b>Sonata/Sonatina E</b>			
	1	Tom Henry Brister	Sandy Coutoumanos
<b>Strings 3</b>			
	1	Celia Mitchell	Dr. Christopher Thompson
<b>Strings 4</b>			
	1	Hiromasa Eason	Dr. Christopher Thompson
<b>Strings 5</b>			
	1	Audrey Fisher	Emily Mahler
<b>Strings 6</b>			
	1	Clementine Hale	Emily Mahler
	2	Henry Mitchell	Dr. Christopher Thompson
<b>Strings 7</b>			
	1	Yuxiang Lin	Gail Fox
	2	Snowden Fritz	Carol Mahler
<b>Strings 8</b>			
	1	Hailey Yang	Dr. Christopher Thompson
<b>Strings 9</b>			
	1	Kate Lansford	Emily Mahler
	2	Natalia Escobedo	Emily Mahler
<b>Strings 10</b>			
	1	Connor Carlisle	Susan Gaston
	2	Simona Miley	Dr. Christopher Thompson
	3	Brennan George	Emily Mahler
	4	Claire Wojtowicz	Bonnie Sheldon
<b>Strings 11</b>			
	1	Ella Lansford	Emily Mahler
<b>Strings 12</b>			
	1	Lillian Eidson	Emily Mahler
<b>Strings Ensemble B</b>			

	1	Michelle Chung and Rachele Chung	Stephen Redfield
<b>Strings Theme and Variations B</b>			
	1	Clementine Hale	Emily Mahler
	1	Emily Winter	Emily Mahler
	2	Audrey Fisher	Emily Mahler
<b>Strings Theme and Variations D</b>			
	1	Jalyn Fritz	Emily Mahler
<b>Voice 9-10</b>			
	1	Dana Felder	Barbara Stephenson
	2	Holly Miles	Eva Hart
	3	Addison Coleman	Barbara Stephenson
<b>Voice 11-12</b>			
	1	Stella Allen	Eva Hart
	2	Alex Lewellyn	Barbara Stephenson
	3	Wesley Filgo	Eva Hart
	4	Lucy Elfert	Eva Hart

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## MMTA 2022 STATE CONFERENCE

**November 4-5, 2022**  
**Mississippi College - Clinton, MS**

The MMTA 2022 State Conference Schedule is now available. Please follow the links to find the information.

As announced earlier, the [registration form](#) and the [hotel information](#) are also available on the [Conference website](#). Please mail your Conference registration form and fees for the Conference, Banquet, and IMTA Luncheon *to arrive by Monday, October 24*, to Jung-Won Shin. A block of rooms at [Fairfield Inn & Suites Jackson Clinton](#) will be available for reservations until **Tuesday, October 11**, after which they will be released: the group rate for one Single-King or Double-Queen room is \$109.00 per night + tax.

Other hotel options are available in the [hotel information document](#). Please visit the Conference website for more information and contact Jung-Won Shin ([jshin@deltastate.edu](mailto:jshin@deltastate.edu) / (662) 846-4123) if you have any question about the conference.

## Mark Your Calendar

**November 4-5, 2022 - 68<sup>th</sup> MMTA State Conference - Mississippi College, Clinton, MS**

**March 4, 2023 - MMTA Collegiate Competitions - Mississippi College, Clinton, MS**

**April 1, 2023 - 2023 MMTA Pre-College Evaluations, Group B - Columbus/Starkville,  
Ellisville, Gulf Coast, Vicksburg**

**April 15, 2023 - 2023 MMTA Pre-College Evaluations, Group A - Goodman, Hattiesburg,  
Jackson, Oxford, Tupelo**

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

**May 20, 2022 - MMTA Pre-College Finals - Jones College, Ellisville**

*Do you have an event you would like to be placed in the Mississippi Music Teacher? Contact  
Stephanie Holmes at [sholmes057@gmail.com](mailto:sholmes057@gmail.com).*

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## From the MMT Editor

Happy Fall! Life has been chaotic, so this is a combined summer/fall issue of the MMT. My apologies for the delay in getting it out.

Our Fall Conference is quickly approaching! We will finally be back in person at Mississippi College! It will be so good to see you outside of Zoom. Jung-Won Shin has been instrumental in planning this year's conference. Be sure to thank her for all her hard work.

I would like to take a moment to remember our colleagues we have lost this year. I would be remiss not to mention Ouida Thomas and Karen Fosheim specifically. Both had a huge impact on me both personally and professionally, and I'm forever thankful for the influence they had on me.

I hope your teaching year is off to a great start. Have a fabulous rest of the semester!



*Stephanie Holmes*  
*Editor*

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