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## Message from the President



*Jung-Won Shin*

Happy New Year! I hope that each and every one of you had a good start of the year.

I am honored and grateful to serve as President of our organization and work with the Board members and all other MMTA colleagues this year. I appreciate all the support and contribution made by Valentin Bogdan, Immediate Past President, and Victoria Johnson, Chair of Nominating Committee last year and new Chair of College Faculty Forum this year, all the Board members, and all of our teachers in the organization.

I attended the MTNA Southern Division meeting with the presidents of all other states in the Southern Division on Zoom on Thursday, January 19. I am excited to represent our organization at the MTNA National Conference in Reno, Nevada, on March 25-29. There will be a reception for members of the Southern Division during the national conference. The Southern Division Travel Funds contributed by each state of the division will be awarded to all the MTNA Competitions Southern Division winners who will travel to Reno in March for the national round of the competitions during the MTNA conference.

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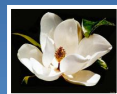
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## Message from the President (continued)

Our Collegiate Competitions will be hosted by Mississippi College in Clinton on Saturday, March 4. I hope that many of our college students will participate in the competitions. I extend my thanks to Dannel Espinoza who will organize the competitions and Michael Rushing and his colleagues who will host the event on behalf of Mississippi College.

The Pre-College Evaluations will be held on April 1 and 15. This year, Group B Evaluations (in Columbus/Starkville, Ellisville, Gulf Coast, and Vicksburg) will take place on Saturday, April 1; Group A Evaluations (in Goodman, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Oxford, and Tupelo) will be held on Saturday, April 15. Special thanks to all of our District Chairs, and Rosângela Sebba and Katie Johnson, Co-Vice Presidents for Pre-College Evaluations, for their tremendous work! The Pre-College Finals will be held at Jones college in Ellisville on May 20. I appreciate Victoria Johnson and her colleagues hosting the event, and Rebekah Lipscombe and Rebekah Schultz, our new Co-VPs for Pre-College Performances, for organizing the Pre-College Finals.

The MMTA 2023 State Conference will be held at Mississippi State University in Starkville on November 3-4. I greatly appreciate Carol Mahler, President-Elect and Conference Chair, organizing the conference and preparing for the Mississippi Arts Commission Project Grant application on behalf of our organization. And many thanks to Brian Murphy, Laura Broughton, and Jonathan Mitchell for securing the Guest Artist, the IMTF Luncheon Speaker, and the Commissioned Composer respectively for the state conference.

I will look forward to seeing many of our members and students at the above events!

Respectfully submitted,

Jung-Won Shin



## President-Elect's Report



*Carol Mahler*

The documentation for the requisite presenters, artists, and host institutions for Fall Conference 2023 and Collegiate Competitions 2024 are being secured for submitting the Mississippi Arts Commission grant application:

### *Fall Conference – November 2023:*

- Location: Mississippi State University  
Rosangela Sebba submitted the request to Music Department head, Dr. Daniel Stevens. Dr. Stevens has sent the Acceptance Letter in behalf of MSU, agreeing to serve as the 2023 Conference Hosting Institution.
- Conference Clinician: Carol Mahler was able to secure Dr. Slawomir Dobrzanski, NCTM, piano professor at Kansas State University and concert artist, as the Conference Clinician. She has received from him:
  1. Signed Agreement, agreeing to give two 50-minute presentations and a master class on Friday, as well as a 50-minute presentation on Saturday.
  2. Bio
  3. Photo
- Guest Artist: Dr. Brian Murphy was able to secure Dr. Joseph Kingma, NCTM, piano professor at Palm Beach Atlantic University and concert artist. In addition to the Friday night concert, Dr. Kingma will judge the MTNA piano competitions and present a master class on Saturday morning.
- Commissioned Composer: Dr. Jonathan Mitchell has asked Dr. David Miller of Alcorn State University.
- Independent Music Forum Presenter: Dr. Laura Broughton was able to secure Dr. Ronald Shinn, Samford University piano professor emeritus and AMTA 1999 Teacher of the Year. His chosen title is: "Spicier Piano Lessons-Duet Repertoire for Competitive Fun! – Surveying Elementary through Early Advanced Duet Music." Carol has received from Laura:
  1. Signed Agreement
  2. Bio
  3. Photo

### *Collegiate Competition – March 2024:*

- Elizabeth Moak has submitted the request, along with the needed rooms, to the head of University of Southern Mississippi's Music Department.

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## Treasurer's Report



*Chris Ballard*

At this point in our current fiscal year, overall, we have had \$13,555.70 in income and \$15,067.61 in expenses for a net loss of \$1511.91. At the Fall Conference this past November we had \$9270.70 in income and \$14,542.62 in expenses for a net loss of \$5271.92.

Interestingly, the largest single expense category for the conference was \$4584.00 paid to the MTNA judges. That breaks down to \$3600.00 for the judging fee and \$984.00 for the judges' mileage expense. At the 2021 virtual Fall Conference the MTNA judges' expense was only \$2000.00, less than half the same expense incurred at the 2022 conference.

In 2021 there were 8 judges at \$250 each with no travel expense. In 2022 there were 9 judges at \$400.00 each plus mileage costs. However, in 2021 there were 38 student entries and in 2022 there were 33 entrants. So the expense in 2022 was more than double that of 2021 even though there were 5 less student entrants. I realize that the 2021 conference was virtual and the 2022 conference was in person, but I suggest that we engage fewer MTNA judges for the 2023 Conference if possible.

Even though we currently have a \$1511.91 net loss for the fiscal year, the Pre-College Evaluations and Finals are coming up and we usually have a net gain for these events. Hopefully this will happen and we will end the year on the upside. As always, if you need any help from me concerning MMTA finances do not hesitate to reach out.

## Vice Presidents for Pre-College Evaluations



*Rosângela Sebba*



*Katie Johnson*

We have been working hard to update all the exams for the upcoming District Evaluations. Katie Johnson offered to do the sight-reading for piano and other instruments. So far, Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> and Below, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> are finalized. Dr. Jenna Klein, MSU Assistant Professor of Piano, has offered to help as one of the GTMF members.

We look forward to seeing everyone and we have our fingers crossed that we will have a massive participation this coming year. Due to Easter being on April 9, the groups are two weeks apart. The 2023 District Evaluations are still scheduled as follows:

- Group B: Columbus/Starkville, Ellisville, Gulf Coast, Vicksburg, on April 1
- Group A: Goodman, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Oxford, Tupelo, on April 15

We would like to thank all District Chairs, board members and officers for their support and contribution in these very difficult times.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Johnson & Rosângela Sebba  
Vice-Presidents for Pre-College Evaluations



## Vice-President for Membership and Web Management



*Janine Beasley*

As of January 27, 2023, 143 members are listed for the 2022-2023 year (138 this time last year). Of these 1 is upgrading collegiate member, 1 is transfer from LA, 1 is transfer from AL, 6 are reinstating members, 8 are new members, 8 are new collegiate members, 1 is change from active to collegiate membership.

Website changes:

Ongoing: miscellaneous updates as needed.

Updated officers per Jung-Won Shin.

Uploaded Pre-College Requirements, and Strings and Piano Requirements, for discrepancies, per Rosangela Sebba.

Uploaded approved August meeting minutes per Alice Ballard. Continue to send mass emails to members as requested.

Continuing to add new members as I get information. Unpaid members have been deleted.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Beasley

## Affiliate News

### Gulf Coast Music Teachers Association Affiliate Report Winter 2023



GCMTA rang in the New Year at the studio of Chelsea Riches in Ocean Springs for a business meeting and program entitled “Increasing Profitability, Motivation, and Retention with Group Piano Classes.” Five members were in attendance, as well as one guest.

Upcoming student performance opportunities include: 1). GCMTA Music Festival, on March 4, at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College – Harrison County Campus. Bonnie Sheldon is chairman. 2). Local Pre-College Evaluations at MGCCC-HC on April 1. Angela Hsu and Carol Mahler, co-chairs. 3). Senior Award Recital on April 30, at Bible Fellowship Church. Emily Mahler is the chairman.

Our next meeting will be the June Luncheon Meeting, and will be held in Vancleave at the home of member Nelda Davis, date and time TBD.

The year has thus far been a very stimulating one, musically speaking, and has given us every reason to anticipate that the coming semester will be a rewarding finale!

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mahler, President



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### Hattiesburg Music Teachers League Affiliate Report January 27, 2023



In the academic year 2022-23, the **Hattiesburg Music Teachers League (HMTL)** has benefitted from two guest programs organized by Program Chair, Susan Smith. In September, our guest presenter was Dr. Lindsey Keay on the topic of “Flow,” particularly as it relates to music and music performance. Our January meeting featured an Alexander Technique workshop “Playing with Ease” by Dr. Jennifer Mizenko, whose session on this occasion was especially geared to pianists. These presentations followed our business meetings and were held at Southern Miss. Additional non-member collegiate students also attended these excellent offerings by our invited presenters.

On Sat. October 29, 2022, HMTL gave two student recitals in Marsh Auditorium at Southern Miss featuring HMTL members’ students ranging from beginner level to doctoral students. The younger and older performers, as well as the public, showed delight in the performances of the different age groups.

Upcoming events include:

- Student Recitals (Christina Mathis, Chair) - Sat. Feb. 11, 2023, and Sat. April 1, 2023. William Carey University.
- National Federation of Music Clubs Festival (Anne Kathryn DeViney, Chair) - Sat. Feb. 18, 2023. William Carey.
- MMTA Pre-College District Evaluations and Camp Scholarship Auditions (Victoria Johnson, Chair). USM.
- HMTL Spring Concert (Laura Broughton, Chair) on Sun. Apr. 23, 2023. William Carey.

We are also excited to announce that **HMTL’s beloved Composer Festival** will continue in **2023** with the generous **co-sponsorship of Jones College** (and many thanks to Victoria Johnson and Theresa Sanchez). **Kevin Olson** will be the featured composer at our new 2023 location of Jones College on **Fri. Nov. 10th-Sat. Nov. 11th, 2023!** Stay tuned for more information.

Our General Meeting and Luncheon will be held May 18, 2023, at an area restaurant following HMTL tradition and will close out the 22-23 academic year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Moak  
President





## JONES COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Janine Beasley, President

January 28, 2023

The JCMTA annual Showcase Recital was held on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at Jones College. Student performers were highlighted at this event.

A business meeting was held prior to the above event.

The JCMTA annual Solo and Sonata Competition was held on Saturday, January 21, 2023. The competition is for students sixth through twelfth grade. 18 students were entered for this event, however, 2 were unable to be present. Our numbers were down this year as compared to last year.

Several JCMTA teachers had students participate in the Mississippi Baptist Keyboard Festival which was held on Thursday January 26, 2023.

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

Jones County Music Teachers Association will participate in the Ellisville area MMTA Evaluations April 1, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janine Beasley



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**Oct. 27, 2023 – 2023 MTNA State Competitions– Mississippi State University,  
Starkville, MS**

**Oct. 27-28, 2023 – 69<sup>th</sup> MMTA State Conference– Mississippi State University,  
Starkville, MS**

**March 2, 2024 – 2024 MMTA State Competitions– University of Southern Mississippi,  
Hattiesburg, MS**

**April 6, 2023 – 2023 MMTA Pre-College Evaluations, Group A – Goodman, Hattiesburg,  
Jackson, Oxford, Tupelo**

**April 13, 2024 – 2024 MMTA Pre-College Evaluations, Group B – Columbus/Starkville,  
Ellisville, Gulf Coast, Vicksburg**

**May 18, 2024 – MMTA Pre-College Finals – Location TBA**

*Do you have an event you would like to be placed in the Mississippi Music Teacher? Contact  
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## From the MMT Editor

My apologies for the much-delayed newsletter. I got married in November, moved in February, started a new job in March at Mississippi State, and had some health issues in March and April (that I'm fully recovered from). It's been a wild ride so far this year! I hope each of you have a good 2023!



*Stephanie McGee*  
*Editor*

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