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Message from the President



Jung-Won Shin

The MMTA Collegiate Competitions were held on March 4 at Mississippi College. My sincere appreciation goes to Elizabeth Moak, our host for the competitions, and Jenna Klein, our Vice President (VP) for Collegiate and National Competitions for organizing the competitions. I would like to invite you to enter your college students in next year's competitions held at Jackson State University in Jackson on March 1, 2025.

A huge thanks goes to Rosângela Yazbec Sebba and Katie Johnson, Vice Presidents for Pre-College Evaluations, who generated and organized the numerous evaluation materials for the Pre-College Evaluations held last April; Janine Beasley, VP for Membership & Web Management,

who updated our website upon various requests in a timely manner; and Treasurer Chris Ballard, who managed and processed all necessary payments and expenses. I appreciate all of our District Chairs and evaluation hosts who made the evaluations possible and successful.

This year's Pre-College Finals will take place at Hinds Community College in Raymond on Saturday, May 18. I would like to extend my thanks to Rebekah Lipscombe and Rebekah Schultz, Vice Presidents for Pre-College Performances, and Alice Ballard, one of our liaisons for the event, and all of our members participating in the Pre-College Evaluations and the Finals.

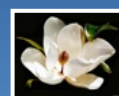
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I was very grateful to attend the MTNA 2024 National Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, last March. I attended the State Presidents Advisory Council meeting, the Southern Division meeting and reception, the MTNA annual meeting, the Gala, and several conference sessions including master classes, presentations, guest recitals, and the national competitions. Congratulations to our MTNA 2024 Foundation Fellow, Theresa Sanchez, who was recognized at the conference Gala. Several MMTA members attended the conference. Jenna Klein, VP for Collegiate & National Competitions, and Rebekah Schultz, VP for Pre-College Performances presented conference/poster sessions. Congratulations to all the presenters from Mississippi! The next MTNA National Conference will be held in Minneapolis, MN, on March 15-19, 2025.

Our 70th State Conference will be held at Belhaven University in Jackson on November 1-2, 2024. I greatly appreciate Carol Mahler, President-Elect, and Conference Chair, and Rebecca Geihlsler-Chittom and Katie Moody, our hosts at Belhaven University, for organizing and hosting the conference respectively.

I expect that we will be able to have online registration on TenutoWeb for all MMTA pre-college events starting this fall. More information will be available this summer. Huge thanks to Rosângela Yazbec Sebba who has initiated the adoption of this online registration system and has worked with TenutoWeb on behalf of the MMTA.

I hope that each of you will have a nice summer, and will look forward to seeing many of our members and students at the upcoming events.

Respectfully submitted,

Jung-Won Shin

President-Elect's Report



Carol Mahler

MMTA's 2024 State Conference will be held at Belhaven University on November 1-2, 2024, featuring our:

- Conference Clinician - **Leila Viss** is a nationally-recognized expert in the pedagogy of creativity and composition at the piano.
- Guest Artists - **The Patterson/Sutton Duo** brings their rich cello and guitar repertoire to international audiences, with "beguiling sound" and "wit and imagination."
- IMTF Luncheon Speaker and Piano Judge for the Pre-College Piano Concerto Competitions - **Dr. Kevin Chance**, associate professor of piano at the University of Alabama, performs nationally and internationally while maintaining an award-winning studio of pre-college students.
- Commissioned Composer - **Dr. Andy Sauerwein**, professor of music at Belhaven University, holds advanced degrees in composition from Duke University and the University of Oregon.

A piano master class will be presented by Guest Clinician Leila Viss on Friday afternoon. A strings master class will be given by the Guest Artists, the Patterson/Sutton Duo on Saturday morning. On Friday of the Conference, performances will include the Guest Artist Recital and the New Faculty Recital, as well as the New Music Recital, debuting MMTA's Commissioned Composition and

compositions by winners of MTNA's Composition Competitions. The Gold Medal Winners Recital will take place on Saturday morning.

MMTA's application for a \$5,000 Mississippi Arts Commission Project Grant submitted last February and awaiting approval in July, requested support for our 2024 Fall Conference, as well as the Collegiate Competitions which will be held at Jackson State University on Saturday, March 1, 2025.

I would like to extend my thanks to Jung-Won Shin, Jenna Klein, Laura Broughton, Jonathan Mitchell, Adrienne Park, Rosangela Sebba, Phyllis Lewis-Hale, Rebekah Lipscombe, Rebekah Schultz, Stephanie McGee, Janine Beasley, Chris Ballard, and Victoria Johnson for their continuous work, help, and support during the 2023 State Conference and 2024 Collegiate Competitions, as well as the upcoming 2024 State Conference and 2025 Collegiate Competitions. Finally, my deepest condolences go to the family and friends of long-time MMTA member and highly respected teacher and colleague, Ms. Annette Joe, who passed away in November last year.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mahler, MMTA President-Elect



Chris Ballard

Treasurer's Report

Our current balance is \$75,604.24. That Balance includes:

Checking Account:	43,024.97
Pay Pal Account:	6,870.09
12 Month CD:	25,709.18

Below I have included the Pre-College Evaluations report. At our August meeting I will give a full financial recap of the 2023-24 fiscal year along with the proposed budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year. I suggest that the pre-college evaluations expense report be updated to show that judges are paid 30 cents a mile instead of 25 cents. This year almost every district pre-college expense report I received had the judges' mileage figured at 25 cents a mile. When this happens, I have to refigure the whole expense report to make the necessary changes. I don't mind doing this, but it does take much longer to process the reports. Thank you for your help and support.

Respectfully Submitted: Chris Ballard, MMTA State Treasurer

MMTA 2024 Spring Pre-College Evaluations

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Profit</u>
Cleveland	500.00	122.50	377.50
Golden Triangle	2045.00	693.90	1351.10
Gulf Coast	2505.00	1104.45	1400.55
Hattiesburg	1455.00	573.35	881.65
Jackson	4385.00	1953.50	2431.50
Jones County	1525.00	528.00	997.00
Oxford	270.00	105.00	165.00
Vicksburg	1130.00	<u>422.28</u>	<u>707.72</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>13,815.00</u>	<u>5,502.98</u>	<u>8,312.02</u>

Vice-President for Membership and Web Management



Janine Beasley

As of May 2, 2024, 15 members are listed for the 2024-2025 year. There were 151 at the end of March. MTNA resets membership on April 1.

Website changes: Uploaded Evaluations

Testing Documents (from Rosangela and Katie)

Uploaded the new MMTA Evaluations Application form with new fee (from Rosangela)

Updated meeting minutes from Fall Conference: Executive Committee/MMTA Board and General Business (from Alice)

Updated Collegiate Competition deadline and contact information per Jenna

Updated calendar for 2024-2025 per Jung-Won.

Ongoing: Miscellaneous updates as needed

Continue to send mass emails to members as requested

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Beasley

Vice Presidents for Pre-College Evaluations

*Rosângela Sebba**Katie Johnson*

Our districts were busy with evaluations and reports. After reading all the materials received, this Spring seems to have been productive and successful. Below is a report of each district:

District	Registered	Participated	Eligible	Score 270	Score 360	Instrument
Cleveland	10	9	4	1	3	Piano
GTMF	43	42	42	9	20	42 Piano and 1 Violin
Hattiesburg	29	27	20	5	18	Piano
Jackson	95	90	69	12	30	84 Piano and 11 Voice
Oxford	6	6	6	1	3	Strings
JCMTA	32	29	14	10	14	Piano
Gulf Coast	49	47	32	11	21	35 Piano and 12 Violin
Vicksburg	27	26	9	1	6	23 Piano and 4 Voice

We would love to have more feedback from the Ad Hoc committee formed in January. We appreciate all the feedback and corrections from Donna Banks, Jacquelyn Thornell, Carol Durham, Debbie Barnes, Rebekah Schultz, Rebekah Lipscombe, Paula Henderson, and Janine Beasley. We ask you to continue reviewing the materials and to send us the solutions as well. This way we can accomplish our objective in a faster and more precise manner. The materials reflect the new guidelines and reviewed curriculum, and we hope to get it done sooner than later.

Thank you for your help and time spent with such important work. We can do this together, in a joint effort to improve music making and teaching in our state.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Vice President for Collegiate and National Competitions



Jenna Klein

We had a successful MMTA Collegiate Competition at The University of Southern Mississippi on March 2nd. Elizabeth Moak, Alice Ballard, and Chris Ballard were incredibly helpful, and Elizabeth Moak was a truly wonderful host.

We had entrants in the Freshman/Sophomore Solo (Piano), Junior/Senior Solo (Piano), Graduate Solo (Piano), Junior/Senior Solo (Brass), and Freshman/Sophomore Solo (Brass) categories. Our judge was Dr. Kadisha Onalbayeva from University of Mobile. We had a total of eight participants. I hope that next year we can have more entrants through advertising.

I am looking forward to the next MTNA Competitions State Round that will be held at Belhaven University on Friday, November 1st, 2024. I will create and send a flyer advertising the competition in June.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenna Klein



Affiliate News

Gulf Coast Music Teachers Association

We have had a busy, yet productive spring here on the Gulf Coast!

Most recently, we held our Annual Senior Award Recital on April 21, at Bible Fellowship Church in Pass Christian. An outstanding student, Gonzalo Escobedo, was awarded with a prize of \$800. The judge was Dr. Joanna Burnside and the event was chaired by Emily Mahler.

Our local MMTA Pre-College Evaluations took place on April 13, at MGCCC-Harrison County Campus in Gulfport. Participating were 49 piano and strings students representing six teachers. These students turned in a total of 57 performances. Qualifying for State Finals were 32 students. Piano judges were Dr. Joanna Burnside, Dr. Ellen Elder, Betty Hopkins, and Dr. Jonathan Mitchell. Dr. Borislava Ilcheva served as strings adjudicator. Carol Mahler was assisted by GCMTA Collegiate member Maria Dukeman in chairing the evaluations.

On March 2, Dr. Lynn Raley from Millsaps College performed a wonderful recital and masterclass at First United Methodist Church Pascagoula. Four students performed at the masterclass.

Our Summer Luncheon will be held in June. The date, time, and place is TBA.

Respectfully submitted by
Jonathan Mitchell, GCMTA President

Golden Triangle Music Forum

Golden Triangle Music Forum has grown to 15 members this year. We had a meeting on February 16 with six members present.

On April 13, GTMF had the pleasure of sharing the facilities of the MSU music department with the Music Forum of Tupelo for MMTA Evaluations. It was an extremely positive experience for all involved! There was an abundance of helpers -college students, teachers, even teachers without students participating. Together we had 42 piano students and 1 violin student. As our numbers allow, we plan to work together in the future.

The following week, April 20, GTMF and MSU Community Music School hosted the annual Honors Recital in which students eligible for State Finals performed one of their MMTA pieces. Slade Trammell, from Roane State University, was our guest artist and adjudicator. He performed part of the Schumann "Wanderer Fantasy" and "La Campanella" (Liszt) for our students, then wrote comments for each student as they shared one of their MMTA pieces. He was phenomenal! This was the first year we did not provide 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place awards based on scores. Each student received a rating, comments, performance ribbon, and certificate for participating. The students and teachers expressed that they preferred the non-competitive recital. Students from the Music Forum

of Tupelo participated in the Honors Recital and we were thrilled to have them join!

Kind regards,

Katie Johnson, President

Golden Triangle Music Forum



JONES COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Janine Beasley, President

May 4, 2024

The JCMTA annual Ensemble Festival was held on Marh 2, 2024. Participation was significant and quality of the students' performance was exceptional.

Jones County Music Teachers Association participated in the Ellisville area MMTA Evaluations on April 13, 2024, at Jones College.

A business meeting was held prior to the events.

A meeting will be held during the summer to choose new officers and committee members, and to determine dates for Showcase Recital, Solo-Sonata Competition, and Ensemble Festival. Music for Solo-Sonata Competition and Ensemble Festival will also be selected.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine Beasley

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Nov. 1-2, 2024 – 70th MMTA State Conference– Belhaven University, Jackson, MS

March 1, 2025 – 2024 MMTA Collegiate Competitions– Jackson State University,
Jackson, MS

TBA – 2025 MMTA Pre-College Evaluations, Group A – Goodman, Hattiesburg, Jackson,
Oxford, Tupelo

TBA – 2025 MMTA Pre-College Evaluations, Group B – Columbus/Starkville, Ellisville,
Gulf Coast, Vicksburg

TBA – 2025 MMTA Pre-College Finals – Location TBA

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Stephanie McGee

Editor

I hope everyone has had a restful summer and the new year is off to a great start! We have such a rich, musical tradition in Mississippi, and we are blessed to have an impact on the future of Mississippi's music. I hope you all have an amazing school year!



Mississippi Music Teachers Association

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The purpose and goals of the Mississippi Music Teachers Association are to further the art of music, and promote the growth and professional development of its members by providing programs that encourage and support teaching, performance, composition and research. MMTA is a not-for-profit organization whose funds are used solely to accomplish these objectives.