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President's message



Welcome to the 2007-2008 academic year. It's amazing how time flies! I hope you had a restful summer and are looking forward to the year's activities. MSMTA has a new slate of officers, representing our membership's finest.

They are a pleasure to have on the Board. Our meetings are both constructive and pleasant. We also have a new office, Vice President of Finance. We were unable to find a member Treasurer. Claudette Horwitz has accepted the position, one which truly suits her organizational skills and talents. Any questions regarding finances should be addressed to her. In addition to these changes, I would like to incorporate in upcoming newsletters a section entitled, "News from the Board," which will let the membership know exactly what transpired during the State Board meetings, including any new policies or procedures. I would also like to keep in close touch with the local Presidents so that there is an even greater communication among the members.

We have a few new ideas in the works. My daughter, Andrea (aficionado extraordinaire)

is organizing a State cookbook. We need your support to make this successful. I had heard that the Virginia Teachers did this a while ago, and that they were quite successful! So why not Maryland? In addition to the cookbook, and since this is our 50th anniversary, we have planned a state-wide charity project. The Board chose the Ronald McDonald House. Although it is not a "musical" organization, it is definitely a worthy charity. To discover more about this wonderful organization, you can visit the link at <http://www.rmhc.org/>

We are working on the 50th anniversary conference. It is anticipated that it will be held the weekend of January 12th and 13th, so keep that weekend in mind. We are hoping to hold it at the University of Maryland but are still working on the details. We can always use more volunteers on the committee . . . the more ideas and brain-storming, the better the conference. If you have any ideas, please contact any member of the committee: Ann McCandliss, Debbie Bondhus, Marilyn Briant, Andy Zatman, Junko Takahashi, Jo Makowski, or Carol Wolfe-Ralph.

As always, if you have any concerns, comments, questions, suggestions, etc., etc., please feel free to contact me. Here's to a great year!

Carol Wolfe-Ralph

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MSMTA NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS! NEW MSMTA OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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50TH ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Maryland State Music Teachers Association, we are compiling a MSMTA cookbook, called “The Crème de la Crème of MSMTA”. It will contain recipes for everything from beverages to desserts and the proceeds will help fund our 50th anniversary celebration. Without your recipe submissions this cookbook will not be possible, so please send in your favorite recipes and others that you think the members of MSMTA will enjoy.

If you would like to submit recipes for consideration, please take a few minutes right now to do so by either replying to this e-mail address or sending them to:

Andrea Wolfe-Ralph
6102 Gallery Street
Bowie, Md. 20720

MSMTACookbook@yahoo.com

Or visit the website: http://www.msmta.org/recipes/add_new.php



PROPOSED BUDGET 2007-2008

	PROPOSED INCOME	PROPOSED EXPENSES
ADMINISTRATION		
Accountant		\$1,000.00
Attorney		\$300.00
Bank Interest/Charges	\$4,700.00	
Bookkeeping Service		\$3,400.00
Conference Program Advertising	\$150.00	
Database and Web Page		\$2,000.00
Directory Advertising	\$300.00	
Dues	\$20,000.00	
Finance Chair expenses		\$50.00
Fund Raising		\$200.00
Hospitality		\$75.00
Insurance		\$2,000.00
Membership Chair expenses		\$50.00
Multimedia Library		\$25.00
President's expenses		\$3,800.00
Publications		\$10,000.00
Student Activities Chair expenses		\$50.00
Other		\$400.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$25,150.00	\$23,350.00
AWARDS		
Composition Commission	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
DMA Awards		\$2,750.00
Festival Ribbons		\$1,500.00
Keyboard Musicianship Awards		\$1,000.00
Theory Test Awards		\$2,500.00
MTNA State Winners Awards		\$250.00
MTNA Transportation Grants		\$200.00
TOTAL AWARDS	\$600.00	\$9,400.00

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

ADVERTISING Robert Hauptman
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COMPETITIONS & TESTING

Chamber Music Festival	\$200.00	\$650.00
Composer's Circle	\$250.00	\$250.00
Concerto Competition	\$6,250.00	\$10,000.00
D. R. Horwitz Memorial Competition	\$130.00	\$130.00
D. Chase Sonata Competition	\$1,000.00	\$1,800.00
E. R. Davis Memorial Competition	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
Gottlieb Memorial Competition	\$4,800.00	\$4,400.00
High School Examinations	\$9,500.00	\$6,100.00
Instrumental Festival (inactive)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jack Weaver Memorial Competition	\$2,200.00	\$2,400.00
Keyboard Musicianship Exams	\$11,000.00	\$1,750.00
MSMTA Scholarship Competitions	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
MTNA Competitions	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Piano Ensemble Festival	\$6,100.00	\$3,700.00
Piano Solo Festival	\$13,700.00	\$7,300.00
String Plus Ensemble Competition	\$1,650.00	\$1,200.00
Strings Solo Festival	\$1,800.00	\$1,600.00
Theory Testing Program	\$17,100.00	\$6,300.00
Voice Festival	\$950.00	\$650.00

TOTAL COMPETITIONS & TESTING \$78,130.00 \$53,630.00

EDUCATION

MSMTA Conference 2007-2008	\$4,500.00	\$7,000.00
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TOTAL EDUCATION \$4,500.00 \$7,000.00

GRANTS

Chapter Grants @ \$175		\$2,275.00
College Grants		\$2,000.00
MTNA Foundation Grant		\$250.00

TOTAL GRANTS \$4,525.00

SALES

Keyboard & Theory Syllabus/Tests	\$605.00	\$25.00
Membership labels	\$25.00	

TOTAL SALES \$630.00 \$25.00

TOTAL OTHER

TOTALS: \$109,010.00 \$97,930.00

COMPETITIONS AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

HORWITZ MEMORIAL COMPETITION FOR VIOLIN & PIANO DUO DEADLINE NOV 16



Claudette Horwitz

The fourth annual David R. Horwitz Memorial Competition for Violin and Piano Duo will take place on Sunday, December 16, 2007, at the Academy of Music in Gaithersburg, MD. Enclosed is an application form. Forms may also be obtained by contacting Claudette Horwitz at chorwitz@starpower.net or Judith Silverman at s.judith@verizon.net. Please mail applications to reach the chair by November 16, 2007.

This competition features music written for violin and piano duo, to be performed by high school students, grades 9 through 12. Two compositions are required with a minimum playing time of 5 minutes and maximum time of 15 minutes. Both pieces may be sonata or sonatina movements in contrasting styles or periods, or you may select one sonata/sonatina movement and one piece for violin with piano accompaniment.

Only one teacher needs to be a member of the MSMTA in order to enter two students.

The three finalists will receive cash prizes: \$100 for First Place, \$75 for Second Place, and \$50 for Third Place.

THEORY PROGRAM

THEORY COMMITTEE

TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE:

THE THEORY COMMITTEE HAS ADOPTED NEW GUIDELINES FOR TRANSFERS.

1. Students may only be transferred one time.
2. Once registered students may not be transferred to an earlier center. (i.e. Students may not be registered for an April Center and then transferred to a March Center) Name of transfer students must be e-mailed to Deborah White-Bondhus no later than Sunday prior to the transfer center.

THEORY COMMITTEE NEWS

The Theory Committee has been meeting over the summer in the studio of David Holmes. We are pleased to have an excellent group of teachers writing and proofing the tests this year. Many thanks to Constance Fischel, Ann Matteson, Ellen Sakai, Betty Guenther, Gary Dinn, Alla Merport, Olga Kuperstein, Sima Elkis, Carol Wolfe-Ralph, Marina Ovtcharenko, and David Holmes for their hard work and dedication!!

THANK YOU TO THEORY TEACHERS

Please excuse the alliteration, but there's no other way to say a very big "Thank You" to all the teachers who sent in theory program registration forms. After 15 years of inputting the names and levels of thousands of students prepared to take part in the MSMTA Theory Testing Program, this year's process was by far the easiest. Nearly all the names were very clearly printed, which cut down significantly on the need to call the teacher and ask for clarification, as in the past. All the checks were correctly calculated, and properly made out to MSMTA. Email addresses were provided, which helped the chairs cut down on phone calls to teachers.

The only requests I would make for future years are these: Teachers should list students **FIRST BY LEVEL**, then **BY LAST NAME**, as stated on the form. Do not list students alphabetically first.

If a student is taking two levels, the name should be included separately in each level's numerical list.

If you are entering in more than one center, please stick a Post-It note on the front page to alert me to that fact.

To cut down on paper usage, fill up each page with names and levels, in numerical order. Please **DO NOT** use a different sheet for each level.

Again, many thanks for helping to make a time-consuming and detailed task much more manageable.

Claudette Horwitz, Theory Registrar

MSMTA Music Theory Testing Program

Coordinator: Deborah White-Bondhus 443-319-5359
BBondhus@comcast.net

Date and Location: See Schedule Below

Deadline: Entry must be postmarked a minimum of 6 weeks prior to test date
 No late or phone entries will be accepted. No changes after the deadline.

Fee \$10.00 per student per test. Students are permitted to take a maximum of two tests per year. Send application forms and one check to:

Claudette Horwitz
5004 Barkwood Place
Rockville, MD. 20853-2319

Application: Send a separate entry form for each test location

Eligibility: Any student of an MSMTA member, including adults may participate. There are no age or grade restrictions for any level of the exam. The Level 2 test requires 2nd grade reading comprehension. High school students who are candidates for the DMA Award must be tested at no less than Level 3 and at a higher level each year thereafter. Effective in 1997-1998, two levels per year may be entered and both levels will count towards Junior/Senior DMA and/or Theory Awards. Teachers entering students must be prepared to assist with the event. If unable to work, the individual teacher is responsible for finding a qualified MSMTA member as a substitute.

Please note: Two new guidelines have been adopted by the theory committee.

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Anne Arundel County Test Date: Saturday February 23, 2008 Deadline: January 12, 2008 Location: Anne Arundel Comm. College, Cade Building Chair: William Bloomquist, 410-956-6657, drbill88@verizon.net	Greater Baltimore City & Co. Test Date: March Test Date: Sunday March 2, 2008 Deadline: January 19, 2008 Location: Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, MD Chair: Pat Graham, 410-889-5523, pgraham1@jhu.edu
Bowie Test Date: Saturday April 5, 2008 Deadline: February 23, 2008 Location: Belair Baptist Church, Bowie Chair: Gail Trafelet , 301-249-9188, musiclover21@verizon.net	Howard County Test Date: February 23, 2008 Deadline: January 12, 2008 Location: Howard County Center for the Arts, Ellicott City Chair: Alla Merport, 410-480-0729, amerport@comcast.net
Carroll County Test Date: Saturday March 29, 2008 Deadline: February 16, 2008 Location: McDaniel College, Westminster, MD Chair: Karen Mihalko, 410- 795 -1766, kmihalko05@comcast.net	Laurel Test Date: Saturday March 1, 2008 Deadline: January 19, 2008 Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Laurel, MD Committee Coordinator: Ann Matteson , 301-441-2885, annmatt@juno.com
Charles County Test Date: Saturday March 1, 2008 Deadline: January 19, 2008 Location: Grace Brethren Church, Waldorf, MD Chair: Janet Swaney, 301-843-4093, jswaney@olg.com	Montgomery County Test Date: Sunday March 9, 2008 Deadline: January 26, 2008 Location: Gaithersburg High School Chair: Marina Ovtcharenko, 301-610-7507, marinaov@cavtel.net
Eastern Shore Test Date: Saturday April 12, 2008 Deadline: March 1, 2008 Location: St. Luke's Methodist, St. Michael's MD Chair: Janet Berg, 410-745-9672, djberg@dmv.com	Prince George's County Test Date: Sunday April 13, 2008 Deadline: March 1, 2008 Location: Prince George's Community College, Largo, MD Chair: Ellen Sakai , 301-441-8531, Esakai1123@aol.com
Frederick County Test Date: Saturday March 1, 2008 Deadline: January 19, 2008 Location: Frederick Church of the Brethren. Chair: Susan Ward and Karen Skelly , 301-371-4429 jschward@musician.org	Southern Maryland Test Date: Saturday April 19, 2008 Deadline: March 8, 2008 Location: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lexington Park Chair: Mary Stevens , 301-862-4713, kbstevensfamily@aol.com

MSMTA Music Theory Testing Program

Registration Form

DEBORAH WHITE-BONDHUS, Coordinator, 443-319-5359, bbondhus@comcast.net
CLAUDETTE HORWITZ, 301-460-5070, chorwitz@starpower.net

- By submitting this application, the participating teacher agrees with all rules governing this event and understands that he/she **must** be available to assist with this event. The teacher understands that his/her students will be declared ineligible to participate in this event if this rule is violated.
- Application forms should be filled out by the MSMTA teacher only. Please send one check for all entries, made payable to MSMTA to:

CLAUDETTE HORWITZ, 5004 Barkwood Place, Rockville, MD 20853-2319

—Please type or print clearly—

—Send one TEACHER’S check for all entries, payable to MSMTA— No checks from parents will be accepted

—Use one form for each center—

—List each entry by LEVEL first, then alphabetize by LAST NAME—

—Only ONE level per line—

Test Center: _____

	Student’s Last Name	First Name		Test Level (1-12)
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Total number of tests entered: _____ Amount of Check: \$ _____
(\$10.00 per test)

Teacher: _____

Teacher’s Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules governing MSMTA events and this specific event and agree to abide by them. My students and/or parents have also been apprised of the rules. I understand that I must be available to assist the chair on the day of the event. If I fail to fulfill my work obligation, I understand and agree that my students may be declared ineligible to participate in this event. Please do not request exceptions to this requirement.

Teacher’s signature: _____

MSMTA THEORY PRACTICE TESTS

Practice tests from last year are still available on CD, which includes the syllabus. The cost of this CD is \$10.00, payable to MSMTA. Please mail the following form with your check to Deborah White-Bondhus, 10637 Green Mountain Circle, Columbia, MD 21044. CD's of the syllabus are available at no charge to new members who have never received a syllabus.

MSMTA THEORY PRACTICE TESTS ORDER FORM

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Number of copies @ \$10.00 each _____

New member free syllabus _____

KEYBOARD

CHAPTER NAME	TEST DATE	DEADLINE	LOCATION	CHAIR
ANNE ARUNDEL	2/23/08 Sat	1/12/08	Anne Arundel Comm. College	William Bloomquist 410-956-6657
BALTIMORE	2/10/08 Sun	1/2/08	Greenwood Studio	Joanna Greenwood 410-828-6417
BOWIE	3/29/08 Sat	2/16/08	Belair Baptist Church, Bowie	Jeannine Case 410-721-7797
CARROLL	1/26/08 Sat	12/15/07	McDaniel College,	Carol Gauthier
[CARROLL (snow date)	2/2/08 Sat	12/15/07]	Westminster	410-795-5728
CHARLES	11/10/07 Sat	9/29/07	College of Southern Maryland	Mary Wolf 301-934-6376
GREATER COLUMBIA	1/20/08 Sun	12/10/07	TEACHERS' STUDIOS	Constance Fischel 410-730-8660
FREDERICK	2/9/08 Sat	1/2/08	Trinity United Methodist, Frederick	Kim Roberts 301-662-0376
HOWARD-1	11/3-4/07 Sat-Sun	9/25/07	Howard Community College	Olga Kuperstein 410-461-0850
HOWARD-2	12/1/07 Sat	10/23/07	Howard Community College	Christopher Hall 410-381-2783
LAUREL	1/20/08 Sun AND 1/27/08 Sun	12/3/07	Jordan Kitts Music, College Park	Janice Wood 301-982-1841 Erlinda Ng 301-953-7637
MONTGOMERY	11/18/07 Sun	10/8/07	Academy of Music, Gaithersburg	Bonnie Kellert 301-340-0765
PRINCE GEORGE'S	11/18/07 Sun	10/8/07	Prince George's Comm. College	Hui-Yen Chang 301-464-9845
SO. MARYLAND	10/27/07 Sat	9/15/07	TEACHERS' STUDIOS	Mary Stevens 301-862-4713

IN MEMORIAM...

Alla Merport's mother passed away Monday, July 2, 2007 and the funeral was on the following Wednesday in Boston.



We all extend our sincere condolences to her and her family at this time.

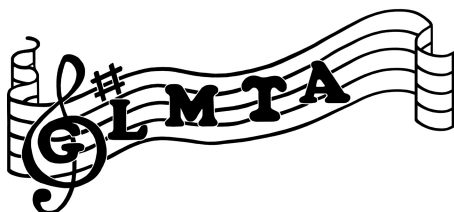
Deborah White-Bondhus

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Eastern Shore teacher Janet Berg who received the Talbot County Educator of the Year Award. This was the first time that Talbot County presented the award to teacher who was not in the public school system!!!!

Congratulations to long time member Dr. Gail McDonald who will be 90 on October 24th. Our best wishes to her on her birthday and in the upcoming year.

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS



As usual, Greater Laurel will have a full schedule of student events this year. We begin with our popular Halloween Recitals. Debbie White-Bondhus is our chair and our delightful "good" witch for all of the recitals. In November, we have two Piano Concerto Competitions. The first one has set literature and the winners get to perform with our Chamber Orchestra on an honors concert. We have a second week of competition where students are allowed to perform any concerto of their choice against students of their own age. An honors concert with second piano is held for the place winners on this event. Over the years we have asked a number of composers to write concerti for our younger students. Betsy Jo Angebrannt began this tradition and to date has provided 5 wonderful concerti for the very young. Matthew Edwards gave us two (one is currently in print), Kevin Hobbs and Michael McBride gave us one each and, most recently, Alexander Peskanov has written 3 concerti for us. We will be giving the world premiere of his third one this fall. We are trying to convince him to catch up to Mozart's 27 concerti!

Our ensemble festival comes in early December and is always well attended.

Douglas Guiles, President



This will be my last submission to the MSMTA Newsletter as president of HCMTA! Our officers for next year are:

Kristina Suter President
Kathy Stansbery Vice-President and Director of Student Activities
Karen England Treasurer
Kay Patterson Secretary

Our Three-Piece Piano Solo Competition, which was chaired by David Kuperstein and Judith Parks, took place on May 5-6 at Howard Community College. Our judges this year were Cecilia Cho, Barbara Gruver, Ann McCandliss, Dimitar Nikolov, Eric Ruple, and Joseph Satava. Our First Place winners were from the studios of Christopher Hall, Bok Hwa Kim, Olga Kuperstein, Hyun Sook Park, Kristina Suter, and Hsiu-Hui Wang.

Our premier event, the Piano Award/High School Award Competition took place on May 12 and was chaired by Sima Elkis. This year there were twelve participants from six piano studios. All place winners, plus the honorable mention winners, received monetary awards. The First Place winner this year, who was also the recipient of the MSMTA Scholarship for Performance, was Seo Young Hong, a student of Bok Hwa Kim!

Many, many thanks go to the chairs of our events, as well as all the participating teachers who helped throughout the year. Thanks, especially, to Kristina Suter, who was our liaison with Howard Community College, where most of our events took place.

Kathy Stansbery, President

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The fall kickoff meeting of MTAB was held September 12 at Belcroft Bible Church. Our

program included the distribution and overview by Editor Gail Trafelet of the official MTAB Handbook for 2007-08. In addition event Chair Stephen Gibson presented a brief preview of the Classical Period Competition Guidelines & Repertoire, which was followed by an open discussion on the topic of Student Competitions: Participation, Purpose & Process.

As we move ahead into this new program year we are looking forward to a wide variety of enriching programs for our members and exciting events for our students. Plans for our October 3 meeting include event Chair Betsy Jo Angebrannt's preview of the Guidelines & Repertoire for our December Festival, the theme for which will be Water, Wind and Weather. Also scheduled for our October meeting will be event Chair Marcia Slentz-Whalen's preview of the Guidelines and Repertoire for our January Chamber Music Festival.

MTAB, in collaboration with GLMTA and PGMTA, will be co-sponsoring a new event this fall: The Stephanie Laios Composition / Improvisation Festival, to be held October 7. At the end of that month we are scheduled to present our annual Halloween Recitals, coordinated by event Chair Jeannine Case.

For our November meeting, special guest presenter Stephanie Bruning has been engaged to present a program on the topic Native American Character Pieces for Solo Piano. Although we routinely enjoy lunch together following our monthly meetings, we particularly look forward to our special bi-annual luncheon events, the first of which is our annual Holiday Luncheon scheduled for December 12.

One of our continuing goals is to grow as an organization that is user-friendly to all our members – not only our pianists but our vocalists and other instrumentalists as well. We sponsor a number of events that are open to all students, and we continue to strive to keep our monthly program content interesting and relevant for every member of MTAB.

As I look forward to the second half of my term as President and to the continued growth of our organization, I am particularly grateful to every member whose contributions of time and talent promise to help make this new program year a productive one for students and teachers alike. It is indeed an honor to serve with the capable leadership team of officers, committee chairs and event chairs who have volunteered to lead MTAB into the future. Here's to another year marked by terrific professional growth and inspired music-making!

Marcia Slentz-Whalen, President

EASTERN SHORE MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Over here at ESMTA (Eastern Shore) we just had our Summer/Fall meeting last week. I am continued in office as president, with Janet Berg as Secretary/Treasurer and Jane Maloney as Vice President. We welcomed new member Stefan Scaggieri into the association and planned our 2007-08 calendar to include a Young Musicians' Solo Festival in November, a Holiday Celebration Festival in December, Theory and Keyboard Testing Programs in February, a Master Class in March and a Spring Solo Festival in April.

We also congratulated Janet Berg, who was named County Educator of the Year by Talbot County (the first time ever that a teacher who was not in the public school system won the award!)

Ray Hobbs, President



MTAGB will be starting the fall activities with a social gathering and potluck to be held at the home of Reba Babst. We look forward to an opportunity to catch up with one another's professional as well as personal lives. Active members are encouraged to invite a friend, a potential new member or an inactive member. We plan to talk about the particular advantages and opportunities that membership in MTNA can offer, which may supplement the educational and performance activities of our students' musical development.

Everyone will be asked to bring a favorite recipe for the state cookbook project. And we will talk about possible fundraiser ideas to support the Ronald McDonald House.

Patricia Graham, President

**Montgomery County
Music Teachers Association**



Our advertising committee for a new directory, Ingrid Mongini, Jamie Mitchell

Carol Edison, Jean Lauderdale, and Annie Hou worked extra hard during the summer to ensure sponsors for our directory. Thanks to their great effort, we have a record number of sponsors this year! Our student activities packet for 2007-2008 is also all set thanks to much work of Jean. We are offering 16 competitions and events for all levels this year.

We would also like to let everyone know the H. Stevens Brewster, Jr. String Competition is open to all the students of

MSMTA members. The competition is scheduled on April 27, 2008. This event was brought back last year to boost more activities for string students last year. The existence of event will depend on the numbers of participation. So I hope string teachers in Maryland will send in students! If you like to get more info, please contact our competition chair, Lya Stern at Lya@asta.net or me at Jutaka@verizon.net.

Junko Takahashi, President

GREATER COLUMBIA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Greater Columbia Music Teachers Association is looking forward to a new year of beautiful music. We have our usual slate of student recitals, competitions, and examinations in store, as well as two continuing events of interest: Our Friends and Family Event on January 26 invites friends and family of members' students to join the student in chamber music. This event will be held simultaneously with a Theme Festival -- exciting!

On April 6 we will have our annual Master Class, clinician yet to be confirmed. Last year our clinician was Rosita Mang. This is always a rich event for students, families, and fellow teachers.

This will also be the first year that we will offer a Keyboard Musicianship Center. A Great Year for Greater Columbia!

Helen Weems, President



The Frederick County Music Teachers' Association is looking forward to our upcoming programs and student activities. Our own FCMTA members will be presenting programs on subjects ranging from sight-reading to Technique to Repertoire. In addition to Fall Festival and two Holiday Recitals, students will have

the opportunity to participate in our 2nd Annual Sonata/Sonata Festival & Competition. As the new president, I want to thank all our FCMTA members for making our local group an invigorating and exciting forum for musical growth.

Our slate of officers for 2007-2008 is:

Laurel Carroll, President
Bobbie Rastall, Vice President
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The Prince George's Music Teachers Association will have its first meeting on September 20 in the studio of Gary Dinn. The program will be a presentation of the 2007-08 Saul Roas Broad Creek Competition test pieces by Janet Swaney, Ann Matteson and Gary Dinn.

On October 7, PGMTA will join Greater Laurel and Bowie MTA's to hold the Stephanie Laios Composition/Improvisation Festival. This will be held at Jordan Kitts Music Store in College Park. We hope to have a basket for people to make contributions for MSMTA's Ronald McDonald House Project. Jeffery Beaudry and Ann Matteson are chairing this event.

PGMTA is very proud of our member, Dr. Gail McDonald, who will be 90 on October 24. We wish her Happy Birthday and a very special year.

New PGMTA officers for 2007-2009 are President, Ann Matteson; Vice President, Ellen Sakai; Corresponding Secretary, Mei-Yu Lin; Recording Secretary, Linda Head; Treasurer, Shirley Smith; and Historian, June Miller.

Ann Matteson, President

MTA OF CHARLES COUNTY

This year, MTACC attained the status of being twenty years "old." Five piano teachers originally met in the summer of 1986 to share teaching hints and discuss what lesson materials we preferred. The following summer, Elza Marques-Guard paid dues here to "pad" our membership and make MTACC viable, and we were accepted as affiliates of MTNA and MSMTA!

In the twenty years since, our teachers have presented many joint student recitals, held MSMTA Theory and Keyboard Musicianship tests, and added several local events which benefit our students. For ten years, we planned and presented an annual Monster Concert featuring as many as six pianos. Using a carefully selected list of duet and duo literature, we were able to include second-year students in the easiest pieces while challenging our most advanced students with interesting pieces on their level. Our largest such concert featured 120 students!

MTACC has held various adjudicated festivals over the years, but our present emphasis is on our annual Sonata and Sonata Festival. This event attracts approximately 140 participants each April. It is adjudicated, provides trophies,

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and features the First and Second place winners on a Concert of Winners the next afternoon. Each May, we offer scholarships for students beginning in grade six. The first scholarship competition came about our very first year due to the tragic death of our original Secretary-Treasurer, Norma Killen Scott, who died at the hands of a drunken driver in broad daylight. The community welcomed a chance to express their grief by contributing to the newly-established college scholarship fund, and our teachers have supplemented the fund annually through performances by students or teachers. Our other scholarships are funded by entry fees and vary in dollar amount.

We are looking forward to our continuing success in bringing quality teaching to our quickly growing community. When MTACC took shape, Charles County was just seeing completion of its first indoor shopping mall. Now many more competing stores make our area a magnet for shoppers and new businesses, as well as many new residents annually.

Judith Dalton, President

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OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

FRIDAY MORNING MUSIC CLUB HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION FOR STRINGS (GRADES 9-12)

The FMMC High School Competition for Strings (in memory of Gus Johansen) will be held Saturday, November 3, 2007 at the Sumner School and Museum, 1201 17th Street, Washington, DC.

Prize awards are \$700, \$500 and \$300. First prizewinner will participate in a recital at Strathmore Hall on Friday, November 23, 2007. Other prize winners will have an opportunity to perform in FMMC events throughout the year.

The deadline for applications is October 15, 2007.

For information please call Suzanne Richardson, 202-232-4355 or email ***torichardson@verizon.net***.

Applications, Contemporary Music Suggestions and 2007 Judges will also be posted on the FMMC website: FMMC.org.

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"Kaleidoscope"

Musical Arts International, Inc is going to present its 2006-2007 opening concert on October 7, 2006 (Saturday) at 8:00PM at the Latvian Lutheran Church, 400 Hurley Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850. The concert will feature Sara Nichols, flute, Charlie Powers, cello, Anders Lundegard, saxophone and Li-Ly Chang, piano.

The program includes "Trio for Flute, Cello and Piano" by Carl Weber, Ned Rorem, "Romance for flute, saxophone and piano" by Charles Koechlin and other flute, saxophone solo pieces. Adult ticket \$19 and Senior/ Student \$13. For season discount tickets and information, please call 301-933-3715.

News Release

Musical Arts International, Inc is going to present its holiday concert on December 2, 2006 (Saturday) at 8:00PM at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 9545 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The concert will feature "Odeon Winds" which are consisted of Ronald Sipes, Oboe, James Bryla, Clarinet, Philip Munds, French Horn, and Danny K. Phipps, Bassoon. The program includes Jacques Ibert-Cing pieces en Trio (Wind Trio) and Alan Hovhaness-Divertimento Op61/5 (Wind Quartet). Pianist Li-Ly Chang will join them for the Mozart Piano Quintet in Eb Major K452 and other of his piano duets to conclude the celebration of his 250 Anniversary. Adult ticket \$19 and senior/ student \$13. For season discount tickets and information, please call 301-933-3715.

2007 WILLIAM KAPELL INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

Sofya Gulyak (Russia) was announced as the winner of the 2007 William Kapell International Piano Competition on July 22, 2007 at Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center of the University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

The International Jury awarded First Prize to Ms. Gulyak after the three Kapell finalists performed in the concerto round with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and conductor David Lockington on July 21 in the Center's DeKelbourn Concert Hall. For her competition selection, Ms. Gulyak performed Rachmaninov's Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30.

Second Prize was awarded to Sara Daneshpour (USA) who played Tchaikovsky's Concerto No. 1, Op. 23.

Spencer Myer (USA) received Third Prize for his performance of Rachmaninov's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Op. 43.

The first prize of \$25,000 was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Dukes Jr. The second prize of \$15,000 was donated by Mr. J.D. Williams, in honor of George and Virginia Sidwell, and the third prize of \$10,000 was donated by Dr. John W. Layman in honor of Ellen and Margaret Layman.

For the first time this year, the Kapell Competition presented an Audience Award to the competitor whom the audience selected as the top performer in the final concerto round. Sofya Gulyak won the Audience Award, which includes a \$1,000 prize.

For more information on the William Kapell International Piano Competition and Festival, visit <http://claricesmithcenter.um.edu/2007/c/kapell2007>.



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An exciting weekend of music at College of Notre Dame of Maryland, which featured world renowned musicians, culminated with the final round of the international competitions. Featured events included a master Class with Phyllis Bryn-Julson, "transcendental performances" presented by author Alan Walker, a gala Recital featuring pianist Ann Schein and Violinist Earl Carlyss, a presentation on "Sibelius 5" by Robin Hodson, a round table discussion on audiences and programming, moderated by Thomas Benjamin, and semifinal and final rounds in three competition categories. A total of eight recitals included the 2006 winners, guest artists, and the final round performances for the 2007 competition categories. The Baltimore-Washington Chapter of the American Liszt Society thanks the support received from College of Notre Dame of Maryland and Dr. Mary Pat Seurkamp, the George Shields Foundation, Mason and Hamlin, Piano Craft, the American Liszt Society, University of Georgia at Athens, the Chalice Concert Series of Columbia, the numerous financial contributors and silent auction donors, and the audience. The chapter wishes to congratulate all the participants in the competition and is proud to announce the winners 2007.

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**RESULTS OF THE
2007 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION
AMERICAN PIANIST 2007**

JUDGES: Edward Polochick, Daniel Glover, José Ramos-Santana

First Prize : William Garrison Award - (Shared Equally)

ALEXIS ZHU - JACK KURUTZ

Second Prize

LOK NG

Best Interpretation of a composition by Franz Liszt

JACK KURUTZ

Best Interpretation of a composition by an American Composer

Not awarded

YOUNG ARTIST

JUDGES: Alan Walker, Michael Adcock, Shaun Tirrell

First Prize: Franz Liszt Award

IRENE KIM

Second Prize

BOGDAN-CLAUDIU DULU

Best Interpretation of a composition by Franz Liszt

KEI NIEDRA

Best Interpretation of a composition by an American Composer

BOGDAN-CLAUDIU DULU

COLLABORATIVE ARTISTS

Duo Ensembles

JUDGES: José Cueto, Ivo Kaltchev, Noel Lester

First Prize: George Shields Award

YIEN WANG, Piano &
JULIE AHN, Violin

Second Prize

EUN-JUNG SHON, Piano &
HYUNG-CHAN KIM, Bassoon

Best Interpretation of a composition from the Romantic Era

EUN-JUNG SHON, Piano &
HYUN CHANG KIM, Bassoon

Best Interpretation of a composition by Franz Liszt

Not awarded

Best Interpretation of a composition by an American Composer

YIEN WANG, Piano &
JULIE AHN, Violin

Honorable Mention

CHARLES HULIN, Piano &
JEFF PRILLAMAN, Tenor

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

DATES To be announced

PIANOS FOR SALE

Thomas Moore

My home phone is 301-365-1925.

The two pianos are from the studio of Irene Moore.

One is a Kawai BL-51 upright, in excellent condition. This model is 50" tall, black, and has a middle "practice" pedal. \$3,000.

The other is a Chickering grand, 5'7", built in 1961, one of the last years of great Chickering production. Beautiful walnut finish. \$12,000.

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