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From the President...



I hope this newsletter finds you with a lighter summer teaching schedule and enjoying some time off. This school year has been especially hectic for me as I finally completed my DMA. Studying, teaching and serving as MSMTA President became stressful at times, but thanks to everyone's support, I finished!

I always say this, but MSMTA is truly blessed with amazing and supportive board members who are always looking after the interests of our organization. To all the events chairs: an organization like ours could not flourish as it has without your tireless efforts. Thanks to all of you!

We had a successful inaugural Bach String Competition this year and will continue trying to expand our membership to non-piano teachers. I have worked with membership chair, Ann McCandliss, and committee members, Daniel Lau, Ann Matteson, Christine Couch, and Adriana Schueckler, to create an MSMTA recruitment poster. This was distributed throughout Maryland, and we are in the process of creating brochures to go along with it.

MSMTA and local associations offer so much to both young and experienced teachers, so if you know of anyone who might be interested in joining, please invite them to the local meetings or have them call me. I would be happy to talk to any prospective member.

Lastly, due to potential weather problems and increasing rental costs at the University of Maryland, we are in the process of moving our annual conference to the fall. Since we already had a big conference in January, the fall conference this year will be a one-day mini workshop. This will allow time for a general membership meeting which is required by our by-laws. We scheduled our one day conference/general membership meeting on Oct. 13 at Howard Community College, so please save the date! More information will be announced later in the summer as we plan for the event. I will send out a global e-mail once the schedule is set. We plan to bring back a full two-day conference in the fall of 2014.

Have a wonderful rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

Julie Abokeshi

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Eighteen board members attended our last board meeting of the year on Monday, June 10th.

Important items which were discussed and voted on are reported in this newsletter (Theory, Keyboard and By-Laws changes).

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MSMTA NEWS

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES

The MSMTA Board has voted to accept the following By-Laws changes concerning the voting procedure. The final step is for the MSMTA membership to vote on these changes at the next general membership meeting during the conference on October 13, 2013.

MSMTA PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES - 10 JUNE 2013

Current

ARTICLE XV. AMENDMENTS

Section 15.01 These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote via mail ballot, electronic mail ballot, or at any business meeting of the Association provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been sent with the notice of the meeting.

- (a) These rules also apply when amending any MSMTA document.
- (b) In the event of a mail ballot or an electronic mail ballot, the date for return of the completed ballots must be clearly stated on the ballot.
- (c) In the event of an extreme emergency, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, amendments may be made by telephone ballot with approval by two-thirds vote constituting amendment.

Proposed

[Renumber and replace old Article XV]

ARTICLE XVI. AMENDMENTS

Section 16.01 These Bylaws *and the Code of Ethics* may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the general membership

DELETE (*by a vote via mail ballot, electronic mail ballot, or*)
at any business meeting of the Association provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been sent with the notice of the meeting.

DELETE (*These rules also apply when amending any MSMTA document.*)
In the event of a time sensitive issue, amendments may be *approved by USPS mail or by electronic mail ballot*. The date for return of the completed ballots is 30 days after the day the notice was sent and must be clearly stated on the ballot. Approval requires a two-thirds vote FOR the amendment. A non-response to this ballot is counted as an affirmative vote. Any such decision must be re-ratified at the next general membership business meeting.

ARTICLE IX. ELECTIONS

Add Section 9.02 In the case of mailed ballots or electronic mail ballots, a non-response is counted as an affirmative vote for the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee.

Renumber Section 9.02 to 9.03

Renumber Section 9.03 to 9.04

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REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MSMTA ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2013 - JULY 1, 2015

The committee presented their slate of officers electronically to the membership in early April, 2013 for the term of July 1, 2013 - July 1, 2015. The slate was also presented in the MSMTA Newsletter. No one from the membership made any additional nominations and there were no nay votes to the slate by the designated deadline of May 15, 2013. Therefore, the slate has been unanimously accepted by the membership as nominated by the Nominating Committee.

The following officers shall hold office from July 1, 2013 - July 1, 2015:

President:	Junko Takahashi (serving her second term)
Treasurer and Vice President:	Claudette Horwitz (serving her second term)
Vice President Student Activities:	Yoon Hun (serving her second term)
Vice President Publications:	Kathryn Stansbery (serving her second term)
Vice President Certification:	Ann Matteson (serving her second term)
Recording Secretary:	Daniel Lau (serving his second term)
Historian:	Bonnie Kellert (serving her second term)
Corresponding Secretary:	Douglas Guiles (serving his first term)
Member-at-Large:	Constance Fischel (serving her first term)
Vice President Membership:	Ann McCandliss was not up for reelection this year as her term is from July 1, 2012 - July 1, 2014.
Carol Wolfe-Ralph	serves on the board as the past president.

I would like to thank Joyce Crist, Yoon Huh, Daniel Lau and Carol Wolfe-Ralph for serving on the committee.

Ann Matteson, Chair, Nominating Committee

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

MSMTA ELEMENTARY DISTINGUISHED MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The May newsletter listed the names of 17 winners. Since then I have received the names of 31 additional students.

Don't forget to check your records for all your 5th grade students to see if any of them qualify for this award. Eligibility requirements are in your Student Activities Handbook and on our web site.

TEACHER	STUDENTS
Patricia Blanchard	Peri Hinton, Elizabeth Lawlin
Hui-Yen Chang	Andrea Alvarez
Anne Hsueh Chen	Marin Oehler, Emily Cho
Constance Fischel	Ciera Hudson
Carole Gauthier	Sean Choi, Colby Johnson
Suzanne Hilton	Annabelle Mayo
Edwina Hunter	Chelsea Baker, Lindsay Blocker, Kyra Britt, Imani West
Bonnie Kellert	Christine Gong, Hana Lee, Laura Yao, Clare Zhang, Andrew Zhang
Bok Hwa Kim	Eugena Chang, Jeffrey Li
Olga Kuperstein	Michael Liu, Yuuki Yamamoto, Alice Zeng
Alla Merport	Christina Cha
Yevgeniya Oleshkevich	Maiya Yen
Yakov Shapiro	Holly F. Lam
Debra Smedley	Margaret Ruble
Elena Tsai	Emily Harvey, Katherine Shen
Luba Turkevich	Michelle Li, Shawn Zhao

Claudette Horwitz, Chair

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Christine Couch

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Yoon Huh

TECHNOLOGY

Helen Smith Tarchalski

DISTINGUISHED MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

This year's Distinguished Music Achievement Awards were given to 42 students in the Junior division and 35 in the Senior division, from the studios of 28 MSMTA teachers. As the chairperson of the DMA Awards, I would like to express my gratitude to all the participating teachers, and my congratulations to all the recipients for their outstanding accomplishments over the years.

2013 DMA Recipients:

JUNIOR:

Juhi Narula	(Dr. Hui-Yen Chang)
Tatiana Wu	(Dr. Hui-Yen Chang)
Jessica Liu	(Anne Hsueh Chen)
Aaron M.K. Abshire	(Gary Dinn)
Nathan B. Yalung	(Gary Dinn)
Aaron Park	(Sima Elkis)
Christopher Dong	(Christopher Hall)
Showe Liou	(Christopher Hall)
Alice Wei	(Christopher Hall)
Lauren Matcha	(Claudette Horwitz)
Shreya Khanna	(Claudette Horwitz)
Phillip Blocker	(Edwina Hunter)
Kevin Key	(Edwina Hunter)
Christina Chyi	(Cherie Jeng)
Michael Hung	(Cherie Jeng)
Jacob Chandran	(Dr. Bok Hwa Kim)
Kristen Min	(Dr. Bok Hwa Kim)
Jelena Chen	(Olga Kuperstein)
Elissa Huang	(Olga Kuperstein)
Nayman Leung	(Olga Kuperstein)
Martin Torrey	(Mei-Yu Lin)
Emily Wang	(Mei-Yu Lin)
Dahbin Park	(Alla Merport)
Karina Aliyeva	(Dr. Dmitri Nazarenko)
Ethan Chen	(Dr. Dmitri Nazarenko)
Jeannette Jiang	(Dr. Dmitri Nazarenko)
Samuel Ong	(Dr. Dmitri Nazarenko)
Melissa Klein	(Yevgeniya Oleshkevich)
Jennifer Chen	(Hyun Park)
Christina Zhang	(Jamie Fan Pasho)
Emma Mires	(Debra Smedley)
Claire Ruble	(Debra Smedley)
Henry Chandler	(Janet Swaney)
Jenny Chen	(Luba Turkevich)
Abbie Tran	(Dr. Chen-Li Tzeng)
Anika Shastri	(Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Sharon Sun	(Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Sheng Po Yang	(Dr. Svetlana Volkova)

Tien Doan	(Deborah White-Bondhus)
Michael J. Butler	(Dr. Carol Wolfe-Ralph)
Bradley Porter	(Dr. Carol Wolfe-Ralph)
Dotson Hsing	(Tzi-Ming Yang)

SENIOR:

Andrea Prevatt	(Patricia Blanchard)
Manesha Ramanathan	(Deborah Brown)
Tiara Booth	(Dr. Hui-Yen Chang)
Angella Lee	(Dr. Hui-Yen Chang)
Jelani Lyles	(Dr. Hui-Yen Chang)
Joseph M. Manual	(Gary Dinn)
Joshua Lien	(Christopher Hall)
Kayla Britt	(Edwina Hunter)
Calvin Chao	(Cherie Jeng)
Kevin Hwang	(Dr. Bok Hwa Kim)
Jamie Park	(Dr. Bok Hwa Kim)
Anna Rimlinger	(Dr. Bok Hwa Kim)
Minjoo Song	(Dr. Bok Hwa Kim)
Katherine Lam	(David Kuperstein)
Serena Lao	(Olga Kuperstein)
Angelica Li	(Olga Kuperstein)
Jamei Wang	(Olga Kuperstein)
Kevin Pung	(Mei-Yu Lin)
Tiffany Hu	(Yevgeniya Oleshkevich)
Christina Hwang	(Yevgeniya Oleshkevich)
Sophie Li	(Yevgeniya Oleshkevich)
Marianne Zhao	(Yevgeniya Oleshkevich)
Daniel Cheng	(Hyun Park)
Jeffrey Yang	(Hyun Park)
Rebecca Shaw	(Jamie Fan Pasho)
Vivienne Chen	(Luba Turkevich)
Joshua Czerwicz	(Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Andrew Fasolyak	(Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Benjamin Moffat	(Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Lucia Xiang	(Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Sophia Zhang	(Dr. Svetlana Volkova)
Katherine Southall	(Helen Weems)
Eleanor Brown	(Deborah White-Bondhus)
Rebecca Pfeiffer	(Deborah White-Bondhus)

Bok Hwa Kim, Chair

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2013 MSMTA HIGH SCHOOL PIANO EXAMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL RECOGNITION/CREDIT

The High School Piano Examination Program for School Recognition/Credit was designed to encourage high school piano students, give them an incentive to continue studying and give them the recognition they deserve through their school. This connectedness with the schools is a unique way that private teachers and school professionals can work together to promote this important aspect of our students' learning. This is the 34th year that the auditions have been held in April and May.

The following statistics are based on the number of people who enrolled to take the examinations in 2013. There is usually about 5- 6% of the students who elect not to take the exam after they have enrolled.

Of the total of 202 students who applied to take the High School Piano Examination in 2013:

- 191 applied to take the examination for recognition
- 11 applied to take the examination for credit
- 66 were in the 9th grade
- 65 were in the 10th grade
- 47 were in the 11th grade
- 18 were in the 12th grade
- 18 entered at the Intermediate I level
- 52 entered at the Intermediate II level
- 97 entered at the Advanced I level
- 16 entered at the Advanced II level
- 65 different schools were represented by the students
- 11 students were home-schooled
- 65 different piano teachers were represented

We thank all Center Chairs whose role is absolutely essential for running of this program. There were 16 scheduled days.

Annapolis - Cecila Wyatt
 Bowie - Maxine Russell
 Columbia - Constance Fischel
 Eleanor Roosevelt High School - Ann S. Matteson
 Howard County - Christopher Hall
 Laurel - Wendy Dengler
 Montgomery Blair at Northwood High School - Ae Ja Park
 Quince Orchard High School - Roseanne White
 Richard Montgomery High school - Heesun Kim
 Southern Maryland - Patricia Blanchard
 Whitman High school - Kristin Butler
 Winston Churchill High School - Hyun Park, Jean Kim
 Thomas Wootton I and II - Luba Turkevich

Special thanks go to Constance Fischel, again our registrar extraordinaire, who spent many hours receiving and recording the grades and sending out the critiques, reports and certificates. She has also allowed us to use her studio and chaired the Columbia center at her home for many years.

Connie also helped me with the transition and keeping track of all the papers that were needed for each student.

We also thank Hyun Park who opened her studio for the Winston Churchill auditions.

In addition to this I would like to thank the curriculum committee, (Constance Fischel, Douglas Guiles, and David Holmes), who reviewed curriculum and levels for the examinations.

I would also like to thank Ann Matteson and Ellen Sakai for all their help in this transition year. They spent hours helping me transition to chair and assisted in acquiring the different venues for the auditions. I would like to thank Carolyn L. Booth, Patricia Blanchard, Wendy Dengler, Cecila Wyatt, Maxine Russell, Christopher Hall, and Kristin Butler for the help in acquiring audition centers. Special thanks to Ellen Sakai and her student Brandon who did such a good job on the certificates!!!

Thank you to the following teachers who were judges for this years auditions:

Jeffery A. Beaudry, Carolyn L. Booth, Elizabeth Borowsky, Jeannine Case, Gary W. Dinn, Constance Fischel, Eliza Garth, Douglas Guiles, Linda R. Head, David W. Holmes, Conchita T. Jan, Bonnie Kellert, Mei-Yu Lin, Ann S. Matteson, Debra Smedley, Helen Smith Tarchalski, Betsy Stocksdale, Junko Takahashi, Thanh M. Vo, Helen R. Weems, Deborah White-Bondhus, Dr. Carol A. Wolfe-Ralph.

Congratulations to all the above-mentioned chairs, judges and committee members who entered students in the examinations and to the following teachers who also entered students:

NICOLE AMYOT, HEDY BANNON, MAJA BLAGOJEVIC, FAYE BONNER, PATRICIA BLANCHARD, LISA BUSSING, DEBORAH BROWN, DONNA BRIDGLAND, DR. HUI-YEN CHANG, DR. LINDA COCKEY, MARC DONNELLY, GEIZA DOURADO, HARVEY DOSTER, IRINA DVOYNOY, ELENA ELISEEVA, SIMA ELKIS, BARBARA GRAHAM, NANCY HALLSTED, EDWINA HUNTER, CHERIE JENG, WENDY JOHNSTON, HEESUN KIM, JEAN KIM, OLGA KUPERSTEIN, DAVID KUPERSTEIN, CHIA-HSUAN LEE, CHEN-LI TZENG, MEI-YU LIN, ANN MATTESON, DORIS MATTINGLY, ALLA MERPORT, TZI-MINGYANG, DMITRI NAZARENKO, CARE NEBBIA, CATHRYN O'DONOVAN, CLARE

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O'MEARA, CATHRYN O'DONOVAN, YEVGENIYA OLESHKEVICH, COLLEEN OREN, RUTH PENG, MARTHA SALLET, SUSAN SMITH, SHARON SARI, KRISTINA SUTER, ZIONA TUCHLER, LUBA TURKEVICH, ELIZABETH WHITE, YALING YEH, HARMONY YANG

We are very grateful for the use of the following places where the auditions were held:

Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts (Annapolis), Belcroft Bible Church (Bowie), The Fischel Studio (Columbia), Eleanor Roosevelt High School (Greenbelt), Howard Community College (Columbia), Laurel Presbyterian Church (Laurel), Northwood High School (Silver Spring), Quince Orchard High School (Gaithersburg), Richard Montgomery High School, (Rockville), Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church (California), River Road Unitarian Church (Bethesda), The Hyun Park Studio (Potomac), Thomas Wootton High School, (Rockville).

Deborah White-Bondhus, Chair
Ann Matteson and Ellen Sakai, Co-chairs

ANNOUNCEMENT – NEW KEYBOARD LEVEL

This year the Keyboard Musicianship Program is initiating a new level for very young students to help introduce them to the keyboard program and testing procedure. This preparatory level will be known as Level -1 (minus one) on the registration form. Students age 7 and under, as of September 1 of the school year, are eligible. Samples are included.

Please feel free to contact Bonnie Kellert (bkellert@verizon.net) if you have any questions.

Prep Level (To be registered as “-1”) This level is for students age 7 and under (as of September 1).

SCALES

Objective: Five-note scale in Parallel Motion; Ascending and Descending – HS or HT.

Tempo: Steady rhythm. No break between ascending and descending.

Keys: C, G, D, A MAJOR

Tonic Chord: C, G, D, A MAJOR – HS or HT

ARPEGGIOS

Objective: Broken Triad ascending and descending – divided between the hands.

Example: C-E-G (LH) C-E-G (RH) – ascending; G-E-C (RH) G-E-C (LH) descending –

Tempo: In a steady rhythm. No break between ascending and descending.

Keys: C, G, D, A MAJOR

SIGHT READING

Rhythm: Time Signature: 4/4

Style: Hand Position: Thumbs on Middle C
Alternating hands, Melody distributed between the hands

Intervals: 2nds (steps)

Range: Refer to staff : (C-D-E in treble clef and C-B-A in bass clef)

HARMONIZING

Keys: C MAJOR

Chords: Single Tonic Note per measure. (More difficult accompaniments may be used.)

Note Values: Whole, Half, Quarter Notes

Meter: 4/4

Range: Three finger position in RH

Length: 4 measures

TRANSPOSING

Objective: Transpose a very easy melody in a MAJOR or MINOR Key

Transpose to: Any White key - Major must remain Major.
Minor must remain Minor

Hand Position: One hand, 3-finger position

Length: 4 measures minimum

Music: Brought by the student

IMPROVISATION

Objective: Improvise freely on black keys.

Explanation: No restrictions on range or harmony. There should be a sense of pulse.

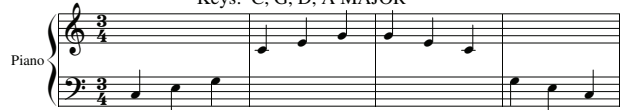
Note: Encourage originality and musical expression.

Length: 15 seconds minimum

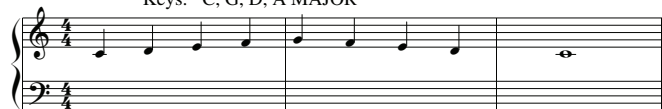
LEVEL -1 (PREP)

ARPEGGIOS and SCALES

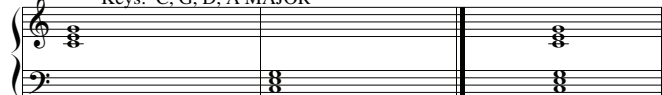
ARPEGGIOS Broken Triad up and down; Alternating hands
Keys: C, G, D, A MAJOR



SCALES 5-Finger Position, HS or HT
Keys: C, G, D, A MAJOR



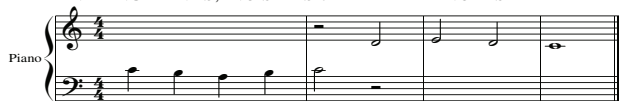
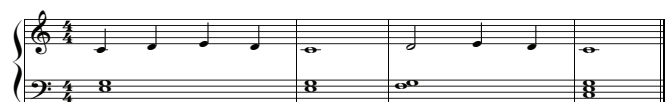
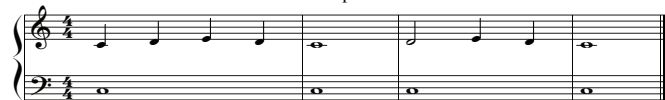
TONIC CHORD HS or HT
Keys: C, G, D, A MAJOR



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LEVEL -1 (PREP)

SIGHT READING and HARMONIZING

SIGHT READING 3-FINGER POSITION; THUMBS on MIDDLE C
ALTERNATING HANDS; NO SKIPS or REPEATED NOTESHARMONIZING 4 Measures in the Key of C MAJOR
LH TONIC TONE or more advanced accompaniment**TRANSPOSING LEVEL -1 (PREP)**

3-Finger Position Melody - RH or LH - MAJOR or MINOR

Transpose to any white key - Major must remain Major; Minor must remain minor



Transposed to F minor

**IMPROVISATION LEVEL -1 (PREP)**

BLACK KEYS

Improvise with a steady beat - 10 or more seconds (Rhythmic or Melodic motifs preferable)
HS, HT, or Hands Alternating*Bonnie Kellert***KEYBOARD MUSICIANSHIP
2012-13 REPORT**

The Keyboard Musicianship Program had an enrollment of 950 students from the studios of 79 teachers from twelve chapters. With the exception of a few, all students played to receive the Gold Seal Certificate (4, 5, or 6 modules).

The Keyboard Musicianship Committee is grateful to the dedicated chairpersons for arranging testing locations, selecting the volunteer judges and monitors, scheduling mailing, record keeping, etc. Many teachers contributed freely of their valuable time to make this a successful program.

I congratulate and thank the following teachers who chaired the twelve chapters and through their hard work and expertise made this program so successful:

Joanna Greenwood, Jeannine Case, Carol Gauthier, Edwina Hunter, Mary G. Wolf, Erin Runkles, Olga Kuperstein, Bonnie Kellert, Hui-Yen Chang, Mary Stevens, Christopher Hall, and Constance Fischel.

I would also like to thank Hui-Yen Chang, Bonnie Kellert and Mary Ann Parker for their invaluable contribution.

During the 2012-13 academic year, 143 trophies were awarded in the categories of ADVANCED HONORS, INTERMEDIATE HONORS, FIVE YEAR HONORS and the KEYBOARD MUSICIANSHIP AWARD.

The Advanced trophies were awarded to the following:

Manesha Ramanathan (Deborah Brown), Kristi Kan, Emily Luo, (Olga Kuperstein), Nikita Datta, Katrina Gazo (Lisa Bussing), Sasha Lenus, (Claudette Horwitz), Lilly Vartain (Jeannine Case), Charles Liu (Anne Chen), Joyce Yang (Hui-Yen Chang).

Congratulations to all teachers and their hard working students. For more information about the trophies and how the student may qualify, please consult the MSMTA Student Activities Packet.

Level 11 of the MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship syllabus is now ready to be sent upon request. Please get in touch with me.

The new Level -1 (Prep) Module is being prepared by Bonnie Kellert and will be distributed to those who are interested. The age limit for Level -1 (Prep) is 7 and younger by September 1, annually.

Luba Turkevich, Keyboard Musicianship Chair

2013 MSMTA THEORY HONORS AWARDS

MSMTA congratulates the students and teachers who have received the 2013 MSMTA Theory Award. One hundred and two students from the studios of Janet Berg, Susan Smith, Judy Dalton, June Stevenson Miller, Deborah Brown, Betty Guenther, Karen Mihalko, Olga Kuperstein, Carol Edison, Hyun Park, Svetlana Volkova, Colleen Craven, Ruth Peng, Edwina Hunter, Patricia Blanchard, Bok Hwa Kim, Christopher Hall, Chen-Li Tzeng, Yie-Chien Tsau, Lisa Bussing, Anne Hseuh Chen, Dmitri Nazarenko, Yaling Yeh, Chieh-Ming Lee, Katya Merchant, Claudette Horwitz, Karen Skelly, Hyun Sook Kim, Deborah White-Bondhus, Yevgenia Oleshkevich, Jeanne Wernly, Luba Turkevich, Carol Wolfe-Ralph, Tzi-Ming Yang, Alla Merport, Donna Koh, Susan Ward, JeongEun Park Kang, Cathryn O'Donovan, and Hui-Yen Chang received the award.

Congratulations to the student recipients: Sara Jang, Zoe Thomas, Ian Lazarenko, Brandon Smith, Haley Stewart, Shelby Green, Caryn Law, Joshua Floriza, Zeming Chen, Charlotte McNamee, Katherina Shields, Lauren Bishop, Andrew Zhang, Caitlin Bendit, Noah Broderick, Jennifer Chen, Rebekah Rashford, Sheng Po Yan, Sharon Sun, Anika Shastri, Ishana Shastri, William Foy, William Chen, Marianne Howard, Emily Zhu, Ariel Uy, Olivia Taylor, Micah Lee, Hannah Lee, Hannah Kim, Brigitte Wang, Kaiwen Wang, Jeffrey Chang, Lindsay Gong, Judy Chen, Albert Wang, Mabel Chang, Andrew Deng, Emma Liu, Ashley Deng, Jeffrey Read, Sunny Xu, Christina Dario, Chelsea Macatangay, Phillip McWithey, Morgan Oehler, Shayon Shakoorzadeh, Saniya Han, Tiffany Zhang, Angela Wu, Katherine Wu, Karina Aliyeva, Jeannette Jiang, Ethan Chen, Samuel Ong, Nancy Qin, Paydor Liu, Eric Zhang, Grace Chen, Liwen Tran, Andrew Zhong, Nancy Han, Anish Thakkar, Radhika Khare, Alvin Chung, Callie Andress, Navya Guatam, Carol Niedringhaus, Claire Skelly, Delaney Irwin, Samuel Nam, Sarah Ham, Sharlene Chiu, Belinda Chiu, Co-To Doan, Khiem Doan, Catalina Lennon, Katherine Strakna, Esther Li, Francesca D'Cruz, Carissa Wei, Bethany Kuo, Rachel Wei, Nathan Yen, Jessica Tsai, Erin Vaka, Marissa Stepler, Isabelle Stepler, Christopher Chaney, Rachel Chang, Ingyum Kim, Justin Kim, Jamie Moon, Cassandra Tuan, Elizabeth Marsh, Jessica Perry, Amy Wu, Zoe Abdurrahman, Brice Abdurrahman, Jennifer Zhang, Jessica Bu, and Abigail Feng.

Special congratulations to students from the studios of Svetlana Volkova and Hui-Yen Chang who received the 2013 Distinguished Theory Award for successfully fulfilling the requirements of passing ten levels with a score of 90 percent or higher, or passing Level 12 with a score of 90 percent or

higher. Congratulations to the following students who earned the Distinguished Theory Award this year: Katherine Hao, Vincent Hsaio, and Anna Fasolyak. It takes special dedication and perseverance to get through such a demanding course of study and again, MSMTA congratulates all the students and their teachers for achievement of these honors.

Lori McCarthy - MSMTA Theory Chair

MSMTA MUSIC THEORY TESTING PROGRAM UPDATE FOR 2013-2014

The Theory Committee is already hard at work on next year's exams. We have reviewed the program for this past year and will be working to improve accuracy and clarity in the exams. In addition, we are working to recognize achievements at the upper levels, so have expanded the honors awards starting next year. There will be three awards available to students: The Intermediate Theory Award, any 5 levels with a score of 90% or above (formerly known as the Theory Award); The Senior Theory Award, 5 levels with a score of 90% or above that **MUST INCLUDE** Level 8; and the Distinguished Theory Award, Level 12 at 90% or above. Please note that we have eliminated the point system, so the awards are based on scores only. Each award may be earned only once. Students who earned the Theory Award in 2013 or before are not eligible for the Intermediate Theory Award.

Because some of the local chairs have had difficulty finding enough assistance on testing day, we have made some changes to the policies regarding work assignments. Teachers entering 1-20 students may be called upon to work up to four hours; those with more than 21 students may be called upon to work up to eight hours or more. In addition, many smaller centers are inundated with transfer students and/or students from teachers in other counties registering for their center. While most local chairs try not to ask teachers from other counties to assist as a courtesy, please be advised that MSMTA rules state that if you put a student into an event, you are required to work. So next year, if a situation arises where you have registered a student in another county and the local chair is in need of assistance, you may be asked to help, even if you have worked in your own local center. It might be advisable to check with the local chair to see if you will be asked to work before registering students in another county.

With regard to theory materials ordering, please note that we will be releasing the 2013 exam as the sample test next year. We have a complete set of digital exams and ear training CDs, as well as many paper exams available. While we are working on a revised Theory Syllabus, it will not be ready in time for the 2014 exam, so we will continue to use the 2001-2002 edition of *A Comprehensive Guide to Musicianship*. Please note that this digital document is

available free of charge to all MSMTA members and may be ordered via the materials order form. A copy of the new order form is included in this newsletter for anyone who would like to order materials this summer and get a head start on the year.

Since 2014 will be the second year of online registration for theory, we will be implementing the \$1 per student, per registration surcharge for paper registration. So save some green and please consider registering online next year!

Lori McCarthy, Chair, Theory Testing Program

MSMTA Theory Testing Program Materials Order Form

Purchase of original theory materials allows you the right to print or photocopy pages for students. Please send me the following materials:

MSMTA Guide to Comprehensive Musicianship, 2001-2002 (aka Theory Syllabus)
(no charge for MSMTA members), *pdf file* sent via email _____

Sample test materials (2013 test); pdf files, sent via email after check is received.

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COMPETITIONS

JACK WEAVER MEMORIAL COMPETITION

The Jack Weaver Memorial Competition took place on Saturday, April 28, at Jordan Kitts in Twinbrook, MD. All students prepared a program of at least fifteen minutes, including three pieces of contrasting styles and periods from memory. All students performed at a very high level. This competition is generously supported by the Violin House of Weaver and made possible by Bill and Evy Weaver. The following students received prizes:

1st Place:	Evelyn Song, violin	(\$700)
2nd Place:	Raymond Lin, cello	(\$400)
3rd Place:	Kiyoan Ko, violin	(\$300)
4th Place:	Francis Kang, cello	(\$200)

Judges' Panel:

Claudia Chudacoff, violin
Marion Baker, cello

Students were represented from the studios of Lya Stern, Laurien Laufman, Mia Choi, Duck Hee O'Donnell, and Adrian Semo.

Shelley Mathews, Chair

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2013 MSMTA ELIZABETH R. DAVIS MEMORIAL COMPETITION

The 2013 MSMTA Elizabeth R. Davis Memorial Competition was held at Howard Community College, Columbia, Maryland from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm on June 8, 2013. There were nineteen performers in the 9th-10th Grade Division and fifteen in the 11th-12th Grade Division. The students came from twenty-one studios: Elena Arseniev, Scott Beard, Faye Bonner, Nancy O'Neill Breth, Frances Cheng-Koors, Kathryn Evans-Santiago, Shwu-Ching Jeng, Ivo Kaltchev, Bok Hwa Kim, Aglaia Koras, David Kuperstein, Olga Kuperstein, Chia-Hsuan Lee, Marjorie Lee, James Litzelman, San-Qing Lu-Bennaman, Doris Mattingly, Hyun Park, HyunSook Park, Kristina Suter and Di Wei Wu.

Our judges were: Professor Gary Mullenax, Professor Marian Hahn, Dr. Rhoda Jeng, and Dr. Chen-Li Tzeng. We would like to thank many teachers for coming and helping out with monitoring. Thank you... Elena Arseniev, Scott Beard, Nancy O'Neill Breth, Frances Cheng-Koors, Bok Hwa Kim, David Kuperstein, Olga Kuperstein, Chia-Hsuan Lee, Marjorie Lee, James Litzelman, San-Qing Lu-Bennaman, Doris Mattingly, HyunSook Park and Kristina Suter.

Special thanks to Yoon Huh for her usual hospitality services and to Kristina Suter and David Kuperstein who were there early and stayed late to set and clean up. Thank you to Olga Kuperstein for the last minute jump-in to monitor for an absentee. With all the helping hands from our special teacher members, the competition ran smoothly and the students had a wonderful experience. Lastly, we want to give our biggest thank you to Winifred Hyson, who donated \$1,000.00 towards the scholarship for the winners, and also to Elena Arseniev, for her donation.

Winners of 9th-10th Grade Division

Judges: Prof. Gary Mullenax & Dr. Chen-Li Tzeng

1st Place: Juncheng Shen

2nd Place: Chaoyang Wang

3rd Place: Kevin Zhang

Honorable Mention: Brian Le

Honorable Mention: Annie Bao

Honorable Mention: Winne Luo

Winners of 11th-12th Grade Division

Judges: Prof. Marian E. Hahn & Dr. Rhoda Jeng

1st Place: Jessica Shen

2nd Place: Michelle Kim

3rd Place: Bryan Ho

Honorable Mention: Derek Galvin

Honorable Mention: Cynthia Liu

Honorable Mention: Tiffany Wang

Honorable Mention: Savannah Du

Have a nice summer! *Mei-Yu Lin and Yoon Huh, Chairs*

MIRIAM SHIELDS GOTTLIEB PIANO COMPETITION

DORIS AND LARRY CHASE SONATA AWARD

GAIL FABER MCDONALD SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Miriam Gottlieb Competition continues to be the most popular of our special Memorial Competitions with about 250 entries from about 60 teachers. There is always great excitement in the hallways of UMBC since this is a highly competitive event. I am grateful to all of the teachers who helped to make this event run smoothly.

The Doris and Larry Chase Sonata Award continues to thrive as well with about 40 entrants. We are grateful to Mrs. Chase for continuing to fund the awards for this competition.

New this year is the very special Gail F. McDonald Scholarship Award, which is presented to the First Place winner in the oldest group of Gottlieb contestants. The \$200 prize went to John Janezich, a student of Grace McFarlane. We were

IN MEMORIAM...



*Our heartfelt
condolences go
to Helen Smith
Tarchalski on
the loss of her
father.*

fortunate to obtain Dr. Scott Beard as the judge for this nearly 5 hour event. The award is funded by donations to the Gail McDonald Scholarship fund as well as Gail's family. It is wonderful that we have this award to honor a woman who was instrumental in the formation of Maryland State Music Teachers and who was a great friend, mentor and inspiration to so many of us.

*Douglas Guiles, Chair
of Miriam Shields Gottlieb Piano Competition
and Doris and Larry Chase Sonata Award*

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Judges 2013 Hyunah Yu, <i>Soprano</i> José Miguel Cueto, <i>Violinist</i> & Luiz de Moura Castro Daniel Glover Gila Goldstein Marian Hahn Thomas Mastroianni Ksenia Nosikova José Ramos Santana <i>Pianists</i>	7 pm FESTIVAL RECITAL Franz Liszt's Vision Of The Future Winners 2011 Kostov /Valkov, <i>Cello & Piano Duo,</i> Casey Rafn, <i>Pianist, &</i> <i>Guest Artist José Cueto, Violin</i> Announcement Second Round Contestants	7 pm ROUND TABLE The Art Of Collaboration Judges & Guest Artists <i>Different perspectives on collaboration: from solo to orchestra. Q/A Session</i> Announcement Saturday Finalists	THE EMBASSY OF HUNGARY Competition Final Round 2:30 pm ARTIST ... 5:30 pm GALA AT THE EMBASSY Evocation <i>Franz Liszt: 150 years ago</i> Luiz de Moura Castro, <i>pianist</i> Announcement Winners 2013

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Anne Arundel Music Teachers Association



**AAMTA/Chesapeake Youth
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AAMTA had a busy Spring. At our April 12 meeting, member William Bloomquist presented a delightful program on Schumann's Kinderszenen. His performance and commentary about the beloved repertoire provided insightful and inspiring information.

Our Concerto Competition was held May 11.

First Place winner Sean Hanley (student of Helen Smith Tarchalski) performed Bach's d minor Concerto with the Chesapeake Youth Symphony Orchestra at St. John's College on May 19. First Alternate was Jessica Schueckler (student of Adriana Schueckler).

The Spring Solo Festival took place on May 18 at Anne Arundel Community College with Elementary, Middle School, and High School divisions. The Middle School Competition First Place winner was Eliana Reynolds (student of Katya Merchant).

First Place in the High School Competition was awarded to Will Scerbo (student of Helen Smith Tarchalski) and Second Place to Abby Curry (student of Jeannine Case). A Third Place tie was declared between Hannah Ball (student of Adriana Schueckler) and Dominic Watts (student of Jeannine Case). Honorable Mention went to Dorothy Carter (student of Adriana Schueckler).

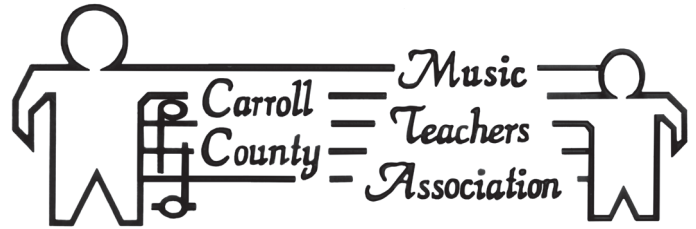


AAMTA High School Solo Competition Winners

Jeannine Case, Dominic Watts, 3rd place (tie); Abby Curry, 2nd place; Helen Smith Tarchalski, Will Scerbo, 1st place; Dorothy Carter, Honorable Mention; Hannah Ball, 3rd place (tie); Adriana Schueckler.

At the time of publication, our students were eagerly preparing to perform in the annual Water Music Festival, which will take place July 13 at Truxton Park in Annapolis.

Adriana Schueckler, President



Carroll County Music Teachers Association held its June 3 business meeting over lunch at the home of Joan MacDonald. Current officers were re-elected to serve for the next year, with Jane McIlvain Dennis as president, Joan MacDonald as vice president, Arlene Bullock as recording secretary, Diane Jones as corresponding secretary, and Debbie Long as Historian. Under discussion were fundraising ideas, the 2013-2014 calendar, professional enrichment ideas



front row: Karen Mihalko, Jane McIlvain Dennis, and Joan MacDonald.

Back row: Arlene Bullock, Christopher Hall, David Kreider, Charlotte Young, and Carole Gauthier

including a Baroque music workshop and a Minuet workshop, which would include participation guided by a professional dancer, and more intensive advertising of CCMTA programs to its members' students to increase participation. Charlotte Young offered pedagogical VHS tapes to members, and it was decided to put them in a library for the use of members. Included among them is an excellent tape by Maurice Hinson. Difficulty administering the MSMTA Theory exam at our center was discussed. The CCMTA website, administered by our excellent webmaster, Don Jones, will be brought up to date with current pictures and member information. Also, it is with sincere gratitude that CCMTA acknowledges the gift of

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Don Myers, member of CCMTA and manager of Stu's Music Shop, of \$100 towards the Elementary Division of our Spring Scholarship Competition. That portion of the competition (formerly the "Victor J. Furst" competition) will be renamed in memory of Don's father as the "Stu Myers Memorial Competition." Finally, David Kreider gave an update on the McDaniel Piano Camp, which is now the Chamber Music and Collaborative Piano Camp, taking place from July 21 to Saturday July 27, 2013. He reported that McDaniel College is offering scholarships to students who participate in any one of the three summer music camps (band, orchestra, and piano camp) in the amount of \$10,000 per year for 4 years for a student who is going to study a musical instrument in college.

We hope everyone has a safe and fun summer!

Jane McIlvain Dennis, President

GREATER COLUMBIA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Greater Columbia MTA is happy to report near completion of another successful year; we have our last meeting on the deadline date for submission of this article. For our non-competitive performance events, our calendar has included two festivals, two "outreach recitals," a judged recital, and a masterclass featuring Bonnie Kellert as our master teacher. Our major piano competition lasted literally all day in two sites, featuring some very high quality playing. We also hosted a flute competition, and joined with Greater Laurel MTA to sponsor an ensemble competition. There were two dates of MSMTA Keyboard Exams, two days of High School Recognition Exams, and the largest turnout for the MSMTA Theory Exams that we have ever seen, thanks to some help from Howard County MTA members.

GCMTA started a Gold Cup Award program in 2006 to reward and provide incentive for students participating in festivals, recitals, outreach recitals, judged events and MSMTA High School Examinations. Students receive points based on performance ratings in adjudicated events and for participation in non-adjudicated events. Our 2013 awards went to:

Students receiving the 30 point Gold Cup Award:

Charles Liu

Teacher – Ann Chen

Mary Merkel

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Teacher – David Holmes

Sophie Yoon

Zahraa Hotait

Teacher – Helen Weems

Dillon Phamdo

Trueman Phamdo

Neha Satapathy

Isabeau Chang

Teacher – Deborah White-Bondhus

Students receiving the 60 point Gold Cup Award

Katie Southall

Natalie Cho

Nadia Zaleski

Sabrina Zaleski

Teacher – Helen Weems

Catalina Lennon

Kaman Phamdo

Teacher – Deborah White-Bondhus

Students receiving the 100 point Gold Cup Award

Eleanor Brown

Rebecca Pfeiffer

Teacher – Deborah White-Bondhus

Congratulations to the students and teachers on this accomplishments

Deborah White-Bondhus, Gold Cup Chair

Congratulations to the following students for their performance in the High School Performance Competition (MSMTA funds the 1st Place award).

1st Place Anna Rimlinger Teacher Bok Hwa Kim

2nd Place Emily Luo Teacher Olga Kuperstein

3rd Place Minjoo Song Teacher Bok Hwa Kim

***Deborah White-Bondhus and Wendy Johnston,
GCMTA Solo Competition Chairs***

As usual, we sponsored one of the awards in Li-ly Chang's IYAPC event. The results from our cumulative performance award and the MSMTA sponsored performance competition follow. We get to feast with friends at our two annual potluck meetings to which we invite spouses and significant others. They visit while we meet and then we all get to socialize over a sumptuous meal. Life is indeed good!! Cheers to you all!

David Holmes, President

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Greater Laurel Music Teachers Association has had a busy season. The ensemble festival was chaired by Jeffery Beaudry. Our Contemporary Festival was chaired by Wendy Johnston. We also had our annual Young Musicians Competition chaired by Wendy Dengler. Our Darwin Kirchhof Memorial competition was held in May and the top winner received the MSMTA Performance award. This went to Richard Williams, a student of Wendy Dengler. Our Lea Mirabella High School Scholarship Award went to another student of Wendy Dengler, Emily Tchai.

One of our most popular events is the Lisa Bussing/Henri Carol Competition, which had a large enrollment.

We also co-sponsored with Greater Columbia Music Teachers Association an Ensemble and Chamber Music Competition, chaired by Douglas Guiles and Deborah White-Bondus. These events are unique because they afford students the chance to play with instruments other than piano.

A highlight of the year was a workshop given by Bonnie Kellert on technique. This was open to teachers from other local associations, so the turnout was quite good. Bonnie has a well-deserved reputation as a great clinician; we received a lot of positive feedback from this event.

Officers for 2013-2014 are:

Douglas Guiles – President
Constance Fischel – Vice President
Deborah White-Bondhus – Secretary
Wendy Dengler – Treasurer

Our final luncheon took place at Café de Paris. With great food available, we always have a good turnout for this meeting. Now we are all ready for summer!

Deborah White-Bondhus, Secretary



MTAGB's annual Honors recital was held on May 19 at the Community College of Baltimore County, Essex. Betsy Stocksdale served as chair of this well-

attended, warmly received event. Students from the studios of Wendy Balder, Ann McCandliss, Ruth Peng, Betsy Stocksdale, and Shisa Suskey participated. Amee Rothman, student of Betsy Stocksdale, won this year's \$100 MSMTA scholarship. Well done, Amee! Our Matinee Music group, newly formed this year, has met nine times since September. We have played through much repertoire and especially enjoyed our joint projects, where each player prepared part of a larger work. On June 7, we held our end-of-year general meeting and potluck luncheon at the home of Pat Graham. Pat presented a program on "How to Read a Lead Sheet," which provided us with many new ideas, including teaching strategies and resources. Officers elected for next year are: Barbara Stumpf, President; Allen Good, Treasurer; Betsy Stocksdale, Coordinator of Student Activities; Wendy Balder, Historian; Shisa Suskey, Recording Secretary; and Patti Crossman, Membership Secretary. Many thanks to all these colleagues for their hard work and generous contributions to our profession!

Barbara Stumpf, President

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Montgomery County Music Teachers Association



As we mark the completion of another program year, we in Montgomery County also mark the completion of Lori McCarthy's service of four years as our president. She has left me, as the new president, with a fine model of how the job should be done and I appreciate that she is staying firmly involved in our organization so she can give guidance as I attempt to fill her shoes. Bonny Miller is taking on my old job of newsletter editor. (I almost made it to 10 years!) She is already moving towards a truly electronic newsletter, one designed for use at a computer while also being "print friendly" for those who prefer reading on paper.

My favorite part of my membership has always been our membership meetings, and especially the twice-yearly member recitals. This spring we had eight performers for our final meeting of the program year, which were inspiring and entertaining all at once.

Speaking of recitals, we held several for our students at the end of the year. We hosted four judged recitals on April 7 (49 students from 22 studios), several Elementary Recitals (with 101 students participating, it took the better part of a day!), the Annual Adult Recital, and our Intermediate/Advanced Recital on April 28. Many thanks to the chairs for these events, who are in respective order: Yoon Huh, Olga Soukhoveev, Suzanne Ferrall, and Jamie Pasho.

Recitals are pure fun, but competitions are where the really hard work is accomplished and performed. This year's H. Steven Brewster, Jr. String Competition, held on April 21, was very successful and the level of playing high. The results were: for Junior level first place Jenna Wang, cello (student of



MCMTA Officers at the May meeting

Lori McCarthy, Immediate Past President; Kris Butler, Treasurer and VP for Membership; Immanuela Gruenberg, VP for Programs; Bonny Miller, VP for Publications and Recording Secretary; Cynthia Cathcart, President; Sharon Carr, First VP; and Ingrid Mongini, Corresponding Secretary.

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Laurien Laufman), second place Evelyn Song, violin (student of Lya Stern); Senior Level first place went to Samuel Kim, cello and second place to Jessica Hu, cello (both students of Laurien Laufman). Thanks go to Gailes' Violin Shop in College Park for their support and to Lya Stern for expertly organizing this competition.

On the same date in April we held the Evelyn Swarthout and Patrick Hayes Piano Competition. First place was Chaoyang Wang (student of Faye Bonner and Cherie Jeng), second place was Vivien Zhu (Dmitri Nazarenko) and third place was Annie Bao (Elena Arseniev). The American Composer's prize was presented to Chaoyang Wang (Faye Bonner). The prize winners for both these competitions performed at the Montgomery County MTA High School Senior Recognition Ceremony on May 18, where they were also presented with their trophies and awards.

Cynthia Cathcart, President



Dr. Stephanie Bruning, judge, with the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, HM winners from the 8th/9th grade recital



Dr. Stephanie Bruning, judge, with the 5th/6th grade recital winners

MTAB concluded its season of student activities with the Spring Competition/ Evaluation, co-chaired by Elizabeth White and Maxine Russell, and held on Saturday, May 11 at three churches in Bowie. 85 students from the studios of 15 teachers performed in seven competitive and two non-competitive recitals. Pictured here are the winners from the 8th-9th grade and the 5th/6th grade competitive events, along with Dr. Stephanie Bruning, judge. Our other judges were Dr. Francesca Hurst and Adriana Schueckler. Our last general meeting of the season was held on Wednesday, May 1 and featured the winners of MTAB's annual Senior Awards Competition, held on Saturday, April 27 and chaired by Wendy Dengler. This competition included vocal and flute entries as well as piano. In the four period division, 1st place and the Mary Cassidy Memorial Award for the best Romantic period piece was awarded to Quentin Harrell (Stephen Gibson), 2nd place to Emily Tchai (Wendy Dengler), 3rd to Kristina Lyles, voice (S. Gibson) and Honorable Mention to Katherine Skinner, flute (Beverly Rajnes). In the two piece division, Angella Lee (Hui-Yen Chang) won 1st place and 2nd went to Kimberly Graninger (W. Dengler).

MTAB's Spring Luncheon took place on Wednesday, May 22 at Four Seasons Grille in Gambrills, and our planning Board Meeting and delicious pot-luck luncheon was held on Wednesday, June 12 at the home of President, Jeannine Case. Many thanks go to the chairs of our various events: Betsy Angebrannndt, Maxine Russell, Ray Hobbs, Jeannine Case, Wendy Dengler and Elizabeth White. We could not do without you! Have a relaxing summer, hopefully, with a change of pace and some varied and fun activities!

Jeannine Case, President

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Donna White, Patricia Blanchard, Barbara Graham, Joan Chovanes, and Hyun Sook Kim

In March, the Music Teachers Association of Southern Maryland held its annual Spring Festival for Piano at Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church in California, MD. There were 65 soloist and 12 ensembles. Judges for the solo event were Cathleen Jeffcoat, Becky Ellis and Rie Naito Moore. Barbara Graham and Debra Smedley served as judges for the ensemble division. Participating teachers were Patricia Blanchard, Barbara Graham, Hyun Sook Kim, Janet Swaney and Donna White. Patricia Blanchard was the chair for the event.



116 students participated in the MSMTA Keyboard Testing at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park, MD on April 13, 2013. Levels 1 through 10 were administered. Participating teachers were Patricia Blanchard, Hui-Yen Chang, Gary Dinn, Hyun Sook Kim, Debra Smedley, Mary Stevens and Donna White. Mary Stevens was the chair for the event.

Three spring recitals were held at Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church, California, MD, on April 26, 2013, with 36 students participating. Participating teachers were Patricia Blanchard, Barbara Graham, Abby Purcell and Debra Smedley. Patricia Blanchard was the chair for the event.

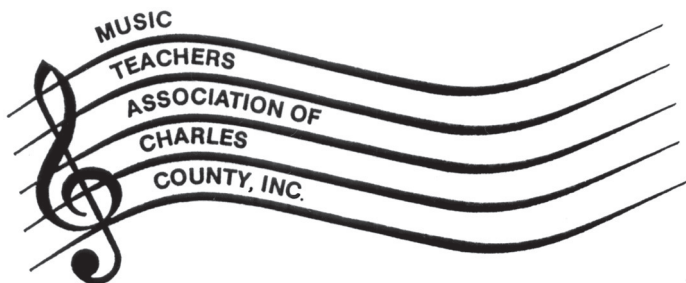
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Our final event of the year was held, May 18, 2013, at the College of Southern Maryland, Prince Frederick, MD. Our Senior Honors and MSMTA Scholarship Competition had three participants. First place went to Jannah Ryan (Blanchard), second place went to Madison Taylor (Blanchard) and third place went to Sharlene Chiu (Kim) [see picture below]. Our Intermediate Honors Competition had nine participants. First place went to Sophia Dittmar (Blanchard), second place went to Belinda Chiu (Kim) and third place went to Hannah Cha (Kim). Our Junior Honors Recital is non-competitive and had 10 participants. Participating teachers were Patricia Blanchard, Joan Chovanes, Barbara Graham, Hyun Sook Kim and Donna White. Our judge for the event was Dr. Stephen Johnson of College of Southern Maryland. Joan Chovanes was the chair for the event.

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful year of music making in Southern Maryland!

Patricia Blanchard, President



MTA Charles County was pleased to host its annual Sonatina/Sonata Festival at First Baptist Church of Waldorf on Saturday, April 27, 2013 and the Concert of Winners the following day at Christ Church, La Plata. Nearly 100 students participated, with eleven participating teachers, in a series of twelve recitals. First and second place winners performed in the Concert of Winners and received their trophies.

Scholarship Competition Day was held on May 11 at Christ Church, La Plata. Fourteen students participated in four recitals, representing the efforts of four teachers.

Mary Wolf, President

PGMTA administered the MSMTA Theory Test on Sunday, April 7 at the Prince George's Community College. Ellen Sakai chaired this event.

On Sunday, April 28, PGMTA held the Eunice Wilson Greene Scholarship Competition, chaired by June Miller. Katherine Hao, student of Hui-Yen Chang, was awarded the scholarship at the PGMTA Spring Recital. The Spring Recital, chaired by Janet Swaney and Shirley Smith, was held on Saturday, May 18 at Corkran Memorial United Methodist Church in Temple Hills. Eleven students participated.

The final membership meeting and luncheon were held at the home of Ann Matteson in College Park on Thursday, May 30. The slate of officers for 2013-2015 was approved: Janet Swaney, President, Janice Wood, Vice-President, Mei-Yu Lin, Corresponding Secretary, Linda Head, Recording Secretary, Shirley Smith, Treasurer, Ann Matteson, Historian.

The membership approved a motion to honor Gail McDonald by giving the Gail F. McDonald Memorial Award for the best performance of a Romantic Era piece by students entering either the MSMTA Scholarship for Performance or the Eunice Wilson Greene Scholarship Competition, starting in 2014.

The membership is also coordinating events for fall with other neighboring associations, including the Stephanie Laios Composition/Improvisation Recital and the Brian Ganz Concert and Masterclass—both scheduled for October, 2013.

Following the business meeting, Janice Wood performed the music selections for the 2014 Saul Roas Memorial Scholarship Competition.

*Janet Swaney,
President*

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The Howard County Music Teachers Association had a great year, with five sets of Student Recitals, including one that was adjudicated, a Piano Ensemble Competition, our two-piece Miriam Thomann Piano Solo Competition, and two High School Award Competitions, one of which had our 11th and 12th grade students competing for the MSMTA Scholarship for Performance. In addition, we had two centers for both MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship and Theory Exams and one day of MSMTA High School Recognition Exams. Congratulations go to Chun-Mun Loke, a student of David Kuperstein, who was this year's winner of the MSMTA Scholarship for Performance.

Many thanks to two of our new members, Jason Bednarz and Elena Tsai, for stepping up to chair two of our recital days! It's so gratifying to have new members who are willing to help out in such a significant way! Of course, we are grateful for the time and energy of all of our long-time hard working chairs!

We held our last meeting of the year on June 6, where we discussed our plans for next year. Much appreciation goes to Kristina Suter, our liaison with Howard Community College, who is working hard to obtain dates at HCC for our many activities. We are all looking forward to our summer break and wish all our members the best!

Kathy Stansbery, Vice-President



Chun-Mun Loke, HCMTA's winner of the MSMTA Scholarship for Performance, with teacher, David Kuperstein

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