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## From the President...



Dear Colleagues,

The teaching year has started with a bang! I started teaching the day after Labor Day and the following Friday was off to a Leadership Summit in Cincinnati, Ohio. This was my fourth Summit as president and while much is repeated each year we always have some new and interesting ideas presented. It is also lovely to see old friends and meet new ones from across the United States. Many of us have similar issues to discuss such as Conference attendance not being what we would hope and how do we jump in to the 21st century and become technology adept so our students don't think that we are as old as Methuselah! The students are so comfortable with their computers and phones. I do envy them. We had a lengthy technology session which while quite interesting was rather complicated for some of us. Overall it was a successful and informative leadership training session.

Our hearts and prayers go out to those affected by the hurricanes in Texas and Florida. In Texas, Yamaha is providing some instruments at cost to music teachers who have lost everything.

**The MSMTA Conference is right around the corner - October 14 at UMBC.** It will be a real treat to have local talent giving presentations and performing for us. UMBC is so easy to find as it is right off I-95 and the parking is convenient. I look forward to seeing you there.

Peace,

*Constance Lischel*

 **Maryland State Music  
Teachers Association**



## Don't miss the 2017 Annual Conference

**October 14, 2017**

**University of Maryland  
Baltimore County**

We have a wealth of local talent sharing their knowledge of music in Masterclasses, Seminars on the Newest Pedagogy Methods, Technology in the Studio, Secrets and Dilemmas.

Distinguished Presenters and Performers include:

**Nancy O'Neill Breth, Dr. Lisa Campi Walters,  
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Dr. Hsien-Ann Meng, Dr. Wei-Der Huang,  
Theresa Sweet, Irma Cripe, and  
Adriana Schueckler.**

Don't miss the wonderful opportunity to learn new things, connect with old friends and make new ones!!! See you at the conference.

*Deborah White-Bondhus,  
MSMTA Conference chair*

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# NEWS FROM THE BOARD

## CERTIFICATION DINNER TABLE

New at MSMTA Convention! "Certification Dinner Table" at the Conference Dinner on **Saturday evening, October 14, UMBC Faculty Dining Room**. Please attend the MSMTA Conference and the Dinner. If you are newly certified, going through the process of certification, or thinking about getting certified, come sit with me and other certified teachers to glean information about the process and its value to you as a music professional in Maryland. For more information you can email me at [weemspianostudio@gmail.com](mailto:weemspianostudio@gmail.com). Looking forward to seeing you!

*Helen Weems, VP for Certification*

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### KEYBOARD MUSICIANSHIP PROGRAM

#### 2017-2018

Welcome to a new year of scales, arpeggios, sight-reading, harmonization, transposition and improvisation!! Can you say that in one breath? My name is Laurel Carroll, and I am stepping into the chair position which has been so masterfully filled by Luba Turkevich over the past many years. I want to thank her, as does everyone who has participated in the program, for her years of dedication and service! Thank you Luba!!

Keyboard testing has already begun for some branches. Please consult the Student Activities Calendar at [msmta.org](http://msmta.org) for more information on local testing dates and locations. All registration is done online. To find the link, go to the Student Activities Calendar and scroll down the page until you find "Keyboard Musicianship Program." In that same box at the bottom is a link called "On-line registration." Click on that to be taken to the registration page. After your registration is submitted, you will send a check to me to complete the registration.

This is a wonderful program so I hope new teachers will look into it. New members just need to let me know if they would like a syllabus. (First one is free, after that copies are \$12.) The program is both flexible and invigorating, so please ask your local chair or other members who use the program for more information. The only module required is scales/cadences, so if you don't feel ready for harmonization, improvisation, etc, you can work into those modules as you feel comfortable!

All the best to the teachers and students testing this year!

*Laurel Carroll,  
Chair, Keyboard Musicianship Program*

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## MSMTA COMPOSERS CIRCLE

Teachers of Composition!! Students need to get their compositions ready for this event as it takes some time for preparation. The Composers Circle is scheduled for **Sunday, December 10 at 3:30 p.m.** It will be held at **University United Methodist Church, 3621 Campus Drive in College Park, Maryland.** This recital is a wonderful way for students to showcase their compositional skills and this year each teacher can enter four students. Also, teacher compositions are welcome. Please use the 2017-18 application form in the Student Activity Booklet. The deadline for applications should be postmarked no later than November 10, 2017.

We print the compositions of the students in a Composers Circle Booklet which is given to each student and their participating teacher and all performers receive a certificate. There are to be no CD's or recordings used during the performance without permission from the chairs. Students are so proud to play their own pieces and usually play them with more expression because they understand the meaning of their composition. It is amazing how creative they can be (even young ones) and this is always a delightful recital of original works.

*Ann Matteson and Joanna Greenwood, Co-chairs*

## MESSAGE FROM THE DMA CHAIR

Dear colleagues:

This is a friendly reminder that the new rules for the Senior Distinguished Music Achievement award, having had a grace period of three years since their passing, go into effect **THIS YEAR**. Please refer to **PAGE 68** of the **2016-17 MSMTA STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOOKLET** for the new requirements. Please also remember that the application should be sent by the teacher and not by the student/parents.

I hope everyone had a restful summer and is recharged to go for another productive school-year!

Respectfully yours,

*Bok Hwa Kim, DMA Chair*

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## MSMTA 2017-2018 Events

<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
MTNA Competitions	Sep. 13, 2017	Oct. 15, 2017	WAU
Composers/Improvisers Circle	Nov. 10, 2017	Dec. 10, 2017	UMBC
Gertrude Brown Piano Concerto Competition	Dec. 1, 2017	Jan. 14, 2018 (competition) Jan. 13, 2018 (rehearsal)	UMBC
Strings Plus	TBA	TBA	TBA
Piano Ensemble	Jan. 27, 2018	Mar. 4, 2018	UMCP
Chamber Music Festival	Feb. 10, 2018	Mar. 11, 2018	WAU
Bach Competition	March 3, 2018	Mar. 31, 2018	New Hope Lutheran Church 8575 Guilford Rd Columbia, MD 21046
Voice Solo	Mar. 19, 2018	Apr. 8, 2018	UMBC
E. R. Davis	Mar. 10, 2018	Apr. 15, 2018	WAU
Spring Festival: Solo Piano	Mar. 24, 2018	May 5, 2018	UMCP
Jack Weaver	Apr. 21, 2018	May 12, 2018	Jordan Kitts 11726 Parklawn Dr. N. Bethesda, MD 20852
Solo Strings	April 2, 2018	May 13, 2018	WAU
Chase and Gottlieb competitions	March 31, 2018	May 20, 2018	UMBC
McDonald High School Piano Exams	Nov. 15, 2017 (credit) Feb. 1, 2018 (recognition)	Be ready by April 1 for notification of exact date	Various Centers
Keyboard Musicianship Program	Dates vary	Dates vary	Various Centers
Music Theory Testing	Dates vary	Dates vary	Various Centers
Student Scholarship for Performance	June, 2018		
Distinguished Music Achievement Awards	June, 2018		
Grants for Continuing Education for Teachers	Apr. 30, 2018	Announced June 1, 2018	
Scholarship for High School Graduating Seniors with a Declared Music Major in College	Apr. 30, 2018	Announced June 1, 2018	

UMBC – University of Maryland Baltimore County, Performing Arts and Humanities Building

UMCP – University of Maryland College Park, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center

WAU – Washington Adventist University, Peters Music Center

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# LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

## *Anne Arundel Music Teachers Association*



Anne Arundel Music Teachers Association held the annual Spring Solo Festival in May at Anne Arundel Community College. Students performed in a non-competitive division recital for all ages, and competitive divisions for middle school and high school students. All students received

written adjudication sheets. Thanks to our chairperson, William Bloomquist, and our judge, Bonnie Kellert.

Truxtun Park was the venue for our Water Music Festival in July, where students performed compositions with titles related to water. Repertoire included a wide range of composers including Faber and Faber (Water Skiers, Canoeing in the Moonlight, Pirate of the North Sea, The Storm and the Rainbow), Anne Crosby (Starfish at Night), Chee-Hwa Tan (Looking Glass River), Claude Debussy (The snow is dancing) and original works by students and our chairperson, Ellen Winner. Other composers represented were Lisa Frederick, Kevin Olson, Margaret Goldston, Kenta Nagata, Stephen Heller, and G.F. Handel. Students, parents, and teachers enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and creative programming for a solid performance goal at the AAMTA Water Music Festival each summer.

Students are already looking forward to and beginning to prepare for the Melodies at the Movies Music Marathon at the Annapolis Westfield Shopping Mall, which will take place in November, and our Holiday Music Program in December.

AAMTA welcomes new members Fiona Moodie and Julia Tulloch Skinner to our group this year!

*Helen Smith Tarchalski,  
President, AAMTA*



## **Music Teachers Association of Bowie**

MTAB held its first general meeting of the season on Wednesday, September 13, at Belcroft Bible Church in Bowie. From information gathered through MTNA, all members (with the exception of 2 members) have paid their dues, and we have also gained two new members, Naho Bessho and Janice Wood. After the meeting, there

was a member presentation featuring duet piano and vocal selections for our December 9 Ensemble Festival. Presenters included Kathy Hunt, Nadine Wobus, Barbara Lancaster, Maxine Russell, Owen Adams and Jeannine Case. Our next general meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, at the home of Jeannine Case. The program will be a two-piano concert performed by Stephen Gibson and Kathryn Wotring, “*From Sonatas to Sweets*” including Mozart’s Sonata in D for 2 pianos, two transcriptions by Dett, In the Bottoms Suite and Bach, Double Violin Concerto (arranged by Stephen) and Rachmaninoff, Romance, Op 17, #2.

Some of MTAB’s first student events for the year include our annual Halloween Musicales on Saturday, October 28, at Belcroft Bible Church, chaired this year by Barbara Lancaster, and our December 9 Ensemble Festival, chaired by Nadine Wobus. We will continue our special feature of presenting some teacher duets in each of these events, and at the conclusion of each of our Halloween recitals, we present an “educational” portion, to be given this year by new chair Barbara Lancaster. Participating students may dress in costume (but not required), and will receive a snack at the end of the program and candy prizes for the correct answers in the “educational” portion! Our annual holiday luncheon will take place on Wednesday, December 13, at a location TBA. Our officers for this year continue to be co-presidents Barbara Lancaster and Jeannine Case, recording secretary Maxine Russell, Corresponding Secretary Marie Fulginiti and Treasurer Bonnie Pausic.

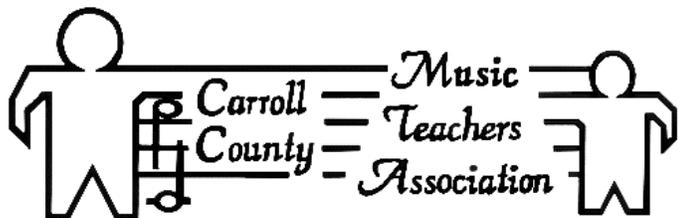
We look forward to another year of music learning and performing by our students and teachers!

*Jeannine Case,  
co-President, MTAB*

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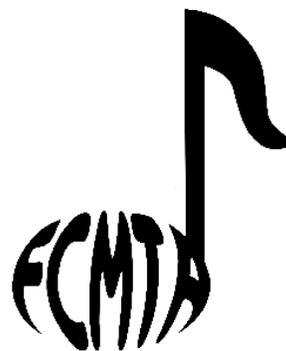


CCMTA looks forward to a great year both professionally as teachers, as well as for our students. Our first meeting of the year was held in September where our Executive Board was nominated, voted upon, and inducted.

Nancy Rodo – President  
Jane Dennis- Vice – President  
Carole Gauthier – Treasurer  
Jeanine Webster – Secretary  
Debbie Long – Historian

Events for the year include four more CCMTA teacher meetings which include workshops on a variety of pedagogy topics as voted upon by members. Student events include a Costume Recital at a retirement home in Westminster, MD, MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship testing, Music in the Mall at Westminster Towne Mall, Solo and Ensemble Festival at a local church in Reisterstown, MSMTA Theory testing, and CCMTA Competition in May as the final student event. We are excited to continue to grow as a group and profession as music teachers.

*Nancy Rodo,  
President, CCMTA*



Frederick County MTA is busy preparing for the 2017-2018 season. After our initial planning meeting in September, we are looking forward to a presentation by Bonnie Kellert, NCTM, "Chopin and Panache". We will hear performances of Chopin's music demonstrating varied

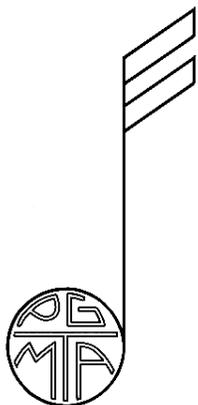
approaches to different aspects of his pianistic style: pedaling/ voicing/ coloring/ edition/ technical issues/ practicing/ interpretation/ teaching suggestions. In November, a fellow member of FCMTA, Nick IntVeldt, will be presenting "Beyond the ink; From Lead Sheet to Masterpiece". He is going to teach us how one can turn a simple lead sheet into a creative work of art!

We have student events planned as well. These include the annual Halloween Recital scheduled for October 28th and The Fall Adjudication Festival scheduled for November 18th. We also plan on a Holiday performance opportunity at a local nursing home in December.

I want to thank Christine Pappas and Laurel Carroll for setting up these events! We are all looking forward to a wonderful year of music.

Best Regards,

*Sheila Jones,  
President, FCMTA*



The Prince George's Music Teachers Association is holding its fall meeting and program presentation of the Broad Creek Music Festival and Saul Roas Scholarship Competition on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> in College Park, MD. These pieces will be presented by Dr. Harmony Yang and the committee chairs.

The Stephanie Laios Composition/Improvisation will be held by the PGMTA members, along with Greater Laurel Music Teachers Association and the Music Teachers Association of Bowie on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the University United Methodist Church. In addition, the Fall Student and Adult Recital will also take place on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the University United Methodist Church. Finally, the last event of this fall will be the MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship Test at the Prince George's Community College on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Respectfully,

*Dr. Harmony Yang,  
President, PGMTA*

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Hope that you all had a relaxed and rejuvenating summer! Summer is also a great time to learn and plan. After all the efforts that the MCMTA board spent on planning, the 2017-2018 Student Activities Packet is now up at the MCMTA website.

The elementary “Autumn Magic” Recital, intermediate/advanced recitals, and a judged recital will be held in October to start off our calendar. For November and December, we will have the MSMTA (Montgomery County) Keyboard Musicianship Test, a judged recital, and the elementary ‘Holiday’ recital. Immanuela Gruenberg, VP for programs, has an idea for the December membership meeting that will be somewhat different from previous years. Rather than members playing in concert, she would like to showcase members' compositions, CDs, publications (including articles, etc.) that would be of interest to our members.

We are excited to announce our new award program, the ‘High School Outstanding Music Achievement Award.’ The High School Outstanding Music Achievement Award is a new program that will be available for the students in 12th grade as of September 2017 to apply. This program was created for Montgomery County students of any instrument (including voice) who continue their musical studies with MCMTA teachers through grades 9-11. The requirements for this award include at least intermediate level of skills in performance, participation in county or state competitive or non-competitive events, participation in state testing programs, community service recitals, and completing a music history section by writing essays about different periods in music history. Thanks to Svetlana Volkova and Elena Eliseeva for being the co-chairs of this program.

The Adult Recital and Senior Recognition Awards Day will be held in Strathmore Mansion this school year. And for MSMTA Theory Testing (Montgomery County), it will be held in one day (instead of two days) for all levels.

Congratulations to two Montgomery County teachers who have received recognition as fifty-year members of MTNA: Barbara Wing (Bethesda) and Nancy Stavely (Silver Spring). Thank you for so many years of teaching and service to the community.

MCMTA is pleased to announce that there are six recipients for the 2017-2018 Teachers Grants for Continuing Education. Each teacher receives \$500 to further their expertise in their chosen field. We look forward to reports back from the recipients as they share how this grant was used. Thanks to Sharon Carr for heading the Scholarship Committee. For the Margaret Weissenfluh Fund, we have four recipients for 2017–2018. All students attend Montgomery County Public Schools: one is a rising senior and three are in middle school. Most have studied for at least seven years. Thanks to Ingrid Mongini for heading the Weissenfluh Committee.

The September 12 general membership meeting is our kick-off for the 2017–2018 year. Our presenter is Dr. Irina Koulikova who will speak about ‘The Russian Piano Tradition in the 19th, 20th, and 21st Centuries.’

Good news! Our new MCMTA logo, shown above, will be added to the MCMTA website soon.

*Alice Ma,  
President, MCMTA*



MTAGB has an exciting and varied calendar of events for the upcoming year. The year opens with a presentation by Sharon Levy – a professor at both Peabody and Juilliard – on how to teach the stylistic characteristics of each historical period. Events for our students in the fall include a recital in November and two Piano Parties (informal opportunities for students to perform): the first is a costumed Halloween Party while the other offers students an opportunity to play Holiday music for shoppers at a local mall.

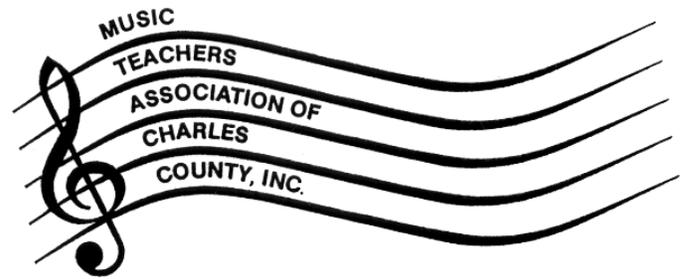
*Joanna Greenwood,  
President, MTAGB*

**GREATER COLUMBIA  
MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

GCMTA is in the painful process of putting together our Student Activities Booklet. In the meantime, our website (gcmta.net) looks great! We look forward to a full complement of three Outreach Recitals at local retirement communities, as well as all the standard MSMTA fare and a full list of local theme festivals, judged recitals, and competitions. Our flute competition comes up quickly on November 4th. We hope to feature a master class for pianists this season.

Our theme festival this year embraces large form communication, shunning the new trend of texts and tweets. "Music Tells the Story" gives students the opportunity to write an entire paragraph, telling a story they find in their chosen piece. We can't wait to see what they write.

*Helen R. Weems,  
NCTM, GCMTA President*



Here at the Music Teachers Association of Charles County, we are gearing up for a wonderful year of music-making! **We are excited about introducing some general recitals to our calendar of events this year, the first of which will be held on October 28, at Christ Church, La Plata.** We will also be hosting our local MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship Testing Day on Saturday, November 11, as well as our "Carols and Cookies" recitals, on December 2: a holiday tradition!

*Krista Keysar,  
President, MTACC*

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