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Dear Members,

I am sure we are all looking forward to an exciting teaching year! Hopefully you have had the opportunity to attend some of the many musical events that have been scheduled this summer. Also, I hope you have had the time and energy to explore other areas of interests and even considered "resting"!

Many exciting new ideas were expressed at the summer board meeting held in June, leading to a very full year of opportunities planned for you. You may check our MMTA website – and also the State Portal on the MTNA website – for dates and information regarding many of the events which are in place already. Please inform me of any events, dates, gener-

al information, that your chapter or your committee would like posted on either the state and/or national website. I think these means of communication should contain as much information as possible.

We regretfully accept the resignations of several board members. Jill Kloosterman, Student Chapter Chair, has asked to be excused from her duties, thank you for your efforts, Jill. Barbara Collins, a very diligent worker for the Student Achievement Testing program – Piano/Handbook writing committee, Auditions Chairman for many years and lastly, SAT Coordination for the past six years, has resigned. Our heartfelt appreciation, Barbara, for so many jobs very well done!! We welcome Penny Draper as our new SAT Coordinator. Gerardo Ascheri has served as MTNA Collegiate and Chamber Music Competition Chairman for the past six years and has resigned. Our appreciation for all your efforts, Gerardo! You have created a very exciting interest in this level of competition!

The MMTA Board has approved a gift of the original manuscripts of Albert James Fillmore's compositions to be given to Michael Coonrod, a long time friend of Albert. We look forward to this music being accessible to musicians and teachers through the diligent efforts of Michael and his wife, Jean; their immediate goal is to publish Albert's music. Perhaps some selections will be available at our fall conference.

Are your bags packed for our Annual Fall Conference? This season we will be in Southfield at the Westin Hotel, October 13, 14, and 15. Under the very capable hands of Adrienne Wiley, our vice president, a very inspiring and

event filled program is awaiting your attendance. Please take the time to read about this conference in this issue of MMT. Thank you, Adrienne, for all the effort and expertise extended to organize this professional event for us.

Our new MMTA State Directories will be ready to distribute at the conference – be sure to remember to pick up your copy – this saves a great deal of mailing costs. Cheryl Cameron, our membership chairman, has worked on this directory during the summer; all changes in members' information, (addresses, phone, email, etc.) that was reported to her will be updated in this new printing. Thank you, Cheryl, for your persistence and eye for detail!

We wish all members another productive year of teaching the budding musicians – may you see your efforts rewarded daily.

Looking forward to seeing you very soon at the fall conference!!

Sincerely,

Isabelle Tulk, President



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## Notes from the Vice President . . . .

Dear Michigan Music Teachers,

I continue to be excited about our up-coming fall Conference! While there are, admittedly, many details and much work that goes into an event such as this, I can not help but look forward to the variety of presenters and topics that will be featured this fall! The Conference hotel, the Southfield Westin, is a lovely facility with a great staff that are dedicated to making our conference work smoothly. In addition, the Metropolitan Detroit Musicians League is undertaking this responsibility of hosting the Conference with great enthusiasm and energy! Without their help, this Conference would not be possible. Thank you MDML!

The Conference schedule is included in this newsletter, therefore I do not need to say much more about it. I would, however, like to mention that attendees make sure to map-quest your directions to the hotel (in case there are new "improvements" in the road work, or construction) before you come. The hotel has a parking garage, and you will see the ramp as you pull into the Westin parking area. It was suggested to me that, once in the parking garage, park nearest to the Avis Rental Car area. The hotel entrance is close by. The hotel has one restaurant, which offers a breakfast buffet daily, however there are other places to eat nearby that are within walking distance. You may also access their website to browse the hotel and its facilities at your convenience. ([www.westinsouthfield.com](http://www.westinsouthfield.com))



Please come to the Conference and all its events. I hope that each of us can take away new ideas, thus inspiring and renewing our teaching in our own studios.

Adrienne Wiley  
Vice President MMTA

## CERTIFICATION NEWS

The Certification Committee met on June 15, 2007 at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant to evaluate the portfolios of new applicants and the documentation of renewing teachers.

Congratulations to the following teachers who received their Standard Certificate in Piano in 2007: Barbara Jessup – DeWitt and Brenda Sue Marshall – Ypsilanti.



The following teachers renewed the MMTA Standard Certificate in piano: Patricia L. Brummel – Jenison, Donlea Dommer – Midland, Brenda Easton – Port Huron, Patricia Lobbstaël – Shelby Township, Sheryl Iott Richardson – Grand Rapids, and M. Elaine Yanz – Dansville. Audrejean Heydenburg of Grass Lake renewed the College Faculty Certificate.

The MMTA Emeritus Certificate was granted to the following teachers: Thomasine Preniczky – Gaylord and Jeanette VandeKieft – Grand Rapids

Those teachers renewing their Emeritus Certificate were: Linda Wotring Cuneo – Hickory Corners, Judy Douglas – East Tawas, Sonia Geoffrey – Bloomfield Hills, Ruth E. Jones – Livonia, Roberta Kraft – Holland, Christie Otter – Livonia, and Jean Schwartz – Livonia. Plan to attend the banquet at the October state convention in Southfield and greet these certified teachers and offer your congratulations.

The Certification Committee will offer a session at the conference on the procedure for becoming certified and will highlight Piano Literature and Theory and provide sources for further study. Even if you are a certified teacher, come for a great refresher course. Next year the Committee will emphasize Fugue Form and Pedagogy. Teachers who already hold certificates are encouraged to become mentors for new applicants. Names of the teachers who successfully renewed their national certification will be published as the information becomes available. If you would like more information on certification, please contact the Executive Secretary, Sally Lewis, at (231)941-8938 or by email: [lewistvc@charter.net](mailto:lewistvc@charter.net)

## COMPLETE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Saturday, October 13, 2007

8:30-9:30 a.m.	Executive Board Meeting
9:30-11:00 a.m.	Full Board Meeting
12:00 p.m.	Registration Opens Exhibits Open MMTA Member Displays Open
1:00 p.m.	<b>2007 Conference Opening</b> Isabelle Tulk, presiding
1:15-2:15 p.m.	<b>General Session: Julianne Miranda</b> , presenter Sara Carriere, presiding “Life Management for Busy Teachers”
2:15 p.m.	BREAK
2:30-3:15 p.m.	<b>General Session: SAT</b> Penny Draper, presiding
3:15-4:00 p.m.	<b>General Session: Certification</b> Nancy Welshman, presiding
4:00-4:15 p.m.	<b>MMTA Business Meeting I</b>
4:15 p.m.	BREAK
4:30-5:45 p.m.	<b>MMTA Winner’s Recital</b>
6:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own
8:00 p.m.	<b>MDML Local Artist Recital</b> Mitch Genova, presiding
9:30 p.m.	<b>Reception Hosted by MDML and Evola Music</b>

Sunday, October 14, 2007

7:30-9:00 a.m.	Past President’s Advisory Council Meeting Certification Meeting
8:00-9:00 a.m.	<b>General Session: Exhibitor Showcase</b> <b>Laura Beauchamp-Williamson</b> , presenter “Introducing Exciting New Publications From Frederick Harris”
8:30-9:00 a.m.	<b>Sunday Morning Meditation</b> <b>Arvi Sinka</b> , presenter “Music and Meditation”
9:00-10:15 a.m.	<b>General Session: Marvin Blickenstaff</b> , Conference Clinician “What to do when the magic stops? The case of the potential piano drop-out”
10:15-10:30 a.m.	BREAK

10:30-11:45 a.m.	<b>General Session: Marvin Blickenstaff</b> , Conference Clinician “Doing what comes naturally: nature’s clues to interpretation”
11:45-1:00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
1:00-2:30 p.m.	<b>General Session: Marvin Blickenstaff</b> , Conference Clinician Master Class
2:30-2:45 p.m.	BREAK
2:45-3:45 p.m.	<b>General Session: Special Session</b> <b>Sister Mary Margaret Delaski</b> , presenter “Music is for Everyone?”
3:45-4:00 p.m.	BREAK
4:00-5:00 p.m.	<b>General Session: Special Session</b> <b>Garik Pedersen and Panel</b> “What can we do as an Association to make our profession more appealing and fulfilling for the kind of artist-teachers we need to attract in order to advance our purposes?”
5:30 p.m.	Cash Bar
6:00 p.m.	<b>MMTA Gala Banquet and Awards Ceremony</b>
8:15 p.m.	<b>MMTA Gala Conference Recital</b> <b>Aviram Reichert</b> , pianist
9:30 p.m.	<b>Reception Hosted by Hammell Music</b>

Monday, October 15, 2007

7:30-9:00 a.m.	Local Association President’s Meeting SAT Local Chairperson’s Meeting
9:00-9:45 a.m.	<b>General Session: IMTF</b> <b>Don Morelock</b> , presenter Thea Hoekman, presider
9:45-10:00 a.m.	<b>MMTA Business Meeting II</b>
10:00-11:00 a.m.	<b>General Session: Cora Enman</b> , presenter “Body Mapping for the Pianist: Ensuring a Pain-free Performance”
11:00-11:50 a.m.	<b>General Session: Cora Enman</b> , presenter Master Class with Body Mapping
11:50 a.m.	Conference Closing
12:00 p.m.	Conference Closed

# Local meetings around the state

## Ann Arbor Area Piano Teachers Guild

9:00 am Kerrytown Concert House

September 20- *Sharing the Teachings of Emil Gilels and the Method of Russian Piano Pedagogy*- Walreed Howrani-Pianist and Composer

October 18- *You be the Judge*- Panel discussion by experienced judges from the AAAPTG on philosophy and practice of judging for the SATD

November 15- *Lecture Recital with repertoire TBA*-Louis Nagel, Professor of Piano , The University of Michigan

December 13- *The Chopin Etudes*-Lecture recital on Chopin Etudes Op.10-Joel Hastings, Canadian pianist, teacher and organist at First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor

## Battle Creek Area Music Teachers Association

10:00 am United Methodist Church , Battle Creek

September 10-Glenda Specht-*National Certification*

October 8- *Teaching Adults and Loving it*- Dr. Ramona Graessle

## Capital Area Music Teachers Association

9:30 am - Plymouth Congregational Church, East Lansing

September 11- *Studio Management* - Open discussion with CAMTA members

October 9 - *Overview of 2008 Federation Festival pieces* by CAMTA panel

November 13- *Preparing Students for SATD, a Pot-Pourri of Ideas*- Dr. Laura Beauchamp-Williamson

## Holland Piano Teachers Forum

8:00 pm Wichers Auditorium, Hope College

September 10-*"Middle" Women: Intermediate Piano Works by Woman Composers*-Beth Quimby-Hopkins

October 8- *A Night to Remember: From Creative Teaching to Creative Publishing*-Bernadine Johnson

November 12 - *Pulling Pencils from Pianos: Extending the Life of Your Livelihood*-Brian Guikema-Bode

## Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum

Contact Janice Derian for time at JMDerian@comcast.net

October 3- *Motivation and Retention of the Adult Student*- Rebecca Grooms Johnson-Hammel Music, Commerce Township

November 7- *Anatomical Base of Performance*-Marian Holian-Evola Music, Canton

December 5- *Debussy Preludes, Books I and II*-Dr. Louie Nagel-Hammell Music, Commerce Township

**Piano Teachers Forum of Grand Rapids**

St. Cecilia Music Center 24 Ransom St. NE

October 12-9:30 am - *Articulation and Development of the Damper Pedal: Usage in 18th/19th Century Piano Repertoire*: David Abbott, Associate Professor of Piano-Albion College

November 9-9:00 am-*Rosina Lhevinne: Her Teaching and Influence-My years as her piano student and Personal companion/secretary*-Patricia Collins Jones

December 14-9:30 am- *Origin of Tango and Its appearance in Piano Music*-Gerardo Ascheri, Michigan State University Community Music School

**Port Huron Music Teachers Association**

Contact: Melanae Clark-810-325-1651

September 21- *Perusing through the New Festival Music*

October 19- *Progressive Teaching Concerti*- Mary Siciliano

November 9- *Incorporating Suzuki Precepts*

**Metropolitan Detroit Musicians League**

Evola Music-Bloomfield Hills 10:00 am

September 24- *The Jazzical Pianist*- Stephen Zegree

October 22- *Musikgarten*- Lorna Heyge

November 26- *Boogie Woogie*- Matt Ball

**Midland Music Teachers Association**

9:30 am-for location contact Laura Beauchamp-Williamson 989-695-6881

September 18- *The Write Stuff: Composing with your Students*-Bernadine Johnson

October 16- *This Really Works !*-Chapter members describe and demonstrate what really works in their studios-Barb DuRussel, Mair Alsgaard and members of MMTA

November 20- *Masters of the Piano*- Etcyl Blair (Chemist and Violinist) will illustrate the artistry of legendary great pianists

December 18- *Christmas Potluck Brunch and Keyboardfest Meeting*

**MICHIGAN MUSIC TEACHERS  
ASSOCIATION**

**122<sup>nd</sup> Annual State Conference  
Southfield, Michigan  
October, 13, 14, 15, 2007**

**Conference and Meal Registration**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

Advance Registration-Full Conference, MMTA Member \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
(registration after September 24-\$65.00)

Advance Registration-Full Conference, Non-MMTA \$70.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Member (registration after September 24-\$75.00)

Registration, MMTA Member's Spouse \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Student Registration Waived \_\_\_\_\_

**MEAL RESERVATIONS:**

Sunday Evening Gala Banquet  
(Tax and gratuity are included in the price) \$37.00 \_\_\_\_\_

- \* Grilled Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Tilipia (white fish) \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Entrees include rolls, salad, vegetables, rice or potato (chef's choice), dessert, and a non-alcoholic beverage. The Vegetarian plate will be the chef's choice featuring a pasta dish.

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail this registration form (payable to MMTA):  
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Questions? Contact Adrienne Wiley, Conference Chairman,  
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**MICHIGAN MUSIC TEACHERS  
ASSOCIATION**

**122nd Annual State Conference  
Southfield, Michigan  
October 13, 14, 15, 2007**

**Hotel Information**

The Westin Southfield-Detroit Hotel and Conference Center is the location of the 2007 Conference.

1500 Town Center  
Southfield, Michigan 48075  
248.827.4000

- \* Room reservations received after 9/21/07 will be on a space and rate availability basis.
- \* To reserve a room, please call 248-827-4000 Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., OR 24 hours a day at 1-800-WESTIN-1. Please remember to ask for the "Michigan Music Teachers Association" or "MMTA" group rate.
- \* Attendees may also go on-line to make a reservation:  
[www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb)

Rooms available for the 2007 Conference are single or double rooms at a cost of \$89.00 plus tax.

**Driving Directions:**

**From East:**

Take Interstate 696 West to the Evergreen Exit. Continue South on Evergreen and continue to 10 Mile Road (approximately 1 mile). Take 10 Mile Road west and take an immediate right on Northwestern Service Drive. The entrance to the hotel will be on the right.

**From Detroit Metropolitan Airport:**

Take Interstate 94 East to North Southfield Freeway (M-39). After approximately 8 miles, exit in the left lane to US-10 (Lansing). Continue to 10 Mile/Evergreen Road. Stay on the service road and the entrance to the hotel is on the right.

**From North:**

Take Interstate 75 South to Interstate 696 (approximately 9.9 miles). Continue on I-696 to the Evergreen Exit (approximately 4.1 miles). Travel 1 mile to 10 Mile Road. Proceed west on 10 Mile Road and take an immediate right onto Northwestern Service Drive. The entrance to the hotel is on the right.

**From South:**

Take Interstate 75 North to Southfield Road (M-39). Turn left (West) and continue on to Southfield Freeway (M-39). Exit at John C. Lodge Freeway (US 10) North and continue to the 10 Mile/Evergreen Road Exit. Stay on the service road through 2 traffic lights. The entrance to the hotel will be on the right.

*Note:* You may wish to access the official website of the Westin Southfield-Detroit at: [www.westinsouthfield.com](http://www.westinsouthfield.com)



## Waleed Howrani, Pianist

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**October 13, 2007** 8:30-9:30 am

Executive Committee

9:30-11:00 am Board of directors

MMTA Conference in Southfield Michigan

## THE NEW BACH COLLECTION

German researchers have completed the final volume of a new collection of the complete works of J.S. Bach, crowing a 55- year effort. The Neue Bach-Ausgabe, or new Bach edition, was compiled by the Bach Archive and the Johann Sebastian Bach Institute in Goettingen. The new collection contains 47 recently discovered pieces not in the Bach-Werke-Verzeichnis, or BWV.

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