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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

With this issue, we welcome Stuart Foster from the Capital Area Music Teachers Association, to our Board of Directors as our new MMT Editor. Thank you Stuart for taking this position. Members, please note, you may send news items to the same MMT email address: [mmtnewsletter@aol.com](mailto:mmtnewsletter@aol.com) for forthcoming issues. Deadline for the June issue is May 1st. I want to express our appreciation to Christopher Carlon for his recent several years of service in this position. It was under Christopher that MMTA made that big plunge to the electronic format for distribution of the MMT. Thank you, Chris, for all your time and

talents on our behalf.

Many of you are very involved in the Student Achievement Test event preparations. This is probably the one event that involves the greatest number of our members in one single activity. We really appreciate all the efforts of the organizers, test writers and proofreaders, local chapter chairpersons, and teachers who are diligently preparing students. Our best wishes to all teachers and students participating in this valuable experience. Following the local chapter testing dates, those students who qualify will be eligible for Semi-Finals on April 19th and Piano and Vocal Finals on May 3rd. Be sure to check your current MMTA Directory (page 29) for more details.

January 18th–20th the Illinois MTA hosted the East Central Division Competition at Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Illinois. The students performed at amazing technical and musicianship levels, a pleasure to enjoy!! Look for Michigan winners listed elsewhere in this issue. Our congratulations to all participating students and their teachers! A complete list of East Central Division winners will be printed in the Music Teacher Journal (Official publication of the Music Teachers National Association.) Winners will compete in the National Competition at the MTNA Conference in Denver, Colorado March 29th – April 2nd.

February 3rd was the MMTA Concerto Competition event organized under the capable hands of Deborah Moriarty. Thank you for a job well done, Deborah! This competition took place at Michigan State University,

East Lansing. Winners, teachers, and judges are listed elsewhere in this issue. Congratulations to all participants and their teachers!!

This year we have had the privilege of partnering with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Orchestra to award our Senior Piano Concerto Winner, J. Bennett (teacher, Logan Skelton) an opportunity to perform with the orchestra on Sunday, May 4th. The concert will be held at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Mr. Bennett will perform Rachmaninoff Concerto No. 1, First Movement. Young people under the age of 19 are admitted free of charge; tickets for adults wishing to attend will be available – information will be sent to your local chapters by the end of March.

I really enjoy reading the newsletters and announcements that I have received from the local chapter news editors and secretaries. You are all doing a fantastic job!! VERY active groups!

I look forward to attending the MTNA Conference in Denver, Colorado March 29th – April 2nd, hope to see many of you there!! (See December/January issue of "American Music Teacher Journal" or the MTNA website: [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org) for details and registration forms

Sincerely,

Isabelle Tulk, President



**NOTE** Information regarding submission of articles and ads may be found on page 2.

Please send all copy to the editor by the due date.

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## Notes from the Vice President.....

Greetings MMTA Members!

Please mark your calendars for the 2008 Conference: October 12, 13, 14, 2008! The Conference will be held at the Crown Plaza in Grand Rapids and hosted by the Grand Rapids Piano Teachers Forum. I know that the GR Piano Teachers will do an awesome job and I am so looking forward to next fall!

So, you might be interested in knowing what will be featured on the 2008 Conference?! Sorry, it is still a secret, mystery, story yet untold, event to be announced --later! (Sorry about the try at the humor!) Actually, as I write a lot of plans are in the mix, but nothing has been completely settled. Rest assured that it will be great fun and I am hoping that many of you will come!

The next issue of the MMTA will "tell all" about the Conference. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime! Have a warm and delightful spring!

Warmly,  
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## The Mid-Michigan Chapter Voice Competition

For ages 20-32

Competition date: April 13, 2008

Application deadline: March 25, 2008

The Mid-Michigan Chapter of the National Society of Arts & Letters is delighted to introduce you to our 2008 Voice Competition. We need your help in identifying talented vocalists, ages 20-32, to participate. The Mid-Michigan Chapter Competition will take place on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at the University of Michigan School of Music ñ time to be announced. The deadline for application submission is March 25, 2008. The winner of our competition will receive a cash prize and go on to compete at the national level with all expenses paid. In order to compete at the national level, a contestant MUST be a chapter winner.

The national competition will take place in Bloomington, IN on May 15-17, 2008. Substantial awards are available at the national level totaling more than \$20,000. In the past our Michigan Chapter first place tenor, Scott Piper, went on to take third place at the national competition and is now experiencing an impressive career in opera.

We appreciate your assistance in spreading the word so that we can have a successful competition and send a talented young vocalist to represent Mid-Michigan at the national level.

Additional details, competition requirements, and applications are available online at [www.artsnsal.org](http://www.artsnsal.org).

The National Society of Arts & Letters (NSAL) is a non-profit, philanthropic organization founded in 1944. Our mission is to recognize, support and promote young artists at the beginning of their careers in the arts, by running annual competitions and offering scholarships.

Sincerely,

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# 2008 MMTA Concerto Competition Results

February 3, 2008

Deborah Moriarty, Chairman

We appreciate the expertise of our judges:

Elementary/Junior: Elena Baksht, Diane Winder

Senior: Leon Gregorian, Panayis Lyras

Congratulations to the following winners:

## Elementary Division (Grades 1-6)

First Place : Elizabeth Xiong (Catherine Rollin)

Second Place: Jennifer Yin (Marta Pietrzyk)

Third place (Tie): Heather Gu (Mary Siciliano)  
Vanessa Lee (Marta Pietrzyk)

Honorable Mentions: Haeji Kim (Geoffrey Applegate)  
Jennifer Long (Marta Pietrzyk)  
Jae Hee Lee (Catherine Rollin)



## Junior High Division (Grades 7-9)

First Place : Heather Shen (Izabella Vilensky)

Second Place (Tie): Yiran Liu (Natalie Matavinovic)  
Alim Yeung (Mary Siciliano)

(No Third Place)

Honorable Mentions: Hikari Nakamura (Tomoko Mack)  
Acer Xu (Polina Khatsko)  
Harvey Li (Marta Pietrzyk)

## High School Division (Grades 10-12)

\* First Place : J. Bennett (Logan Skelton)

Second Place: Fang-Wei Hsu (Michael Coonrod)

Third Place: Stephanie Webb (Emilio del Rosario)

Honorable Mentions: Alexandra Zetye (Joel Schoenhals)

Paige Chun Li (T.J. Lymenstull)

\* Recipient of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra Award

Submitted by: Isabelle Tulk





## 2007 MTNA COMPETITION RESULTS - MICHIGAN CONT'D

### JUNIOR PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

Chairman: Derek Polischuk

Judges: Panayis Lyras, Kiyomi Sugimura, Diane Winder

#### Winner – Piano

WANG, EMILY

Teacher – CATHERINE ROLLIN

#### Alternate - Piano

YUAN, ALLEN

Teacher - FAYE MAO

#### Honorable Mention – Piano

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