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Dear MMTA Members,

I'm writing in early February as the darkness of winter continues to lessen daily with the slow but certain accumulation of minutes of light "tacked" on to either end of the day, a sure sign that spring is on its way. At this time of year these minutes of light lift our spirits, though the minutes of the day disappear far too quickly as we prepare students for upcoming adjudications and competitions.

One such event, the MMTA Concerto Competition, was held at Oakland University on Sunday, February 6. Congratulations to our student winners and their teachers, and many thanks to Pat Lobbstael for the countless hours spent in organizing the competition (see p.3 for the competition results).

At the regional level, the MTNA East Central Division competitions were held at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana on Saturday, January 8 and Sunday, January 9. As expected, the quality of the performances of the state winners at the division competition was exceptional, and we congratulate our winners and their teachers/coaches. Michigan division winners will participate in the MTNA Competitions at the MTNA National Conference in Milwaukee (see p.4 for the winners' list).

The MTNA National Conference, scheduled from March 26-30, is a dual event this year, held in conjunction with the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS), and capping the year-long national celebration of collaborative music (see: members.mtna.org/conference2011/index.html). The Milwaukee conference site is a "doable" drive from Michigan, and the conference schedule includes an exciting array of workshops, concerts, competitions and exhibits.

All MMTA members attending the MTNA Conference are invited to participate in the East Central Division Meeting, which is scheduled on Sunday, March 27 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Room 201 AB of the Convention Center. At the meeting refreshments will be served (from the MTNA grapevine...may serve as dinner), with shuttles available afterwards to the Hal Leonard Open House (more food!). Speaking of food, the conference schedule is jam-packed, so to make optimum use of our conference time, let's plan on a Michiganders' lunch together on Sunday, March 27 at noon in the food concession area of the con-

ference exhibit hall. And if attending the conference, please remember to check the message board located near registration for any MMTA updates.

Another event in the works is our 126th MMTA Conference, which is scheduled at the Radisson in downtown Lansing from Sunday, October 16 through Tuesday, October 18. Vice President Gary Pedersen has planned an exciting agenda, and the Capital Area Music Teachers Association (CAMTA) will serve as conference hosts. Detailed information will appear in the summer and fall editions of the MMT.

In addition to these MMTA and MTNA happenings, our webmaster, Eric Van De Vort, has devoted much time to several website projects (see p.4), with input from a number of MMTA members, especially Maria Lisowsky, the Eastern District SAT Semifinals Chair. I can attest to the diligence of participating members in this venture as on a number of occasions emails have been exchanged by as many as five MMTA members in the early hours of the day, i.e., post-midnight.

Before closing (well into that post-midnight hour now), my best wishes to all members in preparing students for adjudications and recitals; the resulting focus is so beneficial to our students' musical growth.

Sincerely,

Penny Draper, MMTA President

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Dear Members,

The MMTA Concerto Competition was Sunday February 6, 2011. We had 17 teachers and 35 students ranging in age from age 6 to age 18. Our judges were David and Lia Jensen-Abbott, from Albion College. Things went very smoothly; Oakland University was extremely cooperative, giving me everything I needed and more. The performances were outstanding. The Junior High Group was especially strong this year; the judges had a difficult time choosing. Good work, teachers. It's time to give out those new concertos for next year. Congratulations to all winners and their teachers.

Respectfully yours,
Patricia Lobbstael
MMTA Concerto Chair

WINNERS FOR THE MMTA CONCERTO COMPETITION FEBRUARY 6, 2011

JUDGES

DAVID ABBOTT AND LIA JENSEN-ABBOTT (ALBION COLLEGE)

ELEMENTARY DIVISION K – 3

1 st place:	Naomi Yamaguchi	- Concerto in C 3 rd mvt.	Haydn	Catherine Rollin
2 nd Place:	Jubilee Wang	- Concerto in C 3 rd mvt.	Haydn	Mary Siciliano
3 rd Place:	David Mutone	- Concerto in F 3 rd mvt.	Haydn	Catherine Rollin

ELEMENTARY DIVISION 4 – 6

1 st Place:	Heather Gu	- Concerto in K. 466 1st mvt.	Mozart	Mary Siciliano
2 nd Place:	Isabelle Lian	- Concerto #23 in A 1st mvt.	Mozart	Isabelle Vilensky
3 rd Place:	Kelvia Jaupi	- Concerto op 50 mvt. 1 st mvt.	Kabalevsky	Mary Siciliano
H.M.	Shannon Lin	- Concerto #1 in C op 15 1st mvt.	Beethoven	Isabelle Vilensky
H.M.	Ami Ogishima	- Concerto in C 1st mvt.	Haydn	Tomoko Mack
H.M.	Andrew Wu	- Concerto #15 in Bb 3 rd mvt.	Mozart	Marta Pietrzyk

JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION

1 st Place:	Caleb Lei	- Concerto in C op. 15 1st mvt.	Beethoven	Mary Siciliano
2 nd Place:	Sukruth Shashikumar	- Concerto in C K 415 1st mvt.	Mozart	Mary Siciliano
3 rd Place:	Briana Feng	- Concerto #1 1st mvt.	Muczynski	Catherine Rollin
H.M.	Moshe Benson	- Concerto in a minor	Grieg	Ida Leshchinskaya
H.M.	Carol Wu	- Concerto op. 50 3 rd mvt.	Kabalevsky	Mary Siciliano
H.M.	Laura Huang	- Concerto op. 54	Schumann	Isabelle Vilensky

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

1 st Place:	Heather Shen	- Concerto #1 op. 2 1st mvt	Rachmaninoff	Logan Skelton
2 nd Place:	Jason Gong	- Concerto #2 3 rd movt.	Rachmaninoff	Catherine Rollin
3 rd Place:	Vivian Anderson	- Concerto #20 k466 1st mvt.	Mozart	Joel Hastings
H.M.	Kathy Young	- Concerto in g 1st mvt.	Ravel	Catherine Rollin

MTNA
East Central Division Competitions
January 8-9, Ball State University

Junior Performance, Piano

Winner: Elizabeth Xiong
Teacher: Catherine Rollin

Student Composition

Winner: Daniel Cho
Teacher: Catherine Rollin

Senior Piano Duet

Alternate: Christina Yuan and Emily Wang
Teachers: Logan Skelton and Arthur Greene

Senior Performance, Piano

Alternate: Nicha Stapanukul
Teacher: Thomas Lymenstull

Senior Performance, Woodwinds

Winner: Connor Mikula, saxophone
Teacher: Joseph Lulloff

Chamber Music Performance

Winner: The Akropolis Reed Quintet
Members: Timothy Gocklin, oboe; Kari Dion, clarinet; Matthew Landry; saxophone, Andrew Koepp, bass clarinet; Ryan Reynolds, bassoon
Coach: Jeffrey Lyman

Young Artist Brass

Honorable Mention: Matthew Eastwood, euphonium
Teacher: Kenneth Kroesche

Young Artist Piano

Alternate: Siyi Fang
Teacher: Logan Skelton

Young Artist Strings

Alternate: Matthew Armbruster, cello
Teacher: Anthony Elliott

Website Updates

Hello fellow members! Our website is in the process of change. Three items for your consideration.

Free Personal Webpages are available for any MMTA teacher. To set one up, go to our website <http://michiganmusicteachers.org/index.php> mouse over Member Resources, then click on "Website Generator" in the drop down menu. The directions to set up your webpage will appear, and you are on your way. Make up your own password to edit your webpage. Did I mention this is FREE to our members? Upload pictures, pdf files, contact information, and studio information. Your web information will be appreciated by the broader community ... especially those looking for information about specific teachers in their chosen area.

Online Semi-Finals e-registration will become a reality this April for two of our Eastern District Chapters, the AAAPTG and the MDML. Next year the e-registration will be open to all chapters in all Districts. Entering students is easy, and confirmed by email immediately upon registering. In that confirmation, all registration details are included. On the last registration page, a map and a link to the map is available online, so your students can easily find directions to the venue. Payment can be handled by PayPal, completely online. Of course, the option of registering by filling out forms for each student and mailing them in with a check still exists.

Better Communication with our members is being addressed with improvements in our database. We have had problems with our database communicating with the MTNA database. We are clearing this up little by little, and soon will have better integrity in our member database. This behind the scenes project will insure all members with email will get the MMT, and be included in the Find a Teacher feature on our website.

As always, if there are any questions, do not hesitate to contact me, either through our webpage or at twopianos@me.com

Sincerely,

Eric Van De Vort
MMTA Webmaster

126th MMTA State Conference

Sunday, October 16 - Tuesday, October 18

in

Lansing

“Great Times, Great Teachers”

at the

Radisson Hotel



The 126th State Conference will be held October 16-18 at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lansing. Our conference artist will be Douglas Humpherys, chair of the piano department at Eastman School of Music and Gold Medalist at the inaugural Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition. Doug is one of the most effective master teachers working with young pianists today, as well as a brilliant pianist and lecturer. Our conference clinician is Christopher Azzara, a music educator and jazz musician whose research and publications are concerned with fostering meaningful relationships among listening, creating, improvising, reading, composing, and analyzing music. Chris is an engaging presenter with a message that will literally change your life! Of course there will be more information in the next MMT, but this is sure to be an exciting conference that you don't want to miss!

Gary Pedersen
MMTA Vice President

Fraud Alert

MTNA has become aware of a scam directed toward music teachers. As many of you are likely aware, there has been a marked increase in the efforts of individuals performing acts of fraud via the Internet. Until recently these acts were not specifically targeted to independent music teachers; however, over the past few weeks many music teachers have received e-mails inquiring about having international students study with them. The person sending the e-mail poses as a parent interested in having their child or children study with them. The music teacher is offered prepayment for a certain amount of lessons, and once a cashier's check is sent and in the bank the teacher is asked to refund a large portion of the check because of some emergency or to pay for the fees the "parent" incurred in transferring the money and obtaining the check or for their children's travel. The cashier's check is an elaborate counterfeit and it takes the bank longer than usual to discover the fake.

If you receive an e-mail similar to one of those above do not respond to them. Due to the high number of these scams, it is impossible to investigate each e-mail. If you or someone you know have lost funds because of this type of fraud, please contact your local field office of the Secret Service. A list of field offices is available at http://www.secretservice.gov/field_offices.shtml.

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To find out more about the coverage available to MTNA members, visit www.ftj.com or contact the insurance administrators, Forrest T. Jones and Company at (800) 821-7303.

2012 MTNA National Conference Proposal Submissions

MTNA is now accepting proposals for the 2012 National Conference that will take place March 24-28 in New York City. This call is for all General, Collaborative, Group Piano, Recreational Music Making, Technology and miscellaneous session proposals. This is the only call for session proposals for this conference. Proposals are accepted online only and must be received no later than midnight (Pacific time) on April 14, 2011. The deadline will be strictly enforced. Conference sessions are 60 minutes in length, inclusive of introductory and closing remarks and Q & A. Membership in MTNA is not a requirement to submit a proposal or present a session. However, all selected presenters are required to register for the conference at their expense. Proposals should not be commercial in nature.

For more information, guidelines and to submit a proposal(s) please visit:

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