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**PMTA 2017  
CONFERENCE**

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**JUNE 9-11, 2017**

**LEBANON VALLEY  
COLLEGE**

100 N. College Ave.  
Annville PA 17003-1400

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Happy New Year, PMTA members,

New beginnings, fresh starts, and promises for a brighter future all come to mind as we ring in a New Year. Likewise, PMTA is looking forward to the future events that 2017 will bring.

One of our most exciting happenings will be the June 9 – 11 conference at Lebanon Valley College. Pennsylvania is teeming with talent and this conference will highlight our plentiful asset.

Two of our presenters are **Marvin Blickenstaff** from Collegeville, PA who will give a master class for intermediate pianists, and **Carl Cramner** a native of Chester County, PA who will give a lecture recital on the music of Samuel Barber, another Chester County native. Our concert artist **Lydia Artymiw** is the recipient of numerous awards and is a graduate from the Philadelphia University of the Arts. **Nancy Galbraith** from Pittsburgh, PA will be our commissioned composer. Pennsylvania Senator Andy Dinniman will give the keynote address.

There will also be wonderful and varied programs by PMTA members.

Registration is now available on the website. So, be sure to mark your calendar and sign up for Pennsylvania Presents!

Deborah Rodgers  
PMTA President

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**GUEST ARTIST...LYDIA ARTYMIW**



In 2016-17, pianist **LYDIA ARTYMIW** celebrates her 28th year as Distinguished McKnight Professor of Piano at the University of Minnesota. Artymiw also received the U of M's 2015 "Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award," the "Dean's Medal for Outstanding Professor" in 2000, and Thursday Musical of Minnesota's "2016 Teacher of the Year" award. In 2015, Artymiw was on the jury for the first Van Cliburn Junior International Piano Competition in Fort Worth, TX, as well as on the juries for

ten piano concerto competitions at the Juilliard and Manhattan Schools in New York. She was a guest piano teacher at Juilliard in October 2015 and presented her first master class at Juilliard in March 2016. In November 2016 Artymiw will present her first master class at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Read more on the [PMTA website](#).

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## PRESENTATIONS BY...MARVIN BLICKENSTAFF and CARL CRANMER



**MARVIN BLICKENSTAFF** is known among piano teachers throughout the country for his teaching, lecturing, performing, and publishing. He has presented workshops for piano teachers throughout the USA, and appears frequently as soloist and lecturer at state conventions of music teachers and at the national convention of the Music Teachers National Association. For the past eleven years he has been on the faculty of International Workshops where he has performed and lectured

in Canada, Austria, Scotland, Norway, France, and Switzerland. In 1992 he was honored by the Indiana Music Teachers Association with the citation of "Teacher of the Year." In 1995 The Registered Piano Teachers of New Zealand sponsored him in concert and a 15-lecture tour of that country. He currently serves as Board President of the Frances Clark Center for Keyboard Pedagogy. Read more on the [PMTA website](#).



**CARL CRANMER** was born and studied in West Chester Pennsylvania and made his debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra at the age of nine. Since then, in addition to solo recitals in Europe, Asia, and North America, he has performed in concert with the Royal Philharmonic of England, the Gulbenkian Orquesta of Portugal, the Juilliard Orchestra and several other orchestras on the Eastern Seaboard. In addition to his study in conservatories of music in the United States, he also studied at the Sommerakademie at the Mozarteum, in Salzburg, Austria under full scholarship, where he was under the tutelage of

distinguished teachers Karlheinz Kammerling, Jacob Lateiner, and Hans Graf. Read more on the [PMTA website](#).

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER...SENATOR ANDY DINNIMAN



**SENATOR ANDY DINNIMAN** was born in New Haven, Connecticut. He received his BA from the University of Connecticut in 1966, and his MA from the University of Maryland in 1969. He also holds an Ed.D from Pennsylvania State University. Dinniman's first elected position was as a member of Downingtown school district's board of school directors. He was first elected to this position in 1975, and held the post until 1979. In 1979, Dinniman was elected chairman of the Chester County Democratic Committee, a position he held until 1985. Dinniman later served as Chester County commissioner for three terms, beginning in 1991. Read more on the [PMTA website](#).

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## COMMISSIONED COMPOSER...NANCY GALBRAITH



**NANCY GALBRAITH** (b.1951) resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, where she is Professor of Composition at Carnegie Mellon University. In a career that spans three decades, her music has earned praise for its rich harmonic texture, rhythmic vitality, emotional and spiritual depth, and wide range of expression. Her works have been directed by some of the world's finest conductors, including Gennady Rozhdestvensky, Mariss Jansons, Keith Lockhart, Sidney Harth, Samuel Jones, and Robert Page. Her compositions are featured on numerous recordings, including six anthologies. With major contributions to the repertoires of symphony orchestras, concert choirs, wind ensembles, chamber ensembles, electroacoustic ensembles, and soloists, Galbraith plays a leading role in defining the sound of contemporary classical music.

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A limited number of 40 rooms have been reserved at a discounted price of \$125.00 for the PMTA conference. To take advantage of this discount, use the code "**PMA**" and book your reservations early. The group discount expires May 9, 2017. Online registration

access can be accessed via the [PMTA website](#) by clicking the link above. For a list of other hotels in the area, also visit the [PMTA website](#).

For other hotel options, do a Google or Mapquest search for "Annville PA." There are numerous other hotels in the area.

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Participants must register online. Payment must be made either by credit card or PayPal. Credit cards are processed through the PayPal site, but you do not need to have or create a PayPal account.

If you want to use a PayPal account, you will be asked to log in with user name and password.

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Everything must be complete for your payment to process. You will receive an email acknowledgement when the registration process is complete.

Conference attendees must book their room directly with the hotel. See hotel information above.

**NO REFUNDS AFTER THE MAY 24, 2017 ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE.**

Conference Full Package UNTIL March 31 - \$125

Conference Full Package April 1 thru May 24 - \$150

Online Registration closes midnight May 24

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**PMTA Teacher of the Year and**





## PMTA Distinguished Service Awards

It's time to consider the 2017 Teacher of the Year and PMTA Distinguished Service awards. These awards, to be given at our June Conference at Lebanon Valley College, are to honor those with a long track record of high accomplishments either in the teaching field, or in the field of service specifically to PMTA. The awards committee, according to PMTA bylaws, is chaired by the Immediate Past President, Steven Smith.

Please consider nominating either one of your colleagues or yourself, beginning soon with an e-mail to Steven ([shs1@psu.edu](mailto:shs1@psu.edu)) suggesting a name. You'll be requested later to fill in the nomination with a full letter of support by April 1, 2017 in time for the committee to make comparative evaluations.



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