



# Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association

An incorporated non-profit educational organization committed to the pursuit of excellence in music teaching

## From the President's Desk | Deborah Rodgers

Hello Fellow PMTA Members,

Welcome to another year of music making and musical sharing. I am hopeful that the summer break has left you recharged and renewed for the new academic year. I am eager to begin my tenure as president and to carry through the obligations of this respected and worthwhile organization. My deepest appreciation is extended to our immediate past President Steven Smith for his sturdy leadership during these past 2 years, accomplished with eloquence and insight. I aspire, along with our dedicated board, to carry on his tradition of capable direction.

In September 2014 I had the opportunity to travel to Cincinnati for the MTNA Leadership Summit. While I was there I learned so much about the inner workings of MTNA. I was impressed by the dedication of Gary Ingle, our executive director. I am happy to report that we have successfully navigated through the FTC investigation of MTNA's Code of Ethics and are in compliance. A copy of the antitrust compliance may be found at [http://www.mtna.org/media/74728/Decision\\_Order.pdf](http://www.mtna.org/media/74728/Decision_Order.pdf).

It was also reassuring to see that MTNA is financially a very stable organization with plenty of resources available to support music study across the nation.

PMTA is also here to support music study across Pennsylvania. Thanks to our hard working board members we will offer another year filled with memorable events and activities. The PMTA/MTNA Competitions and the State Dorothy Sutton Festival will be held at Elizabethtown College on November 7 – 8. More

## SEPTEMBER 2016

### UPCOMING EVENTS

at [Elizabethtown College](#)

### DSPF Showcase Recitals PMTA Concerto Festival

Nov 7, 2015

### MTNA State Preliminary Competitions

Nov 8, 2015

### PMTA Board of Directors Meeting Cameron Estate Inn and Restaurant

6:30 pm | Nov 7, 2015

### 2016 PMTA Keystone Chamber Music Competition

March 6, 2016

Penn State University

Entry Deadline: Jan 26, 2016

Chair: [Gloriana Sewell](#)

### 2016 PMTA Keystone Composition Competition

Entry Deadline: Mar 30, 2016

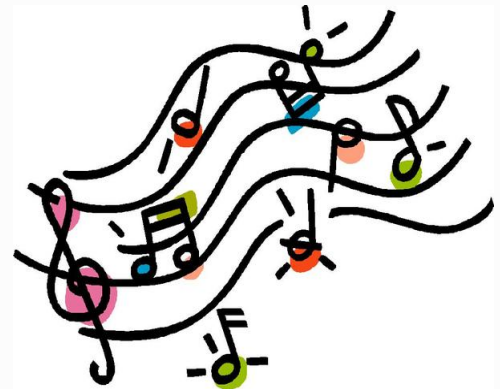
Chair: [Warren Magid](#)

information on this event can be found on our website. I am very excited about this year's state conference at Seven Springs Mountain Resort located in Seven Springs, PA. The theme will be Music and the Brain; a topic that is broad enough to include all of our members. The conference will begin at 9:00 AM Friday, June 10 and end on Saturday evening. Sunday will be left open to enjoy the beautiful resort and to allow for an optional trip to tour Fallingwater, which is an example of Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture. Mark your calendar, as you will not want to miss this opportunity to reinvigorate your body, mind and spirit!

In closing I would like to state how important you are to this organization! How could PMTA function without so many members willing to offer their contributions to our programs? I value your feedback and comments! I wish you all a productive year in your studios.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Rodgers

*Music is the divine way to tell beautiful, poetic things to the heart. ~Pablo Casals*



## **Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival**

November 7, 2015  
Elizabethtown College

- Online Registration opens October 1st and closes midnight October 13th.
- Questions? Contact [Teri Smith](#), Chair.
- For complete details and registration information, visit the [PMTA website](#).
- Please check with your LOCAL chairs for the dates of your LOCAL festivals.

*PMTA has a block of rooms reserved at the [Holiday Inn Express Elizabethtown](#) at the special price of \$117. The cut-off date for reservations is Wednesday, October 23, 2015, after which time this rate cannot be guaranteed. Make reservations by calling [\(717\) 367-4000](#) or [\(800\) 335-4188](#) and reference the **Reservation Identification Code: PMT**. Reservations can also be made online or through the central reservations center [1-800-HOLIDAY](#).*

## **DON'T FORGET THE PMTA KEYSTONE CONCERTO FESTIVAL!**

November 7, 2015 at Elizabethtown College

Open to any piano or instrumental student of a PMTA member in good standing.

No age limit | Includes college students.

Register online via the [DSPF Registration System](#).

Questions? Contact Chair [Nanette Kaplan-Solomon](#)

## PMTA NEWS AND NOTES:



- **NOMINATIONS ARE AGAIN OPEN for PMTA Teacher of the Year Award and PMTA Distinguished Service Award.** These awards languished with no nominations in 2015. Please help us by sending your nominations to [Steven Smith](#). (Coordinating these awards is one of the duties of the Immediate Past President.) Don't hesitate and put this off; you may send just a name and a sentence or two at first, by March 1, 2016. A full letter, and basic biographical material, should then be submitted by April 1 or as soon as requested.
- **LA MATCHING GRANTS:** In an effort to promote the professional growth and development of its members PMTA is pleased to support it's local association with a matching grant award. We are happy to announce the recipients of this year's award.  
MMTA - \$360      MLMTA - \$300      NDVC - \$150  
PhMTA - \$225      CPMTA - \$500      IMTA - \$150
- **NANETTE KAPLAN SOLOMON** is pleased to announce the release of her CD, "Badinage: The Piano Music of Mana-Zucca" on the Albany label. Mana-Zucca (1885-1981) led a nearly century long career as child prodigy pianist, musical comedy star, composer, and patron of the arts in her adopted city of Miami. At her death, she left over 1000 musical compositions. The CDs are available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and at [www.albanyrecords.com](http://www.albanyrecords.com).
- **ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS!!** - Did you know that PMTA provides two rebates (reimbursed by check) for new members.
  - \***New college graduate** can apply for a one-time free state and local membership during the first 5 years post graduation.
  - \***Any new member** who comes to the conference during the first year of membership will receive a one-time free membership to PMTA.Contact [Donna Beech](#), membership chairperson if you think you are eligible for either of these rebates.
- Check out the **LOCAL ASSOCIATION EVENTS** across the state by visiting the [PMTA website](#).

## Greetings!... from Philadelphia Music Teachers Association!

This year we will be celebrating our **125th Anniversary** and we are inviting you to join us for our two Anniversary events.

The first event will be a luncheon held in the Palumbo Room at Maggiano's, 1201 Filbert Street, Philadelphia. It will take place on October 25 from 1:30 to 4:30. Bernard Jacobson will be the principal speaker and we have a student ensemble preparing to perform. Mr. Jacobson is an Internationally known writer, poet, music critic, writer of program notes for the Philadelphia Orchestra, lecturer for the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia. The theme will be "The Next 125 Years" as we celebrate our legacy and look ahead to the future. Tickets are available from Marilyn Granahan, 705 Sunset Road, Glenside, PA 19038. Send a check for \$48.00 per person, made out to PhMTA.

The second event is the Dr. Andor Kiszely Auditioned Recital to be held this year at Carnegie Hall. The auditions will be held on February 7, 2016 at Rock Hall, Temple University, and the Carnegie Hall Recital on April 9, 2016. Teachers are invited to submit three students playing solos, ensembles, or concerti, to be adjudicated by two judges. Qualified students will be selected to play at Carnegie or in an honors recital at Rock Hall, Temple University. You will find full information and registration forms on our website: [www.philamusicteachers.org](http://www.philamusicteachers.org).

Please come help us celebrate!  
Lynne Powley, President

**[www.pamusicteachers.org](http://www.pamusicteachers.org)**

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