



Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association

PMTA is an incorporated non-profit educational organization committed to the pursuit of excellence in music teaching. PMTA is an affiliate of Music Teachers National Association.

From the President's Desk....

November 2017

Dear PMTA Members,

As musicians and music educators, we all know that we are the busiest people this time of year during the holiday season. I am going to try not to add much to your to-do list, but I do have a few things for you to keep in mind as you are doing planning for your studios for the spring.

1. We have an east coast national conference again this year! Register for the **MTNA National Conference at Lake Buena Vista, FL**, before December 5 to get the early bird rate. [Register online here.](#)

2. Let your students know about and plan to participate in **MTNA's new E-Festival**. This event is especially helpful for students who are preparing for competitions, auditions, recitals, etc. and would like additional outside feedback. It is also a great option for students whose schedule or geographical location limit their ability to participate in an in-person local festival or adjudication. Find out more about the E-Festival [here.](#)

3. Plan to attend our **PMTA Annual Conference June 8-10, 2018 at Indiana University of Pennsylvania**. We have dynamic speakers and guest artists lined up for you this year.

Christopher Fisher, professor at Ohio University and author of "Teaching Piano in Groups" will be one of our featured clinicians. Deborah Rambo Sinn, author of "Playing Beyond the Notes" and current editor of Clavier Companion, will be giving our keynote address, a workshop, and a master class. Jacob Ertl, piano professor at Nazareth College, will be our guest artist. More information will be available on our website soon.

4. Plan to enter your students in the **PMTA Chamber Music Competition**. The application deadline is January 22, 2018. To download an

Upcoming Events

March 3, 2018
[Keystone Chamber Music Competition](#)

March 17-21, 2018
[MTNA National Conference](#)

March 31, 2018
Deadline for
[Keystone Composition Competition Submissions](#)

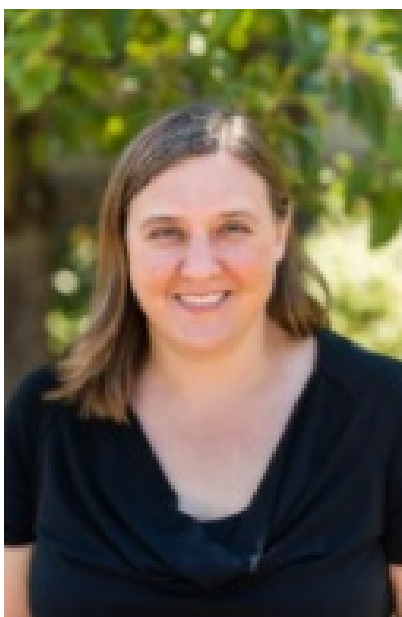
June 8-10, 2018
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application and for more information, [visit our website](#).

5. Plan to enter your students in the **PMTA Keystone Composition Contest**. The application deadline is March 1, 2018. For more information, [visit our website](#).

I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season and many new musical adventures in 2018!

**Mary Lynne Bennett, NCTM
PMTA President**



Competition Winners Announced

Congratulations to our 2017 PMTA Performance and Composition Competition winners and teachers. We had another record year with numbers of entrants into the competitions. This group will represent our state organization at the MTNA Eastern Division competition held on January 7, 2018 at West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV.

2017 Composition Winners

ELEMENTARY

Winner: Asa Ligowski (Keren Ligowski)

HM: Ava Detwiler (Keren Ligowski)

JUNIOR

Representative: Jackson Hunt (Yeeha Chiu)

SENIOR

Winner: Ananya Tadigadapa (Kristin Stephenson)

HM: Daniel Cho (Seung Cho)

HM: James Fenn (Yen-Yi Lin)

YOUNG ARTIST

Representative: Curtis Gay

2017 Performance Winners

JUNIOR PIANO

Winner: Alyssa Gabrilovich (Igor Resnianski)

Alternate: Emma Lo (Igor Resnianski)

HM: Jackson Hunt (Yeeha Chiu)

HM: Elijah Ligowski (Gloriana Sewell)

HM: Jedidiah Yang (Dea Baba)

JUNIOR STRING

Winner: Michael Fisher, violin (James Lyon)

Alternate: Amithi Tadigadapa, cello (Jonathan Dexter)

JUNIOR WOODWIND

Winner: Elizabeth Salgado, flute (Wendy Kumer)

Alternate: Sarah Park, flute (Jeffrey Khaner)

HM: Bryan Chen, flute Wendy Kumer)

SENIOR BRASS

Representative: Joel Montgomery, trumpet (Drew Fennell)

SENIOR PIANO

Winner: Uyen Nguyen (Amy Gustafson)

Alternate: Joshua Spradau (Natalie Zhu)

HM: Linsy Wang (Natalie Zhu)

HM: Chris Jung (Igor Resnianski)

SENIOR STRING

Winner: Daniel Cho, violin (Yayoi Numazawa)

Alternate: Alexandra He, cello (Ohad Bar-David)

SENIOR VOICE

Representative: Laura Stanell (Janice Derstine)

SENIOR WOODWIND

Winner: Jeremy Wang, saxophone (Dragan Petrovic)

Alternate: Ananya Tadigadapa, flute (Naomi Seidman)

HM: Evelyn Kuo, flute (Agatha Wang)

HM: Soomin Park, flute (Agatha Wang)

YOUNG ARTIST BRASS

Winner: Logan Carnes, tuba (Zach Collins)

Alternate: Gabrielle Goril, Horn (Heidi Lucas)

YOUNG ARTIST PIANO

Winner: James Anemone (Igor Resnianski)

Alternate: Rachel Lee (Igor Resnianski)

HM: Stephen Gliatto (Igor Resnianski)

YOUNG ARTIST STRING

Representative: Mariama Alcantara, violin (James Lyon)

YOUNG ARTIST VOICE

Representative: Michael Bilik (See-yin Lo)

YOUNG ARTIST WOODWIND

Winner: Jessica Lynch, flute (Kimberly Reighley)

Alternate: Angela Renninger, saxophone (James Flowers)

HM: Timothy Savage, saxophone (James Flowers)

CHAMBER MUSIC/WIND

Winner: Mansfield University Saxophone Quartet (Joseph Murphy)

Members: Lance Welch, Mikaela Brown, Richard Pollock, Jeremy Brokos

Alternate: Ceol Quartet (Heidi Lucas)

Members: Gabrielle Goril, Alexander Swackhamer, Elizabeth Heckman, Jonah Farnum

Call for Nominations for 2019 PMTA Commissioned Composer

Each year, PMTA commissions one Pennsylvania composer to write a piece for PMTA to enter the national MTNA commissioned composer contest. The piece is performed at our annual state conference and recorded and sent to MTNA for consideration.

Nominations are now open for PMTA's 2019 Commissioned Composer. Preference will be given to composers who are either a resident of or employed professionally in Pennsylvania. These are anonymous nominations so please do not indicate to the composer that h/she has been nominated. Please submit name, bio and web address to Lois Svard at svard@bucknell.edu by March 1, 2018.

PMTA Teacher of the Year and PMTA Distinguished Service Awards

It's time to consider the 2018 Teacher of the Year and PMTA Distinguished Service awards. These awards, to be given at our June Conference at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 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, Deborah Rodgers. Please consider nominating either one of your colleagues or yourself, beginning soon with an e-mail to Deborah (debarodgers@hotmail.com) suggesting a name. You'll be requested later to fill in the nomination with a full letter of support by April 1, 2018 in time for the committee to make comparative evaluations. Here is a link with more information about the guidelines:

<https://www.pamusicteachers.org/wp-content/uploads/Awards.pdf>.

Call for Clinicians for 2018 Conference

Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association's state conference planning committee is now accepting submissions for clinicians for the 2018 PMTA State Conference, with the theme "Musical True-isms" held June 8-10, 2018 at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA.

This year's theme encompasses the wide scope of truths we discover as we study, perform and teach music. Musical "truths" can include topics in pedagogy, performance, health and anything else we have discovered to be helpful for our colleagues and the next generation of musicians.

For consideration, please e-mail the following to co-conference chairs Henry Wong Doe and Ed Kuhn at hwongdoe@iup.edu and kuhn@setonhill.edu.

- A one-page proposal outlining the proposed session.

- A 100-word or less description of the proposed session.
- A one-page biography and 35-word biography of each of the proposed presenter(s).
- A color photo of each proposed presenter.

The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2018. Sessions submitted after this date will not be considered for selection for the 2018 conference, but may be considered for future events.

Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival State Showcase

The Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival State Showcase recitals were held on November 4, 2017 at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. There were 757 performers statewide from 130 teachers and 14 Local events. 30 teachers sent 90 performers to the State event. Thank you for your continued support and participation in this important state event.

PMTA Events Calendar

PMTA has a new central events calendar on our website! Please take the time to bookmark it and check it regularly to see what important musical events are happening around our state. <https://www.pamusicteachers.org/calendar>

If you have information you would like to share in the next PMTA newsletter or Facebook page about your local association, a state event, or a member accomplishment, please send news to mlobie1@gmail.com.

PMTA FACEBOOK GROUP



Be sure to join the [Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association Facebook group](#) to stay up-to-date with state association announcements. Local association members are also encouraged to post updates, events and chapter news!



www.pamusicteachers.org

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