

Michigan Music Teacher

PUBLICATION OF
THE MICHIGAN
MUSIC TEACHERS
ASSOCIATION

Affiliated with Music Teachers National Assn.

Vol. LIV No. 3 March 2008

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 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 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.

MICHIGAN MUSIC TEACHER

Official Publication of

MICHIGAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Affiliated with

MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Stuart Foster, Editor, 1524 Columbine Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 351-0030

Submit materials to: MMTnewsletter@aol.com

MMTA Web Site: www.michiganmusicteachers.org

PRESIDENT
Isabelle Tulk
4755 Ravinewood Dr.
Commerce Twp., MI 48382
248-685-2613

VICE PRESIDENT
Dr. Adrienne Wiley
4007 Washington
Midland, MI 48642
989-837-0903

SECRETARY
Elizabeth Baxter
28143 Golf Pointe Blvd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48331
248-553-7360

TREASURER
Mildred Muller
1835 Pine Bluff SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49508
616-455-1537

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
Gerardo Ascheri
2200 Groesback Ave.
Lansing, MI 48912
517-485-1363

CERTIFICATION CHAIR
Nancy Welshman,
6303 Surrey Street
Portage, MI 48084
269-323-7693

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
Cheryl Cameron
5514 State Road
Fort Gratiot, MI 48059
810-385-9888

**LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS
CORRDINATOR**
Cynthia Robertson
PO box 360
Interlochen, MI 49643-0321
231-276-9799

**STUDENT CHAPTERS
COORDINATOR - TBA**

TEACHER EDUCATION CHAIR
Sara Carriere
3911 Edmonton Ct.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734-665-3322

AWARD CHAIR
Jennifer Drake
110 N. Lauderdale Dr.
Kalamazoo, MI 49006
269-373-4971

PARLIAMENTARIAN
Christie Otter
14735 Richfield
Livonia, MI 48154
734-464-3319

SAT COORDINATOR
Penny Draper
513 Woodland Drive
East Lansing, MI 48823
517-351-4632

PIANO HANDBOOK CHAIR
Isabelle Tulk (See President)

TECHNOLOGY CHAIR
Diana Spitale Miller
1148 Cadmus Dr.
Troy, MI 48085
248-828-9920

SAT AUDITION CHAIR - TBA

MTNA COMPETITIONS CHAIR
Sheryl Iott
1551 Laraway Lake Drive
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
616-682-5087

**CERTIFICATION SECRETARY -
TBA**

**SAT String Chair
TBA**

SAT VOICE CHAIR
Elaine Yanz
2998 Parman Rd.
Dansville, MI 48819
517-623-6083

SAT WOODWIND CHAIR
Ann Decker-Beck
12480 Glasgow Dr
Romeo, MI 48065
586-752-0824

HISTORIAN
Jean Hull
2405 Hampshire Road
Lansing, MI 48911
517-482-9735

**MTNA COLLEGIATE
COMPETITION CHAIR - TBA**

**MTNA HIGH SCHOOL
COMPETITION CHAIR**
Sheryl Iott
(See MTNA competitions chair)

**MTNA JUNIOR HIGH
COMPETITION CHAIR**
Derek Polischuk
709 South Lawn
East Lansing, MI 48323

MTNA COMPOSITION CHAIR
Christine Smith
1743 Glenmore
Redford, MI 48240
313-537-3603

**CONCERTO COMPETITION
CHAIR**
Deborah Moriarty
School of Music MSU
East Lansing, MI 48824
517-353-9121

**NON-COMPETITIVE
ACTIVITIES**
Kelly Yoakam
120 West Sycamore Street
Mason, MI 48854
517-244-9433

MTNA FOUNDATION CHAIR
George Widiger
116 Harrison
Midland, MI 48640
989-631-6888

ITM CHAIR
Thea Hoekman
216 Southwoods
Fremont, MI 49414
231-924-1504

**COMMISSIONED COMPOSER
CHAIR**
Charles Aschbrenner
324 East 16 th Street
Holland , MI 49423
616-396-4282

**COMMUNITY OUT REACH &
PUBLIC EDUCATION**
Nancy Whitecar
16400 Homer
Plymouth, MI 48170
248-380-5940



ADVERTISING FEES

Full Page \$140.00

2/3 Page \$120.00

1/2 Page \$95.00

1/4 Page \$70.00

Less than
1/4 Page \$60.00

Submit Ads to the MMT
editor with a check payable
to MMTA. Fees are for one
issue only.



DEADLINE

FOR THE
MMT IS MAY 1

FOR JUNE ISSUE

All materials must be
received by the due date.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR E-MAIL

Send to

Cheryl Cameron, Membership Chair: cheryl@cheryls-music-studio.com

~ or mail to: ~

Cheryl Cameron, 5514 State Road, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059, (810) 385-9888

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,
Adrienne Wiley
MMTA Vice President
wilylae@cmich.edu
989-615-1746



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.

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,

MID-MICHIGAN CHAPTER CONTACTS:

Doni Lystra dlystra@sbcgolbal.net
734-663-5915

Janice Stevens Botsford jsbotsford@hotmail.com
734-475-7508

Co-Chairs, Mid-Michigan
Chapter Voice Competition

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

XIAO, ANNE

Teacher – CATHERINE ROLLIN

GONG, JASON

Teacher – CATHERINE ROLLIN

Representative – Strings

SATO, HARUNA

Teacher – KYOKO KASHIWAGI

Submitted by: Isabelle Tulk



Keys to Imagination

is your resource for studio and home technology including:

♪ **Software, Equipment, CDs, DVDs, & Books;**

We carry music theory and notation software, audio recording software and equipment, CDs and DVDs, creative lab materials, original themed assignment and activity books and incentive programs and **NEW custom MIDI Files on Flash Drives** for use with your computer or digital piano including method books and supplementary materials.

♪ **Friendly, Helpful & Knowledgeable service by a teacher using the same technology in her own studio;**

I can personally provide help and make suggestions for your studio. Just e-mail me at michelle@keystoimagination.com. I am a teacher just like you and can relate to your needs.

♪ **Help setting up a lab in your studio;**

Watch my conference session, given at MTNA and state conferences, on DVD. Gift certificate for future purchase included with DVD!

♪ **Information, Ideas, Tips & Tricks & New Products;**

Visit our website full of information and videos and sign up for our free e-mail newsletter!



Visit our website at:

www.keystoimagination.com

Michelle Sisler, Owner

875 Lee Street, Owatonna, MN 55060 507-455-9560

michelle@keystoimagination.com



Advertisement



Waleed Howrani, Pianist

"Critics worldwide have justifiably sung their praises for Howrani. His technical command, close attention to minute details, and lucid interpretive powers are buoyed by a poetic sensitivity that is at once refined and free-spirited."

The Washington Post

- Former graduate of the Moscow Conservatory
- Student, 1966 – 69, of legendary pianist **Emil Gilels**

Available for:

- Performance enhancement classes to piano teachers, with works of their choice. \$70 an hour.
- Lecture/demonstrations focusing on *The Teachings of Emil Gilels and the Russian Method of Piano Pedagogy*. Fee as offered or negotiable.
- Masterclasses at \$100 an hour.

"Waleed Howrani's masterclasses with my intermediate and advanced students have been an inspiration and a boost to them and to me. Great fun, also."

Renée Robbins, 2005 – 07 president of the AAAPTG

(734) 663-3221 • waleedhowrani@gmail.com

715 Miner Street • Ann Arbor, MI 48103



"MAKE A NOTE:

DEBBIE CULVER'S NEW PHONE NUMBER IS

248-793-3060."



I AM INTERESTED IN THE MMTA CERTIFICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Instrument _____

Make Check for \$5.00 Payable to MMTA.

Send to:

SALLY LEWIS
9766 LONDOLYN BLUFF
TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49686
PHONE: (231) 941-8938
E-MAIL: lewistvc@charter.net

MMTA "Partnership"

**Birmingham – Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra
Concert May 4th 2008**

Featuring

MMTA 2008 Piano Concerto Contest Winner

J. Bennett

*As a recipient of the Birmingham - Bloomfield
Symphony Orchestra Award, J Bennett*

*receives a \$750 cash prize from the BBSO and
a CD of the May performance.*