Arkansas State Music Teachers Association

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Fall 2008 Newsletter

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Greetings from the President!

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I thank you for the opportunity to serve as ASMTA President for the 2008-2010 term. This is a big responsibility and I hope I can do a good job for you.

Many thanks to Tim Smith, Past President, for his hard work and dedication. We will continue to rely on Tim for his leadership. And many thanks to the board members and executive board who continue to do an outstanding job.

September 5, 6, and 7 found me in Cincinnati at the MTNA Summit for Leadership. This summit was attended by close to 100 MTNA state, division and national leaders. The purpose of the weekend was to provide a time of learning, brainstorming and networking for MTNA leaders so they may effectively work to meet the needs of the association and the members.

Our keynote speaker was Christine Bates, a licensed psychiatrist and former piano teacher who helped us learn about the Enneagram, a model of personality differences. It can be used to understand ourselves and others, and the dynamics of personal and professional relationships. Although similar to the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, the Enneagram separates personalities into 9 types. Christine gave examples of each of the nine types using television, movie and well known people which was quite interesting.

On the second day, MTNA officials held a Town Hall Meeting to address issues of the members. Other meetings held included the State Presidents Advisory Council, Division leadership, a parliamentary procedure discussion by Phyllis Pieffer, meetings by state size and an overview of the 2009 MTNA National Conference given by Conference Committee Chair Kenneth Christensen. After dinner, we were entertained by the Miami University Men's Glee Club. On one of the lunch breaks, I was able to tour the MTNA offices. I encourage anyone traveling to Cincinnati to stop by.

I wish you all a successful year of teaching and performing. I very much look forward to working with you for ASMTA.



ASMTA President

2009 STATE CONFERENCE—REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The 2009 ASMTA Conference will be held June 5-6 at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. The deadline for submission of proposals for presentations has been extended to December 15. Please send your proposals to Lauren Schack Clark at lsclark@astate.edu, and contact her by telephone (870-680-8029) or e-mail if you have any questions.

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November 26, 2008



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Total State Membership as of October 1, 2008 148

Region Festival Dates

Region 1 March 7, 2009 U of A—Fayetteville Laura Wilkins

Region 2 April 4, 2009 ASU—Jonesboro Lisa Miller

Region 3 March 7, 2009 Hendrix—Conway Linda Kennedy

Region 4 March 14, 2009 UALR—Little Rock Sabrina Shivley

Region 5/6 March 7, 2009 HSU—Arkadelphia Carol Houston

State Festival Chair Jeanne Hurst 870-238-8683 jeannehurst@sbcglobal.net

LOCAL ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Delta Music Teachers Association has elected (and re-elected) the following officers:

- -J.D. Kelly, President
- -Chris Thompson, Vice President
- -Joy Fiala, Secretary/Treas.

The DMTA sponsored its first Sonata/Sonatina Recital on October 11 at Arkansas State University. Nine students performed, and Lauren Schack Clark read commentary about each piece and composer, as well as information about sonata-allegro form and forms of other movements.

The group will sponsor its second Ensemble Concert on Saturday, January 31, 2009. Dr. Chris Thompson is the chair of this event.

BUILDING BRIDGES: MTNA'S FIRST STUDENT ARTWORK COMPETITION

Visual arts and music have long been closely related, and MTNA brings together these two art forms in its first Student Artwork Competition. The purpose of this competition is to provide recognition of the exceptional artistic talents of our students and to provide an opportunity to showcase their works through MTNA venues. Students should submit 2-dimensional artwork reflecting the theme of Building Bridges. Artwork depicting teamwork and reaching out to others is encouraged.

The finalists will be displayed at the 2009 MTNA National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The artwork of the three winners will then be displayed at the MTNA National Headquarters, on the MTNA website, in *American Music Teacher* magazine and, in addition, will be featured on recital program covers. At the 2010 MTNA National Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the winning artwork will be auctioned off. Proceeds will be donated to the MTNA Foundation Fund.

Applications and artwork must be submitted online by December 15, 2008. Please note the change in submission date from the date published in the October/November 2008 issue of *American Music Teacher*. Log on to http://www.mtna.org for more information.

PLAN AHEAD...

Music teachers know how important planning is for successful teaching. Our MTNA Foundation supports *many* student and teacher activities and projects. There is information online at http://www.mtnafoundation.org about MTNA Foundation giving. Within the Contributions section, there is a place to request information about making a will, charitable gift annuities, estate planning, and gifts of securities.

These are helpful, informative brochures. All members are encouraged to check into this information. If you do not have Internet access, contact Ginger Crippen (870-425-8441), Foundation Chair, and she will ensure that you receive any or all of these brochures by mail.

EXCLUSIVE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY!

The Piano Technicians Guild (PTG) is sponsoring two scholarships available only to MTNA certified members. One of these annual scholarships is to be used specially for Recreational Music Making and the other for furthering one's teaching skills through continued education and/or performance study. This is an exceptional opportunity to receive scholarship funds to continue training, attend a conference or workshop that otherwise might not be available to you, or study with a master teacher. Each scholarship is worth \$750.

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2008 ASMTA State Conference

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Barbara Kreider, Guest Clinician



Dr. Lauren Schack Clark

Dr. Lauren Schack Clark ASMTA Teacher of the Year

Dr. Jeongwon Ham, Guest Pianist

The 2009 ASMTA
Conference will be
held June 5-6 at
Harding University
in Searcy, Arkansas.

Make plans now to attend!

Arkansas State Music Teachers Association Board Meeting

Lakepoint Conference Center Russellville, Arkansas June 6, 2008

Members Present: Timothy Smith, Trudy Kincade, Linda Calhoun, Helen VanLandingham, Dennis Hay, Sherry Mashburn, Ginger Crippen, Mary Gosnell, Lauren Schack Clark, Alline Fulton, Chris Thompson, J.D. Kelly, Vicky Kiehl, Beth Anne Rankin, Sharon Ard, Ouida Keck, John Krebs, Mark Smidt, and Lisa Miller.

Call to Order: President, Timothy Smith called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

Officer Reports:

Secretary: The minutes of the November Board Meeting written by Vicky Kiehl (in the absence of Lisa Miller) were handed out by the President, Tim Smith. Trudy Kincade moved that the minutes stand approved as read. J.D. Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer: John Krebs, Treasurer distributed copies of his report. His report stated that as of June 5, 2008 we have a balance in our Arvest Bank Account #54227237 of \$13,578.60. John Krebs stated that the increase in membership dues has been a positive thing for ASMTA financially. He also noted that the CD continues to yield interest. Trudy Kincade moved that the Treasurers Report be approved as read. Dennis Hay seconded. The motion carried.

President: Timothy Smith, President stated that his report was attached to the agenda. He emphasized that the board look at Arkansas' web site through the national association's site. He also encouraged us to look into using the Association in a Box for our web site. This is a service offered through national at no charge to ASMTA. He stressed this would keep everything current regarding activities and news. No decision was made. The President also urged the Board to keep all personal information updated through national.

1st Vice President: Alline Fulton, reported that we did not have a location for next years' conference at this time.

2nd Vice President: Pamela Pike was absent. She has taken a new job at LSU. President Smith emphasized that she would be greatly missed. He stated that she completed the conference booklet for us and did an outstanding job. Her report stated that we solicited 7 advertisers for the conference directory. Four of those availed of our "package deal" which means their full-page ad will appear in the fall 2008 & spring 2009 newsletters as well. These ad sales totaled \$810.00 which offsets the cost of printing the program booklets and conference directories. She stressed in her report that if any board member has knowledge of a potential advertiser, to please forward their email information to Lisa Miller, incoming 2nd Vice-President so they can be contacted for advertising in upcoming newsletters and/or conference programs. She included a list of the advertisers for the 2008-2009 Academic Year. They are, Arkansas State University, Arkansas Tech University, Hendrix, Ouachita Baptist University, John Brown University, MTACA, NW AR MTA, and UA-Fayetville. She also emphasized the importance of submitting ads in pdf format. Pamela Pike's report also urged members to check their phone numbers and email addresses that are on file with MTNA. If this information is incorrect, members may not receive all materials and items of interest from MTNA or ASMTA. President Smith thanked Lauren Schack Clark for stepping in to serve as 1st Vice President after Pamela Pike accepted a new position at LSU in Baton Rouge.

Standing Committee Reports:

Certification: J.D. Kelly stated that we currently have 45 certified teachers.

College Chapters: Linda Beckman was absent.

College Faculty Forum: Linda Holzer was absent but offered a preliminary report (via email) regarding her survey of Arkansas Piano Teachers. There were 86 respondents. For the survey of Arkansas Piano Teachers who identify piano as their primary musical employment:

44% are IMTs who teach from home 16% are IMTs who teach outside the home 6% are public or private school music teachers 2% are church musicians 21% are college music faculty 11% identified themselves as "other" Her report stated that the musical community is varied and piano teachers come from several branches of the musical community.

70% identified themselves as part-time teachers

30% identified themselves as full-time music teachers

40% offer music lessons in a secondary as well as piano

60% do not teach music lessons in a secondary area;

The most common secondary are for music lessons was voice lessons, next was organ, and next was composition for the top 3 secondary areas of music instruction.

The most common studio size was 11-20 students per week.

The next most common studio size was 21-30 students per week.

Only 6% of respondents teach 61-70 students per week.

Only 5% of respondents teach 71 or more students per week.

35% of respondents hold a Masters degree in music

30% of respondents hold a Bachelors degree in music

37% of respondents are certified through MTNA - with the other 2 areas of certification being Kindermusik and Suzuki.

Linda Holzer states that there is much we can learn from our musical community. She plans to compare the data from this survey with the data from the survey she conducted in 1998 and share a detailed report at the Fall Board Meeting.

Arts Advocacy and Awareness: Janine Tiner was absent. No report.

Festivals: Jeanne Hurst, State Festival Chair, submitted a report with details from Region Festivals. She also included bank statements and itemized expenses. She sent a check to John Krebs, Treasurer, for \$2000.00 for proceeds from the Region Festivals. This left a balance in the State Festival ASMTA account of \$760.99 for the 2009 Festivals.

Group Piano: Ginger Crippen encouraged everyone to try teaching Group lessons. She also stated that members who would like more information on teaching group sessions could call or email her.

IMTF: Linda Calhoun, chair of the Independent Music Teachers Forum invited independent teachers to the breakfast meeting Saturday morning.

She stated that the topics for discussion would be how to handle fees, missed lessons, policies, etc.

Librarian: Louise Murrah was absent. No report.

Local Associations: Carol Ann Bone was absent. No report.

Membership: Sherry Mashburn reported that she had mailed membership packets to 6 teachers. She had also given information by phone to 2 other teachers. The packets include a cover letter, ASMTA flyer, MTNA application for membership, and an MTNA brochure. She also included a conference schedule and registration form with some packets. The cost for mailing the packets was \$.59.

Mentoring/MTNA Junior High Competitions: Carol Houston was absent.

MTNA High School Competitions: John Krebs had no report.

MTNA Collegiate /Chamber Music Competitions: Lauren Schack Clark had no report.

MTNA Composition Competition: Chris Thompson had no report.

President Smith announced that John Krebs and Lauren Schack Clark will be moving out of these positions because of other duties with ASMTA. Trudy Kincade suggested that Carol Houston move up to a higher level since she has knowledge of the procedures for these competitions. Sharon Ard also agreed to work on the MTNA Collegiate/Chamber Music Competitions. President Smith then asked anyone who was interested in working in one of these positions to let him know.

MTNA Foundation Fund: Sharon Ard reported that we are honored to have 2 Foundation Fellows. Dr. J.D. Kelly and Peggy Lewis were recently named as MTNA Foundation Fellows at the MTNA National Conference held in Denver. Sharon Ard will be stepping out of this position to help with the MTNA Competitions. Ginger Crippen will be the new MTNA Foundation Fund Chairman.

Newsletter Editor: Mark Smidt has graciously agreed to remain in this position for another term. He reported that October 15 will be the next deadline to have information submitted in the electronic newsletter.

Publicity: Helen VanLandingham had no report.

Rallies: Dennis Hay reported that ASMTA currently has only 1 Piano Rally. It is held in October on the campus of Arkansas State University.

State Auditions: J.D. Kelly and Christ Thompson, State Audition Chairmen reported that we had 64 entries for the State Auditions on Saturday morning. They reported receiving entry fees of \$960.00.

The expenses (for trophies, ribbons, postage, etc.) totaled \$194.88.

Teacher of the Year Award: Ouida Keck stated that there were no new nominations this year and only 2 last year. It has been the policy in the past to carry over nominations to the following year. She mentioned that we might want to consider giving out this award every other year instead of annually. No decision was made.

Old Business:

Repertoire Committee: Peggy Lewis was absent. She did not send a report but President Smith submitted her letter of thanks to all who served on this committee. Revisions for all levels have been received at this time. The information just needs to be "plugged in", edited, etc. The new repertoire guide should be finished by the end of the summer. We will need to discuss how we will distribute these for use in the 2009 Festivals.

ASMTA Website: President Smith suggested that we move this to Association in a Box. He stated this would encourage us to go to the National website. He asked Dustin Summey to work with incoming President, Alline Fulton, for the possibility of abandoning this website which costs us about \$100.00 a year and go with the Association in a Box.

New Business:

Mailing of Membership Packets: Sherry Mashburn received a list from Carolyn's Keyboard Corner. This might be a way to contact teachers and let them know they are welcome to join us. The cost is nominal to mail the packets (\$.59) and the membership fees received from new members would far outweigh this amount. Trudy Kincade made a motion that we send the packets. Lauren Schack Clark seconded. The motion carried.

Composer Commissioning: President Smith is interested in having a composer commission a piece of music. This was done in the past through ASMTA. There was much discussion on how this would be handled if the board decided to pursue it. No decision was made.

Announcements:

Outgoing President Timothy Smith announced the new slate of officers for ASMTA. They are as follows:

Alline Fulton President

Lauren Schack Clark 1st Vice President
Lisa Miller 2nd Vice President

Nancy Griffin Secretary
John Krebs Treasurer

He also mentioned that there are still standing committee positions available. Please let him know if you need to make a change. National will need to receive the updates by the end of the week. Ginger Crippen will be stepping out of the Group Piano Chairmanship and into the Foundation Fund Chairman.

The other announcements included:

MTNA State Competition October 31-November 1, 2008 at UCA.

The South Central Division Performance Competitions will be January 10-11, 2009 at the University of Arkansas in Fayetville.

The location for ASMTA State Conference for 2009 will be announced later.

Trudy Kincade made a motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Lauren Schack Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Miller

${\bf ASMTA\,AUDITIONS --ARKANSAS\,TECH\,UNIVERSITY-JUNE\,7,2008}$

STUDENT NAME	LEVEL	REGION	TEACHER	RATING
Stephanie Beitel	А	1	Mary Gosnell	Winner
Aspen Rust	А	2	Lisa Miller	Honorable Mention
Spencer Thompson	А	3	Patricia Goodmar	n Runner-up
Lauren Longworth	Α	4	Cathy Dawson	Honorable Mention
Neeley Bowden	Α	5/6	Dannie Morrison	Honorable Mention
Kari Si	В	1	Pat Medley	Winner
Brooklyn Gibbs	В	2	Jeanne Hurst	Honorable Mention
Lauren Brown	В	3	Peggy Lewis	Honorable Mention
Anna Jones	В	4	000	Honorable Mention
Lydia Conley	В	5/6	Sharon Ard	Runner-up
Jolie Chan	1	1	Pat Medley	Runner-up
Mary Fretland	1	1	Brenda Parker	Honorable Mention
Justin Hong	1	2	J. D. Kelly	Winner
Adelyn Havens	1	3	Peggy Lewis	Honorable Mention
Grace Griffin	1	4	Cathy Dawson	Honorable Mention
Cameron Minor	1	4	Rebecca Williams	Honorable Mention
Adeline Goodman	1	5/6	Dannie Morrison	Honorable Mention
Pratheepa Ravikumar	2	1	Eric Copening	Honorable Mention
Michelle Peng	2	1	Pat Medley	Honorable Mention
Nathan Standridge	2	2	Lisa Miller	Honorable Mention
Josephine Sherwood	2	3	Peggy Lewis	Honorable Mention
Emily Jones	2	4	Rebecca Williams	Honorable Mention
Grace Park	2	4	Carolyn Setliff	Runner-up
Esther Horton	2	5/6	Sharon Ard	Winner
Beau Si	3	1	Pat Medley	Runner-up
Corrie Purcell	3	1	Linda Rogers	Honorable Mention
Gareth Evans	3	3	Peggy Lewis	Winner
Calvin Rosenbaum	3	4		ey Honorable Mention
Jessica Wang	4	1	Mark Smidt	Honorable Mention
Joshua Sadinsky	4	1	Mark Smidt	Winner
Kelly Welsh	4	2	J. D. Kelly	Honorable Mention
Joanna Averill	4	3	Linda Kennedy	Runner-up
Allison Light	4	4	Carolyn Setliff	Honorable Mention
William Heinen	4	5/6	Carol Houston	Honorable Mention
Christina Ye	5	1	Bill Medley	Runner-up
Carly Welsh	5	2	J. D. Kelly	Winner
Joanna Horton	5	5/6	Sharon Ard	Honorable Mention
Nicole McNabb	6	1	Mark Smidt	Honorable Mention
Aaron Hong	6	2	J. D. Kelly	Winner
Jackson Pulliam	6	3	Peggy Lewis	Runner-up
Ali Baker	7	1	Mark Smidt	Winner
Emily Wu	7	1	Mark Smidt	Honorable Mention
Stephen Sivils	7	5/6	Carol Houston	Runner-up
Anna Steely	8	1	Linda Rogers	Runner-up
Emillia Cline	8	1	Mark Smidt	Honorable Mention
Stephanie Lim	8	3	Peggy Lewis	Winner
Tatiana Lupashina	8	5/6	Ouida Keck	Honorable Mention
Matthew Wang	9	1	Linda Rogers	Winner
Neha Kumar	9	2	Jeanne Hurst	Honorable Mention
April Wang	10	1	Bill Medley	Runner-up
Rachel Hoffman	10	3	Peggy Lewis	Winner