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# ASMTA newsletter

ARKANSAS STATE MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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## A Message from ASMTA President Lauren Schack Clark, NCTM

I hope this message finds you recovered from the winter weather and able to enjoy the beautiful Arkansas flowers!

I have just returned from the MTNA Conference, which was held this year in Milwaukee, March 26-30. While at the conference, I attended the MTNA Conference on Leadership for state officers. This used to be a separate conference in the fall, but now it's part of the national. We honored state Foundation Fellow, Dr. John Krebs, at

the MTNA Gala on Tuesday night. I also had the opportunity to reprise my lecture/recital "Collaborative Piano: Singsational Scenarios" that I did with my colleague, Dr. Marika Kyriakos, at the state conference in Searcy three years ago.

I'm also excited about our ASMTA Conference, which will be held at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia on June 3-4, 2011. Many thanks to our conference planner and

First Vice President, Lisa Miller, and our host and Second Vice President, May Tsao-Lim.

Thanks for all you do to keep music vibrant and essential in Arkansas!

All my best,  
*Lauren*

*ASMTA Conference Schedule and  
Registration Form on Pages 3-4*

***REGISTER BEFORE MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>***

## Teacher of the Year Award

If you know of an outstanding college or independent teacher who is a member of ASMTA and has made significant contributions to the organization and to the music teaching profession, we invite you to submit nominations for the 2011 Teacher of the Year Award.

The recipient of this annual award will be recognized at the state conference this year. Nominations must be received by May 15 in order to be considered. When sending nominations, be sure to include supporting material indicating why the person being nominated should receive this award. Nominations sent in previous years will not be considered unless updated supporting material is sent.

We hope to receive several nominations for our 34<sup>th</sup> annual award honoring a deserving ASMTA teacher in our state. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have related to the nomination process

Dr. Ouida Keck, Teacher of the Year Award Chair, [kecko@obu.edu](mailto:kecko@obu.edu)

## Local Associations

**The Music Teachers Association of Central Arkansas (MTACA)** began the 2010-2011 year with the First Annual Piano Stampede. 31 students played together in five graded duets. Parents, students and teachers all agreed that the Stampede recital was the most enjoyable event we have held in many years. Our second annual Stampede will be held next November, with expectations of 150-200-300 participants! Music will be chosen early this month and available at ASMTA in June.

Playathon funds our three scholarships. This year, over 70 students participated. The goal for next year is to have the Playathon in three different cities in the Central Arkansas area, with hopes of encouraging participation of more students and teachers. The scholarships are available to any MTACA member's students.

Sonatina/Safari Connection had approximately 40 participants and the Safari spotlighted Latin music in dance, guitar, piano and a jazz combo.

Mark your calendars for a workshop with Tony Caramia on Friday, November 4, 2011, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The topics will include:

1. Try a la Mode—using modes to teach expression
2. Teaching the Gershwin Preludes
3. Beginning Improvisation Exercises—using the 12-bar blues

## Student Composition Competition Results

We had four entries for the ASMTA Student Composition Competition this year.

Our three judges were Dr. Noman Boehm (Hendrix College), Dr. Dan Dykema (Southern Arkansas University), and Dr. Philip Parker (Arkansas Tech University). Dr. Scott Carrell (Harding University) serves as Division Coordinator for this event.

The results are as follows:

Student Name	Teacher	Level	Place
John Galbraith	Linda Kennedy	Elementary	State Representative
Evalyn Berleant	Linda Kennedy	Junior	State Representative
Sean Roulier	Dr. Timothy Crist	Senior	Winner
Chloe Robinson	Linda Kennedy	Senior	Honorable Mention

Submitted by *Chris Thompson*, State Coordinator

## MTNA Foundation

Contributions from you and friends of our Association made possible the selection of our long-time member, John Krebs, as an MTNA Foundation Fellow for 2011. Look for him in the *American Music Teacher* magazine this spring or summer. We are proud of you, John! We really appreciate all that you do for ASMTA.

Our MTNA Foundation appreciates help from the following teachers who made contributions during the second, third, and fourth quarters of 2010:

Shardon Ard	Shelley Brown	Lauren Schack Clark
Ginger Crippen	Nancy Griffin	Dana Judkins
Ouida Keck	Kay Lindley	Sherry Mashburn
Elizabeth May	Ann Rye	Naoma McCartney
Carolyn Setliff	Christopher Thompson	

Music Teachers Association of Central Arkansas

Remember the MTNA Foundation when you are paying your annual dues to ASMTA and MTNA. I will have forms and envelopes available at our Conference in June.

*Ginger Crippen* (870-425-8441 – [ccrip@mtnhome.com](mailto:ccrip@mtnhome.com))



## Independent Music Teachers Forum

I am looking forward to the Conference in June and the IMTF breakfast. I appreciate the strong support and participation in previous years.

Based on the comments from 2010, I have chosen to open the floor to conversation about running our studios. I will have conversation starters and we will cover as much as time allows.

Topics include:

- Bookless Wonders
- The Non-Practicer
- Arguers
- Painful Parents
- "Can't Do" Students

I am confident that I do not need to explain any of these topics. You all have had experience with these types in your studios. Be prepared to join in the discussion with your own war stories but most importantly tell the group how you dealt with these issues. Your suggestions do not even need to be tested and proved. Let's just learn from one another.

Linda M. Calhoun, IMT Chair

***ASMTA Conference Schedule and Registration Form on Pages 3-4***

***NEW DEADLINE! REGISTER BEFORE MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> TO INCLUDE MEALS***

## ASMTA Conference 2011 – June 3-4 Henderson State University, Arkadelphia

### Friday, June 3, 2011

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00	Greetings, ASMTA President, Lauren Schack Clark
9:15-10:30	Clinic I, Dr. Scott McBride Smith, Preparing for Competitions: What are Judges Really Looking for?
10:45-11:45	Clinic 2, Ron Chioldi, Developing Piano Technique in Intermediate Students: When To Do What.
12:00-1:15	Lunch and ASMTA Board Meeting
1:30-2:45	Clinic 3, Dr. Scott McBride Smith, The Power of Efficient Practice: Cures for the Bored-Practice Blues
3:00-4:00	Clinic 4, Linda holzer, The Visual-Spatial Learner in Piano Lessons: Break Through Strategies
6:00	Conference Banquet
8:00	Guest Artist Recital, Alan Woo

### Saturday, June 4, 2011

7:30	IMT Breakfast and Forum, Linda Calhoun
9:00	Clinic 5, May Tsao-Lim, Preparing the Independent Learner
10:00	Auditions for the Honors Recital and Master Class
12:00	Lunch (on your own)
1:15	General session of ASMTA, Lauren Schack Clark, presiding
1:30	Honors Recital
2:15-3:30	Master Class with Dr. Scott McBride Smith

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### RESTAURANTS (Caddo Valley\* & Arkadelphia)

El Mariachi	1303 Pine Street
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Dino's Main Street Café	629 Main Street
China Buffet	115 North 10 <sup>th</sup> Street
Fat Boys BBQ*	130 Valley Street

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LUNCHEON/Board Meeting                      \$7.75 per Person

**Roast Beef on Hoagie OR Turkey on Croissant** with Cheese, Lettuce, and Tomato. Includes chips, a whole fruit, a brownie/cookie, and a canned drink. Note: We will have 50% roast beef and 50% turkey sandwiches. Unfortunately, vegetarian sandwich will not be available.

DINNER    \$10.75 per Person

**Option A: Pecan Crusted Chicken**

**Option B: Sliced Roast Beef au Jus**

**Option C: Penne Alfredo with Mushroom and Artichokes (Vegetarian)**

All options served with steamed broccoli and oven roasted red potatoes, a mixed green salad, fresh baked dinner rolls, a dessert, Iced Tea, water, and coffee.

BREAKFAST/IMT Forum                      \$6.75 per Person

Assorted Muffins, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, and Biscuits with Sausage Gravy, Orange Juice, Ice Water, and Coffee.

ASMTA 2011 Conference, June 3-4, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR

## 2011 ASMTA CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

*Must be received by May 11, 2011*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Independent Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Collegiate Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration:**           **\$25 for members**                                 \$\_\_\_\_\_

**\$30 for non-members** \$

**Board Luncheon, Friday, \$7.75 per person** \$\_\_\_\_\_

Roast Beef on Hoagie or Turkey on Croissant  
dressed with cheese, lettuce, and tomato, and  
include chips, fruit, brownie/cookie, and drink.  
Sorry, no vegetarian option.

**Banquet, Friday evening, \$10.75 per person** \$\_\_\_\_\_

*Choose One:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Option A: Pecan Crusted Chicken

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**IMTF Breakfast, Saturday, \$6.75 per person** \$\_\_\_\_\_

Assorted Muffins, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, and Biscuits  
with Sausage Gravy; orange juice, ice water, and coffee

Pre-Registration Discount (- \$2.00 from Registration Fee) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(must be received by May 11, 2010)

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$

Please mail this form and your check, **made payable to ASMTA** to:

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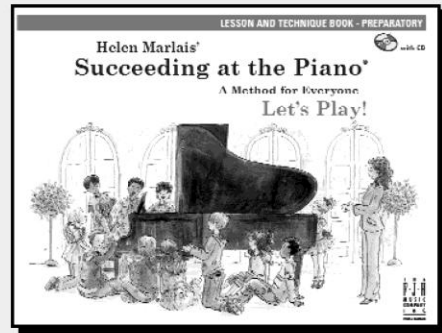
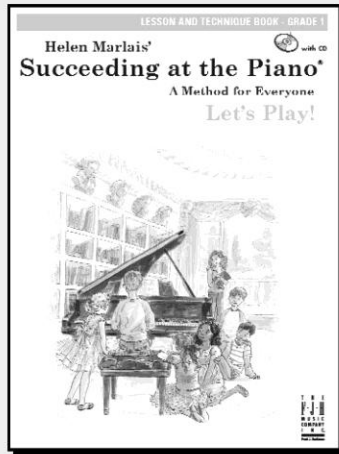
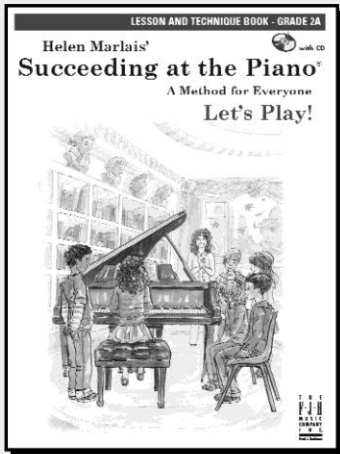
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