

Arkansas State Music Teachers Association (ASMTA)  
 2026 State Conference  
 University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)

**Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 - all day	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 - 9:15	<b>Welcome</b> (Choir Room)
9:15 - 10:10	<b>Dr. Carla Davis Cash</b> (Choir Room) "Practice: Informed, Intelligent, Enjoyable."
10:15 -11:05	<b>Dr. Miroslava Panayotova</b> (Choir Room) "Mastering Memorization: From Spontaneity through Strategy to Internalization"
11:10 – 12:00	<b>Shiloh Jones</b> (Choir Room) "Game Changers: Engaging Games and Activities for Piano Students"
12:00 – 1:30	<b>LUNCH and ASMTA Board Meeting</b> (Location TBD)
1:35 - 2:30	<b>Dr. Carla Davis Cash</b> (Choir Room) "The Motion of Sound: A Biomechanical Examination of Pianistic Movement"
2:35 – 3:25	<b>Dr. Scott Carrell</b> (Choir Room) "STEALING TIME...AND GETTING AWAY WITH IT"
3:30 – 4:20	<b>Independent Music Teachers Forum</b> (Choir Room)
4:25 – 4:50	<b>Dr. Mark Olivieri, 2025-26 ASMTA Commissioned Composer</b> <b>World Premiere of "Failure to Launch"</b> (Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall) Performed by the <b>Brass &amp; Ivory Trio</b> - Richard Rulli (trumpet), Cory Mixdorf (trombone) and Miroslava Panayotova (piano) Performance will be followed by a Q&A with Dr. Olivieri
4:50 - 5:20	<b>Collegiate Member Meeting</b> (Choir Room)
5:50 - 7:00	<b>Conference Banquet</b> (Location TBD)
7:30	<b>Alan Chow</b> , piano Guest Artist Recital (Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall) Works by Haydn, Liszt and Chopin

**Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 – 9:55	<b>Dr. Carla Davis Cash</b> (Choir Room) “Reenvisioning Instructional Strategies to Center Human Connection in Music Lessons”
10:00 – 10:50	<b>Dr. Gjergji Gaqi</b> and <b>Dr. Naoki Hakutani</b> (TBD) “Piano Four-Hands music from Japan”
10:00 – 12:00	<b>ASMTA Auditions</b> (Fine Arts Building)
12:00-1:00	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00-1:30	<b>General Session of ASMTA</b> (Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall) Mary Chung, President
1:30-2:30	<b>Master Class with Alan Chow</b> (Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall)
2:30-3:30	<b>ASMTA Honors Recital/Performance by Christine Wang Piano Scholarship Winner</b> (Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall)