

**Arkansas State Music Teachers Association (ASMTA)  
 2026 State Conference  
 University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR  
 George and Boyce Billingsley Music Building (MUSC)  
 Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall  
 377 N. McIlroy Avenue, Fayetteville, AR 72701**

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

8:30 - all day	<b>Registration</b> (Bridge, MUSC Second floor)
9:00 - 9:15	<b>Welcome</b> (Choir Room, MUSC 335)
9:15 - 10:10	<b>Dr. Carla Davis Cash</b> (Choir Room, MUSC 335) "Practice: Informed, Intelligent, Enjoyable."
10:15 -11:05	<b>Dr. Miroslava Panayotova</b> (Choir Room, MUSC 335) "Mastering Memorization: From Spontaneity through Strategy to Internalization"
11:10 – 12:00	<b>Shiloh Jones</b> (Choir Room, MUSC 335) "Game Changers: Engaging Games and Activities for Piano Students"
12:00 – 1:30	<b>LUNCH and ASMTA Board Meeting</b> (MUSC 115)
1:35 - 2:30	<b>Dr. Carla Davis Cash</b> (Choir Room, MUSC 335) "The Motion of Sound: A Biomechanical Examination of Pianistic Movement"
2:35 – 3:30	<b>Dr. Scott Carrell</b> (Choir Room, MUSC 335) "STEALING TIME...AND GETTING AWAY WITH IT"
3:30 – 4:20	<b>Independent Music Teachers Forum</b> (Choir Room, MUSC 335)
4:25 – 4:50	<b>Dr. Mark Olivieri, 2025-26 ASMTA      Commissioned Composer 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)

4:50 - 5:20	<b>Collegiate Member Meeting</b> (Choir Room, MUSC 335)
5:40 - 7:00	<b>Conference Banquet</b> (Event Space Main Room, David W. Mullins Library, 365 N. McIlroy Avenue)
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, MUSC 335) “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> (Choir Room, MUSC 335) “Piano Four-Hands music from Japan”
10:00 – 12:00	<b>ASMTA Auditions</b> (Fine Arts Building and Billingsley Music Building) MUSC 110 - Levels A and B MUSC 206 - Levels 1 and 2 MUSC 237 - Levels 3 and 4 MUSC 321 - Levels 5 and 7 MUSC 355 - Levels 8 and 9 SBSCH - Levels 6 and 10
11:00-11:30 11:30-12:00	* <b>Breakout Session for Parents and Teachers:</b> “Effective Practicing: How to support your child’s music education” - presented by Christine Franklin
12:00-1:00	<b>LUNCH BREAK</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</b> (Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall)