



## 2012 GMTA Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 2, 2012

3:00 p.m.

Glenn Auditorium  
Clegg Fine Arts Building  
Young Harris College  
Young Harris, Georgia

- I. **Call to Order: Keith DeFoor, GMTA President**
- II. **Greetings from MTNA Southern Division Director Martha Thomas**
- III. **Annual Business Meeting of the Association: Keith DeFoor, presiding**
  - A. Approval of Minutes of 2011 Annual Business Meeting  
*motion: G. Cagle, 2nd: M. Thomas*
  - B. Approval of Financial Report  
*motion: S. Tusing, 2nd: R. Engleman*
  - C. President's Report: Keith DeFoor

*The past year has been very productive for the Georgia Music Teachers Association.*

*In January, GMTA was represented terrifically at the MTNA Southern Division Meeting and Competitions at Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi. At the Southern Division Competition, GMTA had four winners, one alternate, and four honorable mentions. Lauren Goldfuss, student of Dian Lawler-Johnson, was the winner in the Senior Voice Performance Competition. Richard Wan and Eric Wan, students of Lois Finlay, were the winners in the Senior Piano Duet Performance Competition. David McLemore, student of David Zerkel, was the winner in the Young Artist Brass Performance Competition. Richard Smagur III, student of Yuell Chandler, was the winner of the Young Artist Voice Performance Competition. The winners traveled to New York in March to compete in the MTNA Performance Competition Finals, which were held in conjunction with the MTNA Conference. GMTA had two national winners! David McLemore was the winner of the MTNA Young Artist Brass Competition, and Richard Smagur III was the winner of the MTNA Young Artist Voice Competition.*

*In March, the 2012 MTNA Conference in New York was attended by many GMTA members. It was a wonderful conference which featured great sessions and recitals. The 2013 MTNA Conference will be at the Disneyland Hotel at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California. I hope many of our GMTA members will attend this wonderful opportunity for professional growth and personal enrichment.*

*The GMTA Auditions were held April 20 and 21 at Columbus State University under the supervision of Vice President for GMTA Auditions Rebekah Jones. There were a total of 527 students and 161 teachers participating in the Auditions. Participants included 461 students and 131 teachers in Pre-College Piano, 11 students and 7 teachers in High School Piano Concerto, 23 students and 8 teachers in College Piano, 8 students and 2 teachers in High School and College Voice, 16 students and 7 teachers in K-College Strings, 3 students and 1 teacher in Brass and Woodwinds, and 5 students and 5 teachers in Instrumental Concerto. GMTA Theory Achievement Testing continues to grow under the leadership of Jason Bennett. In 2011-2012, 299 students took theory tests, an increase of 17% from the previous year. Also, 71 teachers entered students in the GMTA Achievement Testing Program, an increase of 20% from the previous year. GMTA thanks Ron Wirt and Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University for hosting our 2012 GMTA Auditions.*

*During the past year, the Ad Hoc Committee on GMTA Auditions continued its work to consider our growing GMTA Auditions and make recommendations regarding the structure of this GMTA program, which is the face of GMTA to so many students and families. The members of the Ad Hoc Committee on GMTA Auditions were Rebekah Jones (Chair), Jan Adams, Glen Eckman, Kevin Hampton, George Mann, Jason Bennett (Theory Advisor), and Dawn McCord (Ex Officio). In March, the Committee presented to the Finance/Advisory Committee a proposal to implement a Regional level between the Local and State levels of the GMTA Auditions and to implement a required theory component for Pre-College Piano Students. The Finance/Advisory Committee approved this proposal. Subsequently, this proposal was approved by the GMTA Executive Board at its April meeting. Tremendous amounts of thought, discussion, reflection, and work have been invested into this most important initiative by the members of the Committee and many other Association members. Thank you to Rebekah Jones and her Committee for leading this restructuring of the GMTA Auditions in such a productive manner. Students and families will be served well for years to come as a result of this endeavor.*

*The GMTA/MTNA Performance Competitions were held this week at Young Harris College under the supervision of Lyle Indergaard, VP/Competitions. There were 67 solo entrants, 2 Senior Piano duet entrants and 5 chamber ensembles in the Performance Competitions.*

*The GMTA/MTNA Composition Competitions were administered by Russell Brown. This year, Georgia had 6 entrants in the Composition Competitions.*

*From the GMTA/MTNA Competitions, 10 solo winners, 1 piano duet, and 2 chamber ensemble, and 3 composition winners will represent GMTA in the MTNA Southern Division Competitions in January 2013 at University of North Carolina at Greensboro in Greensboro, North Carolina.*

*The GMTA Facebook page, published in April 2011, continues to be an important social media presence for our Association. Our Facebook page has 165 "likes", generates a large amount of traffic, and remains a very healthy manner to promote GMTA.*

*Our refreshed GMTA logo, accomplished in 2011, continues to receive rave reviews. In addition to the clearer more precise lines of the refreshed logo, the color, black and white, and monochromatic silver versions of the logo make it adaptable for all manners of usage.*

*The updated GMTA web site, which was also accomplished in 2011, continues to be extremely well received. Our Association benefits from the web site's updated look to all the pages and menus, the reorganization of content that*

*makes accessibility easier, the Paypal feature for GMTA donations, advertisements, and conference registration, the new photos for the homepage slideshow, and the link to our Facebook page.*

*As of October 15, 2012, GMTA has 683 members; the number of professional and senior members is 661; number of student members is 22; number of certified members is 111. The number of registrants for our 2012 conference is 147.*

*As of October 15, 2012, GMTA's bank balance is \$28,055.56; the amount in GMTA's reserve fund is \$54,466.86; the amount in our Composition Award Fund is \$7,613.71; the amount in the Broadhurst Award Fund is \$12,418.13; and the amount in the GMTA Award Fund is \$10,508.97.*

*Again, I hope you are enjoying your time at the 2012 GMTA Conference. We have 147 registrations this year. An undertaking such as a state conference requires the effort of many individuals. Thank you to the following people for making the 2012 GMTA Conference a success.*

- Young Harris College President Cathy Cox, and the President's Leadership Council--Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration David Leopard, Vice President for Academic Affairs Gary Myers, Vice President for Advancement Jay Stroman, Vice President for Technology Kenneth Faneuff, and Vice President for Enrollment Management Clint Hobbs-, Vice President for Student Development Angi Smith, Director of Athletics Randy Dunn, Vice President for Business and Controller Wade Benson, and Vice President for Planning and Assessment Rosemary Royston--for their tremendous support of our conference*
- The Young Harris Dean of the Division of Fine Arts Ted Whisenhunt, Chair of the Department of Music Sandy Calloway, and Chair of the Department of Theatre Chris Crawford for facilitating our conference*
- The faculty members of the Young Harris College Departments of Music and Theatre for the accommodations they have made for our conference*
- Jim Rauski and the Sodexo Maintenance, Grounds, and Housekeeping Staff for providing pristine grounds and facilities*
- Stuart Miller and the Young Harris College Residence Life Staff for hosting our lunch today in Enotah Hall*
- Sharon Stanton and the Young Harris College Recreation Center Staff for hosting our banquet tonight*
- Cortnie Turnberger and the catering staff of the Young Harris College Dining Hall for providing breakfast, lunch, and dinner for us today*
- The Young Harris College Police for assisting us with parking, taxiing service, and keeping us safe*
- Jonathan Brock and the Young Harris College Bookstore for providing us with a 15% discount and for even being open tomorrow morning for us*
- Young Harris College Administrative Assistant to the Office of Academic Affairs Karen Williams and Young Harris College Administrative Assistant to the Division of Fine Arts Denise Murphy for their tireless efforts in support of our conference*
- Our conference headliners, pedagogue Sam Holland, pianist Alexander Kobrin, commissioned composer Melinda Clark, and duo-organists Ray and Beth Chenault for elevating our conference with their magnificent contributions*
- Maestro Fyodor Cherniavsky, Executive Director Richard Rogers, and the DeKalb Symphony Orchestra for an outstanding concert with our GMTA Student Concerto Winners*
- Cindy DeFoor and the Young Harris College MTNA/GMTA Collegiate Chapter for providing hospitality for the GMTA/MTNA Competitions and the Conference*
- Opus Music for providing our goody bags*

- *Mercier Orchards for donating 28 gallons of apple cider and 250 apples for our conference hospitality and goody bags*
- *The Holiday Inn Express--Hiawassee for serving as our host hotel*
- *David D'Ambrosio, VP/Conference Program, for the many, many hours he has spent in planning and implementing this conference*
- *Donna Trivette, our GMTA Executive Director and conference registrar, for her usual strong service in managing a myriad of details and tasks regarding our conference*
- *Natalie Hardy, Conference Photographer, for visually documenting our conference*
- *The many "Georgia's Own" members who presented at our conference sessions and to the many members who served as presidors during these sessions*
- *Chris Syllaba and Steinway Piano Galleries for providing the Steinway Piano Galleries Educator Grants*
- *Don Bennett of Piano Works for contributing an artist bench/European-style hydraulics bench for the MTNA Foundation Fund drawing*
- *Lyle Indergaard, VP/MTNA Competitions and Rebekah Jones, VP/GMTA Auditions for their untiring service this week*
- *Ashley Craig-Diaz, MTNA Foundation Chair, and Susan Tusing, GMTA Awards Funds Chair, for organizing and implementing outstanding raffles*
- *The students, faculty, and staff of Young Harris College for giving up 99 parking spaces during our conference*

*Thank you for all you do to make GMTA the outstanding organization it is. I am proud to be a member of such an outstanding Association, and it has been one of the great honors and privileges of my life to have served as president for the past two years. Thank you for the enormously strong encouragement and support you have given me. I am particularly indebted to the outstanding GMTA officers, chairs, and local association presidents with whom I have served. Their work and sacrifice have made all the difference in moving our association forward. Our Association is very strong, and I look forward to the future as we together continue to advance our beloved Georgia Music Teachers Association.*

D. Election of 2012-2014 GMTA Officers  
*motion: B. White, unanimous approval*

E. Announcements

#### **IV. 2012 GMTA Commissioned Composition**

Commissioned Work Performance  
Melinda Lee Clark, Composer  
Raymond and Elizabeth Chenault, Organ Duo

An American Suite for Duo-Organ  
(Two Performers, One Console)  
I. "On the Road"  
II. "Appalachian Air"  
III. "Two to Tango"  
IV. "Carnival Toccata"

Melinda Lee Clark

#### **V. Adjournment**

*motion: C. Hutton, 2nd: J. Klein*