

GMTA 2026 Conference Schedule

Time	Title	Presenter	Presider	Room	Building
5-Nov Thursday					
12:00 - 5:30	Registration, Raffle Items, Awards Table			West Wing Grand Foyer	Powell Hall
	Exhibits			West Wing Upstairs	Powell Hall
	Hospitality			West Wing Upstairs	Powell Hall
12:30 - 1:05	Beyond "Oom-Pah-Pah": Exploring Ananda Sukarlan's Cross-Cultural Piano Waltzes	Karen Yong	Kayla Strickland	Recital Hall	Powell Hall
	Reframing Piano Pedagogy: Teacher as Coach	Pam Asberry	Kevin Juarez	Room 2014	Powell Hall
1:05 - 1:20	Registration, Raffle Items, Awards Table, Exhibits, Hospitality			West Wing	Powell Hall
1:20 - 1:55	Teaching Collaboration: Training Pianists Beyond Solo Playing	Hannah Shinholster	Alex Wasserman	Recital Hall	Powell Hall
	Beyond the Notes: Teaching with Comprehensive Musicianship through Performance in the Studio	Dustin Burgess	Karen Zgonc	Room 2014	Powell Hall
1:55 - 2:10	Registration, Raffle Items, Awards Table, Exhibits, Hospitality			West Wing	Powell Hall
2:10 - 2:45	A Night at the Movies: Carlisle Floyd's Sonata for Piano	David Murray	Hannah Shinholster	Recital Hall	Powell Hall
	Musicians Mean Business: Exploring the Business Aspect of the Music Industry	Kevin Juarez	Dustin Burgess	Room 2014	Powell Hall
2:45 - 3:00	Registration, Raffle Items, Awards Table, Exhibits, Hospitality			West Wing	Powell Hall
3:00 - 3:35	The Architecture of Tenacity: A Neuromechanical Audit of Performance Reliability	Alex Wasserman	David Murray	Recital Hall	Powell Hall
	Practice Without Power Struggles: A Systems Approach to Reducing Family Conflict	Karen Zgonc	Pam Asberry	Room 2014	Powell Hall
3:35 - 3:50	Registration, Raffle Items, Awards Table, Exhibits, Hospitality			West Wing	Powell Hall
3:50 - 5:15	Pedagogy Headliner: Developing Strong Readers at the Piano, From Decoding to Fluency	Sara Ernst	Josh Pifer	Recital Hall	Powell Hall
5:15 - 5:30	Registration, Raffle Items, Awards Table, Exhibits, Hospitality			West Wing	Powell Hall
5:30 - 6:00	GMTA/MTNA Competition Winners Recital, Student Awards	Student Winners	Esther Park	Recital Hall	Powell Hall
6:00 - 8:00	Dinner on your own				
8:00 - 9:00	GMTA Concerto Winners Performance / VSU Host Recital	Student Winners	Kristi Helfen	Recital Hall	Powell Hall
6-Nov Friday					
8:30 - 5:00	Registration, Raffle Items, Awards Table			West Wing Grand Foyer	Powell Hall
	Exhibits			West Wing Upstairs	Powell Hall
	Hospitality			West Wing Upstairs	Powell Hall
9:00 - 10:30	Pedagogy Headliner: Repertoire Split Session	Sara Ernst	Josh Pifer	Recital Hall	Powell Hall
10:30 - 10:45	Registration, Raffle Items, Awards Table, Exhibits, Hospitality			West Wing	Powell Hall
10:45 - 11:20	"Get Your Head in the Game!": A Cognitive Approach to the Music Recital	Brenna Pursley	Karen Yong	Recital Hall	Powell Hall
	Panel Discussion - Neurodivergent Learners	Debra Hughes	Elena Dorozhkina	Room 2014	Powell Hall
11:20 - 11:35	Registration, Raffle Items, Awards Table, Exhibits, Hospitality			West Wing	Powell Hall
11:35 - 12:10	Implicit Grammar and Instinctive Musicality	Emely Phelps	Brenna Pursley	Recital Hall	Powell Hall

	Social Emotional Learning in the Private Music Studio	Melissa Slocum	Debra Hughes	Room 2014	Powell Hall
12:10 - 1:30	Lunch: Collegiate, Other, On your own			Palms Dining Hall	Palms Dining Hall
1:30 - 2:30	Pedagogy Headliner: Creative Engagement for the Modern Studio with Piano Inspires Kids	Sara Ernst	Josh Pifer	Recital Hall	Powell Hall
2:30 - 2:50	Registration, Raffle Items, Awards Table, Exhibits, Hospitality			West Wing	Powell Hall
2:50 - 3:25	Introducing Students to Chamber Music	Kayla Strickland	Melissa Slocum	Recital Hall	Powell Hall
	Extended Techniques for Piano: History, Practice, and Notation	Eva Panagou	Jet Stephens Chong	Room 2014	Powell Hall
3:25 - 3:40	Registration, Raffle Items, Awards Table, Exhibits, Hospitality			West Wing	Powell Hall
3:40 - 4:00	Business Meeting	Kristi Helfen		Recital Hall	Powell Hall
4:00 - 4:30	Commissioned Composer Session	Jack Ballard	Martin Jones	Recital Hall	Powell Hall
4:30 - 4:45	Registration, Raffle Items, Awards Table, Exhibits, Hospitality			West Wing	Powell Hall
4:45 - 5:15	Collegiate Auditions Winners Recital	Student Winners	Kristi Helfen	Recital Hall	Powell Hall
6:00 - 7:30	Banquet (ticketed)			UC Cypress Room	University Center
8:00 - 9:30	Conference Headliner Recital	Antoinette Perry	Josh Pifer	Recital Hall	Powell Hall
9:30 - 10:00	Reception and Desserts			West Wing Grand Foyer	Powell Hall
7-Nov	Saturday				
8:30 - 12:45	Registration, Raffle Items, Awards Table, Exhibits, Hospitality			West Wing	Powell Hall
8:30 - 9:00	Executive Board Meeting	Jeri-Mae Astolfi		Room 2014	Powell Hall
9:10 - 9:45	Beyond the Damper: The Art and Precision of Finger Pedaling	Elena Dorozhkina	Emely Phelps	Recital Hall	Powell Hall
	Beyond the Three Bs: Amy Beach and Ernest Bloch in the American Piano Studio	Jet Stephens Chong	Eva Panagou	Room 2014	Powell Hall
9:45 - 10:00	Registration, Raffle Items, Awards Table, Exhibits, Hospitality			West Wing	Powell Hall
10:00 - 12:00	Masterclass	Antoinette Perry	Kristi Helfen	Recital Hall	Powell Hall
12:00 - 12:15	Registration, Raffle Items, Awards Table, Exhibits, Hospitality			West Wing	Powell Hall
12:15 - 1:30	GMTA Pre-College Audition Winners Recital	Student Winners	Kristi Helfen	Recital Hall	Powell Hall