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WINTER 1978 OUR 25TH YEAR

SPRING AUDITIONS TO BE HELD APRIL 21 & 22 IN MACON

Sue Morris

Wesleyan College in Macon will again be the scene of GMTA Spring Auditions. They will take place on Friday, April 21st and Saturday, April 22nd, 1978. Sue Morris is GMTA State Auditions Chairman.

The Concerto Competition will be held in the spring beginning in 1978. Chairman Marian Gordon will receive your applications and inform you as to the day and time of your performance. The deadline for these applications will be April 1, 1978. It is planned to have the winner of the Concerto Competition play with an orchestra at the Fall GMTA Convention

Because of the demand for more judges in the Fall Auditions, the fee for the Spring Auditions will be raised to $5.00 per student. The Teacher's fee of $4.00 will remain the same.

Remember that local chapters are to hold local auditions before sending students to the Macon auditions in Elementary, Junior and High School divisions. These auditions must be held before April 1st, the deadline for submitting applications to the appropriate division chairmen. If you are at all confused as to the requirements in your division, contact that division's auditions chairman, who is listed on the back of the Newsletter.

Those high school piano students who are selected from the Spring Auditions for competition in the GMTA Fall Auditions will be expected to play the required Concerto - WITH MUSIC - in the Fall Auditions. No teacher or parent will be allowed to accompany his/her student.

SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING AND AUDITIONS FEBRUARY 2 - 4

The Southern Division Auditions and Officers Workshop will be held at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, February 2-4, 1978. The Conference Hotel is the Holiday Inn Rivermont, located at I-71 and Zorn Avenue.

The Conference will include the division auditions; meetings of the executive board of the division; an illustrated lecture on the 1979 required high school piano concerto by Lucien Stark, University of Kentucky; and a recital by Ray Dudley, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, using a replica of a Stein fortepiano and an 1828 Broadwood piano.

Program Chairman is Elizabeth Hamner, Southern Division Vice-President, from the University of Alabama. Auditions Chairmen are Sandra Polanski, Precollege, and Bert L. Wiley, College.

Georgia will be sending participants in the High School Piano, Strings and Woodwind Divisions; and in the College Piano, Strings, Woodwind and Voice Divisions. These GMTA winners will compete with students from the nine southeastern states.

All GMTA members and guests are cordially invited to attend the executive board dinner on February 2nd and all other functions of the conference. Most events will take place in Cooke Hall (School of Church Music Building).

January 31 Application Deadline

CERTIFICATION AVAILABLE IN ALL AREAS

Certification is now available to GMTA members in all applied areas of music as well as subject areas such as: conducting, composition, theory, music literature, musicology, music therapy, church music, music education, etc.

The purpose of the Certification program is to promote recognition of music teaching as a profession. A DIRECTORY OF CERTIFIED TEACHERS in Georgia has been published and is being distributed throughout the state in music stores, public libraries, chambers of commerce, etc. This will be done each summer to inform the public of the teachers in their locality who are certified.

All applications for 1978 must be received by January 31. For information and applications for all areas *other* than piano write:

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. . . was a tremendous success, thanks to the large number of people in places of responsibility who made plans and then spent many hours in seeing these plans carried through with great expertise. Two hundred and nine registered for the Thursday - Friday sessions and many more came Saturday for the Audition Day. You will enjoy the convention pictures on page 5.

THE 1977-78 DIRECTORY . . .

. . . is in the mail. It contains complete information on GMTA'S administrative structure, our various programs and projects, and membership data including chapter affiliation, addresses, phone numbers and musical areas. Accolades to Natalie Kruger and the local chapters for their assistance in selling advertising.

SCHEDULED EMPHASIS FOR 1978 . . .

. . . CERTIFICATION is now available in all areas of applied music and music subject areas. Deadline for application for this year - January 31.

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. . . THE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION will complete the membership contributions segment of its campaign in April. We encourage every member of GMTA to make a tax-exempt contribution of $10.00 to this worthy project. Several special events are scheduled around the state to benefit our drive. The honor roll of Georgia Music Teachers who have contributed at this time is on page 4. Be sure your name appears on this list when we publish the next one this Spring.

. . .AUDITIONS will be April 21-22. Please note that the CONCERTO COMPETITION will be held at this time and the winner will appear in concert with orchestra at our fall convention.

. . . MEMBERSHIP continues to rise as shown in the following record:

January 1976 - 419 members
January 1977 - 454 members
January 1978 - 555 members

Our goal is 625 members at the close of our November 1978 convention. This will represent a twenty-five per cent increase over November 1977.

AS WE APPROACH THE NEW YEAR . . .

. . . I wish to personally thank each of you who have contributed to the success GMTA has enjoyed during the past year. We will all want to put forth our best effort in 1978 — GMTA'S TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR!

GMTA NATIONAL WINNER TO PERFORM IN STATE

Robert McDuffie, violinist, will be soloist with the newly formed Middle Georgia Symphony at the orchestra's premier concert on Sunday afternoon, January 29, 1978, in the Grand Opera House in Macon. He will perform the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto.

Conductor of the orchestra is Harry Kruger. Conductor of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra. Orchestra members represent such middle Georgia communities as Columbus, Macon, Warner Robins, Albany and Thomaston.

Mr. McDuffie, a former student of H. Tordasi Schwartzenberger in Macon, was the MTNA National High School String winner in 1975. He is at present a sophomore scholarship student at Juilliard where he studies with Dorothy Delay.

He has been selected in a competition to solo with the St. Louis Symphony later this year. He will perform the Paganini D Major Concerto. For the entire month of March he will be touring with the Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra throughout eastern Europe as concertmaster and soloist, under the management of Columbia Artists. This tour is sponsored by the state department.

He is also scheduled to solo with the Philadelphia Chamber Orchestra in the Tchaikovsky Concerto in the spring. He will appear in recital in Cincinnati later this year.

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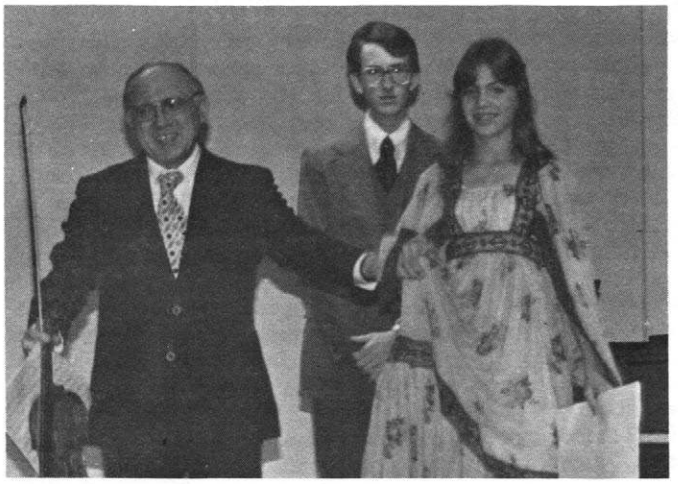

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2nd Place - Clara Park
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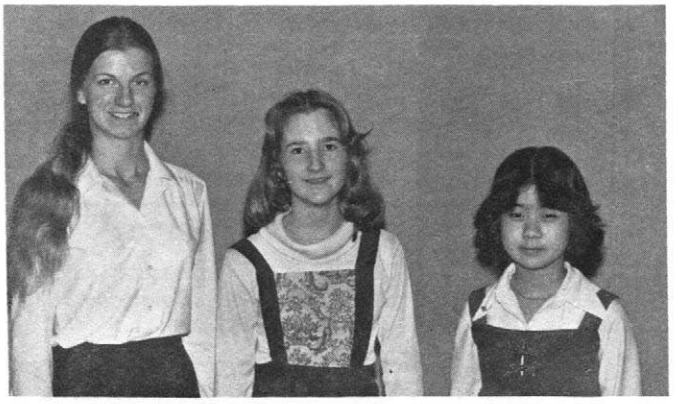
3rd Place - Julie Davis
Teacher - Mary Ann Knight Chapter-Rome



Denise Parr, Ellen Spencer, Sandy Jun

3rd Place - Jackie Lea
Teacher - Jane Douglas Chapter-Athens

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1st Place - Vivian Ueng
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1st Place - Jill Goldman (Flute)
Teacher - Natalie Kruger Chapter-Columbus

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BALDWIN COMPETITION

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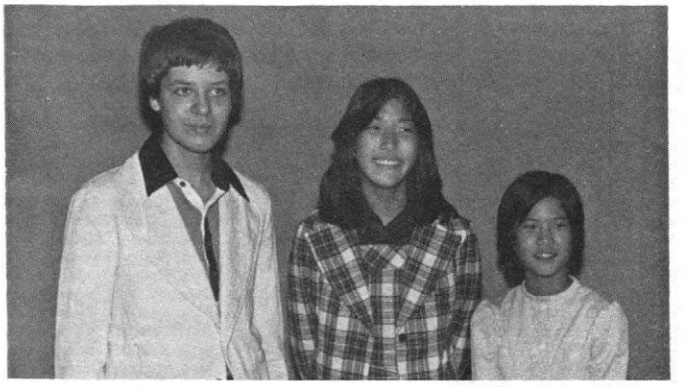

Chris Sarzen, Vivian Ueng, Andrea Su

Honorable Mention - Edward Zilberkant
Teacher - Betty Nolting Chapter-Atlanta

Jill Goldman, Dane Whipkey, Deena Allison

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION PIANO

1st Place - Christopher Sarzen
Teacher - Betty Nolting Chapter-Atlanta

2nd Place - Kimberly Ann Davis
Teacher - Ila Berenson Chapter-Columbus

3rd Place - Joe Mercuri
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HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION STRING

1st Place - Anna Kruger (Viola)
Teacher - Henry Barrett, University of Ala.

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION WOODWIND

1st Place - Deena Allison (Flute)
Teacher - Louise Pinkow Chapter-Athens

Alternate - Pam Carden (Flute)
Teacher - Natalie Kruger Chapter-Columbus

COMPOSITION COMPETITION

H. School Winner - Kimberly Gandy (Valdosta)
Teacher - John Huxford Chapter-Macon

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SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION BENEFITS SCHEDULED

The Continuing Contribution Drive for membership support of the National Scholarship Foundation will end at the Chicago convention in April. The good is to have 51% of the MTNA members contributing a minimum of ten dollars each. Georgia is currently in second place in the Southern Division with 13.51% of our members contributing. Virginia, with 12.73% is a close third.

We are anxious to have every GMTA member participate in this worthy project. All of our local chapters have been asked to plan some activity before March 15th to benefit this Foundation.

The members of the SOUTH METRO Chapter voted that each member would donate the cost of one lesson fee. The SAVANNAH Chapter will present Tom O'Brien in a benefit recital January 22nd. The ROME Chapter will present a benefit recital March 12th with several of its members performing.

All donations of $10.00 will count toward our percentile. Mail your tax deductible donation today to:

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Requirements are: one movement of a standard concerto to be played by memory. The first place winner will receive $200.00 given by the Pilant Music Center of Memphis, and the opportunity in April to play the winning movement with the Memphis State University Orchestra, Robert Griffith conducting.

The second place award is $100.00 given by GMMTA. The J. Paul Stalls Award of $50.00 will be presented to the third place winner. Application forms and the non-refundable $10.00 entrance fee must be submitted no later than February 4th. Requests for the application forms or information may be addressed to:

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1st Alt. - Beverly Beren
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CONCERTO COMPETITION

Winner - Ellen Spencer
Teacher - Dorothy Murray Chapter-Savannah

Honorable Mention - LuAnn McKee
Teacher - Larry Belt

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COLLEGE DIVISION PIANO

1st Place - Denise Parr
Teacher - Despy Karlas, University of Ga.

COLLEGE DIVISION STRING

1st Place - Lauren Smith (Violin)
Teacher - Andrew Galos, Columbus College

Alternate - Billy Farmer (Violin)
Teacher - Andrew Galos, Columbus College

COLLEGE DIVISION WOODWIND

1st Place - Dane Whipkey (Saxophone)
Teacher - Kenneth Deans, University of Ga.

Alternate - Lisa Tant (Flute)
Teacher - Natalie Kruger, Columbus College

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Another publication which every member should have is the Auditions Handbook and 1977-78 Supplement. Notify Sue Morris if you need a copy. The GMTA Certification handbook for areas other than piano should be arriving soon. Contact the secretary of the committee in the area in which you wish to be certified if you have not received your handbook or wish information on certification.

Also, if you are not receiving the AMERICAN MUSIC TEACHER, which is MTNA's publication, please let me or Rex Whiddon know, and we will try to chase down the reason and rectify the situation.

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. . . Natalie Kruger

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