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2010 GMTA CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 4-6 | AUGUSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

AGUSTA, GA

BY DAWN HARMON MCCORD

What a great conference is planned for the fall. Edith Sweatman and Dawn McCord met Martin Jones on the campus of Augusta State University in March in preparation for the 2010 Conference, Nov. 4-6. Nelita True is scheduled to present pedagogy sessions. True, Eastman University, is featured in a series of four videos, "Nelita True at Eastman," featuring her performances, lectures, and teaching. These videos are currently being seen on five continents. She has been the subject of feature articles in *Clavier*, *Piano Today*, *The European Piano Teachers' Journal*, and was the subject of the cover story of *Keyboard Companion*. An interview with Ms. True appears in the latest edition of James Bastien's "How to Teach Piano Successfully," along with interviews with the legendary Rosina Lhevinne and Adele Marcus. She is also known for her performances. Her sessions will include performances modeling optimum technique and musicianship. Julian Martin of Julliard is our performance and master class headliner. Martin is a member of the original selection committee for the Gilmore Foundation (Kalamazoo), founder and artistic director of International Piano Festival of Gijón (Asturias, Spain), regular guest faculty member at the Glenn Gould Professional School (Toronto), and the Banff Centre, Bowdoin Summer Music Festival. Martin is well known for his successful master classes given in Argentina, Colombia, England, Germany, Israel, Japan,

Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, and Venezuela. He was formerly on the faculty of Oberlin Conservatory, 1982-87, and the Peabody Institute, 1987-2002.

Lee Johnson is our commissioned composer this year and his work will be premiered during the General Meeting. With great GMTA pride, we will feature Mary Ann and Bill Knight, 2010 MTNA Teachers of the Year. They will open the conference and share their illustrious career so that we might follow in their footsteps. This year will have a greater number of sessions to choose from including repertoire, performance and performance practice, studio management, piano and voice pedagogy, and guidance in preparing for the GMTA Theory Examination. Repertoire related sessions include the music of Schumann, Chopin, Couperin, C. P. E. Bach, Britten and the genre of impromptu, mazurkas and nocturnes. A session on piano methods for the preschool learner will highlight an area that is growing in popularity. A professional piano tuner will enlighten us to the issues that impact our teaching effectiveness. A humorous look at daily studio experiences and how problems can be addressed or solved will be shared. Some of our studios are using website effectively in our daily work. A survey of good web practices will be discussed. In celebration of our collegial organization, there will be drawings for \$50. All *(continued on page 4)*



FROM THE PRESIDENT

EDITH SWEATMAN
PRESIDENT | GMTA

Since our last Newsletter, these have been busy months indeed! Southern Division, MTNA Conference, GMTA Auditions and all of the end-of-year activities make this a very busy semester for all of us. These events are exciting, and GMTA can be very proud of Georgia as a state of musical excellence! We salute our students and teachers for all of your accomplishments through our GMTA/MTNA sponsored endeavors. Congratulations!

COMPETITIONS

GMTA was represented well at all levels of MTNA Competitions, and we congratulate all of our students and teachers for your accomplishments this year.

State Level: GMTA had 13 solo winners, 1 duet winner, 4 composition winners and 1 chamber ensemble that progressed to the MTNA Southern Division Competitions.

Southern Division Competitions: These were held at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama in January 2010. Our Georgia results: 1 winner in the composition competition; 2 winners, 3 alternates and 1 honorable mention in the performance competitions.

MTNA National Competitions: These were held at the MTNA National Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and we congratulate the following: Barret Ham, Jr. Woodwinds, student of Montgomery Cole; Coraine Tate, Sr. Voice, student of Earl Coleman (placed 2nd); Jing Yang, Young Artist Strings, student of Sergiu Schwartz (placed 2nd). An all inclusive list of GMTA, Southern Division and National winners from Georgia are posted on our web site.

MTNA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Albuquerque, New Mexico was the site for this year's MTNA Conference. What a great conference with exciting sessions, recitals, master classes and exhibits! 1400 MTNA members gathered for this conference with a good representation from Georgia. Plan now to attend next year's conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin!

GMTA AUDITIONS

Thanks go to Rebekah Jones and her staff for all of their excellent work preparing and running the GMTA Auditions at Kennesaw State University. Much work goes in to the preparation of these auditions, and we are grateful for those who made the auditions such a success. A special thanks to David Watkins at Kennesaw for his assistance with the auditions! We appreciate the generosity

of the music department for allowing us to have these auditions on this fine campus.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS

William and Mary Ann Knight: Recipients of the 2010 MTNA Teachers of the Year

Martha Thomas: Southern Division Director-Elect for 2010-2012

GMTA CONFERENCE

The dates: November 4-6

The place: Augusta State University, Augusta

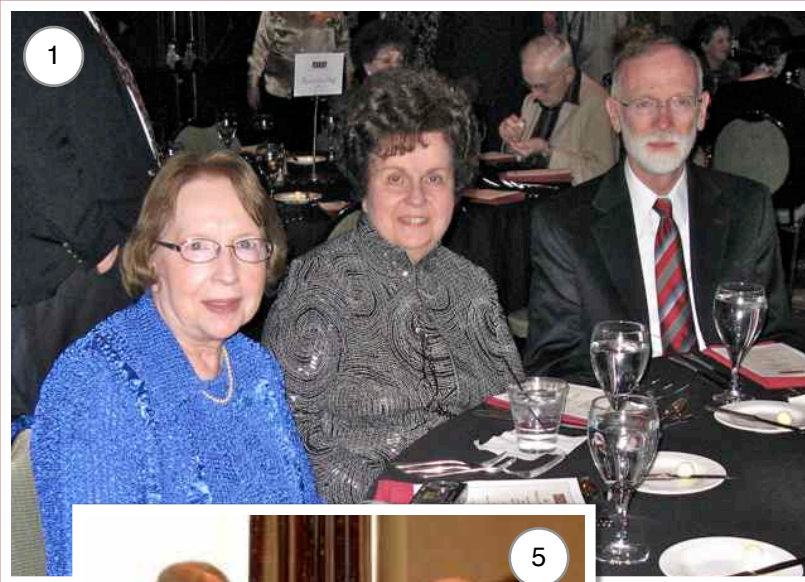
Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find more information regarding this year's conference. Dawn McCord has spent many hours putting together a great three days! You do not want to miss it! (MTNA/GMTA Competitions will also be held at Augusta State University—November 1-4.) Registration forms are available on our web site as well as other conference information.

GMTA WEB SITE

Our GMTA web site continues to be updated and provides information regarding student activities, calendar, conference, newsletters and so much more. Visit it often! (www.georgiamta.org) The MTNA web site (www.mtna.org) offers a wealth of information which is an invaluable tool for music educators.

Thank you all for your work as teachers and as members of GMTA. If I can be of any assistance to you, or if you have suggestions or concerns, always feel free to contact me. (ejis@sweatman.us) Have an enjoyable and relaxing summer!





1. AURELIA CAMPBELL WITH NANCY AND JOHN EDISON AT THE MTNA BANQUET

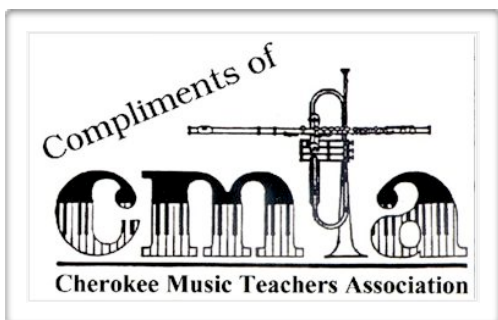
2. KEITH DEFOOR AND MARTHA THOMAS AT THE MTNA BANQUET

3. WILLIAM AND MARY KNIGHT AT THE MTNA BANQUET WITH AURELIA CAMPBELL AND EDITH SWEATMAN

4. MARTHA THOMAS AND EDITH SWEATMAN WITH GARY INGLE AND MTNA PRESIDENT ANN GIPSON

5. WILLIAM AND MARY KNIGHT BEING PRESENTED THE MTNA TEACHERS OF THE YEAR BY MTNA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GARY INGLE.

(GMTA conference continued) registrants will automatically be entered and the \$50 might be yours if you are present for the drawings. The use of Presiders at the sessions was well received in 2009 and a big help to the Presenters. If you are interested in being a presider who welcomes and assists the presenters, send an email to dmccord@westga.edu. All presiders must be registered for the conference. Along with great sessions, the chance to have social networking in our field is priceless. The conference will be an event that should have something for everyone. Plan to come and help a first time attendee feel welcome by giving a personal invitation. See you in Augusta.



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50 YEAR MEMBERS**GMTA Congratulates our newest 50 Year Members: Daisy Luckey Aukerman & Ann Jones**

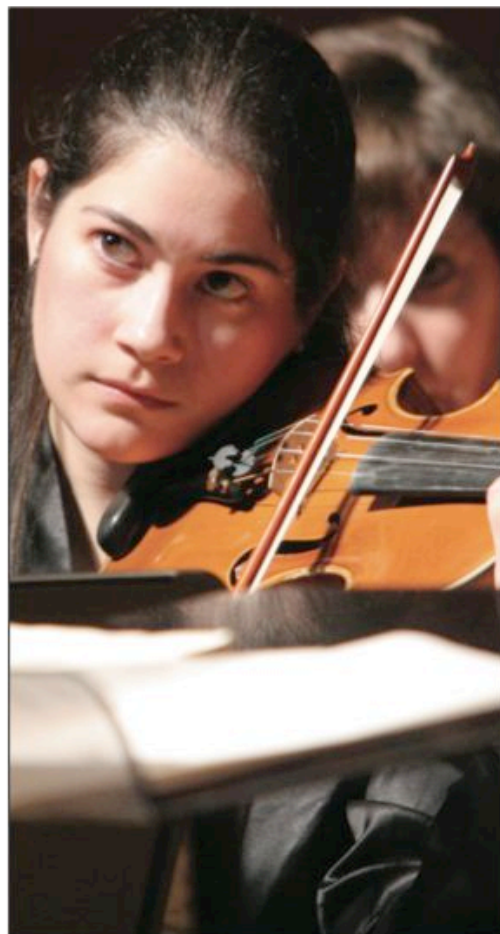
More information about these members is located on our GMTA web site under "Member Honors."

IN MEMORIAM**Despy Karlas**

Longtime GMTA/MTNA member Despy Karlas died on May 18, 2010 at her home in Athens. Despy was invited to join the faculty of the University of Georgia by Hugh Hodgson, the head of the UGA's newly formed department of music in 1946. Even after ending her formal teaching career in 1983, her legacy of contributions has included establishments of several funds at the university. She lived her life with all the poise, grace and energy that marked her piano performances, and she will be remembered as a demanding and inspiring teacher to many generations of students. For more than five decades, this diminutive pianist made a name for herself as a performer and teacher. GMTA sends its deepest sympathy to the family of Despy Karlas.

Vola Jacobs

Vola Jacobs, long-time member and former President of Augusta Music Teachers Association, died May 29, 2010 in Augusta. For over 60 years, Vola performed solo recitals and chamber music with other musicians both nationally and internationally. She taught generations of students at her home and served on the Augusta State University faculty for 28 years. Her late husband, Harry Jacobs, founded the Augusta Symphony Orchestra. GMTA sends its deepest regrets to the Jacobs family.



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Congratulations to all students and teachers who participated in the 2010 GMTA Auditions held at the Kennesaw State University School of Music in Kennesaw on April 16 and 17. There were a total of 545 participants including: 455 piano participants, 11 piano concerto participants, 42 strings participants, 7 instrumental concerto participants, 1 woodwind participant, 1 guitar participant and 28 vocal participants representing 179 teachers. We extend a special thanks to the Steinway Corporation for providing the Senior Cash Piano Award.

Note: All Conference Recitalists, Master Class Participants, Alternates and Senior Cash Award Winners are also Outstanding Performers.

PIANO DIVISION

Grade 4A: Jane Lester, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
Award: Conference Recitalist		
Richard Xie	Fred Hsiang	North Fulton
Award: 1st Alternate		
Kelsey Yao	Vera Soukhojak	North DeKalb
Award: 2nd Alternate		
Daniel Kim	Chung Park	North DeKalb
Award: Outstanding Performer		
Angela Zhang	Ping Xu	North Fulton
Award: Award of Excellence		
JoAnn Ahn	Young Joo Choi	North DeKalb
Alan Xu	Ping Xu	North Fulton
Irene Yu Wang	Serene Lee	North Fulton
Benjamin Chin	Anne Sun	Decatur
Award: Honorable Mention		
Lauren Claerbout	Portia Hawkins	North DeKalb
Joshua Li	Ping Xu	North Fulton
Daisy Zhou	Ping Xu	North Fulton
Ethan Widjaja	Jee Eun Wada	North Fulton
Janet Huang	Hwee Boon Ng	North Fulton
Grace Wei	Ping Xu	Decatur

Grade 4B: Jane Lester, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
Award: Conference Recitalist		
Brianna Hou	Anne Sun	Atlanta

Award: 1st Alternate

Melody Wang Edith Schiff Atlanta

Award: 2nd Alternate

Curtis Lin Janice Wong Gwinnett

Award: Outstanding Performer

Pierre Shi Joseph Hokayem Athens

Award: Award of Excellence

Paul Wang Patti Bennett Northeast Georgia

Sofia Han Inna Satunovsky South Metro

Award: Honorable Mention

Sara Du Ping Xu Atlanta

Caleb Sides Jean Mann Gwinnett

Ali Auffarth Sheryl L. Franklin Northeast GA

Abraham Crawford Jennifer Wilson Augusta

Grade 5A: Ashley Craig, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
Award: Conference Recitalist		
Julie Xiang	Ping Xu	North Fulton
Award: 1st Alternate		
Nathan Wu	Fred Hsiang	North Fulton
Award: 2nd Alternate		
Matthew Pinder	Rachel Oliver	Greater Marietta
Award: Outstanding Performer		
Klara Lou	Anne Sun	Decatur
Laura Zhang	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb
Award: Award of Excellence		
Shelby Kim	Chung Park	Greater Marietta
Nitheyaa Shree	Rwei Hao	North DeKalb
Bryan Wu	Anna Arshavkaya	Decatur
Ava Wei	Ping Xu	Decatur
Yaxuan Wang	Frances Yao	North DeKalb
Mary Xu	Anne Sun	Decatur
Award: Honorable Mention		
Nathan A. Smith	Rwei Hao	North DeKalb
Jason Yang	Fred Hsiang	North Fulton
Ashley Wang	Hwee Boon Ng	North Fulton
N.J. Thompson	Hwee Boon Ng	North Fulton
Evan Mi	Anne Sun	Decatur
Angela Yang	Anne Sun	Decatur
Rachel Liu	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb
Joy Hsieh	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb

Grade 5B: Ashley Craig, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
Award: Conference Recitalist		
Elynn Chang	Anne Sun	Atlanta

Award: 1st Alternate

Michael Chen Anne Sun Atlanta

Award: 2nd Alternate

Anthony Zhang Anne Sun Atlanta

Award: Outstanding Performer

Lauren Chen Jonathan Klein Athens

Award: Award of Excellence

Jessie Lie Anne Sun Atlanta

Linsey Chen Jonathan Klein Athens

George Liu Carolyn Goff Macon

Award: Honorable Mention

Michelle Liu Ping Xu Atlanta

Joie Zhou Inna Satunovsky South Metro

Yifan Liang Jeannine Morrison South Metro

Richard Jeng Stephanie Freeman Gwinnett

Eric Park Jean Mann Gwinnett

Kunho Kim Jonathan Klein Athens

Kaitlyn Vu Hyangbin Choi Augusta

Charles Tortorete Deidra Singleton Golden Isles

Grade 6A: Sue Moncrief, Chair

Student Teacher Association

Award: Conference Recitalist

Mia Patillo Ping-yun Hsu Cobb

Award: 1st Alternate

Richard Pei Ping Xu Decatur

Award: Outstanding Performer

Beth Huang Miao-Fen Lin North DeKalb

Kathryn Jian Keiko Ransom Decatur

Award: Award of Excellence

Jordan Tioe Hwee Boon Ng North DeKalb

Jennifer Zou Rwei Hao North DeKalb

Erica Raver M. Yamamoto Cobb

Jessica Li Ping Xu Decatur

Vivian Cheng Hwee Boon Ng North Fulton

Award: Honorable Mention

John Mori Irina Bogachek Greater Marietta

Aaron Ding Wen Zao Chen North DeKalb

Natsumi Obata Y. Yoshimura North DeKalb

Silvia Kim Young Hae Kim Decatur

Kevin Chen Hwee Boon Ng North Fulton

Belinda Jiang Ping Xu North Fulton

Connie Xiao Ping Xu North Fulton

Grade 6B: Sue Moncrief, Chair

Student Teacher Association

Award: Conference Recitalist

Sophie Pollock L. P. Milham Augusta

Award: 1st Alternate

David Zhao Janice Wong Gwinnett

Award: Outstanding Performer

Jasmine Kim Yoonah Oh Gwinnett

Tom Connerly Joseph Hokayem Athens

Award: Award of Excellence

Laura Street Nancy Elton Atlanta

Annie Su Anne Sun Atlanta

Zoe Tang Anne Sun Atlanta

Alayna Panlilio Nancy Allred South Metro

Award: Honorable Mention

Kevin Kwen Nancy Elton Atlanta

Patrick Ziegler Yumi Patterson Gwinnett

Robin Lee Hyangbin Choi Augusta

Jacob Friedman Naegeli Metcalf Savannah

Grade 7A: Misty Simmons, Chair

Student Teacher Association

Award: Conference Recitalist

Catherine Xie Ping Xu Decatur

Award: 1st Alternate

Joshua Shue Hwee Boon Ng North Fulton

Award: 2nd Alternate

Hyeri Bae Frances Yao North DeKalb

Award: Outstanding Performer

Galen Xiang Lois Finlay North DeKalb

Award: Award of Excellence

Hope Hong Hwee Boon Ng North DeKalb

Carter Culwell Jan Adams Western Georgia

Dain Song Lois Finlay North DeKalb

Justin Lee Lois Finlay North DeKalb

Eric Dong Fred Hsiang North Fulton

Rita Young Anne Sun Decatur

Award: Honorable Mention

Stepahnie Niu Irina Bogachek Greater Marietta

Grace Ann Houghton Jordan Hankey Greater Marietta

Daniel Li Ping Xu North Fulton

Kaliq Wang Jing-wei Chen North Fulton

Jason Wu Hwee Boon Ng North Fulton

Caroline Wu A. Arshavskaya Decatur

Grade 7B: Misty Simmons, Chair

Student Teacher Association

Award: Conference Recitalist

Matthew Chen Anne Sun Atlanta

Award: 1st Alternate

Ingrid Cai Ping Xu Atlanta

Award: Outstanding Performer

Tomislav Zabcic-Matic A. Sheludyakov Athens

Award: Award of Excellence

Luka Marinkovic Janice Broadhurst Atlanta

Aaron Holmes Jonathan Klein Athens

Award: Honorable Mention

Nina Yang Raisa Parmentier Atlanta

Paticia Lin Edith Schiff Atlanta

Timmy Huang Joseph Hokayem Athens

Jessica Ho Hyangbin Choi Augusta

Grade 8A: Tina Darden, Chair

<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Association</u>
Award: Conference Recitalist		
Nicholas Perry	Rachel Oliver	Greater Marietta
Award: 1st Alternate		
Kristie Liao	Inna Satunovsky	Coweta/Fayette
Award: Outstanding Performer		
Michael Dubuc	Davide Palmer	Cherokee
Award: Award of Excellence		
Dawn Andrews	Gayle Cann	North DeKalb
Katherine Ng	David Watkins	Cobb
Amanda Yee-Wei Liew	Hwee Boon Ng	North Fulton
Michael Wang	Fred Hsiang	North Fulton
Award: Honorable Mention		
Billy Matsumoto	Tony Winston	Greater Marietta
Jessica Ahn	Helen Ramsaur	Rome
Daniela Seong	Jan Adams	Western Georgia
Alisa Ligman	Wanda Hughes	Cherokee
Lianna Arah Kang	Hwee Boon Ng	North DeKalb
Dong Hyun Kwon	Frances Yao	North DeKalb
Camila Liao	Lynda Kenney	Decatur
Max Sandberg	A. Arshavskaya	Decatur
Timothy Sean Lai	Hwee Boon Ng	North Fulton
Jayne Wang	Ping Xu	North Fulton
Joshua Tam	Troy Palmer	North DeKalb

Grade 8B: Tina Darden, Chair

<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Association</u>
Award: Conference Recitalist		
Isaac Hram	Fred Hsiang	Atlanta
Award: 1st Alternate		
Nathan Li	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
Award: Outstanding Performer		
Sue Liang	Inna Satunovsky	South Metro
Mark Wang	Fred Hsiang	Atlanta
Award: Award of Excellence		
Edward Tie	Joseph Hokayem	Athens
Angela Park	Jean Mann	Gwinnett
Linda Zhou	Fred Hsiang	Atlanta
Award: Honorable Mention		
Beiwen Liu	Naegeli Metcalf	Savannah
Shawn Wong	Yumi Patterson	Gwinnett
Harold Liu	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
Erika Ikitake	Janice Wong	Gwinnett

Grade 9A: Joy Poole, Chair

<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Association</u>
Award: Conference Recitalist		
Kevin Lou	Fred Hsiang	North Fulton

Award: Conference Master Class

Lan-Anh Vo Misty Simmons Cobb

Award: 1st Alternate

Irene Lin Anne Sun Decatur

Award: 2nd Alternate

Lattie Reddoch Laura Lozier Cherokee

Award: Award Of Excellence

Sam Zhao Ping Xu North Fulton

Paula Cheng Fred Hsiang North Fulton

Caroline Owen J.S. Parrish Decatur

Sabrina Chin Keiko Ransom Decatur

Award: Honorable Mention

Lucy Zhang Ping-yun Hsu Cobb

Stephanie Hoang Young-Hae Kim Decatur

Jonathan Li Lois Finlay North DeKalb

Grade 9B: Joy Poole, Chair

<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Association</u>
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Award: Conference Recitalist

George Fei Fred Hsiang Atlanta

Award: Conference Master Class

Brandon Hou Fred Hsiang Atlanta

Award: 1st Alternate

Anna Sewall Grace Caudle South Metro

Award: 2nd Alternate

Frank Chen Janice Wong Gwinnett

Award: Award of Excellence

Jae Yoon Lee Joanna H. Kim Athens

Rachael Han Inna Satunovsky South Metro

Gabby Do Clara Park Augusta

Award: Honorable Mention

Carina Cho Joanna H. Kim Athens

Golda Nguyen Sue Moncrief Augusta

Will Brawner Diane L. Boyd Savannah

Grade 10A: Daniel Steenson, Chair

<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Association</u>
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Award: Conference Recitalist

Sitan Chen Janice Wong Decatur

Award: Conference Master Class

Anthony Nang Dorota Lato North Fulton

Award: 1st Alternate

Yubo Su Ping Xu North Fulton

Award: 2nd Alternate

Jessica Yan Hwee Boon Ng North DeKalb

Award: Award of Excellence

Beth Anne Ake A. Arshavskaya Decatur

Jonathan Austin M. Meghdadi North DeKalb

Eileen Kim Vera Soukhojak North DeKalb

Sharon Zhang Ping Xu North Fulton

Leona Yagi M. Yamamoto Cobb

Award: Honorable Mention

Michelle Stephenson Susan Naylor Cherokee

Jordan Blain Bissell	J.S. Parrish	Decatur
Helen McDonough	Troy Palmer	North DeKalb
Stephanie Chew	Dorota Lato	North Fulton
Alice Guo	Ping Xu	North Fulton

Grade 10B: Daniel Steenson, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Award: Conference Recitalist

Andy Dang	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
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Award: Conference Master Class

Kyle Yu	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
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Award: 1st Alternate

Cody Pham	Ping Xu	Atlanta
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Award: Award of Excellence

Angela Shen	Edith Schiff	Atlanta
Minja Wu	Fred Hsiang	Atlanta
Lisa Wang	Fred Hsiang	Atlanta
Michael Liang	Kevin Hampton	Savannah

Award: Honorable Mention

Gena Stonecipher	Joseph Hokayem	Athens
Kevin Do	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
Timothy Jones	Patti Bennett	Northeast Georgia
Shida Chen	Joseph Hokayem	Athens
Amier Naji	Hiroko Hogarth	Augusta

Grade 11A: Colette Keogh, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Award: Conference Recitalist

Eric James	Lisa Gaal	North Fulton
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Award: Conference Master Class

Jesse Zhao	Ping Xu	North Fulton
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Award: 1st Alternate

Neema Ebrahim-Zadeh	A. Arshavskaya	Decatur
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Award: Award of Excellence

Grace Liu	William Ransom	Decatur
Richard Wan	Lois Finlay	North DeKalb
Donna Guo	Lois Finlay	North DeKalb
Sun-Kyu Kim	Soo Kyung Kim	North Fulton

Award: Honorable Mention

Sonam Vashi	Gayle Cann	North DeKalb
Jessie Lian	Fred Hsiang	North Fulton
Janelle Hendrickson	Susan Naylor	Cherokee

Grade 11B: Colette Keogh, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Award: Conference Recitalist

Will Childress	Inna Satunovsky	South Metro
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Award: Conference Master Class

Sophia Lu	Fred Hsiang	Atlanta
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Award: 1st Alternate

Kevin Wen	Joseph Hokayem	Athens
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Award: 2nd Alternate

Victoria Yang	Raisa Parmentier	Atlanta
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Award: Award of Excellence

Anna Kakizaki	Yumi Patterson	Gwinnett
Jae Lee	Clara Park	Augusta

Award: Honorable Mention

Eric Case	Cindy Feagin	Macon
Davis Hoffman	Paul Hennessy	Augusta

Grade 12: Linda Lokey, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Award: Senior Cash Award

Derek Vann	Lois Finlay	North DeKalb
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Hyun Joung Bae	Soo Kyung Kim	North Fulton
Bryan Anderson	J. Morrison	South Metro
Eric Chen	Keiko Ransom	Decatur

Award: Award of Excellence

Stephanie Ng	David Watkins	Cobb
William Sessions	Clara Park	Augusta
Alexander Zhang	Naegeli Metcalf	Savannah

Award: Honorable Mention

Cynthia Gannon	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
Seokmin Kim	Kevin Hampton	Savannah
Thurston Sandberg	A. Arshavskaya	Decatur
Ian Hill	Keiko Ransom	Decatur

Piano Concerto: Angela Moody, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Winner

Jesse Zhao	Ping Xu	North Fulton
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1st Alternate

Sitan Chen	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
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2nd Alternate

Mike Xiao	Jonathan Klein	Athens
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Honorable Mention

Eric Wan	Lois Finlay	North DeKalb
Mackenzie Marr	Clara Park	Augusta

Lower College: Marcena Kinney, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Award: Conference Recitalist

Heejin Park	Ginger Chen	Georgia Perimeter
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Award: 1st Alternate

Margaret Sin	Julie Harvey	Marietta
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Award: Award of Excellence

Abigail Clack	Richard Zimdars	UGA
Robby Vizurraga	Carol Gingerich	West Georgia
Cesil Song	Gila Goldstein	Columbus State

Award: Honorable Mention

Tyler Walker Lyle Indergaard Valdosta State

Student _____ Teacher _____

Grades 2-3**Award: Conference Recitalist**

Seo Yeon Song Mimi Tam

Award: Honorable Mention

Joyce Yun Mimi Tam

Grades 4-5**Award: Conference Recitalist**

Phoebe Liu Jui-Wen Ginger Chen

Award: Outstanding Performer

Sarah Yang Yang Que

Award: Honorable Mention

Lydia Zhao Mimi Tam

Andrew Lim Mimi Tam

Bennett Zhu Yong Liu

Jennifer Ahn Martin Gueorguiev

Grades 6-7**Award: Conference Recitalist**

Ingrid Cai Yong Liu

Award: Award of Excellence

Andrew Fu Yang Que

Hyun Jung Woo Yong Liu

Yen Hsiang Fred Hsiang & Alice Hong

Award: Honorable Mention

Annie Su Mimi Tam

Caroline Wu Daniel Arshavsky

Erin Lollar Daniel Arshavsky

Grades 8-9**Award: Conference Recitalist**

Brandon Hou Le Zheng

Award: 1st Alternate

Paul Lee Martin Gueorguiev

Award: Award of Excellence

Karen Chang Yong Liu

Award: Honorable Mention

Austin Chun Tae Hwan Lee

Grades 10-11**Award: Honorable Mention**

Sarah Terning Mimi Tam

Sitan Chen Yang Que

Steven Sonh Martin Gueorguiev

Lower College**Award: Conference Recitalist**

Rachel Smith Nan Maddox

Middle College**Award: Conference Recitalist**

Jennifer Laminack Nan Maddox

Middle College: Marcena Kinney, Chair

Student _____ Teacher _____ Association _____

Award: Conference Recitalist

Thomas Williams Jerico Vasquez Shorter College

Award: 1st Alternate

Sophia Ryoo Martin Jones Augusta State University

Award: Award of Excellence

Zachary Smith Jerico Vasquez Shorter College

Alan Reese Richard Zimdars UGA

Award: Honorable Mention

Serena Lai Martha Thomas UGA

Upper College: Marcena Kinney, Chair

Student _____ Teacher _____ Association _____

Award: Conference Recitalist

David Ter-Oganizyan Gila Goldstein Columbus State

Award: 1st Alternate

Soojung Jeon Martha Thomas UGA

Award: Award of Excellence

David Horger Richard Zimdars UGA

Award: Honorable Mention

Hannah Perdisci Helen Ramsaur Rome

INSTRUMENTAL DIVISION**Instrumental Concerto: Rebekah Jones, Chair**

Student _____ Teacher _____

Award: Winner – Conference Recitalist

Brandon Hou Le Zheng

Award: 1st Alternate

Vanessa Felso Sonja Foster

Guitar**Award: Award of Excellence**

Andrew Schettino Maxine Parker

Woodwinds**Award: Honorable Mention**

Jae Hoon Cho Tae Hwan Lee

Strings, Fred Hsiang, Chair

Voice: Stephanie Tingler, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Grade 9

Award: Award of Excellence

Neil MacLean	Frances Richards	North Fulton
Ashleigh Austel	Miriam Marchetti	Macon

Grade 10

Award: Award of Excellence

Allison Kelly	Frances Richards	North Fulton
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Award: Honorable Mention

Anne Stillwagon	J P. Pope	Greater Marietta
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Grade 11

Award: Conference Recitalist

Hannah Herndon	Barbara Salter	South. Metro
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Award: Award of Excellence

Gyles Willis	Frances Richards	North Fulton
Natalie Ajamian	Frances Richards	North Fulton
Audrey Carr	Wanda Hughes	Cherokee

Award: Honorable Mention

Ryan Williams	Frances Richards	North Fulton
Jessica Stamey	Debra S. Hughes	Gwinnett
Klark Bietsch	Frances Richards	North Fulton
Emily Cotter	Frances Richards	North Fulton

Grade 12

Award: Outstanding Performer Cash Award

Meagan Price	Debra S. Hughes	Gwinnett
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Award: Award of Excellence

Lila Dalton	Rebekah Jones	Athens
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Lower College

Award: Conference Recitalist

Megan Gillis	Stephanie Tingler	UGA
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Award: Award of Excellence

Natalie Gough	Valerie Walters	Kennesaw State University
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Award: Honorable Mention

D.J. Thomas	Toni Anderson	LaGrange College
Kristoffer Appel	Toni Anderson	LaGrange College

Middle College

Award: Conference Recitalist

Morgan Earle	Toni Anderson	LaGrange College
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Award: Honorable Mention

Tabitha Donnelly	Valerie Walters	Kennesaw State
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Upper College

Award: Conference Recitalist

Victoria Hawkins	Valerie Walters	Kennesaw State
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Award: Award of Excellence

Alison H. Adams	Stephanie Tingler	UGA
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GMTA Theory Achievement Tests Report on 2010 Results

In just the second year under the revised curriculum, we are seeing remarkable growth and outstanding student performance on the theory tests. I am pleased to report that **244 students** took the tests this year, 18% more than last year, and of those, **205 students (84%) earned a 90 or above**, with **67 students scoring a perfect 100!!** This is a direct result of GMTA members' support of the theory achievement program as well as members preparing their students thoroughly for the tests.

Level	Average Score	Number of Participants
I	98.1%	74
II	95.7%	86
III	89.1%	49
IV	88.4%	27
V	92.6%	8

	2009	2010	Change
Teachers	48	54	+ 13%
Participants	207	244	+ 18%
Perfect 100s	29	67	+ 231%
90 or above	157	205	+ 131%

I am especially grateful to the members of my theory committee who have made such a quick expansion possible:

- Dr. Priscilla Jefcoat (Brenau University)
- B.J. Sutherland (retired, Georgia State University)
- Gayle Vann
- Ben Mason

We are hoping to have the next set of tests completed by August so that Local Associations can choose to administer them this fall in addition to the spring. If your L.A. would like to administer the tests this fall, please email me at BennettMusicStudio@gmail.com.

For more information about GMTA's Theory Achievement Program, including the theory curriculum, past tests, and answer keys, please visit our website at <http://www.GeorgiaMTA.org>, click on **Student Activities**, then scroll down to the **Theory** section.

Thank you for supporting GMTA's Theory Achievement Program, and thank you for continuing to emphasize to your students the importance and benefits of understanding and applying music theory.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

100	Outstanding Theorist with Honors
90-99	Outstanding Theorist
80-89	Excellence in Theory
70-79	Achievement in Theory

NOTE: Results are listed alphabetically by members' last names.


OUTSTANDING THEORIST WITH HONORS (100%)

Student	Level	Teacher	Local Association
Lydia Clarke	I	Jan Adams	Western Georgia MTA
Thomas Culwell	I	Jan Adams	Western Georgia MTA
Will Hobson	I	Jan Adams	Western Georgia MTA
Deborah Seong	I	Jan Adams	Western Georgia MTA
Emily Kohl	I	Martha Aguirre	Columbus MTA
Emily Walton	II	Martha Aguirre	Columbus MTA
Alayna Panlilio	I	Nancy Allred	South Metro Atlanta MTA
Jonathan Lenz	I	Sylvia Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
Mackenzie Staples	I	Sylvia Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
Amanda Delgado	II	Patti Bennett	Northeast Georgia MTA
Paul Wang	I	Patti Bennett	Northeast Georgia MTA
Will Brawner	III	Diane Boyd	Savannah MTA
Amanda Royek	II	Diane Boyd	Savannah MTA
Jesse Caswell	I	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
Michelle Cho	II	Seon Hee Cho	North Fulton MTA
Georgia Claire Bourassa	I	Nancy Claxton	Macon MTA
Chandler Stone	II	Nancy Claxton	Macon MTA
Althea Awe	I	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Katherine Kocher	I	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Sydney Scooler	II	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Pamela Shwayri	II	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Veronica Thompson	I	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Alexandra Thompson	II	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Morgan Willard	I	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Charlie Stalzer	II	Annette Day	Coweta-Fayette MTA
Elizabeth Forney	I	Cynthia DeFoor	Northeast Georgia MTA
Julianne Plourde	I	Barbara Devine	Cherokee MTA
Ashley Gleason	III	Robin Engleman	Gwinnett County MTA
Steven Robinson	I	Ellen Feibish	Decatur MTA
Angela Gaal	II	Lisa Gaal	North Fulton MTA
Isaiah McCrina	I	Rachel Griffin	Western Georgia MTA
Anna Beggs	I	Ruth Harris	Athens MTA
Emily Beggs	II	Ruth Harris	Athens MTA
Zachary Hill	I	Ruth Harris	Athens MTA
Andrea Hill	I	Ruth Harris	Athens MTA
Adam Rutkowski	II	Ruth Harris	Athens MTA
David Freeman	I	Judy Hayes	Western Georgia MTA
Ryan Cribbs	V	Priscilla Jefcoat	Northeast Georgia MTA
Rebekah Gheorghies	I	Priscilla Jefcoat	Northeast Georgia MTA
Robbie Peerson	I	Priscilla Jefcoat	Northeast Georgia MTA
A.J. Waterer	I	Priscilla Jefcoat	Northeast Georgia MTA
Andrew Rector	I	Phyllis LaFon	Coweta-Fayette MTA
Laboni Hoque	II	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Emma Lin	III	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Sam Morton	I	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Eric Park	II	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Angela Park	III	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Caleb Sides	I	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Bethany Sides	I	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Daniel Garon	I	Catharine McClure	Augusta MTA
Nathan Schmitz	I	Catherine McClure	Augusta MTA

Anna Kakizaki	II	Yumi Patterson	Gwinnett County MTA
Allie Schureck	II	Yumi Patterson	Gwinnett County MTA
Shawn Wong	II	Yumi Patterson	Gwinnett County MTA
Anneka Zee	I	Yumi Patterson	Gwinnett County MTA
Naima Martin	I	Jacqueline Pope	Greater Marietta MTA
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Dawn Andrews	IV	Gayle Vann	North DeKalb MTA
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Madeleine Williams	I	Nancy Vogelsang	Savannah MTA
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OUTSTANDING THEORIST (90-99%)

Student	Level	Teacher	Local Association
Carter Culwell	IV	Jan Adams	Western Georgia MTA
Kyle Canady	II	Martha Aguirre	Columbus MTA
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Cheliya Green	I	Sylvia Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
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Hailey Kim	II	Patti Bennett	Northeast Georgia MTA
Kimberly Cramer	II	Diane Boyd	Savannah MTA
Connor Croasmun	II	Diane Boyd	Savannah MTA
Zachery Johnson	II	Diane Boyd	Savannah MTA
Falls Kennedy	III	Diane Boyd	Savannah MTA
Danielle Berenson	III	Janice Broadhurst	Atlanta MTA
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Preston Thompson	III	Janice Broadhurst	Atlanta MTA
Kylie Bruce	I	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
Meagan Cobb	II	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
Carson Smith	I	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
Anna Tipton	II	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
Anna Sewall	III	Grace T. Caudle	South Metro Atlanta MTA
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Whitt Locke	V	Nancy Claxton	Macon MTA
William Ryals	II	Nancy Claxton	Macon MTA
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Christine Moon	I	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
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Amy Diffenderfer	II	Annette Day	Coweta-Fayette MTA
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Vivian Nguyen	II	Annette Day	Coweta-Fayette MTA
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Anna Peterson	III	Priscilla Jefcoat	Northeast Georgia MTA
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Matt Schulz	II	LuAnn Latzanich	Coweta-Fayette MTA

Shushmita Hogue	III	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Evan Goode	II	Pamela Martin	Decatur MTA
Emily Phillips	II	Pamela Martin	Decatur MTA
Golda Nguyen	IV	Sue Moncrief	Augusta MTA
Meiji Nguyen	IV	Sue Moncrief	Augusta MTA
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Alexandria Ensley	III	Jeannine B. Morrison	Decatur MTA
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Esha Singh	III	Gayle Vann	North DeKalb MTA
Sonam Vashi	V	Gayle Vann	North DeKalb MTA
Francis Yang	II	Gayle Vann	North DeKalb MTA
Dolan Lewis	II	Nancy Voglesang	Savannah MTA
Cassady Williamson	II	Nancy Voglesang	Savannah MTA
Katie Bergs	II	Linda Walker	Gwinnett County MTA
Emily Grossman	I	Linda Walker	Gwinnett County MTA
Jonah Santiago	II	Linda Walker	Gwinnett County MTA
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EXCELLENCE IN THEORY (80-89%)

Student	Level	Teacher	Local Association
Taylor Garrison	I	Sylvia Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA

Remi Awe	II	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
David Tobelman	III	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Emmy Young	I	Barbara Devine	Cherokee MTA
Julia Falgout	III	Ellen Feibish	Decatur MTA
Julia Norton	IV	Ellen Feibish	Decatur MTA
Rachel Rieder	IV	Ellen Feibish	Decatur MTA
Tracye Lamar	III	Kristi Helfen	Decatur MTA
Kristina Clark	V	LuAnn Latzanich	South Metro Atlanta MTA
David Liow	IV	LuAnn Latzanich	Coweta-Fayette MTA
Neeraja Panchapakesan	IV	LuAnn Latzanich	South Metro Atlanta MTA
Yifan Liang	II	Jeannine Morrison	Decatur MTA
Suzanna Stapler	III	Jeannine B. Morrison	Decatur MTA
Christina Shin	III	Yoonah Oh	Gwinnett County MTA
Celia McClure	II	Jacqueline Pope	Greater Marietta MTA
Justin Joe	IV	Gayle Vann	North DeKalb MTA
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Brianna Taylor	III	Gayle Vann	North DeKalb MTA
Stephanie Ng	V	David Watkins	Cobb County MTA
Daniel Latzanich	IV	Betty White	South Metro Atlanta MTA
Carrie Hungerpillar	III	Suzanne Woodrum	Savannah MTA

ACHIEVEMENT IN THEORY (70-79%)

Student	Level	Teacher	Local Association
Daniela Seong	III	Jan Adams	Western Georgia MTA
Evie Dotson	II	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
Helen Xiang	IV	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta MTA
Michelle DeBry	II	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Michael Robinson	III	Ellen Feibish	Decatur MTA
Brandon Austin	III	Marilee Gardner	Coweta-Fayette MTA
Vrixton Phillips	IV	Bobbie Gibbs	Western Georgia MTA
Joshua Hunt	III	Jacquelyn Hutson	Greater Marietta MTA
Edmond Sysomboun	IV	Margaret Jackson	Greater Marietta MTA
Kevin Liow	III	LuAnn Latzanich	Coweta-Fayette MTA
Joseph Greer	IV	Sue Moncrief	Augusta MTA
Caleb Meredith	I	Cathy Sewell	Greater Marietta MTA

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Have you ever taken the time to browse the headlines at the MTNA website? Well, I recently did, and was amazed at all the benefits of being an MTNA member. Take the time to do this very soon, and you will be amazed, too. But, in the meantime, here is a brief outline of the membership benefits.

Here's what your annual membership fee includes:

- As an MTNA member (including GMTA and local membership), you can improve on your skills as a teacher by attending local workshops free or at a nominal fee, and state and national conferences at a reasonable cost (sometimes free!)
- You and your students can hear new and standard repertoire being performed at local, state, and national recitals – usually at no cost.
- You and your students have the opportunity to participate in events that you otherwise would not be able to on your own. For example, our local association set up a scholarship piano-thon at a nearby mall. We were required to carry \$1,000,000 in liability insurance. Through MTNA, we were given an insurance blanket to cover the event at no cost – and for \$2,000,000 in liability!
- Your dues and costs of membership and activities are tax deductible through MTNA, as a tax-exempt entity. Can't get that on your own!
- You, as a teacher, can apply for continuing education scholarships. You can also apply for scholarships for students who need financial assistance and might otherwise not be able to afford lessons, or who are deserving of a scholarship due to talent and motivation.
- Your students can compete in local, state, and national performance competitions for cash and scholarships. They can also compete in composition competitions. The next great composer may be one of ours!
- You are a member of a national organization and can apply for group liability, medical, life, disability, automobile, and long-term care insurance. Whew! Did I leave anything out?
- Your students can participate in MTNA and local awards and festival programs – at very little cost.
- You become a member of a local, state, and national network of music professionals. And what better way to recruit students? Your local association website is linked to the state level. Anyone in your state looking for a teacher in your area can find you through the state and local website! (Our local will be setting this up this summer!)

I'd like to leave you with these thoughts:

- Many public and private music teachers will be losing their jobs this summer due to cutbacks, along with graduating music education students who may not be able to find work. These teachers are going to need employment. A great way to fill that need can be for the them to open their own music studios and what better way to network with area teachers and students than to become a member of MTNA. We need to reach out to those teachers and let them know we can help.
- Many caring parents will want to fill the void of their children not having access to public school music by enrolling in private music education. We should anticipate these needs and be ready to take on those students.
- And last, go ahead and send in your membership dues so you can be included in the membership handbook, where many will go to find a teacher this fall. Enjoy your summer. See you in August!

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June 30, 2010	Deadline for GMTA dues to be paid to be included in GMTA Directory
July 16, 2010	Postmark deadline for 2010 Teacher of the Year Application Form/Materials
August 1, 2010	Deadline for articles to be included in Fall GMTA Newsletter
August 14, 2010	GMTA Executive Board Meeting and Leadership Summit @ Clayton State University
September 14, 2010	Application Deadline for GMTA/MTNA Competitions: ONLINE by midnight
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AUGUSTA MTA

Catharine McClure | President

AMTA began the year with our Kick-Off Breakfast, a pot-luck event. We enjoy the fellowship, and receiving our new Yearbooks helps us to get ready for the new year. Our regular meetings in October, November, January, and April were varied and interesting. Our first was entitled "Get Motivated!" and was perfect to start the year. In November, a group from Charlotte, NC gave a program on "Collaborative Music—It's Never too EARLY to Begin". In January we enjoyed a program on duets and ensembles. Our last meeting of the year was a luncheon meeting; we reviewed the year's events and installed new officers. We had a successful Festival and local audition. We held a Winners' Recital at Brandon Wilde, a retirement community. The audience was large and appreciative. We also held two community outreach recitals. Our last major event of the year was a weekend with Mary Ann and William Knight. On Friday we had a Dessert-Recital and William Knight performed. On Saturday we had a Pedagogy Workshop with lecture by Mary Ann and master classes with William, Mary Ann, and 10 students. Our association feels so fortunate that the Knights were able to come to Augusta.

DECATUR MTA

Glen Eckman | President

We continue this year with our membership of 52 teachers. Monthly programs this past year included Pam Martin presenting a lecture/performance collaborating with LuAnn Latzanich in duo-piano works by Cecile Chaminade; Jeannine Morrison: "Phrasing Possibilities"; Dave Frackenpohl, Guitar and Robert Dixon, Double Bass with jazz duets; David D'Ambrosio: "Basics of Accompanying"; George Mann: "Exploring Papa Haydn"; Fran Thraillkill: "Theory Fun"; and Martha Thomas: "Intermediate Piano Music of Max Reger".

Our annual Fall Fest Auditions were held again at Agnes Scott College in November with 128 students participating. Mary Lou Swann chaired the auditions. The Jo Evans Scholarship Auditions, chaired by Jody Parrish, were held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church last October. There were ten students who entered and Derek Vann, student of Lois Finlay, was the first-place winner; Jesse Zhao, student of Ping Xu, was second-place winner; and Eric James, student of Lisa Gaal was third-place winner. The GMTA/DMTA Spring Auditions were also at Agnes Scott College with Keiko Ransom serving as chair. There were 85 students in piano and 13 in theory in grades 4-12.

In February, we had our first Piano Ensemble Extravaganza with four pianos and up to sixteen hands! This was a fundraiser for us and was quite successful. Though primarily for students, even eight teachers performed two pieces. Pam Martin organized and chaired the event. The Redeemer Piano Ensemble's fall concert at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Atlanta was directed by member Mary Hinely. Other members participating in this performance were Kay Brown, Ellie Feibish, Fran Thraillkill, Kristi Helfen, and Andrea Emmel.

What a great year!

GREATER MARIETTA

Pam Barksdale | President

Our GMMTA events were successful and well received by our students. Students participated in the "Pianothon" which takes

place at Town Center Mall in Kennesaw in December each year. What a festive and fun event! Our next event is the "Solo Festival" which is an event for students of all ages and levels. Two hundred students participated this year. We are very proud of our students who competed in the local "GMTA Auditions" this year. Our outstanding performers presented two wonderful recitals at Southern Keyboard.

We are now a 501 (c)(3) organization. As a MTNA affiliate organization, we are included on MTNA's "group exemption roster" and enjoy the benefits of a non-profit organization.

This year we awarded a \$1500 scholarship which was shared by two high school seniors who are going to major or minor in music. We also awarded two \$500 scholarships for Summer Camps.

Our program chairs arranged for wonderful programs this year which included:

- George Mann - Some Thoughts on Teaching Chopin
- Phillip Powell - Repertoire and Voicing
- David D'Ambrosio - The Art of Accompanying
- Mary Owens - New or Rediscovered Gems of Piano Literature
- George Mann and Chuck Mandt - Teacher Talent

We were pleased to apply for the "Local Association of the Year Award". Our Past President, Pat Hankey, put together a wonderful presentation that we sent to GMTA. Since we were the only association to apply, our presentation was sent to National to compete with other State Associations throughout the country.

We look forward to our May luncheon where we will enjoy the camaraderie of friends and colleagues. We meet again in June to plan for the upcoming year.

GWINNETT MTA

Janet Will | President

Gwinnett County teachers and students have been actively involved this year in the pursuit of musical exploration, excellence and enjoyment. Seven regular monthly fourth-Wednesday meetings began in September with our business kick-off and a program presented by Steinway Artist, Dr. Douglas Weeks, on Chopin Preludes. New and returning members were welcomed and yearbooks were distributed. A mentor program was put in place for those new to the group.

October's meeting highlighted repertoire to be featured in our April 24 Ensemble Concert. Teachers performed duets and a CD was created to help students with practice. In November, two of our members, Debbie Brady and Linda Walker, presented a program - Composing and Getting Published.

January's gathering was a pot luck brunch at the gracious southern home of one of our members. Several teachers performed musical selections, both vocal and flute, as well as keyboard. Besides the lively and helpful conversation, we all enjoyed an original skit centered on studio highlights and headaches - "A Day in the Life of a Piano Teacher," which will be presented again at the November GMTA Conference.

In February, members enjoyed hearing from Dr. Priscilla Jefcoat on memorization techniques. A Master Class was conducted in March by David Watkins, featuring four student winners from our November GCMTA Piano Festival. Our May catered brunch meeting offered vocal entertainment as well as teacher performances on the guitar, flute and piano. Besides our business meeting, a Music Swap was featured and teachers had an opportunity to catch up with one another, share ideas and offer encouragement.

Highlights of the year included our three districts' participation in Federated Festival, local and state GMTA Auditions, Jr.-Sr. Scholarship Auditions and our yearly Ensemble Concert with five pianos and ten students on the stage. New this year was an adult-only piece, directed by guest conductor, Mary Hinely.

Many of our students benefited from taking the GMTA Theory exam and our teachers are better as a result of attending the GMTA Conference at Shorter in the fall. Several of our teachers represented GCMTA at the MTNA National Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. One of the accomplishments we are most proud of is the National Certification requirement that seven of our teachers have met in the last few years. Other information and pictures of our activities can be seen on our website at www.gcmta.org.

NORTH DEKALB

Kathleen Ackermann | President

This year, NDMTA had a terrific series of Programs. Guest speakers/performers included Sergio Gallo, Mary Ann Knight,

and Martha Thomas in addition to programs by our own members Lois Finlay and Glen Eckman.

In September, NDMTA sponsored a workshop and master class by Catherine Rollin, an event open to the public. We commissioned Ms. Rollin to write a Sonatina for our Rachel Howard Sonatina/Sonata competition held this past October. She wrote the colorful three movement Suite Georgia and dedicated it to our Association. The Sonatina/Sonata competition, restricted to NDMTA members, was very successful with 272 student participants. Prize money and certificates were awarded at the Winners Recital. This competition alternates years with the Bach Competition.

President-elect Eriko Ishikawa worked with the conductor of the Gwinnett Symphony to sponsor a new concerto competition, with the Mozart Concerto No. 23 in A Major the required selection. Winners will perform with the GSO this spring.

Another new event – our first Music Marathon was held at Northlake Mall in December. Students performed festive music continuously for two days – with teachers filling in as well. The Ensemble Olympics followed in late January with two days of student duet and ensemble recitals. The long term success of this event helps fund our scholarships.

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- 1) **Name**
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- 3) **Email Address**
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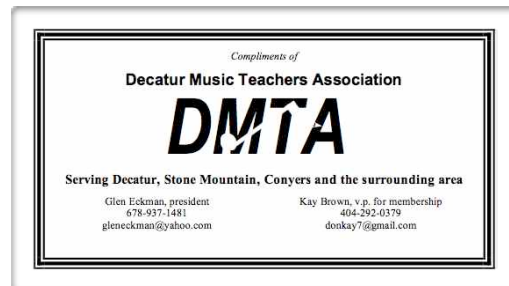
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Room Rate: \$70.00 per night + tax (includes complimentary full hot breakfast buffet)
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 More Info: www.baymontinns.com/hotel/17812

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GMTA STATE CONFERENCE
 Augusta State University, Augusta, Georgia
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- \$50.00 One day member fee _____
- \$60.00 One day non-member fee _____

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There will be an extra \$10.00 charged for all registrations postmarked after October 16th. The above prices include admission to all conference activities, including Friday night's program. Pre-college students may attend conference student recitals and student master classes with their teacher, provided that the teacher is a GMTA member and registered conference attendee. Free conference registration is offered to host college faculty and students who are members of GMTA. The above prices do NOT include any Meal Functions. All fees (registration and meals) are nonrefundable.

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TEACHER OF THE YEAR**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AS A MUSIC TEACHER**

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SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR NOMINATION:

(For repeated applications, all materials must be resubmitted)

1) The application form**2) Vita**

A vita of the applicant's educational background, teaching experience and achievements of current and/or former students. The vita must fully document the following information:

- a. Teaching/professional achievement
- b. Number of years of teaching experience
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- d. Accomplishments/contributions to MTNA
- e. Participation in Local, State and/or National MTNA programs
- f. Community involvement

3) Two letters

- a. Former student or parent letter of support
- b. Professional colleague letter of support

THE RECIPIENT OF THE AWARD WILL SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING VIA E-MAIL:

Once the recipient of the award is notified, that individual will be asked to submit a photo and a two page document focusing on one or several teaching tips that you (they) have found to be very useful over the years. This document may or may not include musical examples. Teaching Tips from the selected Teacher of the Year will be included online at the GMTA website.

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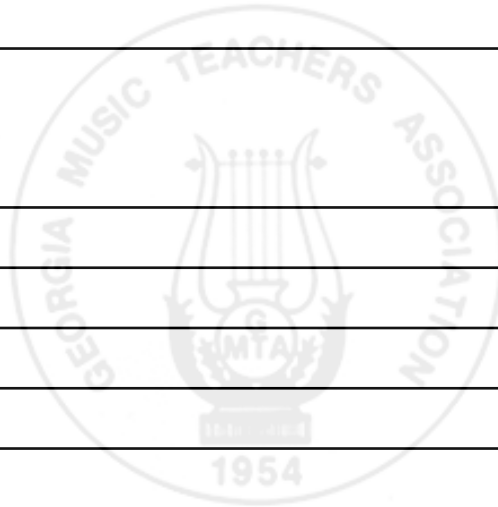
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