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2008 GMTA CONFERENCE

David Oliver
Vice President / Publicity

Hello GMTA members! I hope your summer is going well; it slips away so fast! It's time to start thinking about the upcoming GMTA Conference to be held in Athens on the campus of the University of Georgia. This year's headliners will be Jane Magrath, Pedagogy Specialist, and Claude Frank, Conference Artist. A nationally-renowned pedagogy expert, her work in the area of the standard classical teaching literature has been central to the current

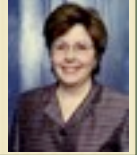
revival of interest in this music throughout the U.S. For the conference recitalist, we are delighted to welcome Claude Frank will perform in concert Friday evening and give a master class Saturday morning. **SEE THE COMPLETE BIOGRAPHIES ON PAGE 4.** Keep an eye out for the completed schedule in the fall newsletter. The conference hotel will be the Holiday Inn-Athens, which is also the location of the Friday evening banquet. *(continued on page 3)*



FROM THE PRESIDENT

MARTHA THOMAS

PRESIDENT / GMTA



COMPETITIONS

GMTA's students did an outstanding job this year in the GMTA/MTNA Competitions. We can all be extremely proud of the students who represented GMTA so superbly at Southern Division and in the national competitions. *Congratulations to all the students and their teachers!!!*

State Level: GMTA had 13 solo winners, 3 composition winners, and 1 chamber ensemble that were sent on to the MTNA Southern Division Competitions.

Southern Division Competitions: These were held at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina in January 2008. Results: 1 honorable mention in the composition competition; and 5 winners, 3 alternates, and 1 honorable mention in the performance competitions.

MTNA National Competitions: These were held during the MTNA National Conference in Denver. I had the privilege of hearing all the GMTA students either at their competitions or in the winners' recitals. **Kennedy Wells**, student of Adam Frey, placed 1st in the Senior Brass Performance Competition. **Andrew Hudson**, student of Lisa Oberlander, placed 1st in the Senior Woodwinds Performance Competition. **Boris Abramov**, student of Sergiu Schwartz, placed 1st in the Senior Strings Performance Competition.

MEMBERS NEWS

During the MTNA National Conference, GMTA member **Beverly Bradley** was recognized at the Business Meeting for her 50 years of membership in MTNA. How exciting it was to see Beverly on the stage with the other 50-year members!

Robin Engleman, GMTA Certification Chair, is the newly appointed Southern Division Certification Commissioner on the MTNA National Certification Commission. Robin's new position was recognized at the Southern Division Meeting, held during the National Conference.

Gwinnett County MTA member **Julia Distelhurst** won her zoning battle this past December. Due to the valiant efforts of Lane and Nancy Stokes, many additional GMTA members, and MTNA members nationwide, Julia will be able to continue teaching in her home. Many thanks to everyone who worked to make this possible.

GMTA THANKS

Thanks go to Peggy Lee and her staff for their excellent work preparing for and running the GMTA Auditions. This is Peggy's 4th year to be in charge of the Auditions, and she certainly does a fine job! The GMTA membership should note that the GMTA Auditions are moving to Kennesaw State University starting next year 2009. Many thanks to the University of Georgia's Hugh Hodgson School of Music for hosting these auditions for a total of 13 years. GMTA very much appreciates your generosity in letting us hold these auditions on your campus all this time.

OTHER INFORMATION

Plans for the 2008 GMTA Conference are shaping up beautifully. Please read further in this newsletter for more details. You can also check out more information at our website: www.georgiamta.org

Speaking of the GMTA website, can you believe that it's been only one year since the new website went into place? I must admit that I visit the site almost daily. If you haven't seen it lately, make it a point to do so this summer. Whether you want to find out more about the conference, read past newsletters, or read more about Student Activities, the GMTA website has it all! If you don't know how to login, contact President Thomas at mlthomas@uga.edu for the password information.



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2008 GMTA CONFERENCE HEADLINERS

CLAUDE FRANK & DR. JANE MAGRATH

JANE MAGRATH

Jane Magrath is well known as an author, clinician, and pianist. Her book *The Pianist's Guide to Standard Teaching and Performance Literature* has become a classic reference work for pianists throughout the country, and Magrath's work in the area of the standard classical teaching literature has been central to the current revival of interest in this music throughout the U.S. She currently has more than thirty-five volumes published with Alfred Publishing, and her music editions are used widely throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Dr. Magrath is frequently in demand as a clinician and teacher, and during the last twenty years has performed and given presentations in over forty states including Alaska, and on three continents. Her workshops and master classes have drawn international acclaim. Magrath has served as Piano Coordinator for National Conventions of Music Teachers National Association and given presentations at MTNA National Conventions, the European Piano Teachers Association Conference, the National Conference on Piano Pedagogy, the World Piano Pedagogy Conference and at many state MTNA conventions. Her articles have appeared in the major piano journals. She was named the first recipient of the MTNA/Frances Clark Keyboard Pedagogy Award for the Outstanding Contribution to Piano Pedagogy. For many years she contributed New Music Reviews to *Clavier* and she currently serves as an editor for the Piano Pedagogy Forum. Magrath's regular column Polyphony can be found in *The American Music Teacher*. She is most at home working in the studio and classroom with students, and collaborating with faculty colleagues and area teachers.

A native of South Carolina, Magrath received her education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and at Wesleyan College in Macon, GA, and was the first person to receive the D.M. in



CLAUDE FRANK

Born in Nuremberg, Germany, in 1925, pianist Claude Frank abandoned Nazi Germany in 1937 and went to France, where he studied at the Paris Conservatory. Fleeing France before the advancing German armies in 1940, he went first to Spain, then to Portugal, before ultimately settling in America, where he became a citizen in 1944. He studied piano--interrupted by a term of military service--with Artur Schnabel in New York City, and had his recital debut at Town Hall in 1947. He performed with the NBC Symphony Orchestra in 1948 and had his New York Philharmonic debut under conductor Leonard Bernstein in 1959. He has appeared with most of the world's major orchestras, including the Boston, Chicago, National, and Buenos Aires Symphonies, the New York and Berlin Philharmonics, and the Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam.

Frank has participated in major music festivals all over the world: in the Americas and in Europe, in Africa and in Asia. His enduring involvement with the Mostly Mozart Festival at Lincoln Center in New York is legendary, and in the summer of 2005 he served as a distinguished faculty member at the Verbier Festival in Switzerland. A Beethoven specialist, Mr. Frank has always been admired as a superb chamber musician, from the time of his first performances with the Boston Symphony Chamber Players in the 1960s, to his frequent appearances with various string quartets, the Juilliard and Guarneri Quartets included. He performs regularly with his wife, pianist Lilian Kallir, in duo-piano concerts, and with his daughter, violinist Pamela Frank.

Mr. Frank is an influential teacher, currently serving on the faculties of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and the Yale School of Music in New Haven, Connecticut. His master classes are highly anticipated and sought-after events, and his willingness to sit as a juror at various piano competitions, including the prestigious Leeds International, in England, lends gravitas to those occasions.

Piano Performance and Pedagogy from Northwestern University. The University of Oklahoma presented her with the Regents' Award for Superior Teaching as well as the Associates' Distinguished Lectureship Award on two occasions and the Rinsland Award for Excellence in Educational Research. Currently, Magrath is Regents' Professor and holds the Grant Endowed Chair in Piano Pedagogy at the University of Oklahoma, where she was named Rothbaum Presidential Professor of Excellence in the Arts and serves as Director of Piano Pedagogy. Her students have won numerous prizes and competitions.

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2008 MTNA COMPETITION RESULTS

2008 MTNA SOUTHERN DIVISION COMPETITIONS

The following GMTA students received awards at the Southern Division Competitions at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina:

2008 Southern Division Winners:

Kennedy Wells	Senior Brass	Adam Frey (Emory Univ., Georgia State Univ.)
Boris Abramov	Senior Strings	Sergiu Schwartz (Columbus State University)
Andrew Hudson	Senior Woodwinds	Lisa Oberlander (Columbus State University)
Hannah Massie	Young Artist Voice	Earl Coleman (Columbus State University)
Clarinet Quartet	Chamber Music	Lisa Oberlander (Columbus State University)

2008 Southern Division Alternates:

Rachel Sterrenberg	Senior Voice	Stephanie Tingler (University of Georgia)
Yaniv Gutman	Young Artist Strings	Sergiu Schwartz (Columbus State University)
Steven Naimark	Young Artist Woodwinds	Lisa Oberlander (Columbus State University)

2008 Southern Division Honorable Mentions:

William Fulkerson	Junior Composition	Charlotte Williams (Cobb County MTA)
Derek Vann and Caterina Li	Senior Piano Duet	Lois Finlay (N. DeKalb and North Georgia College and State University)

2008 MTNA PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

The following GMTA students were declared winners at the MTNA National Performance Competitions held during the 2008 MTNA National Conference in Denver, Colorado:

Senior Woodwind Winner

Andrew Hudson, Clarinet
Lisa Oberlander, Teacher

Senior String Winner

Boris Abramov, Violin
Sergiu Schwartz, Teacher

Senior Brass Winner

Kennedy Wells, Euphonium
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1. "Georgia's Own" Robin Engleman and Susan Andrews
2. MTNA National Senior String Winner Boris Abramov with pianist Susan Hoskins
3. GMTA member Inna Satunovsky
4. Pete Jutras and Sam Holland
5. MTNA National Senior Brass Winner Kennedy Wells with pianist Caryl Conger
6. GMTA President Martha Thomas and Steinway representative Sally Coveleskie
7. Lori Bennett Hamrick with her husband, Richard Hamrick
8. MTNA's 50-year members (GMTA's Beverly Bradley is on the back row, far right)
9. "Georgia's Own" Beverly Bradley, Nancy Edison and her husband, John
10. GMTA Clarinet Quartet "10th & Broadway" (John Inzetta, Jason Thorne, Steven Naimark, and Andrew Hudson) with their teacher, Lisa Oberlander

Donna Trivette GMTA's Executive Director Celebrates 20 Years With GMTA!

2008 marks Donna Trivette's 20th anniversary with GMTA. The Executive Board acknowledged this important milestone with a celebration following the April 19th Board Meeting. Donna was delighted with the bonus, power point presentation, and cake presented to her. Thanks for 20 great years and GMTA wishes you 20 more!



GMTA Executive Director
Donna Trivette

Department of Music



David Murray joins piano faculty

Pianist David Murray is a highly sought after solo and collaborative performer. His work as a solo artist has included a highly praised performance of Gershwin's *Concerto in F* and the world premiere of Richard Wall's *Four Short Studies for Piano*. Described as "the perfect collaborator" by the *New York Concert Review*, he can be seen in concert with his wife, soprano Michelle Murray, with whom he made his Carnegie Hall debut in 2005. Dr. Murray most recently served as Chair of the Piano Area at California Baptist University



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February 9

February 23

March 8

March 15

Application deadlines
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Graduate students:
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MEMBERSHIP

JANA RITCHIE

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As of this writing, the membership of GMTA is 777 professionals. At last writing in Nov. of 2007, there were 726 members. Thank you for helping keep our state MTA chapter so strong! Once again, I encourage you to invest and invite in your area colleagues. You probably have gotten your renewal packet in the mail from MTNA. Please encourage your membership to renew as quickly as they can so that the data is current, subscriptions are continuous, and teacher info is published in the GMTA directory. Information on membership can be found on the MTNA website, www.mtna.org.

I spent significant time researching our retention percentage. Emails were sent to every member of the 2006-2007 who had not renewed for the 2007-2008 membership year. To those members who did not have accurate member emails or no email on record at all, letters were mailed requesting feedback via a pre-paid postcard. In summary, there are numerous reasons for non-renewal:

1. Percussion events eliminated from MTNA/GMTA

2. Change of profession all together
3. Membership was only to register students in festivals or competitions (particularly college faculty)
4. Not satisfied with local chapter meeting locations/times/programs

There are a few recommendations for the incoming VP membership and GMTA board as a whole.

1. A major obstacle was obtaining correct emails for members. I am sure this is a common problem for many. We should plan to give our membership the assurance that their data is safe with GMTA and perhaps a link on our web site to allow members to update contact information online.
2. LAPs should plan to add retention to their job description. Personal contact is always more effective than mass mailing or stranger emails.

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THEORY

JASON BENNETT

GMTA THEORY CHAIR



I am very pleased to announce the results of the 2008 theory tests. More students (185) took the test this year than last, representing 57 GMTA members from 17 local associations. Over the past year, more members than ever have offered feedback about the tests, and I was able to implement some of the changes in this year's tests while others suggestions are being reviewed by the Ad Hoc Theory Committee. Congratulations to all the students and teachers on their hard work and preparation!

The Ad Hoc Theory Committee, formed last year by GMTA President Martha Thomas, has been working diligently to refine the theory achievement program. The committee members are Dr. Joe Chapman (NGCSU), B.J. Sutherland (GSU ret.), Dr. Priscilla Jefcoat (Brenau), and Dr. Susan Tepping (GSU ret.), and myself serve as chair of the committee. We are planning to present several recommendations to President Thomas this summer in hopes that they will be implemented as soon as possible. Jack Morse, a statistician and instructor at the University of Georgia, analyzed the data from 2007 and 2008. A summary of his analyses follows:

Average test scores by year

- 2007 = 84.34
- 2008 = 90.27
- **Conclusion:** There is a significant difference between the average test scores in 2007 and 2008.

Average test scores in 2008 by location

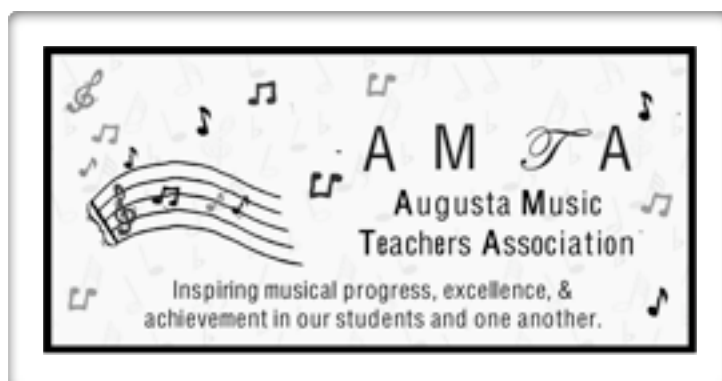
- Taken at local association auditions = 90.27
- Taken at state auditions = 90.25
- **Conclusion:** There is no significant difference between the average test scores of tests taken at local association auditions or at state auditions.

Average test scores in 2008 by level

- Level A = 93.33
- Level B = 89.71
- Level C = 87.31
- Level D = 87.18
- **Conclusion:** There is a significant difference between the average score of Level A and the average scores of Levels B, C, and D.
- **Conclusion:** There is no significant difference between the average scores of Levels B, C, and D.
- **Observation:** Although several teachers have commented over the years on the perceived "jump" in difficulty between Levels B and C, statistical analysis shows that there is a "jump" between Levels A and B, but that Levels B, C, and D are actually remarkably close in difficulty level.

Average test scores (top 3) by local association

- Associations entering 2-10 students:
 1. Coweta-Fayette MTA (92.75)
 2. Cherokee MTA (91.57)
 3. North Fulton MTA (90.5)
- Associations entering more than 10 students:
 1. Northeast Georgia MTA (97.95)
 1. North DeKalb MTA (97.95)
 2. Gwinnett County MTA (92.83)



INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

Students' names are listed alphabetically by achievement level.

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90-99 Outstanding Theorist

80-89 Excellence in Theory

70-79 Achievement in Theory

Outstanding Theorist with Honors

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Level A

Bianca Copello	Yumi Patterson	Gwinett County
Benjamin Gries	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Shefali Jain	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Justin Joe	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Whitt Locke	Nancy Claxton	Macon
Daniela Seong	Bobbie Gibbs	Western GA

Level B

Dawn Andrews	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Preeya Banit	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Nolan Handali	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Kelsey Li	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
James Miller	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb

Outstanding Theorist

NAME	TEACHER	ASSOCIATION
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Level A

Emily Beggs	Ruth Harris	Athens
Will Brawner	Diane Boyd	Savannah
Carter Culwell	Jan Adams	Western GA
Amy Diffenderfer	Annette Day	Coweta-Fayette
Joseph Greer	Ruth	Harris Athens
Hannah Herndon	Annette Day	Coweta-Fayette
Jack MacGuire	Nancy Vogelsang	Savannah
Nicholas Rias	Diane Boyd	Savannah
Esha Singh	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Kristie Teoh	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Dan Walton	Martha Aguirre	Columbus
Ashley Young	Annette Day	Coweta-Fayette
Julia Carpenter	Diane Boyd	Savannah
Jana Cartee	Gail Kidd	South Metro Atlanta
Andrew Chambers	Yumi Patterson	Gwinett County
Allison Foresman	Annette Day	Coweta-Fayette
Falls Kennedy	Diane Boyd	Savannah
Thomas Lyle	Boyce Leni	Cherokee
Irene Payne	Jacquelyn Hutson	Northeast Georgia
Rachel Todd	Jacquelyn Hutson	Northeast Georgia
Sarah Freeman	Laura Lozier	Cherokee
Shushmita Hoque	Jean Mann	Gwinett County
Anna Sewall	Grace Caudle	South Metro Atlanta
Rishi Singh	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Brianna Taylor	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Kaitlyn Purcell	Donna Dasher	Savannah
Will Ryals	Nancy Claxton	Macon
Harish Srinimukesh	Debra Shilling	North Fulton

Carrie Hungerpiller	Suzanne Woodrum	Savannah
Andrew Lee	Diane Boyd	Savannah
Hannah Muse	George Mann	Western GA
Madilyn Muse	George Mann	Western GA
Sophie Pollock	Lydia Porro Milham	Augusta
Jessica Stamey	Yumi Patterson	Gwinett County
Tierney Hagan	Diane Boyd	Savannah
Miranda Hendricks	Nancy Claxton	Macon
Kinsey Johnston	Annette Day	Coweta-Fayette
César Pérez	Donna Dasher	Savannah
Emily Poole	Trudi Norman	Columbus
Catie Greer	Ruth Harris	Athens
Khoa Trinh	Gail Kidd	South Metro Atlanta
Gabrielle Chan	Martha Aguirre	Columbus
Sammy Hadgu	Ellen Feibish	Decatur
Alexandra Laughlin	Martha Aguirre	Columbus
Petros Eskinder	Debra Hughes	Gwinett County
Danny Park	Donna Dasher	Savannah
Megan Pham	Jacquelyn Hutson	Greater Marietta

Level B

Collette Bryan	Boyce Leni	Cherokee
Amy Chou	Rachel Griffin	Western Georgia
Michelle Li	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Angela Park	Jean Mann	Gwinett County
Katherine Pham	Gail Kidd	South Metro Atlanta
Alex Claussen	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Luka Marinkovic	Janice Broadhurst	Atlanta
Taylor Rambo	Pam Metz Barksdal	Greater Marietta
Suraj Sehgal	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Karissa Kracht	Donna Dasher	Savannah
Emma Lin	Jean Mann	Gwinett County
Julia Norton	Ellen Feibish	Decatur
Quoc-Huy Pham	Gail Kidd	South Metro Atlanta
Sydney Shadrix	Jan Adams	Western GA
John Robert Hunt	Jacquelyn Hutson	Greater Marietta
Monique Osorio	Fanli Thongsouk	North Dekalb
Melissa Puntkattalee	Sylvia Beard	Northeast Georgia
Molly Shortell	Ellen Feibish	Decatur
Jessie Yuan	Frances Thrailkill	Decatur
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Ellie Peterson	Priscilla Jefcoat	Northeast Georgia
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Thuy-Tien Pham	Gail Kidd	South Metro Atlanta
Chondell Bullock	Gail Kidd	South Metro Atlanta
Wilson Harmon	Jacquelyn Hutson	Northeast Georgia
Rachel Rieder	Ellen Feibish	Decatur
Katie Romanoff	Frances Thrailkill	Decatur
Richard Saney	Sue Barnes	Greater Marietta

Level C

Kirsten Shippert	Jacqueline Pope	Greater Marietta
Luke Leavitt	Charlotte Williams	Greater Marietta
Eric James	Lisa Gaal North	Fulton
Sonam Vashi	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Adam Wadley	Mary Hinely	Decatur
Kori Buchanan	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia
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Lindsey Bleeche	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia
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Sheila Vedala	Rwei Hao	North Dekalb

Level D

Derek Vann	Gayle Vann	North Dekalb
Bryan Anderson	Jeannine Morrison	South Metro Atlanta
Joanna Kirk	Patti Bennett	Northeast Georgia
Genevieve Coe	Ruth Harris	Athens
Emily Cass	Diane Boyd	Savannah
Alan Liow	Pamela Martin	South Metro Atlanta
Nicholas Saney	Sue Barnes	Greater Marietta

Excellence in Theory

NAME	TEACHER	ASSOCIATION
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Level A

Andrew DuRant	Nele Ewaldsen	Savannah
Chandler Stone	Nancy Claxton	Macon
Michael Robinson	Ellen Feibish	Decatur
Emily Walton	Martha Aguirre	Columbus
David Tobelman	Donna Dasher	Savannah
Victoria Wheeler	Donna Dasher	Savannah
Rand Basma	Julie Soh-Harbin	North Fulton
Victoria Johnson	Gail Kidd	South Metro Atlanta
Elizabeth Dawson	Nele Ewaldsen	Savannah
Helen Wheeler	Donna Dasher	Savannah
Julia Falgout	Ellen Feibish	Decatur
Joshua Hunt	Jacquelyn Hutson	Greater Marietta
Celia McClure	Jacqueline Pope	Greater Marietta
Carlie Egan	Nancy Claxton	Macon

Level B

Johanna Braselton	Andrea Huff	Savannah
Lauren Saunders	Ellen Feibish	Decatur
John Gaal	Lisa Gaal	North Fulton
Elizabeth Coe	Priscilla Jefcoat	Northeast Georgia
Lily Freeman	Laura Lozier	Cherokee
Edmond Sysomboun	Margaret Jackson	Greater Marietta
Carly White	Frances Thrailkill	Decatur

Alec Chen	Joey Hokayem	Athens
Reagan Hooper	Jacquelyn Hutson	Northeast Georgia
Joy Anderson	Jan Adams	Western GA
Ryan Canady	Martha Aguirre	Columbus
Caitlin Deming	Ellen Feibish	Decatur
Katherine Shaw	Frances Thrailkill	Decatur

Level C

Sarah Carter-Sweete	Nele Ewaldsen	Savannah
Jessica Holcombe	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia
Carolina Perez	Donna Dasher	Savannah
Lauren Koch	Jan Adams	Western GA
Calah Smith	Susan Andrews	Gwinett County
Marcel Williams	Nancy Vogelsang	Savannah
Rachel Cornett	Boyce Leni	Cherokee
Ellen Barneycastle	Cynthia Pitts	Decatur
Sheena Sasaki	Momoko Yamamoto	Cobb County
Elizabeth Bennett	Priscilla Jefcoat	Northeast Georgia
Matt Johnson	Colette Keogh	Augusta
Addy Grace Coe	Priscilla Jefcoat	Northeast Georgia
Emily Selph	Miriam Marchetti	Macon
Ruding Tang	Donna Dasher	Savannah
Leona Yagi	Momoko Yamamoto	Cobb County
Christopher Kuo	Jean Mann	Gwinett County

Level D

Texas Galán	George Mann	Western Georgia
Christina Albertson	Ruth Harris	Athens
Abigail Clack	Susan Andrews	Gwinett County
Amanda Gunnels	Lisa Fowler	Coweta-Fayette
Brianna Hendrickson	Susan Naylor	Cherokee
Nathan Kunkel	Jan Adams	Western GA
Troy Colvard	Ruth Harris	Athens

Acheivement in Theory

NAME	TEACHER	ASSOCIATION
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Level A

Emily Kohl	Martha Aguirre	Columbus
Kyle Canady	Martha Aguirre	Columbus

Level B

Dyer Bowers	Nancy Vogelsang	Savannah
Anna Peterson	Priscilla Jefcoat	Northeast Georgia
Jon Diffenderfer	Annette Day	Coweta-Fayette
Suzanna Stapler	Jeannine Morrison	South Metro Atlanta
Cailin Knox	Jacquelyn Hutson	Greater Marietta
Aaron Panlilio	Nancy Allred	South Metro Atlanta
Catnhi Le	Gail Kidd	South Metro Atlanta

Level C

Jessie Richardson	Grace Caudle	South Metro Atlanta
Taylor Spencer Brown	Gail Kidd	South Metro Atlanta
Robert Daniel	Nancy Vogelsang	Savannah

Level D

Ian Coe	Ruth Harris	Athens
Michael Misley	Sylvia Beard	Northeast Georgia

LOCAL ASSOCIATION REPORTS

DECATUR MTA

David D'Ambrosio

This past year marked a milestone for Decatur Music Teachers Association as we celebrated our 60th anniversary since the founding of the chapter in 1947. Last October a banquet was held, followed by a duet program performed by Jeannine Morrison and Bob Spence. We were delighted that GMTA president Martha Thomas could join us as a special guest. Fall Fest Auditions were held in November at Agnes Scott College. Mozelle Cole and Mary Lou Swann co-chaired this event. The local spring auditions took place in March, also at Agnes Scott College. Keiko Ransom and Anne Sun served as co-chairs. The Jo Evans Scholarship Auditions will be scheduled in the fall (October) in future years rather than in the spring. Vice President for Programs, Renee Glaubitz, planned some very interesting programs this year including: The Joys of Teaching Intermediate Piano Literature, Martha Thomas; Federico Mompou, Kevin Hampton; The Duke, Geoff Haydon; Teaching Schubert Impromptus, Sergio Gallo; and our annual piano ensemble program was held at the home of Mary Hinely. Among other news; member Pam Martin is a recipient of a 2008 MTNA Teacher Enrichment Grant to be used for preparation of a lecture recital on the duo piano music of Cecile Chaminade. Her partner in this project is LuAnn Latzanich. Also, member Kristi Helfen has completed her Masters degree in Piano Pedagogy at Georgia State University where she taught as a graduate assistant and was awarded a Steinway Piano Grant in the fall of 2006.



GREATER MARIETTA

Pat Hankey

GMMTA began its year with 37 active members. Our past year scholarship winner, Molly Gehring, and Pedro Carreras of GSU started our year's programs in August. Our programs have been informative: Dr. Alexander of the Cobb Symphony, Dr. Tom Pearsall of GSU, Dr. Michiko Otaki and Kurt-Alexander Zeller of Clayton State, Terpsi Chore Dance Troupe, and our own teacher talent. We have sponsored the following events which raise scholarship money for our students: Pianothon, Piano Ensemble, Piano Olympics. We award three

camp scholarships and two scholarships for seniors pursuing music in college. Our Solo Festival and Auditions were well attended. We congratulate Carole Roach and Charlotte Williams for having students honored at the state conference in Dahlonega. We are proud of our member, George Mann, for being selected GMTA teacher of the year.



NORTH DEKALB

Rwei Hao

The North DeKalb Music Teachers Association had a great year with wonderful programs and events. We kicked off with Yearbook distribution in August. Dr. Sergio Gallo from Georgia State University came to introduce the intermediate piano repertoire of Latin American composers in September. The four hour Dalcroze Workshop in October by Dr. Annabelle Joseph was a great opportunity to meet with teachers from four other metro Atlanta chapters. Also in October, we had 160 students from 21 teachers' studios enter the Sonatina/Sonata Competition. In November, George Mann presented Satie piano music to our group. We ended up year 2007 with holiday luncheon at my house.

Although the January 2008 meeting was snowed out, we were very busy with Ensemble Olympics. 190+ students and 12 teachers participated in this fun event. In February, Sandy Yeagen from Shorter College blessed us with teaching tips for students with learning disabilities. Edward Parmentier from University of Michigan held a Bach lecture recital with harpsichord in March. Glen Eckman, Eriko Ishikawa, and Frances Yao shared their wonderful teaching experiences with us in April. The May luncheon was held at Violette Restaurant where we inducted our new officers, honored our 2008 NDMTA Teacher of the Year, Lois Finlay, and gave out 29 Senior Certificates.



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People and Music in Harmony

Lori Bennett Hamrick
President

Julie Sob-Harbin
VP of Membership

GMTA AUDITIONS

PEGGY LEE

VICE PRESIDENT / GMTA AUDITIONS



Congratulations to all students and teachers who participated in the 2008 GMTA Auditions held at the University of Georgia Hugh Hodgson School of Music in Athens on April 19 and May 9 and 10. There were a total of 636 participants including 550 piano participants, 11 piano concerto participants, 13 strings participants, 2 instrumental concerto participants and 23 vocal participants representing 164 teachers. Special thanks to Martha Thomas for arranging the hospitality; Stephanie Tingler for her on-site assistance; and Steinway Piano Galleries for providing the Piano Senior Cash Award.

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

Piano Division: Clara Park, Coordinator

Grade 4A / Jane Lester, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
Conference Recitalist		
Chelsea Chen	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb
1st Alternate		
Belinda Jiang	Ping Xu	North Fulton
2nd Alternate		
Aaron Ding	Wen Zao Chen	North DeKalb
Outstanding Performer		
Kathryn Jian	Ping Xu	North Fulton
Amy Su	Frances Yao	North DeKalb
Aaron Smith	Rwei Hao	North DeKalb
Beth Huang	Miao-Fen Lin	North DeKalb
Erwin Cai	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb
Award of Excellence		
Ashley Cantanzarite	Lori Hamrick	North Fulton
Jordan Tioe	Hwee Boon Ng	North Fulton
Joseph Pang	Hwee Boon Ng	North Fulton
Jerry Yao	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb
Mia Pattillo	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb
John Mori	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb
Jennifer Tong	Ping Xu	Decatur
Connie Xiao	Ping Xu	Decatur
Honorable Mention		
Jessica Ma	Hwee Boon Ng	North Fulton
Jennifer Zou	Rwei Hao	North DeKalb
Lion Atalla	Lyudmila Oyzboyd	North DeKalb
Natsumi Obata	Yoshiko Yoshimura	North DeKalb
Collin Jones	Irina Bogachek	Greater Marietta
Renee Chang	Anne Sun	Decatur
Merry Chen	Aza Boguslavsky	Decatur
Jennifer Zou	Rwei Hao	North DeKalb

Grade 4B / Jane Lester, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
Conference Recitalist		
David Zhao	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
1 st Alternate	Laura Street	Atlanta
	Nancy Elton	Atlanta
2 nd Alternate		
Zoe Tang	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Award of Excellence		
Richard Pei	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Annie Su	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Patrick Ziegler	Yumi Patterson	Gwinnett
Honorable Mention		
Andrew Zhang	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Hailey Kim	Patti Bennett	NE Georgia
Grace Cornelison	Sue Moncreif	Augusta
Jacob Friedman	Naegeli Metcalf	Savannah

Grade 5A / Ashley Craig, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
Conference Recitalist		
Rita Young	Anne Sun	Decatur
1 st Alternate		
Ingrid Cai	Ping Xu	North Fulton
2 nd Alternate		
Joshua Shue Hwee	Boon Ng	North Fulton
Outstanding Performer		
Christina Bae	Frances Yao	North DeKalb
Yen Hsiang	Frederic Hsiang	North Fulton
Caroline Wu	Anna Arshavskaya	Decatur
Award of Excellence		
Janet Mao	Rwei Hao	North DeKalb
Eric Dong	Frederic Hsiang	North Fulton
Jason Wu	Frederic Hsiang	North Fulton
Veronica Xia	Ping Xu	North Fulton
Ryan Chen	Keiko Ransom	Decatur
Hannah Dubuc	Davide Palmer	Cherokee
Honorable Mention		
Rachel Dai	Rwei Hao	North DeKalb
Tommy Clark	Rwei Hao	North DeKalb
Daniel Li	Ping Xu	North Fulton
Hope Hong	Hwee Boon Ng	North Fulton
Madison Kor	Misty Simmons	Cobb
Emily Sim	Young-Hae Kim	Decatur

Grade 5B / Ashley Craig, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
Conference Recitalist		
Matthew Chen	Anne Sun	Atlanta

1st Alternate

Sean Lu Anne Sun Atlanta

2nd Alternate

Tomislav Zabcic-Matic A. Sheludyakov Athens

Outstanding PerformerKatie Lim Patti Bennett NE Georgia
Catherine Xie PingXu Atlanta**Award of Excellence**Amanda Delgado Patti Bennett NE Georgia
Bethany Sides Jean Mann Gwinnett
Anderson Leggett Janice Wong Gwinnett
Luka Marinkovic Janice BroadhurstAtlanta
Nathan Hung Inna Satunovsky S. Met Atlanta**Honorable Mention**Aaron Holmes Jonathan Klein Athens
Hannah Yi Patti Bennett NE Georgia
Laboni Hoque Jean Mann Gwinnett
Andrew Jeng S. Freeman Gwinnett
Yuke Yang Anne Sun Atlanta
Zachary Wilson Mark Mitchell Macon**Grade 6A: Patti Bennett, Chair****Student Teacher Association****Conference Recitalist**Michael Wang Frederic Hsiang North Fulton
1st Alternate
Michael Dubuc Davide Palmer Cherokee
2nd Alternate
Ko Saito M. Yamamoto Cobb**Outstanding Performer**Frederick Faulkner Huu Mai Cobb
Sabrina Chin Keiko Ransom Decatur**Award of Excellence**Shao Hung Tung Frederic Hsiang North Fulton
Steven Yu Ping Xu North Fulton
Joy Xu Miao-Fen Lin North DeKalb
Nicolas Perry Rachel Oliver Gtr Marietta
Katherine Ng David Watkins Cobb
Camilla Liao Lynda Kenney**Honorable Mentions**William Yang Ping Xu North Fulton
Dawn Andrews Gayle Vann North DeKalb
Alex Clausson Gayle Vann North DeKalb
Eileen Li Ping Xu Decatur
Connie Xie Ping Xu Decatur**Grade 6B: Patti Bennett, Chair****Student Teacher Association****Conference Recitalist**

Linda Zhou Anne Sun Atlanta

1st Alternate

Kelly Ryu Nancy Elton Atlanta

2nd Alternate

Kristie Liao Inna Satunovsky S. Met Atlanta

Outstanding Performer

Isaac Hram Nancy Elton Atlanta

Award of ExcellenceMichael Cao Janice Wong Gwinnett
Angela Park Jean Mann Gwinnett
Jane Wang Ping Xu Atlanta
Beiwen Liu Naegeli Metcalf Savannah**Honorable Mention**Nathan Li Janice Wong Gwinnett
Harold Liu Janice Wong Gwinnett
Lana Wang Janice Wong Gwinnett
Nicholas Na Bonnie Bowen Gwinnett
Mark Wang Anne Sun Atlanta
Sue Liang Inna Satunovsky S. Met Atlanta**Grade 7A: Frederic Hsiang, Chair****Student Teacher Association****Conference Recitalist**

Jia Xiu Zhong Frances Yao North DeKalb

1st Alternate

Kevin Luo Frederic Hsiang North Fulton

2nd Alternate

Brandon Hou Frederic Hsiang North Fulton

Outstanding PerformerIrene Lin Anne Sun Decatur
Jenny Guo Frederic Hsiang North Fulton
Lattie Reddoch Laura Lozier Cherokee**Award of Excellence**Ashley Wang Miao Fen Lin North DeKalb
Rio Atalla L. Oyzboyd North DeKalb
Timothy Shu Lois Finlay North DeKalb
Andrew Tsao Lynda Kenney Decatur
Samuel Zhao Ping Xu North Fulton
Lucy Zhang Ping-yun Hsu Cobb**Honorable Mention**Lisa Wang YongXu Ye North DeKalb
Eric Wan Lois Finlay North DeKalb
Younji Lee Young Joo Choi North DeKalb
Joseph Fan Jody Parrish Decatur
Caroline Owen Jody Parrish Decatur**Grade 7B: Frederic Hsiang, Chair****Student Teacher Association****Conference Recitalist**

Paula Cheng Anne Sun Atlanta

1st Alternate

Saya Aoyagi Inna Satunovsky S. Met Atlanta

2nd Alternate

Katie Martin Miriam MarchettiMacon

Outstanding Performer

Xing Gao Ivan Frazier Athens

Award of Excellence

Frank Chen	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
Will Brawner	Diane Boyd	Savannah
Brian Vong	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Anna Sewell	Grace Caudle	S. Met
Atlanta		

Honorable Mention

Teja Smith	Susan Andrews	Gwinnett
Michael Wang	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
Annie Wang	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Golda Nguyen	Sue Moncrief	Augusta

Grade 8A / Tina Darden, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Conference Recitalist

Lisa Wang	Frederic Hsiang	North Fulton
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1st Alternate

Alice Guo	Ping Xu	North Fulton
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2nd Alternate

Alishan Gezgin	L. Ozyboyd	North DeKalb
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Outstanding Performer

Leona Yagi	M. Yamamoto	Cobb
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Award of Excellence

Emily Gleason	Jody Parrish	Decatur
Sharon Zhang	Ping Xu	Decatur
Jonathan Austin	M. Meghdadi	North DeKalb
Sheena Sasaki	M. Yamamoto	Cobb

Honorable Mention

Jasper Tseng	Wen Zao Chen	North DeKalb
Yannan Wang	Wen Zao Chen	North DeKalb
Bonnie Leigh Cruser	Elva Johnson	North Fulton
Albert Tanubrata	C. Williams	GTR Marietta

Grade 8B / Tina Darden, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Conference Recitalist

Ryan Cribbs	Joey Hokayem	Athens
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1st Alternate

Sitan Chen	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
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2nd Alternate

Timothy Jones	Patti Bennett	NE Georgia
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Outstanding Performer

Shida Chen	Joey Hokayem	Athens
Emma Lin	Jean Mann	Gwinnett
Yubo Su	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Amier Naji	Hiroko Hogarth	Augusta

Award of Excellence

Oren Adam	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
Andy Dang	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
Kevin Do	S. Freeman	Gwinnett

Kevin Bae	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Angela Shen	Edith Schiff	Atlanta
Viktor Chaly	Paul Hennessy	Augusta
Grant Kimbrall	Sue Moncrief	Augusta

Honorable Mention

Mike Xiao	Jonathan Klein	Athens
Alan Dong	S. Freeman	Gwinnett
Linda Wu	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Hally Davidson	Steve Shivers	S Met Atlanta
Mackenzie Marr	Clara Park	Augusta

Grade 9A: Charlotte Williams, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Conference Recitalist

Eric James	Lisa Gaal	North Fulton
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Conference Master Class

Jesse Zhao	Ping Xu	North Fulton
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1st Alternate

Seojeong Yang	Young Joo Choi	North DeKalb
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2nd Alternate

Donna Guo	Lois Finlay	North DeKalb
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Outstanding Performer

Susan Yang	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb
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Award Of Excellence

Grace Liu	William Ransom	Decatur
Jenny Su	Frederic Hsiang	North Fulton
Luna Zhang	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb

Honorable Mention

Stephanie Suh	Young-Hae Kim	Decatur
Richard Wan	Lois Finlay	North DeKalb
Tiffany Ho	Hwee Boon Ng	North Fulton
Peter McKenna	Ruth Ann Clark	GTR Marietta
Erica Byas-Smith	C. Williams	GTR Marietta
Frances Doyle	Pat Hankey	GTR Marietta
Diana Parker	Laura Lozier	Cherokee

Grade 9B: Charlotte Williams, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Conference Recitalist

Roo Ra Lee	Jean Roberts	Macon
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Conference Master Class

Victoria Yang	Raisa Parmentier	Atlanta
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1st Alternate

Sophia Lu	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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2nd Alternate

Jonathan Cheng	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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Outstanding Performer

Rhona Ke	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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Award of Excellence

Rebekah Bau	Joey Hokayem	Athens
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Zhuran Wen	Richard Zimdars	Athens
Isrra Kang	Nancy Elton	Atlanta
Kimi Wang	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta

Honorable Mention

Emily Selph	Miriam Marchetti	Macon
Anna May Kersey	Susan McDuffie	Macon
Jennifer Hua	S. Freeman	Gwinnett
Anna Kakizaki	Yumi Patterson	Gwinnett
Hannah Kwon	Eunju Park	Gwinnett
Evelyn Chang	Tina Darden	Gwinnett

Grade 10A: Janice Wong, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Conference Recitalist

Grace Mao	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb
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Conference Master Class

Irene Chen	Rachel Oliver	GTR Marietta
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1st Alternate

Johnny Ahn	Helen Ramsaur	Rome
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2nd Alternate (Award of Excellence)

Mariam Abdushelishvili	Lena Zuiff	North Fulton
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Award of Excellence

Diem-Anh Vo	Misty Simmons	Cobb
Eric Chen	Keiko Ransom	Decatur
Angel Guo	William Ransom	Decatur

Honorable Mention

Joon Sang Ko	Frances Yao	North DeKalb
Stephanie Ng	David Watkins	Cobb
Max Liu	Anne Sun	Decatur

Grade 10B: Janice Wong, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Conference Recitalist

Frederick Dong	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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Conference Master Class

Alice Chen	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
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1st Alternate

Catherine Cheng	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
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2nd Alternate

Cynthia Gannon	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
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Outstanding Performer

Tiffany Liao	Inna Satunovsky	S Met Atlanta
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Award of Excellence

Shannon Zhang	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
Daniel Li	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
Alexander Zhang	Naegeli Metcalf	Savannah
Helena Chern	Anne Sun	Atlanta

Honorable Mention

Joshua Cribbs	Joey Hokayem	Athens
Mei Tsuruta	Peggy Lee	Athens
Chanie Howard	Janice Wong	Gwinnett
YeJin Yi	Bonnie Bowen	Gwinnett

Chase Grizzle	Joe Chapman	NE Georgia
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Grade 11A: Jonathan Klein, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Conference Recitalist

Jonathan Harper	Helen Ramsaur	Rome
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Conference Master Class

Christine Cheng	Hao An Cheng	Cobb
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1st Alternate

Marjorie Saviano	R. Blankenshi	GTR Marietta
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2nd Alternate

Catherine Wei	Ping Xu	North Fulton
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Award of Excellence

Sarah Ohms	A. Arshavskaya	Decatur
Kenny Zhao	Frederic Hsiang	North Fulton
Roger Ou	Frederic Hsiang	North Fulton

Honorable Mention

Susanna Polley	Mary Ann Knight	Rome
Helen Li	Ping Xu	North Fulton
Aaron Fan	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb
Rob Herd	Helen Ramsaur	Rome

Grade 11B: Jonathan Klein, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Conference Recitalist

Clara Starkweather	Joey Hokayem	Athens
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Conference Master Class

Kunal Lahiry	Edith Schiff	Atlanta
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1st Alternate

Abraham Chang	Edith Schiff	Atlanta
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2nd Alternate

Jeffrey Chen	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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Award of Excellence

Dan Fu	Joey Hokayem	Athens
Kevin Zhao	Inna Satunovsky	S Met Atlanta
Mischelle Patk	Nancy Elton	Atlanta
Joanna Kirk	Patti Bennett	NE Georgia

Honorable Mention

Mark Hadden	Timothy Wheeler	Gwinnett
Hanna Lin	Jean Mann	Gwinnett
Claire Kannapell	Judy Thomas	NE Georgia
Anna Schmitz	Susan McDuffie	Macon

Grade 12: Rebekah Jones, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Senior Cash Award

Brenda Guo	David Watkins	Cobb
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Outstanding Performer

April Kim	Nancy Elton	Atlanta
Benjamin Chan	Clara Park	Augusta
Caterina Li	Lois Finlay	North DeKalb

Award of Excellence

Jair Crawford	C. McClure	Augusta
Mary Claire Murphy	Susan McDuffie	Macon

Honorable Mention

Abigail Clack	Susan Andrews	Gwinnett
Texas Galan	George Mann	W. Georgia
Amanda Kannawarf	Wanda Hughes	Cherokee

Piano Concerto, Rebekah Jones, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Winner

Roger Ou	Frederic Hsiang	North Fulton
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1st Alternate

Angela Guo	William Ransom	Decatur
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2nd Alternate

Derek Vann	Lois Finlay	North DeKalb
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Honorable Mention

Anna Schmitz	Susan McDuffie	Macon
William Sessions	Clara Park	Augusta

Lower College, Dawn McCord, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Conference Recitalist

Thomas Williams	Mary Ann Knight	Shorter
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Outstanding Performer

Sunhey Min	Martha Thomas	UGA
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Award of Excellence

Kristin Center	Martha Thomas	UGA
Xiaolei Zhou	Priscilla Jefcoat	Brenau
Liz Han	Richard Zimdars	UGA

Honorable Mention

Christian Bigliani	Mary Ann Knight	Shorter
Song-Wei Tan	Jui-Wen Ginger Chen	Georgia Perimeter
Harold Walbert	Carol Gingerich	West Georgia

Middle College, Dawn McCord, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Conference Recitalist

Alaleh Ketabi	Geoffrey Haydon	Georgia State
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Outstanding Performer

Robert White	Geoffrey Haydon	Georgia State
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Award of Excellence

Katherine Holley	Priscilla Jefcoat	Brenau
Kim Bracey	Geoffrey Haydon	Georgia State

Honorable Mention

Zeke Farley	Joe Chapman	North Georgia
Chris Owenby	George Mann	LaGrange

Upper College: Dawn McCord, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Conference Recitalist

Jihye Kim	Geoffrey Haydon	Georgia State
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Award of Excellence

Chrisa Howell	Richard Zimdars	UGA
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Instrumental Concerto: Jennifer K. Lee, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Winner

Alice Liu	Que Yang	
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Honorable Mention

Jennifer Lu	Que Yang	
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Strings: Jennifer K. Lee, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Grades 2-3**Honorable Mention**

Julia Lu	Que Yang	
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Grades 4-5**Conference Recitalist**

Caroline Wu	Daniel Arshavsky	
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Outstanding Performer

Erin Lollar	Daniel Arshavsky	
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Award of Excellence

Andrew Fu	Que Yang	
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Grades 6-7**Honorable Mention**

Brian Vong	Que Yang	
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Grades 8-9**Outstanding Performer**

Sun-Kyu Kim	Que Yang	
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Award of Excellence

Cesar Perez	DonnaDasher	Savannah
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Grades 10-11**Conference Recitalist**

Sarah Ohms	Daniel Arshavsky	
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Outstanding Performer

Lindsay Osborn	Nan Kemberling	Clayton State
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Award of Excellence

Jennifer Chen	Que Yang	
Carolina Perez	DonnaDasher	Savannah

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Lower College

Award of Excellence

Alicia Perez Donna Dasher Savannah

Middle College

Outstanding Performer

Michael Landry Michael Heald UGA

Voice: Stephanie Tingler, Chair

Student	Teacher	Association
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Grade 10

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GMTA is pleased to recognize our "golden" members, those who have belonged to GMTA and MTNA for 50 years. Four of these were featured in the Winter 2008 Newsletter, two more are featured below, and future issues of the newsletter will continue this project. Our 50-year members include the following: Despy Karlas, Daisy Luckey Aukerman, Jeannine R. Morrison, NCTM, Ila Berenson, Jackie Foster Conley, NCTM, Aurelia Campbell, NCTM, Beverly Bradley, and George Lucktenberg. Contact GMTA's Executive Director, Donna Trivette, if your name is not listed:

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JACKIE FOSTER CONLEY, NCTM

Jackie Foster Conley began teaching piano in Savannah in 1952 and continued to teach when she moved to Columbus in 1968. She has taught pupils as young as three years old, specifically her daughter, whose earliest memories of piano lessons are rolling around under the piano bench while mom screams "Come on, Carolyn. Is this note a D or a B?" Her eldest student was an eighty-eight year old former Army nurse, who loved hymns in A-flat. Now she has only three adult students who play for their own "amazement." She has also taught beginning organ and has been a church organist for forty years.

Jackie Conley earned her BFA degree in music from the University of Georgia, studying piano and organ with Lucille Kimble, who helped organize GMTA. She received her MM degree in Music Education at Columbus State University, studying piano with Joyce Schwob, organ with Ron Rice, and piano pedagogy with John O'Brien. Jackie served two terms as president of the Columbus Music Teachers Association.

Jackie Conley's first piano teacher was Vivian Smith who persuaded Jackie's two sisters, her mother, and Jackie to participate in a National Federation of Music Clubs family music project involving playing piano duets, trios, and quartets. Jackie credits this experience with teaching her to count and to sight read. Playing keyboard in her youngest son's family band concert last fall was perhaps the latest high point in her long career.



DESPY KARLAS

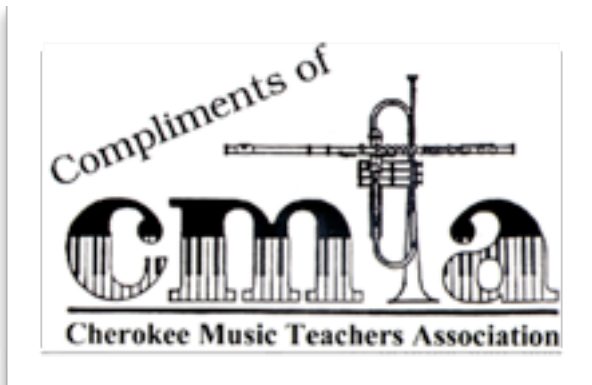
The youngest of four daughters of first-generation Greek immigrants, Despy Karlas began studying piano at the age of eight. Spunky, talented and determined, she continued her studies under artist teachers Muriel Kerr, Ernest Hutcheson, Webster Aitken, and Soulima Stravinsky. She earned a diploma in piano performance at The Juilliard School, degrees at Douglas College (NJ) and the University of Illinois, and a Juilliard fellowship for advanced study at the Juilliard Graduate School.

After completing her studies, Despy joined Russian pianist Sergei Barsukoff in forming a duo-piano team based in Miami. The team of Karlas and Barsukoff soared both on the concert stage and in the air. Barsukoff was an aviation instructor, and under his tutelage, Despy learned to fly an amphibious, pontoon-equipped Luscomb aircraft.

Arriving in Athens in 1946, she began her career at the University of Georgia--a career that spanned over four decades. Despy frequently performed the great two-piano and four-hand repertoire with Hugh Hodgson, "Mr.

Hugh," founder of the UGA Music Department. She was a brilliant pianist who was never afraid to tackle any of the contemporary composers. Many of the teachers active in GMTA today were students of Despy Karlas and can attribute their love of teaching to her tutelage.

Despite her demanding teaching schedule and her guest performances worldwide, Despy provided leadership in the Georgia Music Teachers Association and served as both vice president and president of the organization.



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We are in the process of updating the “Georgia’s Own” List. If you know of a musician who would make a great presenter, please let me know. In the near future, we hope to make the list available online so the local associations will have ready access to all presenters and programs available.

In addition, a recent article in the Autumn 2007 Keyboard Companion, printed statistics from the SAT College Board. The scores were from 2005 high school seniors who took the SAT. The scores show students who studied a musical instrument scored higher on the SATs. And, the longer a student studied, the higher their scores. This should help to encourage music education on all levels. Do the math!

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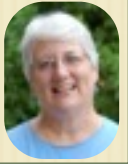


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CERTIFICATION
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A couple of months ago while preparing to speak at a couple of local association meetings about certification (Certification – Why Bother?), I contacted many of our Georgia certified teachers and asked why they had “bothered” to become certified. You will find one teacher’s response below.

Before I let you read her article, I just want to mention that summer is a great time to check out certification. I have a list of people who have expressed interest in starting the certification process this summer. I’d love to add your name to that list.



In my early years of teaching, even though I had a college degree, I did not feel that my chosen profession as an independent piano teacher was as “professional” as that of my friends’ who were public school teachers. I was very happy when state certification was offered me through the Joint Committee of GMTA and GMEA. I immediately applied and received state certification in June 1963 and then state permanent certification in September 1994. When MTNA offered national certification, I immediately applied and received national certification in July 1968 and national permanent certification in December 1993. I was the first teacher in the state of Georgia to receive national certification. I never questioned certification; I just felt it was the thing to do.

As a young independent piano teacher, certification helped me feel more identified on the level of school teachers. I have always felt, and still do, that all independent teachers should become certified. In addition to college degrees, being certified is a statement to one’s students and the general public that you have proved that you are a qualified teacher and that you continue to keep updated in your profession.

I feel that certification has helped raise my profession as an independent teacher to a high level, and that I can expect better students and can ask a raise in my pay along with other professionals. I always include that I am a certified teacher in various resumes, newspaper articles and other publications. I know that this has helped me build credibility in my community. I have been able to maintain a very successful private studio in my community for over 50 years and have always taken pride in “proclaiming” that I am a national certified teacher of piano.

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SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR NOMINATION (*no other material is to be submitted*):

1) The Application Form

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- a. Teaching/professional achievement
- b. Number of years of teaching experience
- c. Evidence of teaching excellence (i.e. students' successes)
- d. Accomplishments/contributions to MTNA
- e. Participation in Local, State and/or National MTNA programs
- f. Community involvement

3) Two Letters:

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GMTA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

NORTH GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY / NOVEMBER 2, 2007

WELCOME

The 2007 Annual Business Meeting of the Georgia Music Teachers Association was called to order at 10:00 AM in the Hoag Student Center Auditorium at North Georgia College and State University. President Thomas welcomed the GMTA membership to the conference and extended sincere appreciation to the faculty and staff of North Georgia College and State University for hosting the conference and the competitions.

President Thomas greeted Dr. Joseph Chapman, Professor and Music Program Coordinator of the Fine Arts Department at North Georgia College and State University, who welcomed the GMTA membership to Dahlonega and NGCSU for the conference. President Thomas then introduced Dr. Gail Berenson, MTNA President and Pedagogy Headliner, who brought greetings and announcements from the MTNA National headquarters. President Berenson expressed delight at being in Georgia for the GMTA Conference and shared information on several important MTNA programs and services.

The minutes from the Annual 2006 Business Meeting were approved as stated in the fall issue GMTA newsletter.

The Financial Report for fiscal year 2006-2007, as compiled by Haley and Associates, showed total revenues of \$66,841.00 and total expenses of \$68,976.00, resulting in a deficit of \$2,135.00. Total net assets as of June 30, 2007 were \$68,334.00. The report was accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In January 2007, President Thomas attended the MTNA southern Division Competitions at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. Three winners and two honorable mentions were declared at the 2007 MTNA Southern Division Competitions. The three winners traveled to the MTNA 2007 National Conference in Toronto, Ontario. **Timothy Hilgert**, student of Doug Farwell, won the Senior Brass Division, and **Michael Sumuel**, student of Earl Coleman, won the Young Artist Voice Division.

President Thomas reported that the 2007 MTNA Conference in Toronto was outstanding and featured

many interesting sessions. She encouraged all to attend the 2008 MTNA conference in Denver, Colorado and the 2008 GMTA Conference at the University of Georgia next November.

The 2007 GMTA Auditions were held at the University of Georgia Hugh Hodgson School of Music on April 14 and May 11-12 under the supervision of Peggy Lee, VP/GMTA Auditions. There were a total of 754 participants in the following categories: Piano: Grades 4—College & Piano Concerto—536; Instrumental—19; Vocal—21; and Music Theory—178. Teachers: 159 teachers represented in the performing auditions; 59 teachers represented in the theory tests.

In 2008, strings, voice, woodwinds, brass, instrumental concerto, and college piano GMTA Auditions will be held on April 19, 2008. Pre-college piano and piano concerto GMTA Auditions will be held on May 10, 2008. The Theory Achievement Test will occur on May 10.

The MTNA competitions were held at North Georgia College and State University on October 31-November 1, 2007 under the supervision of Dr. Dawn McCord, VP/Competitions. There were 51 solo entrants and four chamber music ensembles in the Performance Competitions. There were 11 entrants in the Composition Competitions. This year 13 solo winners, 3 composition winners, and 1 chamber ensemble winner will represent GMTA in the GMTA Southern Division Competitions in January 2008.

As of October 13, 2007, GMTA had 691 members consisting of 669 professional and senior members, 22 student members, and 108 certified members. As of November 1, 2007, the conference registration was 156—one our highest conference registrations!

The bank balance as of October 1, 2007 was \$25,463.70, with \$49,776.60 in the reserve fund. The three GMTA Award Funds have the following totals: Composition Award Fund \$6,877.76; Broadhurst Award Fund \$10,408.69; and GMTA Award Fund \$7,336.02.

President Thomas reported that GMTA's new website www.georgiamta.org is up and running. If members have not yet visited the new website, they are urged to do so. Contact President Thomas for the member login name and password. GMTA also has a new online newsletter, posted on the GMTA

website. Members should feel free to print out copies for themselves. Members without email should contact Executive Director, Donna Trivette, and ask for a copy to be mailed to them. President Thomas established the GMTA listserv one year ago, and it has been a very valuable tool for keeping the membership informed. Eventually, we hope to begin using the membership database from the new website for sending out GMTA emails, but that transition hasn't occurred yet. President Thomas has formed an Ad Hoc Theory Committee that will begin evaluating the current GMTA theory program.

In other news, President Thomas mentioned that Julie Distelhurst, a member of Gwinnett County MTA, was having zoning problems. Members were urged to talk with President Thomas and/or Gwinnett County MTA President, Lois Simon, to find out how they could help Julia. On a happy note, Decatur MTA celebrated its 60th anniversary this past fall with a lovely evening banquet and concert. Congratulations Decatur MTA!!!

President Thomas recognized the officers and committee chairs for their effective service to GMTA this past year, as well as the local association presidents for their very hard and diligent work at the local level.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Thomas thanked the following for their contributions to the GMTA conference.

From North Georgia College and State University and Dahlonega: Dr. Joe Chapman, Local conference coordinator; Mr. Clarence Zeches, Piano technician-- tuned most of the competition pianos; Dr. David Potter, President; Dr. Lee Barrow, Chair of the Fine Arts Department; Missy Norrell, Food Services—Catering; Don Bennett of PianoWorks for refurbishing the concert grand piano in the H o a g Student Center Auditorium; Dahlonega Baptist Church, Dr. William Hutcheson, Pastor: For the use of their facilities in the MTNA/GMTA Competitions and the use of their parking lot for the conference attendees; and Dahlonega United Methodist Church, Dr. Jeffrey Ross, Pastor: For the use of their facilities in the MTNA/GMTA Competitions.
From GMTA: Dr. David Oliver, VP/Program; Donna Trivette, GMTA Executive Director and conference

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

(Signed), Martha Thomas, President

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