



# GEORGIA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Summer Newsletter 2014

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Richard Goode

GMTA  
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2014



Jennifer Linn



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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DAWN MCCORD, GMTA PRESIDENT

In the 1942 movie *Yankee Doodle Dandy* we hear, "My mother thanks you. My father thanks you. My sister thanks you. And I thank you," Let me add that I thank you, Jan Adams thanks you, and GMTA members thank you for another successful **Auditions**. We even saw an increase in participation. I helped with the Region V Auditions and families seemed pleased with the experience. One parent approached me at the event to tell me that she has been involved with Auditions for 6 years and she thinks that the Regional events are fantastic providing the opportunity for more judge feedback and awards. She wished her other children could have had this opportunity. As with other GMTA initiatives, this is a continually evolving event and will always be evaluated and fine-tuned in order to foster an experience that is valued by teachers and participants. We will continue to repeat that which is working great and seek ways to improve on all things.

On a critical and time-sensitive note, we must devote time to the order of the **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)**. All Local Association presidents should have received a copy of the FTC Order with instructions on how to comply. We have addressed this issue at the GMTA Conference in November with a change in our By-Laws voted in by our membership. We also had a productive discussion on the FTC Order at the Executive Board meeting this past April. Many of the Local Associations have already done this work and it is just a matter of reading the newly released Order to ensure that nothing is different than what we predicted prior to the official FTC Order. For those who have not reviewed their By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Website to check for compliance, now is the time to do this. As soon as you have made those revisions, complete the Compliance form and submit it to MTNA as requested. **The due date is August 28, 2014**. If by chance, you still need to make a change and need more time, file an extension right away. Presidents should have received all of this information as attachments (FTC Order, Compliance Form, Extension Form) If not, check to see that we have the correct President listed on the GMTA website. Sometimes, we are not notified of changes. If that is the case, send me the current President's name and preferred email and I will make the necessary corrections. To find out more or access the FTC Order and Compliance Forms, go to:

<http://mtna.org/about-mtna/code-of-ethics/>

As always, contact me if you have questions and we will find the answer you need. Failure to comply and submit the paper work will result in the offending Local Association being disaffiliated with MTNA. GMTA is also working to ensure that we are in compliance. As to the genesis of this investigation, I am sure that MTNA and all state and local affiliates have not instituted any acts with malice or intent to block trade in our service to music and students but in order to make this clear, all states are required to do this work. To put this in a positive light, I suggest you take this opportunity to update your By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and website in all areas. This makes it a win-win for everyone.

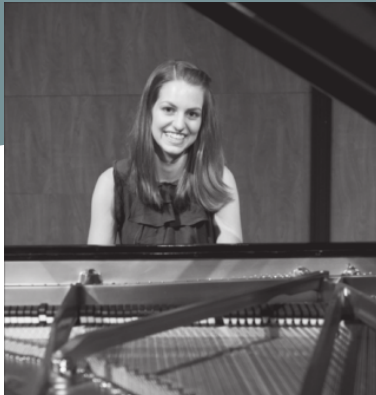
As a testament to our good works, I would like to share some impressive information, much of what is reported in this newsletter but here are a few items to wet your whistle. I worked with the great MTNA-GA **Competition** team under the leadership of David George. We had 94 entrants with only one other state having 6 more competitors. Of the 21 GMTA Competition Winners that continued on to the Southern Division Competition, 17 received a rating of Winner, Alternate, or Honorable Mention in Louisville. I joined the MTNA-GA winners at the Southern Division Meetings Competitions at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky, January 17-20, 2014. I served as an indoor monitor for two events and was fortunate to hear our Chamber Wind competitors who won in their competition. I was very proud to claim them as our own along with all of our participants in other competitions. Our state garnered many wins. The winners represented us at the MTNA Conference in Chicago, Illinois. Of the Division Winners from Georgia, 8 students (Senior Piano Duet, Chamber Winds, Young Artist String and Young Artist Brass) were recognized with second and third place national awards. Kudos go out to the teachers in Georgia and their wonderful students.

At the national **MTNA Conference**, I attended the MTNA Foundation GALA, meetings and forums dedicated to meeting the goals of our organization as well as hearing many fine performances and master classes. At the conference business meeting, Mary Ann Knight and Helen Ramsaur were recognized with the **50-year Member Award**. Besides being a witness to the worth of MTNA membership, both of these young ladies have influenced many of today's GMTA teachers. The number of winners generated by Mary Ann and Helen in the competitions and auditions, is stunning. Maybe this witness will encourage you to get your membership in early for the coming year. The target date for **renewing or joining MTNA/GMTA** is June 30. We pull our data for the online GMTA directory from MTNA so don't let your name be dropped. The directory is updated twice a month and for those using the "Find a Teacher," the same data is used.

Intense planning is already in progress for the **2014 GMTA Conference**. I have traveled to Clayton State University to meet with VP of Programs, Susan Tusing. She and I met with the 2014 Commissioned Composer and performers as well as reviewed plans for facilities and logistics. We have great headliners, Jennifer Linn and Richard Goode, on board along with the MTNA President Kenneth Christensen and Southern Division Director Marc Hebda. I hope that you have already marked your calendars, Nov. 6-8, for the next conference. Our conference is a quality experience along with a bargain.

Revel in the good we are doing in the state of Georgia, renew your membership, comply with FTC order, and remember to thank your parents for the time and money they invest in their child's music studies. "My mother thanks you. My father thanks you. My sister thanks you. And I thank you."

The 2014 Summer Newsletter is the last issue that will be mailed out per request from the GMTA office. The plan to discontinue this practice was made when our newsletter went online. Our desire was to aid in the transition. The money saved has allowed us to increase our contributions to teacher and student awards and grants. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn McCord, GMTA President, at <mailto:president@georgiamta.org>



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# GMTA CONFERENCE 2014

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By Susan Tusing, GMTA VP of Programs

Plans for the 2014 GMTA Conference are starting to take shape, and this year's Conference promises to be an exciting one. The Conference will be on the campus of Clayton State University in Morrow, co-hosted by Spivey Hall. We will celebrate GMTA's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and MTNA President Kenneth J. Christensen and Southern Division Director Marc Hebda will be in attendance.

Internationally-acclaimed pianist Richard Goode will be our Conference Recitalist and Master Class Artist. Richard Goode has been hailed for music-making of tremendous emotional power, depth, and expressiveness, and he has been acknowledged worldwide as one of today's leading interpreters of Classical and Romantic music. A native of New York, Richard Goode studied with Elvira Szigeti and Claude Frank, with Nadia Reisenberg at the Mannes College of Music, and with Rudolf Serkin at the Curtis Institute. He has won many prizes, including the Young Concert Artists Award, First Prize in the Clara Haskil Competition, the Avery Fisher Prize, and a Grammy Award. His remarkable interpretations of Beethoven came to national attention when he played all five concerti with the Baltimore Symphony under David Zinman, and when he performed the complete cycle of sonatas at New York's 92nd Street Y and Kansas City's Folly Theater. In addition to his concertizing, Mr. Goode is on the piano faculty of the Mannes College of Music in New York and serves with Mitsuko Uchida as co-Artistic Director of the Marlboro Music School and Festival in Marlboro, Vermont. Mr. Goode records under the Nonesuch label.

Our Pedagogy Headliner will be Jennifer Linn. Ms. Linn is a multi-talented pianist, teacher, composer, arranger, and clinician, and holds the title of Manager-Educational Piano for Hal Leonard Corporation. In addition to her contributions to the *Hal Leonard Student Piano Library*, her work includes creating and editing the newly released *Journey Through the Classics* series. Ms. Linn also was the editor and recording artist for the G. Schirmer Performance Editions *Clementi: Sonatinas, Op. 36, Kuhlau: Selected Sonatinas*, and *Schumann: Selections from Album for the Young, Op. 68*. Many of her original compositions have been selected for the National Federation of Music Clubs festival list and are frequently recommended in reviews by *Clavier Companion* and *American Music Teacher* magazines. Ms. Linn was commissioned to compose a collaborative work for the 2013 MTNA National Conference in Anaheim, California where her trio *Serendipity* for piano, flute and horn, was premiered.

Sharon Willis, Chair of the Department of Music at Clark Atlanta University, is our commissioned composer. Her compositions include arrangements of spirituals, cantatas, orchestral tone poems, and organ works. Dr. Willis was commissioned by The American Guild of Organists to write an organ suite for the AGO's Chicago Conference in 2006. She has written several operas, both libretti and music. Her first, *The Opera Singer*, focuses on casting obstacles facing African-American singers in the field of opera. For the GMTA Conference, Dr. Willis has composed a programmatic work for organ, piano, and soprano, and the premiere will be performed by Alex Benford (Clayton State University), Elena Cholakova (Emory University), and Jane Redding (University of West Georgia).

The 2014 GMTA Concerto Winners will perform with the Southern Crescent Symphony Orchestra and Clayton State University Orchestra on Thursday night. The orchestra concert will also feature a concert performance of excerpts of Gilbert and Sullivan's *H.M.S. Pinafore*, sung by members of Clayton State's Music Drama Workshop.

As always, the conference will include several informative sessions by Georgia's Own. The final schedule of Georgia's Own sessions will be available later on the GMTA website.

I look forward to seeing a large gathering of members for what I know will be an inspiring conference. I would love to hear from members who are interested in serving as presidents to welcome and assist the presenters. If you would like to volunteer to serve as a president, please contact me at [susantusing@clayton.edu](mailto:susantusing@clayton.edu)



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*We really couldn't have done it without you!*

GMTA would like to thank all the institutions that helped host our 2013-2014 events. The success and service to our teachers and students is only possible due to the generosity of your schools and faculty. Our thanks extend to:

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## Conference Lodging

Our **Conference Hotel** is the Comfort Suites 1444 Southlake Plaza Drive Morrow, GA 30260. The rate is \$69 per night with breakfast (6-9am) included. To get the conference rate, reservations must be made through the hotel at this number: [678-674-1300](tel:678-674-1300)

Ask for Tim or Susan for the GMTA rate. If they aren't available, someone else can probably assist. Cancellations accepted until 4 PM on day of reservation.



JASON BENNETT, GMTA THEORY CHAIR

This year, **281** theory tests were taken by students studying with **54** of our members. Of those 281 tests, **159 (58%) earned a 90 or above**, and **36 scored a perfect 100!** It is always exciting to see the success of so many students who prepared for the theory tests.

As always, I am grateful for the members of the theory committee, each of whom works diligently to maintain the excellence of the theory tests: **Diane Boyd, Dr. Priscilla Jefcoat, B.J. Sutherland, & Gayle Vann**. This year in particular, I owe a special thanks to **Diane Boyd** and **Gayle Vann** for going above and beyond the call of duty to be sure the quality of our theory testing program remained high. I also deeply appreciate both the current and incoming administrations' support, particularly **President Dawn McCord** and **President-Elect Robin Engleman**, and their ongoing commitment to the importance of teaching music theory to our students.

For more information about GMTA's Theory Achievement Program, including the theory curriculum, past tests, and answer keys, please visit GMTA's 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
Azariah Panlilio	I	Nancy Allred	South Metro Atlanta MTA
Madeline Andrews	I	Susan Andrews	Gwinnett County MTA
Lyndiona Kemp	II	Susan Andrews	Gwinnett County MTA
Catherine Landers	III	Susan Andrews	Gwinnett County MTA
John Rollins	II	Susan Andrews	Gwinnett County MTA
Elizabeth Smith	III	Susan Andrews	Gwinnett County MTA
Anson Siu	III	Diane Boyd	Savannah MTA
Carolyn Tran	III	Elinor Boyer	Cobb County MTA
Ruby Kim	II	Seon Hee Cho	North Fulton MTA
Johnathan Rogers	II	Nancy Claxton	Macon MTA
Ella Hammett	I	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Seun Oguntunmibi	II	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Manny Vila	I	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Tabitha Soong	II	Robin Engleman	North Fulton MTA
Alyn Kosasi	I	Lisa Gaal	North Fulton MTA
Vincent Wu	II	Rwei Hao	North DeKalb MTA
David Hunt	II	Jacquelyn Hutson	Greater Marietta MTA
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Demi Taveras	I	Phyllis LaFon	Coweta-Fayette MTA
Stephanie Lozier	I	Laura Lozier	Cherokee MTA
Daniel Kim	I	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Jinsun Kim	II	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Sloane Strauss	I	Pamela Martin	Decatur MTA
Robin Tucker	II	Pamela Martin	Decatur MTA
Ebony Lockwood	I	Mary Morris	Columbus MTA
Russell Lind	II	Trudi Norman	Columbus MTA
Colton Redmond	I	Trudi Norman	Columbus MTA

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Kristie Richards	I	Yumi Patterson	Gwinnett County MTA
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Maggie Simmons	I	Yumi Patterson	Gwinnett County MTA
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Hannah Gunter	I	Cathy Sewell	Greater Marietta MTA
Jack Jones	I	Cathy Sewell	Greater Marietta MTA
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Kyra Andrews	I	Gayle Vann	North DeKalb MTA
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Nykobe Richardson	II	Diane Boyd	Savannah MTA
Andrew Royek	IV	Diane Boyd	Savannah MTA
Luke Bates	V	Grace Caudle	South Metro Atlanta MTA

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Daniel Sewall	III	Grace Caudle	South Metro Atlanta MTA
Grace Shin	I	Seon Hee Cho	North Fulton MTA
Arianna Disser	III	Jessica Conklin	Cherokee MTA
Mason Wildes	II	Mason Conklin	Cherokee MTA
Zachary Roe	II	Robert Henry	Cobb County MTA
William Hunt	III	Jacquelyn Hutson	Greater Marietta MTA
Rachel Todd	V	Jacquelyn Hutson	Greater Marietta MTA
Keshav Sukiya	II	Mijung Kim	Gwinnett County MTA
Channing Greene	II	Barbara Korzan	Columbus MTA
Joe Hassenplug	III	Barbara Korzan	Columbus MTA
Reed McIntire	II	George Mann	Western Georgia MTA
Eric Park	IV	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Madeline Shebs	II	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Collin Smith	IV	Carole Mitchell	Gwinnett County MTA
Melody Baker	II	Mary Morris	Columbus MTA
Brenetta Braddy	III	Mary Morris	Columbus MTA
Bryce Coleman	II	Mary Morris	Columbus MTA
Sarah Fourhman	II	Mary Morris	Columbus MTA
Julia Hinson	II	Mary Morris	Columbus MTA
Emma Nelson	II	Mary Morris	Columbus MTA
Grace Packard	V	Mary Morris	Columbus MTA
Katherine Staudenraus	III	Mary Morris	Columbus MTA
Alonie Sutton	II	Mary Morris	Columbus MTA
Margaret Groover	III	Jeannine Morrison	Decatur MTA
Yifan Liang	IV	Jeannine Morrison	Decatur MTA
Caleigh Earls	I	Trudi Norman	Columbus MTA
Lydia Tarbutton	V	Yumi Patterson	Gwinnett County MTA
Samaria Kirkland	I	Neil Pollock	Western Georgia MTA
Celeste Rangel	I	Neil Pollock	Western Georgia MTA
Jaydin Sampson	I	Neil Pollock	Western Georgia MTA
Siya Daya	I	Cathy Sewell	Greater Marietta MTA
Isabelle Coleman	II	Heather Turner	Columbus MTA
Lindsay McGuire	II	Heather Turner	Columbus MTA
Payne Newsome	III	Heather Turner	Columbus MTA
Grace Lee	III	Gayle Vann	North DeKalb MTA
David Wang	III	Marissa Woodall	Cherokee MTA

#### ACHIEVEMENT IN THEORY (70-79%)

Rohan Chandrashekhar	II	Martha Aguirre	Columbus MTA
Anna Heaton	III	Susan Andrews	Gwinnett County MTA
Joy Hsieh	III	Hsin-Lan Chien	Cobb County MTA
Zoe Lo	III	Hsin-Lan Chien	Cobb County MTA
Chandler Stone	V	Nancy Claxton	Macon MTA
Savannah Everard	II	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Nathan Gavriiliuc	II	Lisa Gaal	North Fulton MTA
Kayti Ducheine	II	Judy Harper	Gwinnett County MTA
Angela Jiang	III	Judy Harper	Gwinnett County MTA
Tessa Paul	IV	Renée Holliman	North Fulton MTA
Aleena Khan	II	Barbara Korzan	Columbus MTA
Michelle Pi	IV	Sarah Moore	Augusta MTA
Bailey Gaines	II	Mary Morris	Columbus MTA
Safiya Jackson	III	Mary Morris	Columbus MTA
Skylar Lewis	I	Mary Morris	Columbus MTA
Amanda Wirth	II	Mary Morris	Columbus MTA
Olivia Parker	II	Trudi Norman	Columbus MTA
Jacob Okonkwo	II	Melinda Talley	South Metro Atlanta MTA
Georjetta Braddy	II	Heather Turner	Columbus MTA
Cayla O'Brien	II	Heather Turner	Columbus MTA
Simi Shah	IV	Gayle Vann	North DeKalb MTA



The 2013 GMTA/MTNA Performance Competitions were held on November 4-7 at the University of West Georgia under the supervision of David George, VP for GMTA/MTNA Competitions. There were 94 total entrants participating. There were 81 solo entrants, 1 piano duet, and 9 chamber ensembles in the Performance Competitions. There were 3 entrants in the composition category. According to state checklists, Georgia had more entrants registered than any other state. State Coordinators were Cynthia DeFoor, Junior Coordinator, Renee Holliman, Senior Coordinator, Carol Payne, Young Artist Coordinator, and Emma Pettyjohn, Chamber Music Coordinator. Jane Lester was the State Composition Coordinator.

The results of the Competitions are as follows:

	<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
<b><u>Junior Composition – 1 entry</u></b>		
Representative	Ava Posner	Mary Williams
<b><u>Young Artist Composition – 2 entries</u></b>		
Winner	Matthew Reed	Martin Jones
Alternate	Jonathan Smith	Fred Cohen
<b><u>Chamber Music String – 3 entries</u></b>		
Winner	Selah Piano Trio	Levon Ambartsumian
Alternate	Triology	Richard Zimdars
Honorable mention	Amaranth Quartet	M Brent Williams
<b><u>Chamber Music Wind – 6 entries</u></b>		
Winner	UGA Graduate Tuba-Euphonium	David Zerkel
Alternate	Bulldog Brass Society	Josh Bynum
Honorable mention	Ares Saxophone Quartet	Connie Frigo
<b><u>Junior Performance Piano -16 entries</u></b>		
Winner	Yannie Tan	Anne Sun
Alternate	Anthony Zhang	Anne Sun
Honorable mention	Joshua Anderson	Davide Palmer
	Joshua Li	Ping Xu
	Laura Zhang	Ping-Yun Hsu
<b><u>Junior Performance String – 3 entries</u></b>		
Winner	Alexander Ambartsumian	Levon Ambartsumian
Alternate	Phoebe Liu	Sonja Foster
<b><u>Senior Performance Piano -13 entries</u></b>		
Winner	Jessica Ahn	Helen Ramsaur
Alternate	Hye Ri Bae	Anatoly Sheludyakov

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Honorable mention	Nathan Wu	Robert Henry
	Sam Kim	Vicki Allen
	Mia Pattilo	Elena Cholakova

**Senior Performance String –6 entries**

Winner	Sophie Wang	Sergiu Schwartz
Alternate	Colin Fruit	Sergiu Schwartz
Honorable Mention	Justin Lee	William Pu
	Andrew Fu	Que Yang

**Senior Performance Brass – 1 entry**

Representative	Olivia Davis	Bernard Flythe
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**Senior Piano Duet – 1 entry**

Representative	Dain Song	Lois Finlay
	Justin Lee	

**Young Artist Performance Brass – 9 entries**

Winner	Christopher Leslie	David Zerkel
Alternate	Joel Ockerman	Jean Martin-Williams
		Robert Hjelmstad
Honorable Mention	Michael Waddell	Adam Frey

**Young Artist Piano – 6 entries**

Winner	Manuel Vizurraga	George Mann
Alternate	Elizabeth Ake	Robert Henry
Honorable Mention	Steven Bicknell	Soohyun Yun

**Young Artist String – 6 entries**

Winner	Jessica Fellows	Amy Schwartz Moretti
Alternate	Valeriya Nedviga	Sergiu Schwartz

**Young Artist Performance Voice 4 entries**

Winner	Alexander Brousseau	C Earl Coleman
Alternate	Amanda Church	Rebecca Salter

**Young Artist Woodwind – 15 - entries**

Winner	Gabriel Piqué	Connie Frigo
Alternate	Kristen Ubanski	Susan Tomkiewicz
Honorable Mention	Alexander Clay	Andree Martin
	Andre Turner	Connie Frigo
	Brandon Quarles	Connie Frigo



# GMTA AUDITION RESULTS

JAN ADAMS, VP GMTA AUDITIONS

The 2014 GMTA auditions were held on April 12 & April 26 at the University of Georgia, Hugh Hodgson School of Music. GMTA Auditions Staff would like to extend our gratitude to the faculty and staff of Hugh Hodgson School of Music for allowing us the use of their facilities for the GMTA Auditions.

The following categories were represented:

- Pre-College Piano, Grades 4-11 – 431 Region Participants ; 200 State Participants
- Grade 12 – 28 Participants
- High School Piano Concerto – 19 Participants
- College Piano – 27 Participants
- High School and College Voice – 26 Participants
- Strings/Guitar, K-College – 48 Participants
- Brass and Woodwinds – 0 Participants
- Instrumental Concerto – 7 Participants
- Theory – 160 Participants

We had a total of 746 students and 166 teachers participating this year. Congratulations to all students and teachers!

## PIANO DIVISION

### Grade 4 - Elena Cholakova, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist Amy Huang	Anne Sun	Greater Marietta
Award: 1st Alternate Arina Kucinskaja	Natalie Gorman	N. Fulton
Award: 2nd Alternate Grace Peng	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett
Award: Outstanding Performer Shirley Chen	Hwee Boon Ng	N. Fulton
Award: Award of Excellence Samantha Wing-Yan Yu Julia Kotora Catherine Gemmell Kimberly Shen	Hwee Boon Ng Huu Mai Jean Mann Ping Xu	Atlanta Cobb Gwinnett Gwinnett
Award: Honorable Mention Yu Tiger Chen Serena Xu Kunling Tang Barnabas Li Katherine Yang	Keiko Ransom Ping-yun Hsu Robert Henry Joseph Hokayem Frances Yao	Decatur Cobb Cobb Athens Gwinnett

### Grade 5 - Elena Cholakova, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist Sarah Lao	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Award: 1st Alternate Charles Li	Clara Park	Augusta

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Award: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Sreyaash Das	Huu Mai	Cobb
Award: Outstanding Performer Daniel Shen Zoe Ordway	Keli Xu Anne Sun	N. Fulton Greater Marietta
Award: Award of Excellence Emily Zhao Hannah Huang Jessie Zhu	Anne Sun Elena Cholakova Hsin-Lan Chien	Greater Marietta Gwinnett Cobb
Award: Honorable Mention Emily Wang Megan Woo Irene Kwon Rachel Lin Skyler Feng	Hwee Boon Ng Ellen Feibish Inna Satunovsky Anne Sun Ping Xu	Atlanta Decatur S. Metro Greater Marietta N. Dekalb

## Grade 6 - Ruth Ann Clark, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist Kevin Chen	Anne Sun	N. Fulton
Award: 1st Alternate Charlie Liu	Lena Zuiff	N. Fulton
Award: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Ivy Xue	Fred Hsiang	N. Dekalb
Award: Outstanding Performer Michelle Wang	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb
Award: Award of Excellence Jiyuah Dong Corrine Yuan Annabel Shue Celina Zhao	Wen Zao Chen Ping-yun Hsu Hwee Boon Ng Jonathan Klein	N. Dekalb Cobb N. Fulton Athens
Award: Honorable Mention Shirin Dinasan Ava Posner Lynn Yue Grace Pan Caroline Zhang	Shu-Ling chen Mary Williams Elena Cholakova Joseph Hokayem Inna Satunovsky	N. Fulton Atlanta Atlanta Athens S. Metro

## Grade 7 - Ruth Ann Clark, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist Erica Hong	Jee Eun Wada	N. Fulton
Award: 1st Alternate Yannie Tan	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Award: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Anna Qian	Fred Hsiang	Atlanta
Award: Outstanding Performer William Hung	Jacquelyn Hutson	Greater Marietta

Award: Award of Excellence

Grace Xu	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb
Grace Yu	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb
Gahyun Kim	Jee Eun Wada	N. Fulton
Yuy Hsiang	Fred Hsiang	N. Dekalb
Moses Wang	Joseph Hokayem	Athens

Award: Honorable Mention

Alex Kim	Gayle Vann	N. Dekalb
Ken Wong	Yumi Patterson	Gwinnett
Isabella Pu	Nancy Elton	Atlanta
Garrison Bates	Kevin Pollock	Augusta

## Grade 8 - Susan Andrews, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Benjamin Chin	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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Award: 1st Alternate

Shannon Chen	Fred Hsiang	N. Dekalb
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Award: 2nd Alternate

Melody Wang	Soohyun Yun	Cobb
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Stephanie Zhang	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Joshua Li	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb
Daisy Zhou	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb

Award: Award of Excellence

Matthew Kim	Mijung Kim	Gwinnett
Brianna Hou	David Watkins	Cobb
Grace Wei	Ping Xu	N. Fulton
Richard Xie	Fred Hsiang	Atlanta
Kelsey Yao	Vera Soukhajak	N. Dekalb

Award: Honorable Mention

Matthew Shu	Keiko Ransom	Decatur
Joshua Anderson	Davide Palmer	Cherokee

## Grade 9 - Susan Andrews, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Judy Li	Lois Finlay	N. Dekalb
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Award: Master Class #1

Laura Zhang	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb
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Award: Master Class #2

Eric Park	Jean Mann	Gwinnett
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Award: 1st Alternate

Felicia Gao	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett
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Award: 2nd Alternate

Nathan Wu	Robert Henry	Cobb
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Award: Award of Excellence

Jane Zen	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Julie Xiang	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb
Timothy Wang	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb
Anthony Zhang	Anne Sun	Atlanta

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Award: Honorable Mention

Linsey Chen  
Klara Lou  
Ethan Shen  
Tigerwin Yang

Jonathan Klein  
Anne Sun  
Keli Xu  
Ping Xu

Athens  
Greater Marietta  
N. Fulton  
N. Fulton

## Grade 10 – Diane Boyd, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Mia Pattillo

Elena Cholakova

Atlanta

Award: Master Class #1

Laura Street

Nancy Elton

Atlanta

Award: Master Class #2

Kathryn Jian

Lois Finlay

N. Dekalb

Award: 1st Alternate

Daniel Yu

David Watkins

Cobb

Award: 2nd Alternate

John Mori

Edith Schiff

Atlanta

Award: Outstanding Performer

Chelsea Chen  
Justin Ting

Soohyun Yun  
Momoko Yamamoto

Cobb  
Cobb

Award: Award of Excellence

Richard Pei  
Jessica Li

Ping Xu  
Ping Xu

N. Dekalb  
N. Fulton

Award: Honorable Mention

Naomi Meadows  
Tom Connerly  
David Zhao

Joseph Hokayem  
Joseph Hokayem  
Elena Cholakova

Athens  
Athens  
Gwinnett

## Grade 11 – Diane Boyd, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Dain Song

Lois Finlay

N. Dekalb

Award: Master Class #1

Sophie Li

Clara Park

Augusta

Award: Master Class #2

Luka Marinkovic

Jeannine Morrison

Decatur

Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

Catherine Xie

Ping Xu

N. Fulton

Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

Tomislav Zabcic-Matic

Anatoly Sheludyakov

Athens

Award: Outstanding Performer

Carter Culwell  
Imsun Lee  
Nick Ricks  
Alex Tchaykov  
Hannah Dubuc  
Justin Lee

Jan Adams  
Inna Satunovsky  
Susan McDuffie  
Inna Satunovsky  
Susan Naylor  
Lois Finlay

Western Georgia  
S. Metro  
Macon  
S. Metro  
Cherokee  
N. Dekalb



Award: Award of Excellence		
Tim Huang	Joseph Hokayem	Athens
Aaron Holmes	Jonathan Klein	Athens
Kha Tran	Carol Payne	S. Metro
Eunice Lee	Gayle Vann	N. Dekalb
Wesley Cheung	Lois Finlay	N. Dekalb

Award: Honorable Mention		
Rachel Todd	Jacquelyn Hutson	Greater Marietta
Taylor Maggiore	Wendi O'Reilly Stunzi	Athens
Laboni Hoque	Jean Mann	Gwinnett
Harsha Sridhar	Lois Finlay	N. Dekalb

## Grade 12 - Jane Lester, Chair

Award: Senior Cash Award		
Nathan Li	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett

Award: Outstanding Performer		
Sam Kim	Vicki Allen	Gwinnett
Katherine Ng	David Watkins	Cobb
Max Sandberg	Anna Arshavskaya	Decatur
Alexander Claussen	Gayle Vann	N. Dekalb
Linda Zhore	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb
Beiwen Liu	Mary McKee	Savannah

Award: Award of Excellence		
Angela Park	Jean Mann	Gwinnett
Cindy Gu	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett
Michael Wang	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett
Shawn Wong	Yumi Patterson	Gwinnett
Chandler Stone	Nancy Claxton	Macon

Award: Honorable Mention		
Amy Chan	Hyangbin Choi	Atlanta
Edward Tie	Joseph Hokayem	Athens
David Kime	Deanne Ohman	Cobb
Alisa Ligman	Wanda Hughes	Cherokee
Dawn Andrews	Gayle Vann	N. Dekalb

## Piano Concerto - Jane Lester, Chair

Award: Concerto Winner		
Ingrid Cai	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb

Award: 1st Alternate		
Dain Song	Lois Finlay	N. Dekalb

Award: Outstanding Performer		
Hye Ri(Christina) Bae	Anatoly Sheludyaka	Athens
David Zhao	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett

Award: Award of Excellence		
Gewon Hwang	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett
John Mori	Edith Schiff	Atlanta
Judy Li	Lois Finlay	N. Dekalb
Catherine Xie	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb

Award: Honorable Mention		
Marco Newman	Jonathan Klein	Athens

Lauren Chen  
Jennifer Zou

Jonathan Klein  
Lois Finlay

Athens  
N. Dekalb

## College Piano - George Mann, Chair

### LOWER COLLEGE PIANO

Award: Conference Recitalist  
David Dang

Richard Zimdars

Award: Outstanding Performer  
Geneva Stonecipher

Dr. Martha Thomas

Award: Award of Excellence  
Mackenzie Lyn Marr  
Timothy Jones  
Soyoun Sheehan

Richard Zimdars  
Patti Bennett  
Soohyun Yun

Award: Honorable Mention  
Hollie Grubb  
Andy Dang  
Elizabeth Ake  
Michelle Stephenson

Robert Henry  
Robert Henry  
Robert Henry  
You Ju Lee

### MIDDLE COLLEGE PIANO:

Award: Conference Recitalist  
Jessica Sheehan

Geoffrey Haydon

Award: Outstanding Performer  
Yuxi Liu

Priscilla Jefcoat

Award: Award of Excellence  
Libby Minlin Liao

Chenny Gan

Award: Honorable Mention  
Jannelle Handrickson

Susan Naylor

### UPPER COLLEGE PIANO

Award: Conference Recitalist  
Uni Choi

Evgeny Rivkin

Award: Outstanding Performer  
Heejin Park  
Angela Anzai

Geoffrey Haydon  
Soohyun Yun

Award: Award of Excellence  
Crystal Wu

Richard Zimdars

Award: Honorable Mention  
Kaitlin Dukes

Martin David Jones

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# VOICE DIVISION

Voice - Pat Callaway, Chair

## VOICE - 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Caroline Dorr	Debra Murphy	AE
Jaci Pippin	Dr. Pat Callaway	AE

## VOICE - 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Mikayla Dorman	Debra Hughes	OP - Conference Recitalist
Katie Tiemeyer	Rebekah Healan	OP
Cristina Bleacher	Francesca Richards	AE

## VOICE - 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Linseigh Green	Francesca Richards	OP - Conference Recitalist
McKenna Brandenburg	Debra Murphy	OP
Hannah Sims	Debra Murphy	AE
Dana Lovestrom	Debra Murphy	AE
Bryce Finch	Francesca Richards	AE
Lauren Hann	Francesca Richards	AE
Claire Maxa	Francesca Richards	HM

## VOICE - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Zachary Stoloff	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP - Senior Cash Award
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## VOICE - LOWER COLLEGE

Linda Jackson	Dr. Toni Anderson	OP - Conference Recitalist
Christopher Robin Sapp	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP
April Gillenwaters	Dr. Toni Anderson	OP
Lane Marie Stough	Rebekah Healan	HM

# INSTRUMENTAL DIVISION

Instrumental Concerto - Debbie Hughes, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist  
ALEX YANG

Mimi Tam

Award: 1st Alternate  
Lin Yi Xin

William Pu

Award: Award of Excellence  
Phoebe Liu

Sonja Foster

Guitar | Debbie Hughes, Chair

## UPPER COLLEGE GUITAR

Sean Thrower	Philip Snyder	OP - Conference Recitalist
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MIDDLE COLLEGE GUITAR

Andy Mines	Philip Snyder	OP - Conference Recitalist
Garrett Knighton	Philip Snyder	AE

Strings - Debbie Hughes, Chair

STRINGS : GRADES 2-3

Ella Grace Malcom	Sonja Foster	OP - Conference Recitalist
Brandon Lee	Ulisses Silva	AE
Katie Chong	Ulisses Silva	AE
Sandhya Li Nayar	Mimi Tan	HM
Sophia Ho	Que Yang	HM

STRINGS: GRADES 4-5

Erin Cho	Sonja Foster	OP - Conference Recitalist
Dean Kim	Eun Jeong Lim	OP
Tobias Liu	Sonja Foster	OP
Erin Kong	Ulisses Silva	AE
Patrick Kim	Ulisses Silva	AE
Brian Ji	Eun Jeong Lim	AE
Anna Hu	Que Yang	HM
Eunice Chon	Que Yang	HM

STRINGS: GRADES 6-7

Richard Cho	Sonja Foster	OP - Conference Recitalist
Kevin Kim	Ulisses Silva	OP
John Kang	Eun Jeong Lim	OP
Joshua Chough	Eun Jeong Lim	AE
Serena Gao	William Pu	AE
Diane Moon	Ulisses Silva	HM
Nina Youn	Ulisses Silva	HM

STRINGS: GRADES 8-9

Phoebe Liu	Sonja Foster	OP - Conference Recitalist
Sarah Yang	Que Yang	OP
Grace Chen	William Pu	AE
Dohyuk Sean Yang	Gardner	HM

STRINGS: GRADES 10-11

Lin Yi Xin	William Pu	OP - Conference Recitalist
Jasmine Liu	Mimi Tam	OP
Alice D. Lin	Que Yang	OP
Andrew Fu	Que Yang	AE
Alex Yang	Mimi Tam	AE
Silvia Kim	Ulisses Silva	HM
Yen Hsiang	Fred Hsiang	HM

STRINGS: GRADE 12

Paul Yoon	Eun Jeong	
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# GMTA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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By ROBIN ENGLEMAN,, PRESIDENT-ELECT

The GMTA Teacher of the Year Award is presented annually to a member of GMTA in recognition of lifetime achievement as a music teacher, with excellence in teaching, musicianship, professional activity, and service to the community and/or state.

Any GMTA association or member may nominate any other GMTA member for the Teacher of the Year. The GMTA Teacher of the Year will be selected from nominated applicants and entered in the MTNA Teacher of the Year competition.

The online submission form will require following information or uploaded documents:

<http://www.georgiamta.org/memberResources-teacherOfTheYearApp.php>

- Teaching/professional achievement
- Number of years of teaching experience
- Evidence of teaching excellence (i.e. students' successes)
- Accomplishments/contributions to MTNA
- Participation in Local, State and/or National MTNA programs
- Community involvement
- Former student and/or parent letter of support (upload document)
- Professional colleague letter of support (upload document)

Nominations will need to be submitted online by Monday, September 8, 2014.

The winner will be acknowledged at the 2014 GMTA Conference.

With so many fine teachers in Georgia, please consider nominating one of your favorites.

For a list of past Teachers of the Year and to read their Teaching Tips go to:

<http://www.georgiamta.org/memberHonors-TOTY.php>

## WINTER NEWSLETTER CORRECTION

Manuel Vizurraga was the Young Artist Winner—Piano for the GMTA-MTNA Competitions held at the University of West Georgia in November. One of his two teacher's names was omitted from the announcement and should have listed George Mann and Carol Gingerich as his teachers. We are pleased to recognize both teachers.

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Carole Roach, President

Our August, 2013, meeting was spent in organizing the year's activities. The first major event was a Fall Recital in which member's students were asked to play. They were allowed to perform any repertoire that wished. We only asked that they come in costume or don a piece of apparel from our supply. Everyone seemed to enjoy the performances, including the performers. It was our first year for this activity and since it was received so well, we will repeat it in the future.

Our next event was the Pianothon which was held at Town Center Mall, Kennesaw, on the first weekend in December. Students like to perform in this "non stress" environment. Again they can perform any repertoire that they care to.

Our December meeting was held at the Marietta Country Club. We enjoyed a wonderful brunch afterwards.

The Solo Festival was held at Midway Presbyterian Church in February. This was the first time that we had been to that venue. The event was well planned and smoothly executed by the chairperson, Vicky Kemp. The church was very gracious with their facilities and we plan to return there next year.

The Auditions in March was held at Piano Distributors, Marietta. The chairperson, Megan Johnson, had done a great job of organizing so everything went very smoothly.

The May meeting is a luncheon at Cathy Sewell's home. She is always so hospitable to GMMTA's luncheon meetings.

We had our monthly meetings at Piano Distributors, Marietta, this year. We regularly have our first meeting in August and our last in June. We do not meet in November due to the conference. We give at least ten opportunities for teachers to attend a meeting. We do ask that a teacher attend at least three meetings in order to participate in judged events.

The loss of Southern Keyboards in Marietta was a major hurdle for us this year. Not only did we lose our meeting place but also our Solo Festival/Auditions location. We are grateful for the many years that Southern Keyboards hosted us for meetings and competitions. We appreciate the new places that have "taken us in".

We will be meeting next year at St. James Episcopal Church on the Square in Marietta. We look forward to our association with them.

Local Association Presidents please engage in addressing the FTC Order. See President's Article for more information. The due date is August 28, 2014. Local Associations not submitting the form will be unaffiliated with MTNA. <http://mtna.org/about-mtna/code-of-ethics/>

Rome MTA

Kyla Cummins Zollitsch

The RomeMTA chapter has 20 active members. We also have a Collegiate Chapter with 6 members.

We held several events over the 2013-2014 season. Our season started with a Fall RMTA recital with 20 performers. We also held a Jazz and Pop competition with 27 participants. Dr. Charles Asche from the University of California Santa Barbara gave a lecture about Neuhaus and Samaroff, at our RMTA workshop on February 9th. The workshop was attended by 8 RMTA members. The MTNA conference in Chicago was attended by 6 Collegiate members and 2 RMTA members.

RMTA member, Sandy Yeargan received the Steinway Galleries Educator grant to study Braille. She is taking the online course through the Hadley School for the Blind.

Our next event is the Sonata/Sonatina Competition on May 4th. There are 4 divisions and 26 performers. The RMTA spring meeting and luncheon is May 22nd.

# COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Susan Naylor, Collegiate Chapters Chair

The GMTA Collegiate Chapters Facebook page was launched in October, 2013. Several announcements have been posted from MTNA, University of Georgia, Shorter University and Reinhardt University. So far we have 53 likes.

Two collegiate chapters made presentations at the 2013 GMTA State Conference. The Shorter University chapter presented a full session titled “Piano Student CPR: Innovative Repertoire to Rejuvenate Your Pianist’s Playing” and the Reinhardt University chapter presented acts from their upcoming comedy recital for one of the Presto sessions.

The first-ever GMTA collegiate chapters meeting was held during the 2013 GMTA State Conference, with 16 members, 3 faculty advisors and 1 guest in attendance. Topics discussed including sessions that would be most beneficial at the GMTA State Conference (performance anxiety, memorization, income tax for music teachers, inviting a well-established teacher to talk about business practices and issues in starting a studio were suggested), fund-raising ideas, recruiting new members to existing chapters, and suggestions for starting new collegiate chapters in the state (suggestions included having a 1-day conference or workshop separate of the GMTA conference and inviting students from other institutions, inviting a group of students from a school without a collegiate chapter to visit and making a presentation, and emphasizing that collegiate chapters are for students of instruments in addition to piano). I have not followed up on these suggestions due to time constraints.

No new collegiate chapters have been organized during the past year. I will continue to send emails to Georgia colleges and universities in hopes that new collegiate chapters will be organized during the coming year.







# CERTIFICATION

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As another fiscal year's end draws near and local associations begin to look at their budgets for the upcoming 2014/2015 year, please consider setting aside scholarship money for teacher stipends to encourage teachers to become Nationally Certified Teachers of Music.



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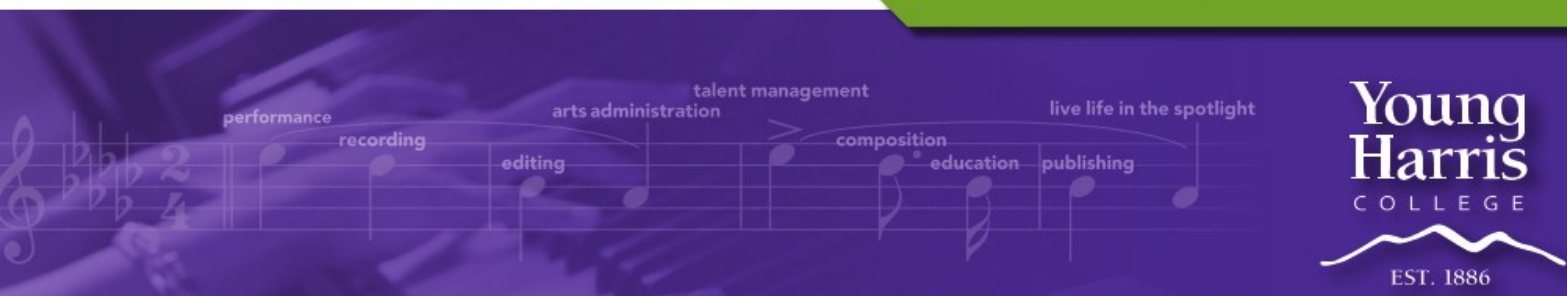
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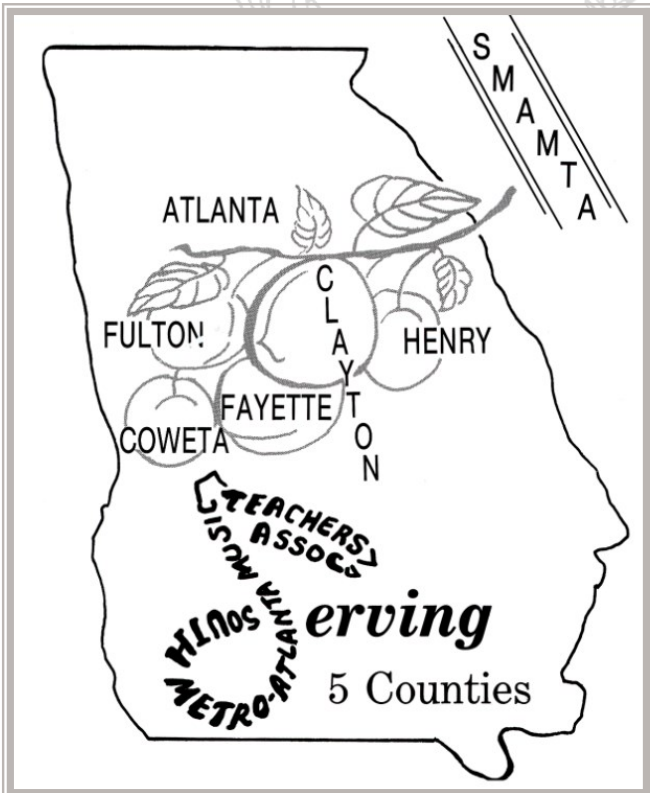
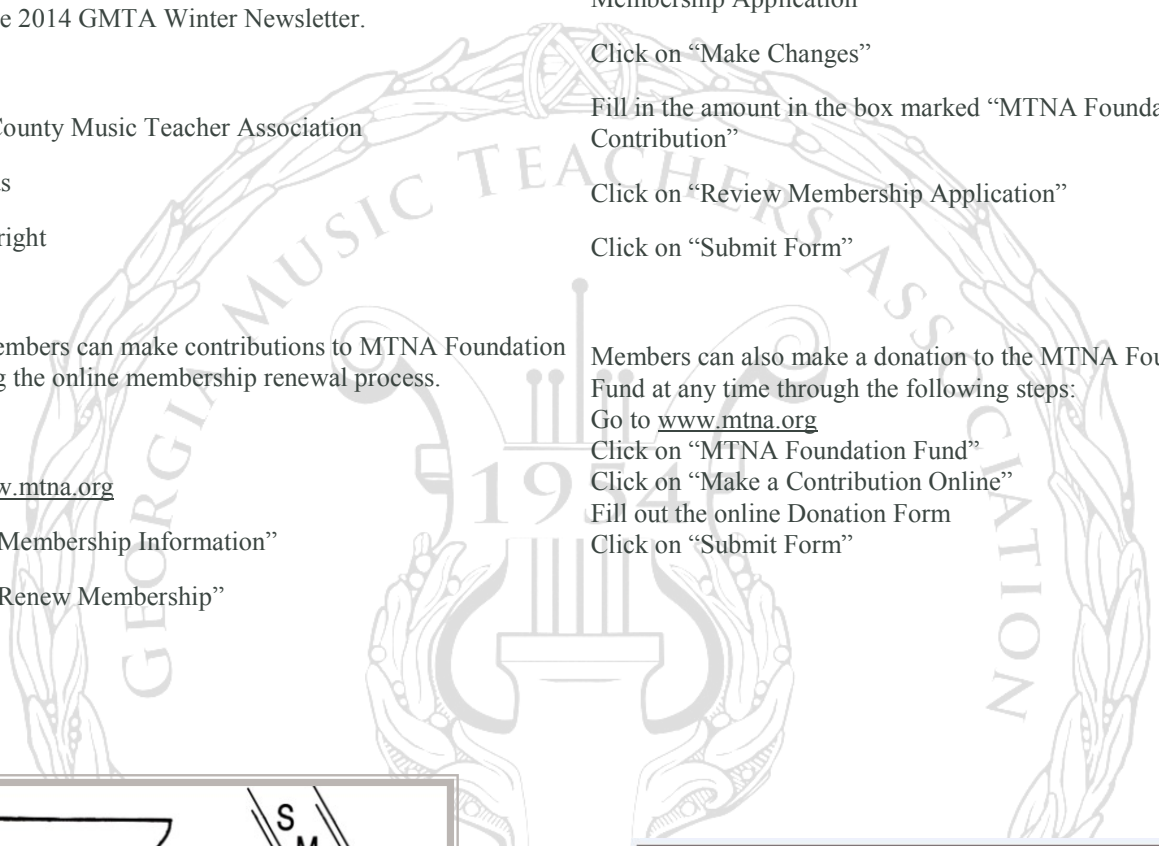

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2014		
June	30	Membership Renewal; active membership year runs from July 1 through June 30
August	1	Deadline for articles to be included in the GMTA Winter Newsletter—Local association presidents may submit articles up to 200 words for any newsletter issue
	19	Officer Reports due to Secretary for upcoming Board Meeting
	23	GMTA Council of Local Association Presidents Meeting and GMTA Executive Board Meeting, Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia
September	9	Application deadline for GMTA Teacher of the Year, Steinway Teacher Awards, GMTA Teacher Grants (Deadline always on second Monday of September)
	TBA	Online Application Deadline (3:00 p.m. Eastern Time) for MTNA Competitions
	19-21	Summit for MTNA Leadership, Hilton Netherland Plaza, Cincinnati, OH
November	3--6	MTNA-GA Competitions, Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia
	6--8	GMTA Conference, Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia
	30	Deadline for articles to be included in the GMTA Winter Newsletter—Local association presidents may submit articles up to 200 words for any newsletter issue

2015		
January	17-18	MTNA Collegiate Chapters Piano Pedagogy Symposium, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
	16-19	MTNA Southern Division Meeting and Competitions, Knoxville, University of Tennessee
March	9	Postmark Deadline for GMTA Regional Auditions Applications; Deadline for Region Coordinators to submit Judge information to VP of Auditions
	TBA	Postmark deadline to mail Theory Examinations (not GATE) to Theory Chair for grading
	21-25	MTNA Conference, Rio Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada

## 2015

March	28	GMTA Regional Auditions
		Region I [2014 Location— Brenau University]
		Region II [2014 Location— Augusta State University]
		Region II [2014 Location— Mercer University]
		Region IV [2014 Location— Georgia Perimeter College]
		Region V [2014 Location— University of West Georgia]
	30	Postmark Deadline for State Auditions Applications
April	1	Deadline for Conference Session Proposals
	18	GMTA State Auditions for College Piano, Instrumental, Voice, & Instrumental Concerto, [2013 Location— University of Georgia, Athens]
	18	Officer Reports due for upcoming Board meeting
	25	GMTA Council of Local Association Presidents Meeting and GMTA Executive Board Meeting, Location TBA
	25	GMTA State Auditions for Pre-College Piano & Piano Concerto, Location TBA
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## 2016

January		MTNA Southern Division Meeting and Competitions, Florida
April	2--6	MTNA Conference, San Antonio, Texas

## 2017

January		MTNA Southern Division Meeting and Competitions, South Carolina
March	18-22	MTNA Conference, Baltimore, Maryland

## 2018

January		MTNA Southern Division Meeting and Competitions, Virginia
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## 2019

January		MTNA Southern Division Meeting and Competitions, Alabama
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## 2020

January		MTNA Southern Division Meeting and Competitions, Georgia
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## 2021

January		MTNA Southern Division Meeting and Competitions, Mississippi
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## 2022

January		MTNA Southern Division Meeting and Competitions, North Carolina
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## 2023

January		MTNA Southern Division Meeting and Competitions, Kentucky

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Non-member Student	\$15.00	\$25.00	
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One day non-member	\$60.00	\$70.00	
Friday Box Lunch (1)	\$12.00	Not available	
Friday Banquet (2)	\$25.00	Not available	
<i>Amount Enclosed</i>			

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**Reminder: Postmark Deadline Date is October 13, 2014**

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