



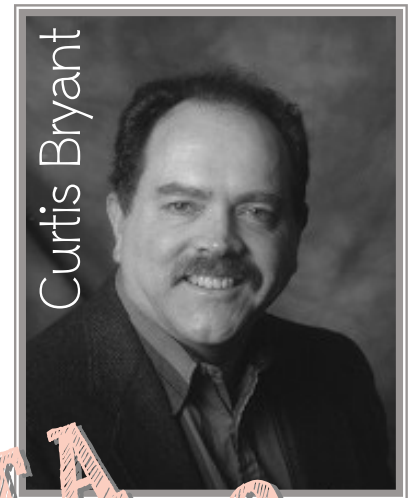
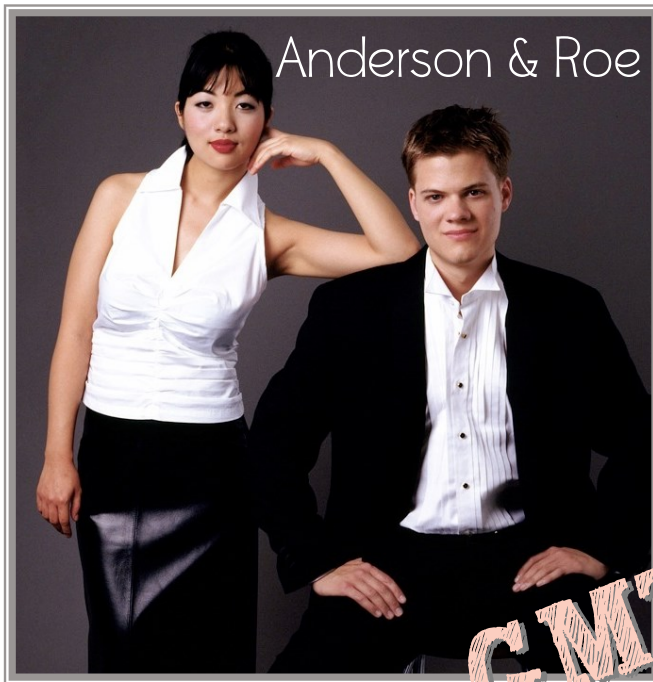
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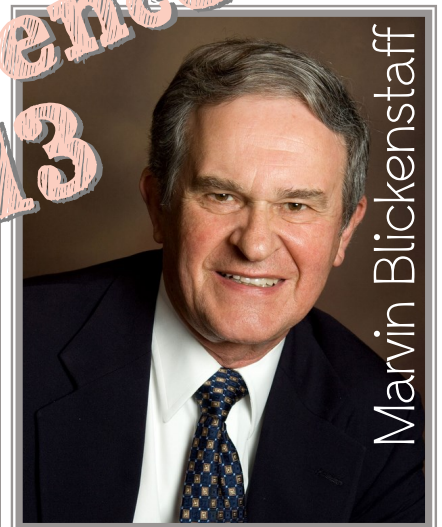


Curtis Bryant

GMTA Conference 2013



Atlanta



Marvin Bickenstaff



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

DAWN McCORD, GMTA PRESIDENT

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So many good things are happening in GMTA. I joined the MTNA-GA winners at the Southern Division Meetings and Competitions at the University of North Carolina—Greensboro, January 18-21, 2013 and served as an indoor monitor for two events. It was my fortune to hear the Georgia Chamber and Piano Duet competitors. These young performers gave me great pride to claim them as our own along with all of our participants. Our state garnered many wins. The winners represented us at the MTNA Conference in Anaheim, California. We had 8 national participants (1 chamber, 3 performance, and 1 composition). Out of these, we had one second place winner and three third place winners in the national MTNA Competition. Kudos to the teachers in Georgia and their wonderful students. While at the national conference, I attended meetings and forums dedicated to meeting the goals of our organization as well as hearing many fine performances and master classes.

We have successfully concluded our first newly redesigned Auditions and many positive reviews have been received. I helped with the Region V Auditions and in spite of a judge no show, the organizers pulled everything together quickly and families seemed pleased with the experience. The work and vision of Jan Adams, VP of Auditions, bore a fruitful state-wide event. Don't miss her impressive report in this newsletter. She led a team of over 30 chairs, organizers, and coordinators. I hope that you will take some time to thank these dedicated colleagues for their work on behalf of GMTA. I want to give a special thanks to Regional Coordinators Cathy Thacker, Rebekah Jones, Carol Goff, Nancy Dunn, and Sandy Yeagan. In addition to extensive advance planning and organizing, they were the first to put the regional boat in the water. There was some choppy water but all arrived safe in the harbor. We are reviewing all of the events and may need to make some adjustments and we expect and welcome your input on this. This reorganization was necessary due to some logistical events but the result yielded a very positive bonus. More students were able to progress to a higher level of competition due to the regionals providing more opportunities for performance.

The VP Programs/Conference, Susan Tusing, and VP Competition, David George, met me on the campus of the University of West Georgia in March for a planning meeting in preparation for the upcoming competitions and conference. At the 2013 conference, we will have some events that have a focus on the interests of our collegiate members. Susan Naylor is organizing a special session for collegiate members. Susan Naylor is currently reaching out to colleges to encourage their participation through MTNA Collegiate chapters. There will also be a Friday night post-concert casual concert and reception featuring **Atlanta by Six**, an ensemble performing a unique blend of classical and contemporary compositions and improvisations on themes provided by the audience. The evening is in honor of our collegiate members and provides a social opportunity for all members to connect. Other highlights of the conference are pedagogy sessions by **Marvin Blickenstaff** and a performance by the **Carroll Symphony Orchestra**, an all-professional orchestra. Our Conference Headliners and Master Class Teachers are known for their energized performances, original compositions, and notorious music videos, **Greg Anderson and Elizabeth Joy Roe** are revolutionizing the piano duo experience for the 21st century. Notable performances include MTV's Total Request Live, NPR's All Things Considered and From the Top, APM's Performance Today, the Cliburn Concert Series, the Gina Bachauer International Piano Festival, and dozens of summer chamber music festivals. These Julliard graduates have over two million hits on youtube. Described as "Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers transposed from the dance floor to the keyboard" (Southampton Press) and "the intense synchronization of genius" (ThirdCoast Digest), Anderson & Roe aim to make classical music a relevant and powerful force around the world. Seeing their performance takes the concert to a new level of artistry. Another unique opportunity for our students involves the orchestra. Our students will be invited to participate in a composition contest. Winners will have the opportunity to have orchestration lessons with Steinway artist Terry Lowry and their work will be premiered at the orchestra concert. This contest is open to the whole state so be sure and let your students know about this opportunity. For more information on the **composition contest**, go to

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Smiling attendees at the 2013 MTNA Conference:  
Robin Engleman, Julie Soh-Harbin,  
Rebecca Johnson (MTNA President-Elect),  
Betty White, Dawn McCord, Martha Thomas

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Young Composer Competition. GMTA students are our future. What an opportunity for young composers to hear their work performed by an orchestra. During the summer you will be getting additional highlights including enlightening sessions by Georgia's own and I know that you will not want to miss this conference, Nov. 7-9. Be sure and mark your calendar for our conference. It is time to *Go West*.

What a wonderful job we have opening the minds and hearts of students to the incredible world of music. Every time we help students understand and apply music concepts and skills, we have honed our craft to a new level. I am reading James Joyce's *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* in which Stephen Dedalus is in conversation with his peers over life, art, and politics. "Rhythm, said Stephen, is the first formal esthetic relation of part to part in any esthetic whole or of an esthetic whole to its part or parts or of any part to the esthetic whole of which it is a part." Ok, maybe that isn't how you would explain rhythm or that which is beautiful. It is our job to sequence concepts in whatever way will make such a thought totally clear to our students. As evidenced by the performances in the MTNA Competitions and GMTA Auditions, we are definitely doing something right. I trust the summer will give you opportunities to ponder "the esthetic whole of which it is a part."



The power of passion,  
practice,  
and potential.

**2012-2013 Audition Dates**

- Friday, November 2
- Saturday, February 9
- Tuesday, March 19
- Saturday, April 13
- Saturday, June 22

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# Thank You

We really couldn't have  
done it without you!

GMTA would like to thank all the institutions that helped host our 2012-2013 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:

**Brenau University** ❁ Region 1 Auditions

[www.brenau.edu](http://www.brenau.edu)

**Columbus State University** ❁ GMTA Conference & GMTA Auditions

[www.columbusstate.edu](http://www.columbusstate.edu)

**Georgia Perimeter College** ❁ Region IV Auditions

[www.gpc.edu](http://www.gpc.edu)

**Georgia Regents University** ❁ Region II Auditions

[www.gru.edu](http://www.gru.edu)

**Mercer University** ❁ Region III Auditions

[www.mercer.edu](http://www.mercer.edu)

**University of West Georgia** ❁ Region V Auditions

[www.westga.edu/music](http://www.westga.edu/music)

**Young Harris College** ❁ MTNA-GA Competitions & GMTA  
Conference

[www.yhc.edu](http://www.yhc.edu)

GMTA encourages its members to visit the websites of the above institutions  
and is grateful for all their support



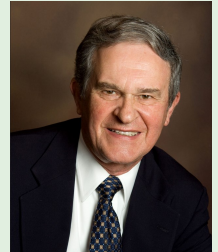
## GMTA CONFERENCE 2013

By Susan Tusing, GMTA VP of Programs

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We are planning a fantastic program of presentations, lectures, and performances for the 2013 GMTA Conference on the campus of the University of West Georgia in Carrollton.

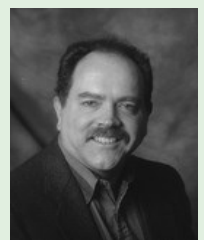
The conference piano pedagogy headliner will be Marvin Blickenstaff, who is known among piano teachers throughout the country for his teaching, lecturing, performing, and publishing. For sixteen summers he was on the faculty of the International Workshops where he performed and lectured in Canada, Austria, Scotland, Norway, France, and Switzerland. In 1995 and again in 2004, The Registered Piano Teachers of New Zealand sponsored him in concert and workshop tours of that country. The "Marvin Blickenstaff Endowment Fund" was established in his honor by the Music Teachers National Association Foundation, and he was named "Teacher of the Year" by the Indiana MTA. In 2007 the on-line journal Piano Pedagogy Forum published tributes to Mr. Blickenstaff honoring his contribution to piano teaching in America. Also in 2007 he was named Fellow of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. He was honored in 2009 with MTNA's highest honor, the MTNA Achievement Award. Formerly head of the piano departments at the University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill and Goshen College (IN), he has taught on the faculties of the Westminster Choir College and The College of New Jersey. He serves on the faculty of the New School for Music Study, where he teaches private lessons and directs the PEPS program for advanced students. Blickenstaff is Board President of the Frances Clark Center for Keyboard Pedagogy and is on the Executive Planning Committee of the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy.



Piano Duo Anderson and Roe will be our conference recitalists and master class artists. Known for their adrenalized performances, original compositions, and notorious music videos, Greg Anderson and Elizabeth Joy Roe are revolutionizing the piano duo experience for the 21st century. Described as "Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers transposed from the dance floor to the keyboard" (*Southampton Press*) and "the intense synchronization of genius" (*ThirdCoast Digest*), Anderson & Roe aim to make classical music a relevant and powerful force around the world. Their most recent album, *When Words Fade* (Steinway Label), was released to critical acclaim in 2012 and spent nearly a dozen weeks at the top of the Billboard Classical Charts, while their wildly creative, self-produced music videos have been viewed by millions on YouTube. Highlights of the 2012-13 season include tours in China, Korea, Taiwan, and Singapore, and their orchestral debuts with the Hartford, Lafayette, and Santa Fe symphony orchestras. They have since toured extensively, with notable recitals in Vancouver, Beijing, Seoul, Singapore, Italy, and most major US cities, as well as in nearly every New York City venue imaginable, from Carnegie Hall to children's hospitals. Together they have appeared on MTV's *Total Request Live*, NPR's *All Things Considered* and *From the Top*, APM's *Performance Today*, the Cliburn Concert Series, the Gina Bachauer International Piano Festival, and dozens of summer chamber music festivals. As the *Northwest Reverb* recently stated, "[Anderson & Roe] swept the audience into a cheering mass of humanity, making a strong case that playing piano is the most fun thing that two people could ever do together."

Our commissioned composer is Curtis Bryant, who will compose a choral work to be performed by the University of West Georgia Concert Choir. An Atlanta native, Bryant

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earned his Master of Music Theory from Georgia State University, studying composition with Charles Knox. Bryant's music has received live performances steadily and has been heard across North America and in Europe, Asia and Australia in concerts, music festivals and on radio and television broadcasts, including National Public Radio's *Performance Today*. Composing for virtually all concert media including chamber, choral, opera, art song and orchestra, his music has been praised for being "immediately attractive and accessible, with an emphasis on beauty of sound, simplicity of means, and expression of feeling" (Atlanta Journal and Constitution). Bryant has also composed music for numerous television series and specials including the award winning Portrait of America series produced by Turner Broadcasting and numerous programs produced on Georgia Public Television. He has garnered seven Southern Regional Emmy Award nominations for original music from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS), and numerous ASCAP Awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

Following Friday evening's concert we will have a Post-Concert Concert and Reception honoring our collegiate members. Music will be provided by Atlanta by Six, an innovative chamber music ensemble performing a unique blend of classical and contemporary compositions. Atlanta by Six is comprised of Atlanta-area professional musicians who regularly perform with the Atlanta Opera, Atlanta Ballet, Carroll Symphony, Georgia Symphony, Asheville Symphony, Huntsville Symphony, and Rome Symphony Orchestras.



Attendees who are interested in serving as presiders, who welcome and assist the presenters, are encouraged to send an e-mail to [susantusing@clayton.edu](mailto:susantusing@clayton.edu). Registration for the conference is required. This year's conference will offer numerous choices from an exciting array of diverse performances and sessions. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the University of West Georgia.

## CONFERENCE LODGING

Our **Conference Hotel** is the Hampton Inn Carrollton. A state track meet will be taking place during our conference so you are encouraged to reserve your room early. A limited number of rooms are blocked for us during the competitions and the conference. To get the conference rate, use this link:

[Hampton Inn](#)

Members may also stay at the Holiday Inn Express (no conference discount), located next to the Hampton Inn:

[Holiday Inn Express](#)

Use this link for additional lodging options: [Carrollton Lodging](#)



# GMTA THEORY ACHIEVEMENT TESTS 2012-2013 RESULTS

JASON BENNETT, GMTA THEORY CHAIR

This year, 272 students participated in our theory achievement tests, with 62 teachers entering students. Of those 272 students, **159 (58%) earned a 90 or above**, and **36 scored a perfect 100!** It is exciting to see such broad member participation.

As always, I am grateful for the members of the theory committee who work hard every year to create and grade these tests: Dr. Priscilla Jefcoat, B.J. Sutherland, Gayle Vann, & Diane Boyd.

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

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

## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

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

*NOTE: Results are listed alphabetically by members’ last names.*

### OUTSTANDING THEORIST WITH HONORS (100%)

Student	Level	Teacher	Local Association
Maddy Russo	1	Sylvia S. Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
Anson Siu	2	Diane Boyd	Savannah MTA
Sydney Ertzberger	1	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
Katherine Hobson	1	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
Cynthia Peng	1	Hsin-Lan Chien	Cobb County MTA
Nina Hong	1	Seon Hee Cho	North Fulton MTA
Andrew Kim	1	Seon Hee Cho	North Fulton MTA
Ruby Kim	1	Seon Hee Cho	North Fulton MTA
Ethan Park	1	Seon Hee Cho	North Fulton MTA
Jonathan Embro	1	Nancy Claxton	Macon MTA
Joseph Embro	1	Nancy Claxton	Macon MTA
Seun Oguntunmibi	1	Donna S. Dasher	Savannah MTA
Calie Peterson	1	Donna S. Dasher	Savannah MTA
Emma-Kate Zingaro	1	Donna S. Dasher	Savannah MTA
Payal Fadnis	1	Rwei Hao	North DeKalb MTA
Yumin Shivdasani	1	Rwei Hao	North DeKalb MTA
Vincent Wu	1	Rwei Hao	North DeKalb MTA
Brian Chen	1	Ruth Harris	Athens MTA
Kevin Chen	1	Ruth Harris	Athens MTA
Emily Sanders	1	Judy Hayes	Western Georgia MTA
Jordynn Breedlove	1	Kristi Helfen	Decatur MTA
Morgan Hall	I-Bass	Kristi Helfen	Decatur MTA
David Hunt	1	Jacquelyn C. Hutson	Greater Marietta MTA
Madeline McClurg	2	Priscilla Jefcoat	Northeast Georgia MTA
Emily Casuccio	1	Rebekah Healan Jones	Athens MTA
Colton Carter	3	Rebekah Healan Jones	Athens MTA
Sean Chen	1	Junghee Lee	North Fulton MTA
Jinsun Kim	1	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Madeline Shebs	1	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Meg Burnett	1	Mary Katherine Morris	Columbus MTA
Maxwell Schneider	1	Jeannine R. Morrison	Decatur MTA
Olivia Parker	1	Trudi Norman	Columbus MTA
Grace Raper	1	Laura Purser	Northeast Georgia MTA

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Jack Gottschang	1	Janet Will	Gwinnett County MTA
Avni Trivedi	1	Janet Will	Gwinnett County MTA
Jennifer Wei	3	Suzanne Woodrum	Savannah MTA

#### OUTSTANDING THEORIST (90-99%)

Student	Level	Teacher	Local Association
Carter Culwell	5	Martha Aguirre	Western Georgia MTA
Shirley Li	1	Margaret Jackson	Columbus MTA
Ritesh Prusty	I-Alto	Martha Aguirre	Columbus MTA
Sohan Shankar	2	Martha Aguirre	Columbus MTA
Alayna Panlilio	3	Nancy Allred	South Metro Atlanta MTA
Olivia Hofer	3	Susan Andrews	Gwinnett County MTA
Evan Barrett	1	Sue A .Barnes	Greater Marietta MTA
Danny Desil	1	Sue A .Barnes	Greater Marietta MTA
Asher Barrett	2	Sue A .Barnes	Greater Marietta MTA
Madeline Cusick	2	Sue A .Barnes	Greater Marietta MTA
Marisa Smith	4	Sylvia Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
Johnny Misley	1	Sylvia Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
Quinn Conrath	2	Sylvia Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
Cheliya Green	2	Sylvia Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
Jacob Lenz	2	Sylvia Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
Lauren Misley	3	Sylvia Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
Toni Telenta	2	Sylvia Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
Madison Betts	2	Diane Boyd	Savannah MTA
McKenzie Betts	1	Diane Boyd	Savannah MTA
Andrew Royek	3	Diane Boyd	Savannah MTA
Destiny Spencer	1	Diane Boyd	Savannah MTA
Carolyn Tran	2	Elinor Boyer	Cobb County MTA
Olivia Rice	1	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
Savannah Chambers	1	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
Sara Beth Dotson	1	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
Anna Tipton	2	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
Jesse Caswell	3	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
Anna Holcombe	3	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
Carson Smith	2	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
Meagan Cobb	3	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
Anna Sewall	5	Grace Caudle	South Metro Atlanta MTA
Daniel Sewall	3	Grace Caudle	South Metro Atlanta MTA
Mary Zitelli	3	Grace Caudle	South Metro Atlanta MTA
Allison Lu	2	Hsin-Lan Chien	Cobb County MTA
Nathan Kim	1	Seon Hee Cho	North Fulton MTA
Edward Cho	1	Seon Hee Cho	North Fulton MTA
Shinby Kim	1	Seon Hee Cho	North Fulton MTA
Alice Huh	2	Seon Hee Cho	North Fulton MTA
Eunice Choi	2	Seon Hee Cho	North Fulton MTA
Jennifer Jang	2	Seon Hee Cho	North Fulton MTA
Amanda She	3	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta MTA
Michelle Pi	2	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta MTA
James Wang	3	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta MTA
Sage Li	2	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta MTA
Abby Embro	1	Nancy Claxton	Macon MTA
Sophia Toler	1	Nancy Claxton	Macon MTA
Johnathan Rogers	2	Nancy Claxton	Macon MTA
Katie Belle Bourassa	2	Nancy Claxton	Macon MTA
Georgia Claire Bourassa	3	Nancy Claxton	Macon MTA
Logan Coombs	1	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Delaney Sheppard	1	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
McGregor Koenig	1	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Emily Scholar	1	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Luana Oliveira	2	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA

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Seyi Oguntunmibi	1	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Felipe Oliveira	1	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Veronica Thompson	3	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Kate Sullivan	1	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Althea Awe	3	Donna Dasher	Savannah MTA
Nicolas Soong	4	Robin Engleman	Gwinnett County MTA
Jamila Hughes	1	Lily Freeman	Cherokee MTA
Nathan Gavriliuc	1	Lisa M. Gaal	Gwinnett County MTA
Akhil Kota	4	Lisa M. Gaal	Gwinnett County MTA
Vanessa Kwan	1	Lisa M. Gaal	North Fulton MTA
Jonathan Choi	2	Rwei Hao	North DeKalb MTA
Amy Jiang	2	Rwei Hao	North DeKalb MTA
Kayti Ducheine	I-Bass	Judy Harper	Gwinnett County MTA
Andrew Echols	2	Ruth Harris	Athens MTA
Lykah Mora	3	Ruth Harris	Athens MTA
Kingsley Smith	1	Judy Hayes	Western Georgia MTA
Isaiah McCrina	3	Judy Hayes	Western Georgia MTA
J.C. Smith	1	Judy Hayes	Western Georgia MTA
Miranda Hasty	1	Judy Hayes	Western Georgia MTA
Seth Petero	1	Judy Hayes	Western Georgia MTA
David King	2	Kristi Helfen	Decatur MTA
Victoria Armstrong-Mensah	3	Kristi Helfen	Decatur MTA
Meghan Hall	I-Bass	Kristi Helfen	Decatur MTA
Mia Pattillo	4	Robert Henry	Cobb County MTA
Jonathan Edwards	1	Renee Holliman	North Fulton MTA
Rachel Edwards	2	Renee Holliman	North Fulton MTA
Tessa Paul	3	Renee Holliman	North Fulton MTA
Laura Zhang	3	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb County MTA
Alisa Ligman	4	Wanda Hughes	Cherokee MTA
Hannah Todd	1	Jacquelyn C. Hutson	Greater Marietta MTA
William Hunt	2	Jacquelyn C. Hutson	Greater Marietta MTA
Joshua Hunt	3	Jacquelyn C. Hutson	Greater Marietta MTA
Adam Futral	1	Margaret Jackson	Greater Marietta MTA
Carter Settle	1	Margaret Jackson	Greater Marietta MTA
Halona Chai	2	Margaret Jackson	Greater Marietta MTA
Hallie Settle	2	Margaret Jackson	Greater Marietta MTA
Dayton Hare	3	Priscilla Jefcoat	Northeast Georgia MTA
Robbie Peerson	3	Priscilla Jefcoat	Northeast Georgia MTA
Rachel Waterer	4	Priscilla Jefcoat	Northeast Georgia MTA
Katie Tiemeyer	3	Rebekah Healan Jones	Athens MTA
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SuJin O	3	Barbara K. Korzan	Columbus MTA
Carly Schnable	3	Phyllis LaFon	Coweta-Fayette MTA
Erica Tang	2	Phyllis LaFon	Coweta-Fayette MTA
Jordan Summerlin	1	LuAnn Latzanich	Coweta-Fayette MTA
Amanda Coleman	2	LuAnn Latzanich	Coweta-Fayette MTA
Kevin Liow	3	LuAnn Latzanich	Coweta-Fayette MTA
Gavin Vongsaga	1	Junghee Lee	North Fulton MTA
Jeanne Park	1	Junghee Lee	North Fulton MTA
Reed McIntire	1	George Mann	Western Georgia MTA
Catherine Gemmell	1	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Angela Park	5	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Laboni Hoque	4	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Caleb Sides	3	Jean Mann	Gwinnett County MTA
Evan Goode	4	Pamela Martin	Decatur MTA
Emily Phillips	4	Pamela Martin	Decatur MTA
Jordyn Dawson	1	Julie Massey	Columbus MTA
Marcel Dawson	1	Julie Massey	Columbus MTA
Megan Timberlake	1	Mary Katherine Morris	Columbus MTA
Grace Packard	4	Mary Katherine Morris	Columbus MTA

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Hannah Lewis	1	Mary Katherine Morris	Columbus MTA
Toby Tasker	2	Mary Katherine Morris	Columbus MTA
Yifan Liang	3	Jeannine Morrison	Decatur MTA
Margaret Groover	2	Jeannine Morrison	Decatur MTA
Davis House	2	Jeannine Morrison	Decatur MTA
Sara Braynard	2	Lori Mueller	North Fulton MTA
Kinsley Lively	1	Trudi Norman	Columbus MTA
J.B. Morgan	1	Trudi Norman	Columbus MTA
Lane Morgan	1	Trudi Norman	Columbus MTA
Ethan Tang	2	Jody Smith Parrish	Decatur MTA
Ariane Fong	2	Jody Smith Parrish	Decatur MTA
Rosalie Probst	3	Jody Smith Parrish	Decatur MTA
Chandler Liggett	2	Tom Pearsall	Savannah MTA
Brooks Patterson	2	Laura Purser	Northeast Georgia MTA
Leannah Gambrell	1	Laura Purser	Northeast Georgia MTA
Claire Sanders	1	Laura Purser	Northeast Georgia MTA
Lindsay Beck	1	Sharon Reid	Athens MTA
Sarah Anthony	2	Sharon Reid	Athens MTA
Emmie Stumbo	3	Sharon Reid	Athens MTA
Steven Baker	1	Cathy Sewell	Greater Marietta MTA
Rakshith Ramdas	1	Gloria Taylor	Columbus MTA
Raksha Ramdas	2	Gloria Taylor	Columbus MTA
Priyanka Parikh	2	Gloria Taylor	Columbus MTA
Liam McBane	3	Frances Thraikill	Decatur MTA
Aidan Mitchell	I-Bass	Frances Thraikill	Decatur MTA
Jessie Yuan	5	Frances Thraikill	Decatur MTA
Audrey White	2	Frances Thraikill	Decatur MTA
Daniel Settles	2	Frances Thraikill	Decatur MTA
Matthew Tharakan	3	Frances Thraikill	Decatur MTA
Olivia Gorrell	3	Heather Turner	Columbus MTA
Cayla O'Brien	1	Heather Turner	Columbus MTA
Christine O'Brien	2	Heather Turner	Columbus MTA
Lindsay McGuire	1	Heather Turner	Columbus MTA
Katherine Bell	4	Gayle Vann	North DeKalb MTA
Vincy Chiou	3	Gayle Vann	North DeKalb MTA
Liyu Shiferaw	1	Janet Will	Gwinnett County MTA
Anjali Karikaran	1	Janet Will	Gwinnett County MTA
Haley Thomson	2	Janet Will	Gwinnett County MTA
Sabrina Ang	2	Suzanne Woodrum	Savannah MTA
Tiger Tang	2	Suzanne Woodrum	Savannah MTA
Natalie Lanier	1	Suzanne Woodrum	Savannah MTA
William Zheng	2	Suzanne Woodrum	Savannah MTA
Melody Wang	3	Soohyun Yun	Cobb County MTA
Matthew Wang	3	Soohyun Yun	Cobb County MTA
Nick LaDue	3	Soohyun Yun	Cobb County MTA

#### EXCELLENCE IN THEORY (80-89%)

Student	Level	Teacher	Local Association
Christina Harris	3	Sue A. Barnes	Greater Marietta MTA
Trevor Dodge	2	Sylvia Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
Nicholas Davie	2	Sylvia Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
Hayes Stewart	2	Sylvia Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
Haile Briggs	2	Diane Boyd	Savannah MTA
Emily Perry	2	Diane Boyd	Savannah MTA
Evie Dotson	3	Aurelia Campbell	Northeast Georgia MTA
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Michael Chan	2	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta MTA
Chandler Stone	4	Nancy Claxton	Macon MTA

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Gabrielle Soong	3	Robin Engleman	Gwinnett County MTA
Tabitha Soong	2	Robin Engleman	Gwinnett County MTA
Steven Robinson	3	Ellen K. Feibish	Decatur MTA
Sarah Burgess	3	Lily Freeman	Cherokee MTA
Rebecca Dugas	3	Lily Freeman	Cherokee MTA
Natalie Dutton	2	Lisa M. Gaal	Gwinnett County MTA
Chatur Shivananda	4	Lisa M. Gaal	North Fulton MTA
Angela Jiang	2	Judy Harper	Gwinnett County MTA
Emily Beggs	5	Ruth Harris	Athens MTA
Anna Beggs	4	Ruth Harris	Athens MTA
Emily Beggs	4	Ruth Harris	Athens MTA
Mama Aye-Addo	2	Judy Hayes	Western Georgia MTA
Preston Bourquine	2	Judy Hayes	Western Georgia MTA
Rachel Todd	5	Jacquelyn C. Hutson	Greater Marietta MTA
Carleigh Futral	2	Margaret Jackson	Greater Marietta MTA
Mary Peterson	2	Priscilla Jefcoat	Northeast Georgia MTA
Steven Peterson	2	Priscilla Jefcoat	Northeast Georgia MTA
Sydney Yang	3	Rebekah Healan Jones	Athens MTA
Joey Hassenplug	2	Barabara Korzan	Columbus MTA
Ashli Alexander	4	Phyllis LaFon	Coweta-Fayette MTA
Joseph Biggers	2	LuAnn Latzanich	Coweta-Fayette MTA
Safiya Jackson	2	M Katherine Morris	Columbus MTA
Taehoon Kim	2	M Katherine Morris	Columbus MTA
Katherine Staudenraus	2	M Katherine Morris	Columbus MTA
Renee Stephenson	2	Susan Naylor	Cherokee MTA
Kelli Poteete	2	Laura Purser	Northeast Georgia MTA
Caroline Sanders	2	Laura Purser	Northeast Georgia MTA
Faith Bailey	2	Laura Purser	Northeast Georgia MTA
Matt Kierulf	2	Sharon Reid	Athens MTA
Alex Mitchell	2	Frances Thrailkill	Decatur MTA
Jacob McAvoy	4	Janice Troutner	Gwinnett County MTA
Eunice Lee	4	Gayle Vann	North DeKalb MTA
Camille Hanner	2	Marissa Woodall	Cherokee MTA
Reeves Ostrowidzki	4	Marissa Woodall	Cherokee MTA

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

Student	Level	Teacher	Local Association
Julisha Fitzpatrick	2	Martha Aguirre	Columbus MTA
Jonathan Lenz	3	Sylvia S. Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
Mackenzie Staples	3	Sylvia S. Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
Ainsley Keller	2	Sylvia S. Beard	Northeast Georgia MTA
Hope Holloway	2	Grace Caudle	South Metro Atlanta MTA
Meredith Thacker	4	Jessica Conklin	Cherokee MTA
Michael Robinson	4	Ellen K. Feibish	Decatur MTA
Ali Huch	2	Lily Freeman	Cherokee MTA
Clara Nash	2	Lily Freeman	Cherokee MTA
Jenny Beggs	2	Ruth Harris	Athens MTA
Ben Perri	4	Robert Henry	Cobb County MTA
Reagan Hooper	5	Jacquelyn C. Hutson	Greater Marietta MTA
Anna Danek	3	Jacquelyn C. Hutson	Greater Marietta MTA
Paxton Chai	2	Margaret Jackson	Greater Marietta MTA
Channing Greene	2	Barabara Korzan	Columbus MTA
Catherine Sanders	2	Laura Purser	Northeast Georgia MTA
Katherine Bailey	2	Laura Purser	Northeast Georgia MTA
Julianna Kay	4	Marissa Woodall	Cherokee MTA



The 2013 Southern Division Competitions were held in January at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky. GMTA was well represented in these competitions. Below are the students who received awards at the competitions. The winners represented GMTA at the MTNA National Competitions. Georgia winners at the MTNA National Competitions are also listed below.

- **Southern Chamber Music Wind** (8 Entries)  
Winner, UGA Tuba Quintet, (GA) John Avila, euphonium, Matthew Kjellsen, euphonium, Charles Goodman, tuba, David McLemore, tuba, - David Zerkel, teacher
- **Southern Elementary Compositon** (3 entries)  
Honorable Mention, Yash Kadali (GA), - Nancy Elton, teacher
- **Southern Junior Performance Piano** (8 entries)  
Honorable Mention, Mia Pattilo (GA), - Robert Henry, teacher
- **Southern Junior Performance String** (8 entries)  
Alternate, Alexander Ambartsumian (GA), Violin – Levon Ambartsumian, teacher
- **Southern Senior Composition** (8 entries)  
Winner, Jae Lee (GA), - David Peoples, teacher
- **Southern Senior Performance Piano** (9 entries)  
Winner, Anna Vertypolokh (GA), Alexander Kobrin, teacher
- **Southern Senior Performance String** (9 entries)  
Alternate, Likai He (GA), - Sergiu Schwartz, teacher
- **Southern Senior Piano Duet** (5 entries)  
Alternate, Ingrid Cai/Catherine Xie (GA), - Ping Xu, teacher
- **Southern Young Artist Performance Piano** (9 entries)  
Alternate, Kaisaer Ainiwaer (GA), - Richard Mercier, teacher
- **Southern Young Artist Performance String** (7 entries)  
Winner, Branson Yeast, cello, (GA), - Wendy Warner, teacher

The 2013 National Conference was held in March at Anaheim, California. Georgia had the following winners at the national conference:

- **Senior Performance Competitions in Piano** – Second Place – Anna Vertypoiokh, student of Alexander Kobrin
- **Young Artist Competitions in Brass** – Third Place – Mark Spradley, student of Bradley Palmer
- **Young Artist Competitions in Strings** – Third Place – Branson Yeast, student of Wendy Warner
- **Chamber Music Wind**  
Third Place – UGA Tuba Quartet – John Avilla, Matthew Kjellsen, Charles Goodman, David McLemore – students of David Zerkel

The Georgia MTNA Performance and Composition Competitions will be held at the University of West Georgia College, Carrollton, GA, on November 4 – 7, 2013.

Application deadline is 3:00 p.m. eastern time on September 11, 2013. Current membership dues for MTNA or a nonmember teacher fee must be paid prior to student competition application. Compositions will be uploaded online



# GMTA AUDITION RESULTS

JAN ADAMS, VP GMTA AUDITIONS

The 2013 GMTA auditions were held on April 20 at RiverCenter in Columbus Georgia. GMTA Auditions Staff would like to extend our gratitude to Columbus State University for allowing us the use of their RiverCenter facilities for the GMTA Auditions, and to Dr. Ron Wirt and the Columbus State Staff for all of their assistance with this event.

The following categories were represented:

- Pre-College Piano, Grades 4-12: 525 Participants
- High School Piano Concerto: 17 Participants
- College Piano: 34 Participants
- High School and College Voice: 19 Participants
- Strings/Guitar, K-College: 42 Participants
- Brass and Woodwinds: 2 Participants
- Instrumental Concerto: 3 Participants

We had a total of 642 students and 176 teachers participating this year. Congratulations to all students and teachers!

## PIANO DIVISION

### Grade 4/Trudi Norman, Chair

#### **Award: Conference Recitalist**

Charlie Li	Clara Park	Augusta
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#### **Award: 1st Alternate**

Sarah Lao	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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#### **Award: 2nd Alternate**

Daniel Shen	Keli Xu	Atlanta
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#### **Award: Outstanding Performer**

Jessica Tang	Ping Xu	N. Fulton
Anna Hu	Lois Finlay	N. Dekalb
Hannah Huang	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett
Seoyoun Kim	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett

#### **Award: Award of Excellence**

Christian Lee	Carol Goff	Macon
Yash Kadadi	Nancy Elton	Atlanta
Michelle Wu	Keli Xu	Atlanta
Somee An	Chung Park	N. Dekalb
Marisa Woo	You Ju Lee	NE Ga.
Eric Wang	Ping Hsu	Cobb
Rebecca Wu	Ping Hsu	Cobb
Alexander Oh	Nancy Riley	Athens
Kevin Zhang	Joey Hokayem	Athens

#### **Award: Honorable Mention**

Yimo Wang	Anna Arshavskaya	Decatur
Carolyn Tran	Elinor Boyer	Cobb
Sreyaash Das	Huu Mai	Cobb
Riho Yamanaka	Momoko Yamamoto	Cobb
David Hunt	Jackie Hutson	Greater Marietta
Nicholas Xie	Nancy Robertson	Athens
Michelle Pi	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta

### Grade 5/Trudi Norman, Chair

#### **Award: Conference Recitalist**

Kevin Chen	Anne Sun	Decatur
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#### **Award: 1st Alternate**

Maggie Xia	Ping Hsu	Cobb
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#### **Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate**

Ivy Xue	Fred Hsiang	N. Dekalb
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#### **Award: Outstanding Performer**

Jason Guo	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett
Catherine Shih	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett
Chloe Chen	Anne Sun	Decatur
Ava Posner	Mary Williams	Atlanta
Charlie Liu	Lena Zuiff	N. Fulton

#### **Award: Award of Excellence**

Maryanne Hable	Ping Hsu	Cobb
Yasha Young	Huu Mai	Cobb
Julia Li	Lois Finlay	N. Dekalb
Viva Lung	Fred Hsiang	Atlanta

#### **Award: Honorable Mention**

Stephen Yin	Jonathan Klein	Athens
Corrine Yuan	Ping Hsu	Cobb
Risako Nonaka	Momoko Yamamoto	Cobb
Jenny Chen	Miao-Fen Lin	N. Dekalb
Jinsun Kim	Jean Mann	Gwinnett
Annabel Shue	Hwee Boon Ng	N. Fulton

### Grade 6/ Ruth Ann Clark, Chair

#### **Award: Conference Recitalist**

Moses Wang	Joey Hokayem	Athens
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#### **Award: 1st Alternate**

Yannie Tan	Anne Sun	Decatur
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#### **Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate**

Maxwell Ahola	David Palmer	Cherokee
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#### **Award: Outstanding Performer**

Yuy Hsiang	Fred Hsiang	N. Dekalb
Helen Bryant	Joey Hokayem	Athens

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**Award: Award of Excellence**

Erica Hong	Jee Eun Wada	N. Fulton
Grace Xu	Ping Xu	N. Fulton
Nicholas Hong	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb
Felix Pei	Sue Moncreif	Augusta

**Award: Honorable Mention**

Luke Chen	Huu Mai	Cobb
Angela Cheng	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett
Jack McDonough	Robin Macey	Augusta

**Grade 7/Ruth Ann Clark, Chair****Award: Conference Recitalist**

Benjamin Chin	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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**Award: 1st Alternate**

Joshua Li	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb
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**Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate**

Shannon Chen	Fred Hsiang	Atlanta
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**Award: Outstanding Performer**

Emily Stevens	Cindy Feagin	Macon
Richard Xie	Fred Hsiang	Atlanta
Melody Wang	Soohyun Yun	Cobb Co.
Grace Wei	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb
Kelsey Yao	Vera Soukhajak	N. Dekalb
Duanyang J. Wang	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta

**Award: Award of Excellence**

Evan Hoyt	Cindy Feagin	Macon
Tommy Gu	Alice Kobylivker	Greater Marietta
Joshua Anderson	David Palmer	Cherokee

**Award: Honorable Mention**

Curtis Lin	Keiko Ransom	Decatur
Emily Costello	Soohyun Yun	Cobb

**Grade 8 /Susan Andrews, Chair****Award: Conference Recitalist**

Laura Zhang	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb
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**Award: 1st Alternate**

Shaozi Wu	Fred Hsiang	N. Fulton
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**Award: 2nd Alternate**

Julie Xiang	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb
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**Award: Outstanding Performer**

Ethan Shen	Keli Xu	Atlanta
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**Award: Award of Excellence**

Timothy Wang	Ping-yun Hsu	Cobb
Sahr Singh	Hsin-Lan Chien	Cobb
Rachael Liu	Joey Hokayem	Athens
Tigerwin Yang	Ping Xu	N. Fulton

**Award: Honorable Mention**

Jiaxing Liu	Inna Satunovsky	Coweta-Fayette
Judy Li	Lois Finlay	N. Dekalb
Yasheen Gao	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett Co.
Ji Seok Choi	Clara Park	Augusta

**Grade 9/Susan Andrews, Chair****Award: Conference Recitalist**

David Zhao	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett
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**Award: Master Class #1**

Richard Pei	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb
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**Award: Master Class #2**

Hideto (John) Mori	Edith Schiff	Atlanta
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**Award: 1st Alternate**

Mia Patillo	Robert Henry	Cobb
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**Award: 2nd Alternate**

Richard Red	Fred Hsiang	N. Fulton
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**Award: Award of Excellence**

Chelsea Chen	Soohyun Yun	Cobb
Kathryn Jian	Keiko Ransom	Decatur
Toku Shi	Sue Moncrief	Augusta
Alice Tang	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb
Vivan Cheng	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett

**Award: Honorable Mention**

Aly Soriano	David Watkins	Cobb
Laura Street	Nancy Elton	Atlanta

**Grade 10/Diane Boyd, Chair****Award: Conference Recitalist**

Dain Song	Lois Finlay	N. Dekalb
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**Award: Master Class #1**

Gewou Hwang	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett
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**Award: Master Class #2**

Ingrid Cai	Ping Xu	Decatur
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**Award: 1st Alternate**

Catherine Xie	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb
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**Award: 2nd Alternate**

Joshua Shue	Hwee Boon Ng	N. Fulton
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**Award: Award of Excellence**

Luka Marin Kovic	Jeannine Morrison	Decatur
Amalia Lee	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta
Tomislav Zabcic-Matic	Anatoly Sheludyakov	Athens

**Award: Honorable Mention**

Hope Hong	Hwee Boon Ng	N. Fulton
Ryan Chen	Keiko Ransom	Decatur
Justin Lee	Lois Finlay	N. Dekalb
Sophie Lee	Clara Park	Augusta

**Grade 11/ Diane Boyd, Chair****Award: Conference Recitalist**

Michael Wang	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
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**Award: Master Class #1**

Mark Wang	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
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**Award: Master Class #2**

Alexander Claussen	Gayle Vann	N. Dekalb
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**Award: 1st Alternate**

Beiwen Liu	Naegeli Metcalf	Savannah
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**Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate**

Alois Cerbu	William Ransom	Decatur
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**Award: Award of Excellence**

Kristie Liao	Inna Satunovsky	S. Metro
William Yang	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb
Edward Tie	Joey Hokayhem	Athens

**Award: Honorable Mention**

Willa Wang	Ian Altman	Macon
Alisa Ligman	Wanda Hughes	Cherokee
Joshua Tam	Elena Cholakova	Gwinnett
Katherine Ng	David Watkins	Cobb

**Grade 12/ Jane Lester, Chair**

**Award: Senior Cash Award**

Lattie Reddoch	Laura Lozier	Cherokee
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**Award: Outstanding Performer**

Samuel Zhao	Ping Xu	N. Fulton
Eric Wan	Lois Finlay	
N. Dekalb		
Lan-Anh Vo	Misty Simmons	Cobb Co.
David Dang	Kevin Hampton	Savannah

**Award: Award of Excellence**

Timothy Shu	William Ransom	Decatur
Sarah Gheorghies	Lois Finlay	N. Dekalb
Meiji Nguyen	Clara Park	Augusta

**Award: Honorable Mention**

Golda Nguyen	Clara Park	Augusta
Ashley Wang	Miao-Fen Lin	N. Dekalb
Anna Sewall	Grace Caudle	S. Metro

**Piano Concerto/Jane Lester, Chair**

**Award: Concerto Winner**

Joshua Shue	Hwee Boon Ng	N. Fulton
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**Award: 1st Alternate**

Catherine Xie	Ping Xu	N. Dekalb
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**Award: Honorable Mention**

Dain Song	Lois Finlay	N. Dekalb
Aaron Holmes	Jonathan Klein	Athens
Erika Ikizake	Keiko Ransom	Decatur

**Instrumental Concerto/Jane Lester, Chair**

**Award: Conference Recitalist**

Justin Lee	William Pu
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**Award: 1st Alternate**

Melodie Faith Spencer	Sonja Foster
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**Award: Honorable Mention**

Tiffany Hsieh	Yang Que
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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 following information will be required:

- 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
- Professional colleague letter of support
- Nominating letter from the state organization

**The submitting process will be announced by mid-summer. Nominations will need to be submitted by Monday, 9/9/2013.**

**The Recipient of the award will submit the following via e-mail:**

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



## ARTS AWARENESS & ADVOCACY

TOM PEARSALL, AA&A CHAIR

I am pleased to announce a new addition to the *Georgia's Own* list. Dr. Mark Laughlin of Georgia Southwestern State University is available for a workshop on *Improvisation: 101*. The workshop addresses how piano teachers, without any previous background in improvisation, can begin to learn and teach students of all ages and abilities to improvise at the keyboard, utilizing any method. The session will demonstrate various ways to improvise, and also show teachers how to improvise various accompaniment patterns, as well as provide teaching strategies for improvising over chord progressions and pop notation. Contact Dr. Laughlin at [Mark.Laughlin@gsw.edu](mailto:Mark.Laughlin@gsw.edu) for further details.

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**Decatur MTA: Pam Martin, President**

2012-2013 Activities Report

DMTA has had a very full year with various programs, competitions and concerts. A series of very informative and enjoyable programs were given by some of GMTA's finest. Ibek Brooks presented "The Well-Tempered Body: a presentation of Jacques Dalcroze's Eurythmics; Nancy Elton performed a program that she has been presenting to numerous retirement communities. David D'Ambrosio presented "The Accomplished Accompanist." Pam Martin presented a multi-media power point program entitled, "See with your Ears, Hear with your Eyes." This is an exploration of the common elements in music, visual art and sculpture using contemporary art and piano theme and variations as the vehicle. Laura Gordy's program was "Five Steps to Beautiful Phrasing in any Style." Our final program was presented by Dr. Martha Thomas: "Duet fun for Pianists." Student activities included the annual Fall Fest and the Piano Ensemble Extravaganza, a concert featuring four pianos with students playing various ensemble repertoire for piano duet, piano duo and two pianos eight hands. DMTA teachers also performed two compositions for two pianos eight hands.



Renee Glaubitz & Laura Gordy



**North Fulton MTA,**

**Ashley Craig-Diaz, President**

North Fulton Music Teachers Association held a "Teachers Ensemble Recital" at their April meeting. Members of NFMTA performed piano duets, a hand bell and piano duo, a guitar and piano duo, a violin and piano duo, a harp duo, a cello and harp duo, and a vocal duo whom sang several Chinese songs.



NFMTA named Mrs. LaNelle Nash their 2013 "Teacher of the Year"! Mrs. Nash teaches piano in Roswell and was one of the founding members of North Fulton Music Teachers Association in 1998.

Students of NFMTA teachers did outstanding at the 2013 state auditions: 2 Honorable Mentions, 3 Award of Excellences, 3 Outstanding Performers, 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternates, and 1 Piano Concerto Award Winner!

This August, North Fulton Music Teachers Association will present its first ever NFMTA Teacher's Symposium! The Symposium will take place August 24, 2013 at Alpharetta First United Methodist Church and will feature Nationally known clinicians: Ingrid Clarfield, Charlene Zundel Shelzi, Dr. Tamara Watson-Harper, and Dr. Soohyun Yun, Symposium Recitalist. Ms. Clarfield will present "The Road to Technical and Stylistic Mastery" and will address teachers with students at all levels of playing.

Ms. Zundel Shelzi of "Three Cranky Women" will introduce fun games to incorporate theory into lessons. Dr. Watson Harper will present a vocal presentation in the afternoon, "Performing from the Inside Out."

The symposium fee is \$25 which includes breakfast and lunch. Please visit [www.NFMTA.com](http://www.NFMTA.com) or contact Julie Soh Harbin at (770)926-9262, [juliesohharbin@yahoo.com](mailto:juliesohharbin@yahoo.com) for more information!



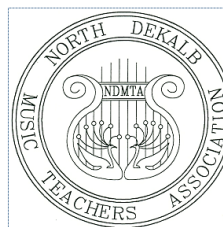
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# CERTIFICATION

ASHLEY CRAIG-DIAZ VICE PRESIDENT CERTIFICATION

A special thanks to **Robin Engleman, NCTM**, for so nicely introducing me in the last GMTA newsletter.

I am excited to be GMTA's new Certification Chair and hope to continue Robin's goal of seeing the number of Nationally Certified teachers in our state increase!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our newly Nationally Certified Teachers of Music: **Amy Wilson, NCTM**, of Decatur, **Joanna Doyle, NCTM**, of Lawrenceville, and **David Peoples, NCTM**, of Buford!!!

At the end of March 2013, GMTA had a membership of 744 and of those, 113 are Nationally Certified. GMTA tied with Minnesota for being ranked 25 at 15.2% which is above the national average of 14.9%.

I would love to help you become a **Nationally Certified Teacher of Music!** Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding National Certification: [acraigdiaz@aol.com](mailto:acraigdiaz@aol.com).

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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
	13	Officer Reports due to Secretary for upcoming Board Meeting
	17	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)
	11	Online Application Deadline (3:00 p.m. Eastern Time) for MTNA Competitions
November	4-7	MTNA-GA Competitions and GMTA Conference, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia
	7-9	GMTA Conference, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, 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

January	17-20	MTNA Southern Division Meeting and Competitions, University of Louisville—Louisville, Kentucky
March	1	Deadline for Conference Session Proposals
	10	Postmark Deadline for GMTA Regional Auditions Applications
	22-26	MTNA Conference, Marriott Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
	29	GMTA Regional Auditions
	31	Postmark Deadline for State Auditions Applications
April	12	GMTA State Auditions for College, Instrumental, and Voice
	22	Officer Reports due for upcoming Board meeting
	26	GMTA Council of Local Association Presidents Meeting and GMTA Executive Board Meeting
	26	GMTA State Auditions for Pre-College and Concerto
May	1	Deadline for articles to be included in the GMTA Summer Newsletter—Local association presidents may submit articles up to 200 words for any newsletter issue

# 2013 Georgia Music Teachers Association Conference

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University of West Georgia—Carrollton, Georgia

November 7-9, 2013

Pre-Registration Postmark Deadline Date: October 14, 2013

Name (Please Print)

Local Association

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Registration Fee:

Category	Pre-	After 10/14/13	Payment
GMTA member	\$80.00	\$90.00	
Non-member	\$95.00	\$105.00	
Members: Husband/Wife	\$120.00	\$130.00	
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GMTA Student Member	FREE	FREE	\$00.00
Non-member Student	\$15.00	\$25.00	
One day member	\$50.00	\$60.00	
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Friday Box Lunch (1)	\$12.00	Not available	
Friday Banquet (2)	\$25.00	Not available	
<i>Amount Enclosed</i>			

**NOTE:** The above prices include admission to all conference activities, including Friday night's program. Pre-college students may attend conference student recitals and student master classes with their teacher, provided that the teacher is a GMTA member and registered conference attendee. Free conference registration is offered to host college faculty and students **who are members of GMTA**. The conference registration does NOT include any Meal Functions. All fees (registration and meals) are nonrefundable.

**Reminder: Postmark Deadline Date is October 14, 2013**

MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

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