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**NMTA Conference/
Competition 2010**
Weekend of Nov. 5th, 2010
Las Vegas, Nevada

More information to come.

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From the President . . .



Mary Straub
State President

I do hope 2010 has started out well for everyone in our state!! Our November 2009 Conference in Reno was a success with almost 30 attendees. Thanks to our members in the North who promoted attendance at our state conference.

There were some very valuable sessions given by people from our own membership at this conference .The opening IMTF session was generously donated by Nancy Tedford's eye doctor, Dr. Richard Meier, who talked to us about spotting visual problems that could affect a child's musical progress and attention span. Shireen Beaudry-Johnson talked about getting parents involved and she incorporated Don Greene's book on fighting fear and winning. Mal-lie Riecken shared some very valuable information on the use of technology in the studio to teach theory, ear training, and music history. I talked about using the repertoire that we teach and drawing technical exercises directly from that music. The exciting Friday night concert was shared with faculty from Northern Arizona University and University of Nevada Reno. Some of these

artists judged the competition the next day as well. Having the conference conclude Saturday at 6PM with no winners' recital, no master class, and no banquet did save money, but many of us expressed that the conference was not complete without some of these venues. Please make your thoughts and wishes known to me at(maryrstraub@gmail.com) as soon as possible so the NMTA Board can make plans for November 2010 in Las Vegas !!

The January 2010 Southwest Divisional Competition and Division Presidents' Luncheon Meeting all went very well in Hawaii (what's not to go well in Hawaii !!!!!). We were welcomed in true "Aloha" fashion by Helen Chao-Casano (Hawaii State President) and given continued hospitality all three days by the Hawaii MTA Membership. It seems that all our SW State neighbors suffer the same dilemmas of cost related issues with the State Conferences, State Competitions, and getting volunteers to fill offices and run the conferences. As you all are aware your Nevada State Board volunteered much of their time last summer working out issues relating to our own State Conference. We ultimately decided to call it a conference and not a convention and to keep the conference segment "low key" and to put most of our efforts into the competition. **Proposed dates for our 2010 State Conference/Competition are Nov 5, 6, and possibly 7.** We are waiting for confirmation of dates and estimated budget from UNLV. We have checked other locations in the city for the conference/competition and due to our extended facility usage and needs, UNLV presents the best options. Any information regarding alternate venues for our Las Vegas State Conference, please email me as soon as possible.

I do hope many of you will consider a trip to your neighboring state of New Mexico--- **Albuquerque, March 20 -24** for the MTNA National Convention. It is not too late to register and driving to Albuquerque is definitely an

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Flights are very affordable and the flight schedules can accommodate a variety of teaching schedules!!! The sessions are sure to inspire you for the next many months and Santa Fe is only an hour away. There is a train now between Santa Fe and Albuquerque !!! A "mid-winter" break is what every dedicated music teacher needs --- those kids need a break too !!!

See you in Albuquerque.

There may be a recession outside, but inside our teaching studios there is still a need to inspire our youth with music and the arts. I know we are all doing everything we can to make music stay in the lives of our children with shared lessons or even twice a month scheduling ---- we must do what it takes to keep the arts alive. With the love of teaching in our hearts, we truly are making a difference in the future of the next generation and being part of a group of music teachers (such as MTNA) will give arts education the strength it needs to stay in the lives of our young people!

Sincerely,
Mary Straub
NMTA State President

Attention NMTA Board Members:

The next NMTA board meeting will be held on March 11th, at 10:00 a.m. at Mary Straub's house for the South board members, and at Chad Twedt's house for North board members.. Teleconference to begin at 10:00 a.m.



Register at www.mtna.org

Conference Fees

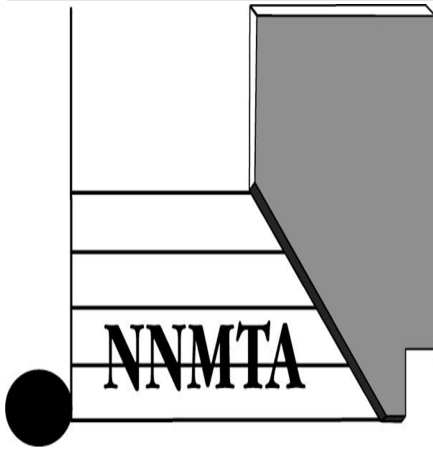
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	On or Before 3/8/10	After 3/8/10
Active MTNA Member	\$295	\$395
MTNA Collegiate Member	\$60	\$75
Nonmember (includes registration and 2010–2011 active member dues)	\$415	\$495
Collegiate Nonmember (includes registration and 2010–2011 collegiate member dues)	\$75	\$80

Single-Day Registration	Member	Nonmember	Collegiate	Nonmember Collegiate
One-day Registration	\$155	\$230	\$35	\$50

Pre-Conference Workshop (additional fee and conference registration required)	Fee
Pedagogy Saturday (March 20)	\$75
Pedagogy Saturday/Collegiate	\$25
Pedagogy Saturday Boxed Lunch	\$25

Events	Fee
Opening Session/Recital (March 20)	Free
American Pianists Association Recital (March 21)	Free
MTNA Gala (March 22)	\$90
Salon Recital (March 23)	Free
MTNA Awards Brunch (March 24)	\$40

Competition Program Book	\$5
Complete Conference Audio Recording	\$50



NNMTA Update

Chad Twedt, NNMTA President

The Silver State MusikFest was a great success, and I'd like to thank Margarita Bryant and Evelyn Summers

for doing such a fantastic job planning and running it. Evelyn Summers is now retired from the Silver State MusikFest. Margarita is looking for someone who is willing to co-chair the MusikFest with her next year.

The Christmas Play-a-Thon was also a success, raising over \$1,000 for the NNMTA. We owe a big thank you to Ruth Brewer and Evelyn Summers for organizing and running the event. Thank you also to Carpenter's Music World for donating the instrument. Evelyn recalls only one time in NNMTA's history that the event raised more money than it did this year!

I'm also pleased to announce that the Scratchcards fund raiser brought in a profit of \$457.80. This wasn't as much as I had hoped it would bring in, but it was still obviously worthwhile.

The NNMTA now has a new policy that students' parents should write checks for all NNMTA events made out to "NNMTA". This means that teachers should no longer act as "fund filters" and collect checks themselves, consolidating all payments into one single check. There are four reasons for this change:

1. **Rightful Duties** - Collecting donation money directly is part of the normal job description of any treasurer for any non-profit organization (or for-profit organization, for that matter).
2. **Professionalism** - It is far more professional for parents to always write checks to "NNMTA" even if the teacher is collecting the money on behalf of the organization.

3. **Less Total Work** - While it only takes the treasurer another 2-3 hours of work per year to relieve teachers of their fund filtering duties, it took teachers many more cumulative hours of work per year to do this all themselves since they have to write additional checks, do additional income/expense bookkeeping, and account for all of this during tax season.

4. **Tax Write-offs** - The main criteria for a payment to be tax-deductible are 1) the payee is a tax-exempt organization, and 2) the payer does not receive anything tangible in return for the payment. That means checks written to the NNMTA for our Christmas Play-a-Thon are tax-deductible for the people writing the checks. But when parents write checks made out directly to teachers, since private teachers are not tax-exempt organizations, these donations are no longer tax-deductible.

I hope to see many Nevadans attending the Albuquerque conference!

Chad Twedt
NNMTA President





LVMTA

LVMTA Update

Cheryl Thornton LVMTA President

This year started out with a BANG! We are energized following a short Holiday break from a very busy and productive Fall. In November, LVMTA held the Jazz Festival at UNLV. It grew from last year's Festival. Michele Johnson and Yvonne Cloutier created a very festive setting with balloons and posters displayed in the lobby and a ragtime CD by Yvonne Cloutier played to set the mood. One of Yvonne's CD's was given as a door prize at each recital. We had 78 entries with 9 teachers participating. Primarily piano solos were performed with four piano duets and two original compositions. We made a profit of \$370.00 this year. The three recitals were very well-attended. January 29th, Anna Kijanowska, Professor of Piano at UNLV gave the LVMTA members a wonderful lecture and master class on Chopin to begin our celebrations of Chopin's Bicentennial. The three students played very well and represented the studios of Jill Gibson, Rita Schaefer and Roger Bushell. Our February Board meeting was held at the Nevada Center for the Blind where we presented Lisa Fiorenza with the LVMTA Service Award for her outstanding achievement in founding the music programs there. What a fabulous facility! We were given a tour of the center and held our meeting in the music room. It is equipped with a grand piano, about eight digital pianos, keyboards, a Lyon-Healy folk harp, a number of guitars and keyboards for loan. All of these have been provided by the Las Vegas Music Teachers Association. To date, LVMTA has donated about \$18,600.00 for music programs and a piano tuning course for students there. At our meeting, we again donated \$1,500.00 to the Blind Center from our Play-A-Thon in December. Thank you, teachers and students for your generous contributions to a most worthy cause. Elise Leos, the Program Director for the Nevada Center for the Blind said upon receiving our contribution, "For those who have never seen, and thought they could never do, and for those who used to do and thought they could never do again, the music program has changed their lives." We witnessed this as students came in and played beautifully for us. We also thank the Blind Center for giving us this opportunity to serve. We are gearing up for the prestig-

ious Bolognini Competition February 19th and 20th. Hanah Shields, the chair, is laying down the final preparations. Hanah is planning a big raffle at the Winner's Recital, March 6th. The Senior Divisions have more competitors this year. Jr. Festival will be held March 13th. Trudy Marshall, our Jr. Festival chair says that all is coming together for this enormous festival. In April and May we will host our Musicianship Theory, Technic and Repertoire Exams. Doris Chase is gearing up for this ever-growing event. One of our goals this year is to establish a new computer data base that will accommodate all our competitions, festival registrations and programs in a convenient and user-friendly system. We have had several meetings and with the help of Laurie Swain, all our event chairs, Pierce Emata, Claude Borders, Michele Johnson's husband, Jerry and Doris Chase's husband. Larry, we are going to 'Get Her Done.' Thank you, Committee! Finally, it is Party Time!! LVMTA and UNLV are hosting a Pizza and Pop party in honor of Chopin's Bicentennial. April 24th is the date at Doc Rando Auditorium. We will first view a beautiful documentary movie produced by Ophra Yerushalmi that we are renting for the party. The studio bringing the most students to this event will win a prize. YA ALL COME!

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Thornton

Call for Seminar Presenters

Do you have a great teaching idea you could share with our state's teachers during the Nevada State Conference/Competition in Las Vegas this November?

Please submit a couple of paragraphs describing your seminar to Pierce Emata at pierce@emata.com. Please include your contact information.

Nevada MTNA Competition Results

Final Results of the MTNA State Competition University of Nevada – Reno, Saturday, November 7th, 2009

PERFORMANCE CATEGORY:

JUNIOR PIANO:

Winner: Aida Badalian; teacher – Tamara Saakyan (LVMTA)
Alternate: Artem Aleksanyan; teacher – Ekaterina Melkamini (LVMTA)
H.M.: Sharon Fang; teacher – Jie Bu (LVMTA)

JUNIOR STRINGS:

Winner: Nikita Haduong; teacher - Weiwei Le (LVMTA)
Alternate: Darrin Chao; teacher – Mary Straub (LVMTA)
H.M.: Michael Kwok; teacher – Mary Straub

SENIOR PIANO:

Winner: Sherry Kim; teacher – Jie Bu
Alternate: Jae Ahn-Benton; teacher – Roger Bushell (LVMTA)

SENIOR PIANO DUET:

Winner: Victoria Vuong/Jing He; teacher – Jie Bu
Alternate: Nevin Endy/SiYue Tao; teacher – Jie Bu

SENIOR STRINGS:

Winner: Caitlin Stokes; teacher – Mary Straub
Alternate: Tracy Bu; teacher – Weiwei Le
H.M.: Kristen Hsu; teacher – Shakeh Ghoukasian (LVMTA)
Sarah Wright; teacher – Shakeh Ghoukasian

SENIOR VOICE:

Winner: Jesse Briggs; teacher – Katharine DeBoer (NNMTA)
Alternate: Eric Sepulveda; teacher – LaDonna Young (LVMTA)

SENIOR WOODWINDS:

Winner: Erin Delaney; teacher – Cynthia Man (LVMTA)
Alternate: Ryan Schwartz; teacher – Stephen Caplan (LVMTA)

YOUNG ARTIST PIANO:

State Representative: Bomin Park; teacher – James Winn (NNMTA)

YOUNG ARTIST VOICE:

Winner: Brittinie Lacey; teacher – Katharine DeBoer (NNMTA)
Alternate: Nicole Dzadek; teacher – Katharine DeBoer

YOUNG ARTIST CHAMBER:

Morelli Wind Quintet; teacher – Stephen Caplan (Fred Stone, Kanade Oi, Eric Foote, Alex Hayashi, Kristen Mosca)

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COMPETITION JUDGES:

FOR COMPOSITION:

Cindy Cox UC Berkeley composition/piano

FOR PERFORMANCES:

PIANO: Frank Scott Northern Arizona University
Ron Anderson Arizona University at Tucson
Betsi Hodges Boise State University

STRINGS: Dmitri Atapine (cello) University of Nevada – Reno
Jacquelyn Schwandt (viola) Northern Arizona University
Louise Scott (violin) Northern Arizona University

WOODWINDS: Mary Miller (flute) University of Nevada – Reno

VOICE: Robin Fisher (soprano) Sacramento State University

Recognition of Nevada Students in the 2010 MTNA Southwest Division Competition

Held January 9th, 2010 at the University of Hawaii at Manoa – Honolulu

Composition:

Junior Level: Honorable Mention – Tussah Heera; teacher – Jorge Grossman

Senior Level: Honorable Mention – Jae Ahn-Benton; teacher – Roger Bushell

Young Artist Representative: Nathan Piazza; teacher – James Winn

Performances:

Junior Level:

Piano: Alternate – Aida Badalian; teacher – Tamara Saakyan

Senior Level:

Piano: Honorable Mention – Sherry Kim; teacher – Jie Bu

Piano Duet: Honorable Mention – Victoria Vuong/Jing He;
teacher – Jie Bu

Voice: Winner – Jesse Briggs; teacher – Katharine DeBoer

Woodwind: Honorable Mention – Erin Delaney; teacher – Cynthia Man

Chamber:

Honorable Mention – Morelli Wind Quintet; teacher – Stephen Caplan (Fred Stone, Kanade Oi, Eric Foote, Alex Hayashi, Kristen Mosca)

Good luck to our students who will be going on to the National Competitions at the MTNA National Conference in March in Albuquerque, New Mexico !!

Congratulations to all our fine young musicians and their teachers at both the State and Southwest Division Competitions!

Silver State Competition Results

Both NNMTA's Silver State Musikfest and LVMTA's Silver State Competition started off their Association's calendars with successful events and greater student and teacher participation.

The Silver State event keeps evolving, in each Association, with new ideas that add to the positive experience for both students and teachers, which is probably why it keeps growing.

We are indebted to both NNMTA Chair, Margarita Bryant and LVMTA Chair, Nancy Haywood for their continued willingness to head this event and for the competence they bring to it

Doris Chase, Silver State Competition Chair

Reno Chapter

Classical Solo, Age under 8

1-#3 , Derek Chein, Teacher-Catherine Lin

2-#4 , Rehana Naik-Olson, Teacher-Margarita Bryant

3-#1 , Amanda Kristiani, Teacher - Farida Jamin

Social Solo, Age under 8

1-# Amanda Kristianti . Teacher-Farida Jamin

2-#Derek Chein, Teacher- Catherine Lin

Social Solo, Age 9-11

1-#34 , Joel Jensen, Teacher- Christine Barden

2-#19 ,Danielle Damon,Teacher-Meredyth Whelan

3-#13 ,Tommy Liang ,Teacher-Catherine Lin

Classical Solo, Age 9-11

1-#13 , Tommy Liang, Teacher-Catherine Lin

2- #6 , Ameen Homayoon,Teacher-Laurence Duncan

3- #7 ,Kyla Ganchass-Romero,Teacher-Betty Rich

Classical Solo, Age 12-14

1-#22 , Alex Kang,Teacher Margarita Bryant

2-#23 ,Brittany Percin ,Teacher-Chad Twedt

Social Solo, Age 12-14

1-#22 , Alex Kang,Teacher-Margarita Bryant

2-#27 ,Maanasi Naik-Olson,Teacher-Margarita Bryant

Classical Solo, Age 15-19

1-#,Selina Liang,Teacher-Catherine Lin

2-#,Annika Deurlington,Teacher-Vicki Bobo

Social Solo, Age 15-19

1-#,Jesse Bennet, Teacher-Catherine Lin

2-#,Selina Liang,Teacher-Catherine Lin

Middle School Ensemble

#1-Nathan Barnes and Taylor Zheng,teacher-Chad Twedt

Silver State Competition Results

Las Vegas Chapter—Piano

First grade social	Jinho Bae	In Young Lee
First grade classical	Beyonca Davis	Lisa Lechnir
Second grade social	Sherry Liu	Xin Mai
Second grade classical	Jeff Luo	Nancy Haywood
Third grade social	Jessica Li	Xin Mai
Third grade classical	Gabriel Marapao	Michelle Lee
Fourth grade social	Alisha Yi	In Young Lee
Fourth grade composition	Natalie Rule	Nancy Haywood
Fourth grade classical	Tiffany Leard	Ekaterina Melkamini
Fifth grade social	Justin Lee, Lisa Yu	Xin Mai
Fifth grade classical	Cindy Huang	Yi Dong
Sixth grade social	Andrew Kim	Jie Bu
Sixth grade classical	Michael Ni	Michelle Le
Seventh grade social	Kevin Chen	Jie Bu
Seventh grade classical	Isabelle Lopez	Roger Bushell
Eighth grade social	Christian Cameron	Vanessa Hanash
Eighth classical	Nicholas Rule	Nancy Haywood
Ninth social	Alice Kuo	Xin Mai
Ninth classical	Amanda Ryu	Nancy Haywood
Tenth social	no winner	
Tenth classical	Audrey Meng	Muriel Adler
Eleventh classical	Hyun Jung Ryoo	Patricia Lee
Eleventh social	Vivian Zhou	Michelle Le
Twelfth classical	Angela Trupiano	Doris Chase
Twelfth social	Paul Sohn	Patricia Lee

Piano Ensemble

Second social	Austin Park & Grace Huh	In Young Lee
Third classical	James and Alexander Kwok	Michele Le
Fourth classical	Amy Jang & Ryan Chang	Patricia Lee
Fifth social	Justin Lee & Rachel Park	Patricia Lee
Sixth classical	Austin Jang & Won Suk Lee	Patricia Lee
Sixth social	Gabriel Marapao & Bonn Marapao	Michele Lee
	Austin Fenner & Ava Frazier	Michelle Le
Seventh social;	Adriana Schuder & Sabrina Wang	Michelle Lee
	Noah Thorsen & Maya Thorsen	Michelle Johnson
Seventh classical	Adrianna Schuder & Sabrina Wang	Michelle Lee
Eight classical	Michael and Michelle Zhang	Ekaterina Melkamini
Eight social	Abirami Balarajan & Joseph Cheung	Patricia Lee
Ninth social	Ryan Hua & Amandee Hua	Shu Wen
Ninth Classical	Maddy Truman & Kristine Mendoza	Rita Schafer
Tenth classical	Keerthi Gondy & Kelsea Mc Brayer	Roger Bushell
Eleventh social	Payden Yates & Belinda Davis	Lisa Lechnir
Eleventh classical	Solina Mednicoff & Halsey Harkins	Roger Bushell
Twelfth social	Paul Yoon & Paul Sohn	Patricia Lee

Silver State Competition Results

Las Vegas Chapter—Winds

Category	Student	Teacher
1/2	Classical Solo	Sarah Phillips
1/2	Classical Solo	Morgan Stewart
3/4	Social Solo	Dash Chrisman
5/6	Classical Solo	Elizabeth Blake
5/6	Classical Ensemble	Alessandra Vivo
		Lauren Martin
		Sivan Barashy
7/8	Classical Solo	Rachel Fleischer
9/10	Classical Solo	Anthony Triafono
11/12	Classical Solo	So Won Kang

Las Vegas Chapter—Strings

Grade 1/2	Grace Wride	Mary Straub
Grade 3/4	Emily Richardson	Shakeh Ghoukasian
Grade 5/6	Kelsea Au	Shakeh Ghoukasian
Grade 7/8	C.J. Patton	Shakeh Ghoukasian
Grade 9/10	Daniel Ferenbach	Mary Straub
Grade 11/12	Edward Mendiola	Shakeh Ghoukasian

Membership Update

Rita Schaefer, 1st Vice President, Membership and MTNA Foundation

Greetings friends and colleagues,
We are happy to welcome our new members:

- Laraine Kaizer-Viazovtsev, violin, Las Vegas
- Elizabeth Tetz, piano, Carson City.

There are 188 active members in our state. Our member retention has been good on a year-over-year basis; at this time last year we had 195 members.

I'm hopeful that our current economic challenges will gradually subside in 2010; meanwhile, it's more important than ever to be an active member and take advantage of everything our state and national organizations offer.

Membership Spotlight

Valeri Glava

Recently settling in Henderson, NV and joining our LVMTA, Valeri Glava plays nightly at the beautiful San Marcos Square at the Venetian Hotel and Casino.

You're invited at 6:30-10pm every Wed through Sunday to experience beautiful performance and Thursdays at 1:00 pm at the Liberace Museum Theater. It is truly music you will never forget.



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