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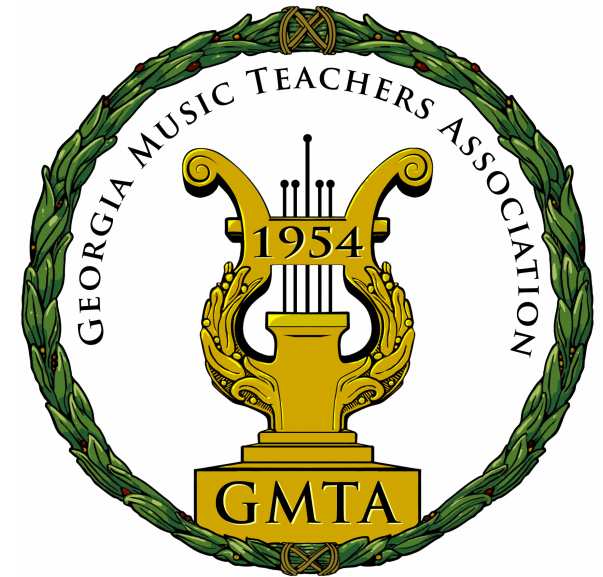
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Georgia Music Teachers Association



Georgia Music Teachers Association (GMTA) is a nonprofit organization of over 700 independent and collegiate music teachers throughout the state, who are committed to furthering the art of music through programs that encourage and support teaching, performance, composition and scholarly research. GMTA has existed to support music teaching and the art of music since 1954 and is affiliated with the Music Teachers National Association.



Membership Benefits:

- GMTA State Conference and MTNA National Conference.
- *American Music Teacher* and the MTNA e-Journal--The peer-reviewed journals of MTNA.
- GMTA and MTNA Competitions--The preeminent student competitions in the state of Georgia and the United States.
- MTNA Certification Program--Information on becoming a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music.
- MTNA Foundation Fund--Grants and awards MTNA provides for teachers and students.
- Professional Support Line--Ask an MTNA expert your questions about music teaching or studio issues.
- Member Insurance Programs--Insurance services available only to MTNA members.
- Legal Consultation Services--Free legal consultation about issues members face as music teachers.
- Merchant Services--Enables members to accept credit cards as payment.

GMTA Auditions

GMTA Auditions take place each spring for students in piano, strings & classical guitar, brass & woodwinds, and voice. Pre-College Piano Auditions (grades 4-11) consist of three rounds (Local, Regional, and State). All other categories audition only at the state level. GMTA Auditions give students an opportunity to compete with other students and receive valuable feedback from judges. Select winners will be given the opportunity to perform at our annual conference. All audition rules, applications, and contact information for audition chairs may be found on our GMTA website (<http://www.georgiamta.org>).

MTNA Competitions

MTNA Competitions are part of the National Association and completely separate from GMTA Auditions. Winners of the MTNA Competitions for the State of Georgia in the fall will proceed to the Southern Division in January (nine states). Winners of Southern Division Competitions will compete at the NTMA National Conference in March. All competition rules, applications, and contact information for competition officials may be found on the MTNA website (<http://www.mtna.org/programs/competitions>).

GMTA Collegiate Chapters

GMTA is proud of our collegiate membership from many campuses across our state. For complete information about our collegiate chapters, visit the GMTA website (<http://www.georgiamta.org/aboutUs-collegiateChapters.php>). We congratulate the following universities who have a GMTA Collegiate Chapter:

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University
Reinhardt University, Shorter University
University of Georgia, Valdosta State University
Young Harris College



Grant Opportunities

The Georgia Music Teachers Association will award \$400 GMTA Grants to active or collegiate members of GMTA. Awarded grants can go toward student music instruction or professional development (including fees for school institutions or conference registrations for collegiate members). Any GMTA active or collegiate member is eligible to apply for a GMTA Grant. Grants are awarded each year at the November GMTA State Conference. GMTA members can be awarded a GMTA Grant only once in a five-year period. The application deadline for a GMTA Grant is the 2nd Monday in September at 11:59 PM. For additional information and applications, visit the GMTA website (<http://www.georgiamta.org/memberResources-grantsAwards.php>).



GMTA Conference

In November GMTA hosts a state conference at one of our state colleges or universities. We feature a Conference Recitalist, Pedagogy Headliner, and Commissioned Composer each year. Several of our Georgia's Own presenters will present sessions on various topics. The Conference provides a great opportunity to acquire new knowledge, visit with other music teachers, and meet new music teachers in your area.