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## GMTA Conference 2017

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Scott McBride Smith



Phillip Bush



Benjamin Warsaw





## FROM THE PRESIDENT

REBEKAH HEALAN BOLES, GMTA PRESIDENT

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Since our last newsletter edition, I have been privileged to represent Georgia by attending the Southern Division Competitions and Meeting in Columbia, South Carolina and the MTNA National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Southern Division Competitions were held January 13-16 at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

From the MTNA-GA Competitions: 10 solo winners and 1 representative, 1 piano duet winner, 1 chamber ensemble winner, 2 composition winners and 2 representatives were advanced to represent GMTA at the MTNA Southern Division Competitions.

I attended a business meeting and monitored for Junior Strings, Young Artist Voice and Senior Woodwinds Competitions while at the event. I am amazed at the level of talent within our Division!

Seven of our students received recognition at the Southern Division Competitions. One Chamber Ensemble as Alternate, Honorable Mention in Senior Woodwinds, Young Artist Woodwinds and Brass, Young Artist String Alternate and Winners in Senior Voice and Young Artist Piano. Visit [this link on our website \(http://www.georgiamta.org/student-results.php\)](http://www.georgiamta.org/student-results.php) to see the full listing of winners and awards.

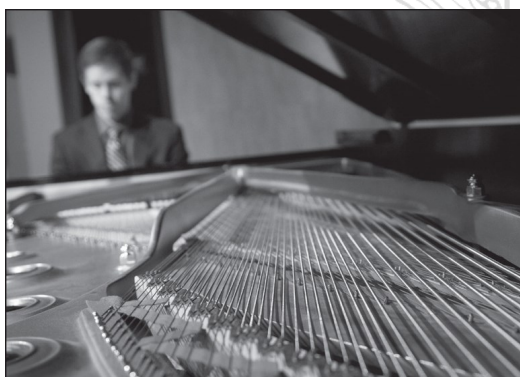
Congratulations are extended to Melodie Spencer, Senior Voice and Allen Yueh, Young Artist Piano as they both received second place in their categories at the National round of the MTNA Competitions held in Baltimore!

The MTNA National Conference was held March 18-22 in Baltimore, Maryland. GMTA Teacher of the Year, Susan T. McDuffie, was awarded the 2017 MTNA Teacher of the Year! Also, Susan T. McDuffie and Susan Naylor were honored as MTNA Foundation fellows.

As of March 4, 2017, GMTA has 708 members; of those 36 are student members; number of certified members is 100.

Congratulations to all of the students and teachers who competed in our Regional and State Auditions this year! It is a very exciting opportunity for our Georgia students to be able to participate and compete in an environment that is continually producing highly successful student musicians. I am very proud of the level of teaching that we have within our state. Bravo and continue on!

I am happy to report that our first year of online registration for conference and Auditions was very successful. A huge thank you goes to Mandy Reynolds for her tireless efforts in helping us to achieve this goal. Another thanks to Joy Poole for working alongside Mandy through this entire process.



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**Make plans now to attend the 2017 GMTA State Conference** held on the beautiful campus of Berry College in Rome, Georgia. The conference schedule will highlight many of Georgia's Own as presenters, along with Phillip Bush, Scott McBride Smith and Benjamin Warsaw.

**Conference Recitalist:** Phillip Bush is a pianist of uncommon versatility with a repertoire extending from the 16th century to the 21st. His active and unconventional career has taken him to many parts of the globe. Since his New York recital debut at the Metropolitan Museum in 1984, Mr. Bush has appeared as recitalist throughout North America, as well as in Europe, Asia and the Caribbean. [www.sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/music/faculty-staff/Bush.php](http://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/music/faculty-staff/Bush.php)

**Pedagogy Headliner:** Scott McBride Smith is a recognized leader in music education. As the Cordelia Brown Murphy Professor of Piano Pedagogy at the University of Kansas, he focuses on national issues of teacher training and piano pedagogy. As President and CEO of the International Institute for Young Musicians, he leads a summer program offering specialized training for gifted young performers from around the world. [music.ku.edu/scott-mcbride-smith](http://music.ku.edu/scott-mcbride-smith)

**Commissioned Composer:** Benjamin Warsaw is a classical pianist, composer, teacher, and accompanist. He has performed numerous solo and ensemble concerts throughout North America. He serves as Assistant Professor at Armstrong State University, Savannah, GA, and in 2015 released his debut album, *Warsaw plays Warsaw*, featuring a set of 24 Preludes of original music for piano. [www.benjaminwarsaw.com](http://www.benjaminwarsaw.com)

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At least 24 GMTA members traveled to Baltimore, Maryland to attend the 2017 MTNA National Conference this past March 18-22. If you have never attended a National Conference before, let us encourage you that it is a wonderful experience that is well worth the trip! On average, nearly 2000 conference attendees, which includes music teachers, industry representatives, technology leaders and students from all over the United States, as well as numerous countries, are in attendance. The 2017 Conference was an inspiring time with something for everyone: wonderful performances, master classes, sessions and exhibits.

GMTA President, Rebekah Healan, reports that she was honored to represent our state by attending. She went to Master Classes, Sessions (including one presented by our own Dr. Martha Thomas), and business meetings. A true highlight of this year's conference was a concert featuring solo works performed by Leon Fleisher, and some duo selections as well with his wife, Katherine Jacobson Fleisher. Begin making your plans now to attend next year's Conference in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, March 17-21, 2018. For more photos, see page 5.



Front row (left to right): Susan T. McDuffie, Dr. Ivan Frazier, Susan E. Naylor, Guest. Back row (left to right): Margery McDuffie Whatley, DeAnna Moore-President of South Carolina MTA, Robin Engleman, Dr. Martha Thomas, Diane Boyd, Rebekah Healan Boles

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2017 MTNA Teacher of the Year  
Susan T. McDuffie



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Concert Artists Katherine Jacobson and Leon Fleisher



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The MTNA Foundation wishes to express a sincere thanks to the state and local affiliates, as well as individual members, that have contributed to the MTNA Foundation Fund.

This year's State Pride drawing raised an additional \$2,355.00 contribution for the Foundation Fund at the MTNA National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The foundation received an array of gifts such as gift cards to Omaha Steaks, Starbucks and L.L. Bean to beautiful artwork, books, CDs, jewelry, chocolates and bottles of fine wine. These state donations were grouped together to make larger gift baskets, and those baskets were raffled off. This year 44 states participated.

GMTA continues to support the MTNA Foundation each year, and we especially thank those of you who made special contributions to the Foundation to help us to recognize Susan McDuffie and Susan Naylor as Foundation Fellows this past year.

The following programs are supported by the **MTNA Foundation Fund**:

- The Composer Commissioning Program
- MTNA Student Competition Awards
- MTNA Awards
- Teacher Enrichment Grants
- Local Association Affiliate Grants
- Program Enrichment Grants
- Collegiate Project and Enrichment Grants
- MarySue Harris Studio Teacher Fellowship
- Collegiate Chapter of the Year Award
- State and Local Association of the Year Awards
- MTNA Fellow Program

Your contributions ensure the continued success of these programs. More information and applications can be found on the [MTNA website](#). Please consider making a donation to the Fund when you renew your MTNA membership. There is a place provided on the renewal form.

Thank you all who have contributed so generously to the MTNA Foundation Fund throughout the year.



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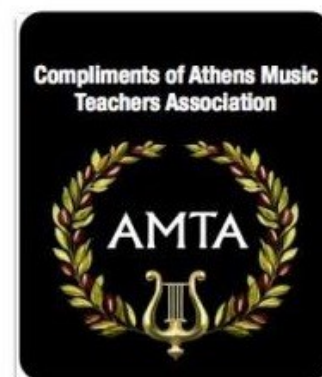
PAM ASBERRY, ARTS AWARENESS & ADVOCACY CHAIR

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Georgia's Own is a listing of GMTA members who are willing to present topics through workshops and programs to the various GMTA local associations. Individuals included in this listing must be GMTA members in good standing with paid dues for each membership year and must keep their contact information updated through Mandy Reynolds, GMTA Executive Director at [georgiamta@gmail.com](mailto:georgiamta@gmail.com).

See the current list here: [www.georgiamta.org/documents/581/GMTA\\_Georgias\\_Own.pdf](http://www.georgiamta.org/documents/581/GMTA_Georgias_Own.pdf)

If you would like to be added or removed from this list, please contact Pam Asberry, GMTA Arts Awareness and Advocacy Chair, at [pam.asberry@gmail.com](mailto:pam.asberry@gmail.com)



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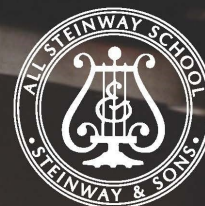
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## 2017 GMTA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

JOY POOLE, GMTA PRESIDENT-ELECT

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The GMTA Teacher of the Year Award is presented annually to a member of GMTA in recognition of life-time 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 the 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 11, 2017.

The winner will be acknowledged at the 2017 GMTA Conference Banquet.

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>

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The **GMTA Composition Award Fund** was established in 1987 and initially funded by beloved GMTA member Betty Nolting. It is given at the GMTA Conference each year to first-place winners in the MTNA Student Composition Competitions for the state-level competitions in each age category.

The **GMTA Broadhurst Junior Piano Award Fund** was established in 1992 by the Broadhurst family in commemoration of Joan Broadhurst. This award is presented annually at the GMTA conference to the winner of the MTNA Junior Performance Competition.

The **GMTA Honors Award Fund**, established in 1993, includes honorary and memorial gifts and is awarded at the discretion of the GMTA Finance Advisory Committee. Awards from this fund are given to senior string, vocal, and brass/woodwind winners of GMTA Auditions. Donations not designated for a specific fund go into this fund.



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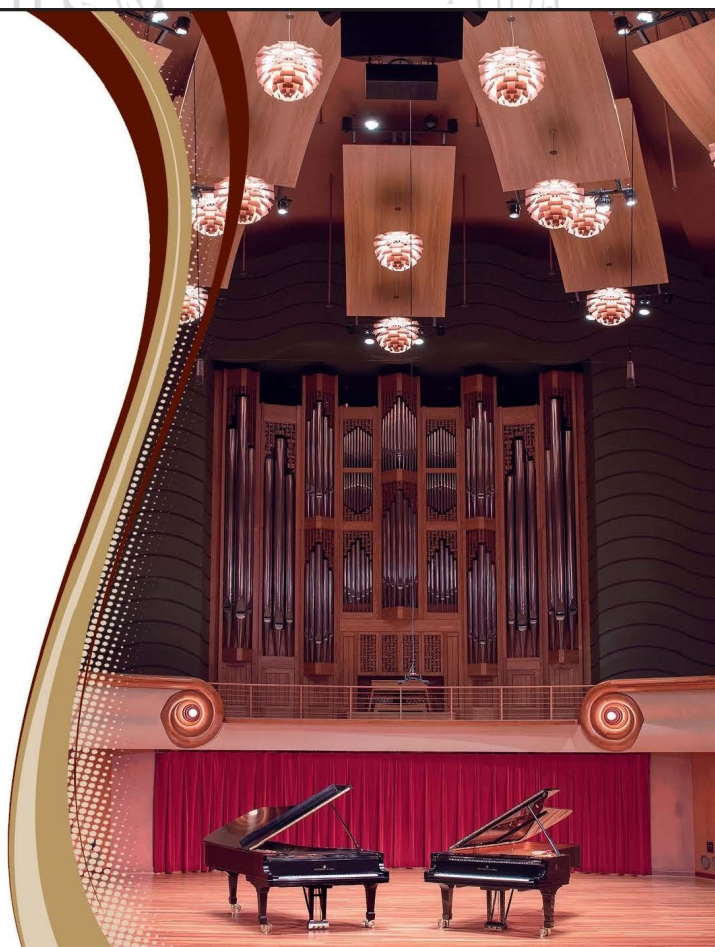


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Any GMTA active or collegiate member is eligible to apply for a GMTA Grant. Grants are awarded each year at the November GMTA State Conference. GMTA members can be awarded a GMTA Grant only once in a five-year period. The application deadline for a GMTA Grant is the 2nd Monday in September at 11:59 PM.

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The 2017 GMTA State Auditions were held on April 8 and April 15 at the University of Georgia, Hugh Hodgson School of Music. The GMTA Auditions Staff extends our gratitude to the 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 –340 Region Participants; 222 State Participants
- 12th Grade Piano – 30 Participants
- High School Piano Concerto – 10 Participants
- College Piano – 16 Participants
- College Piano Concerto – 3 Participants
- High School and College Voice – 23 Participants
- Strings/Guitar, K-College – 48 Participants
- Brass and Woodwinds –12 Participants
- Instrumental Concerto – 18 Participants

Congratulations to all students and teachers who participated in this year’s Auditions!

# GMTA AUDITIONS RESULTS

## PIANO DIVISION

### Grade 4 | Dr. Elena Cholakova, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Austin Wu

Hsin-Lin Chien, NCTM

Cobb County

Award: 1st Alternate

Albert Zhang

Keli Xu

North Fulton

Award: 2nd Alternate

Hanze Zhang

Miao-Fen Lin

North DeKalb

Award: Outstanding Performer

Abigail Marley

Jean Mann, NCTM

Gwinnett County

Kaitlyn Chang

Ping-Yun Hsu

Cobb County

**Award: Award of Excellence**

Aidan Pabis	Peggy Lee, NCTM	Athens
Lauren Kim	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Cody Ji	Elena Cholakova	South Metro Atlanta
Matthew Zhu	Ping-Yun Hsu	Cobb County
Ellie Yin	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Ashley Si	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta

**Award: Honorable Mention**

Bochen Shen	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens
Caroline Chang	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Linzi Huang	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta
Sally Liu	Hwee Boon Ng	Atlanta
Grace Xie	Anne Sun	Greater Marietta
Claire Jing	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Kevin Chen	Yien Wang	Columbus

**Grade 5 | Dr. Elena Cholakova, Chair**

**Award: Conference Recitalist**

Erin Li	Elena Cholakova	South Metro Atlanta
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**Award: 1st Alternate**

Eric Xu	Miao-Fen Lin	North DeKalb
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**Award: 2nd Alternate**

Jaia Alli	Shirley Irek	Atlanta
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**Award: Outstanding Performer**

Julia Pearson	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Xiaojun Ge	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Grant Peng	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Iris Liu	Shu-ling Chen	North DeKalb

**Award: Award of Excellence**

Hanny Wu	Miao-Fen Lin	North DeKalb
Kimmie Bateman	Jonathan Klein	Athens
Alex Wa	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Alison Wang	Hwee Boon Ng	Atlanta

Award: Award of Excellence, continued

Yuna Lim	Jee Eun Wada	North Fulton
Jennifer He	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
Mikayla Wu	Bo Wang	Augusta

Award: Honorable Mention

Sophie Fang	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
Sean Yan	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
Aaron Yang	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens
Xinyu Su	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta
Stephanie Sun	Keli Xu	North Fulton
Kara J Yao	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
Will Yin	Nancy Riley	Athens

## Grade 6 | Robin Engleman, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Jonathan Xue	Robert Henry	Cobb County
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Award: 1st Alternate

Zhu Yun Wei	Hwee Boon Ng	Atlanta
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Award: 2nd Alternate

Noah Park	Yien Wang	Columbus
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Ethan Liu	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
Ananya Shetty	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Susan Meng	Anne Sun	Atlanta

Award: Award of Excellence

Christine Peng	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Spencer McKee	Mary McKee	Savannah
Jeffery Li	Hiroko Hogarth	Augusta
Yangyang Shen	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Emma Hu	Hwee Boon Ng	Atlanta
Caroline Malcom	Anne Sun	Atlanta

Award: Honorable Mention

Hannah Jiang	Lena Zuiff	North Fulton
Eric Chang	Ping-Yun Hsu	Cobb County
Wenli Zhu	Keli Xu	North Fulton
Cody Wang	Huu Mai	Cobb County
Alyssa Woo	You Ju Lee, NCTM	Northeast GA
Abbygale Smith	Min Kim	Decatur

## Grade 7 | Robin Engleman, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Grace Peng	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
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Award: 1st Alternate

Katherine Yang	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
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Award: 2nd Alternate

Shirley Chen	Hwee Boon Ng	Atlanta
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Daniel Pan	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Margaret Wei	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Kunling Tong	Robert Henry	Cobb County

Award: Award of Excellence

Jaden Nuo Lim	Hyangbin Choi	Augusta
Daniel Kim	Jean Mann, NCTM	Gwinnett County
Alison Yau	Yelena Faber	North Fulton
Emily Liu	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Veronica Kogan	Elena Cholakova	South Metro Atlanta
Alice Huh	Seonhee Cho	North Fulton

Award: Honorable Mention

Amy Huang	Anne Sun	Greater Marietta
Michelle Ho	Elena Cholakova	South Metro Atlanta
Susan Jiang	Yien Wang	Columbus
Vaibhav Mishra	Nancy Claxton	Macon
Catherine Gemmell	Jean Mann, NCTM	Gwinnett County
Barnabas Li	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens
Dahyun Hong	Yoonmi Choi	Gwinnett County
Jesse Chen	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County

## Grade 8 | Pamela Asberry, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Robert Jeon	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
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Award: 1st Alternate

Sarah Lao	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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Award: 2nd Alternate

Daniel Shen	Keli Xu	North Fulton
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Andy Wang	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Charles Li	Clara Park	Augusta
Skyler Feng	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Kyle Tsai	Hwee Boon Ng	Atlanta

Award: Award of Excellence

Ruth Hong	Ping-Yun Hsu	Cobb County
Xuefei Ren	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Michelle Wu	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Ellen Daugherty	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
Alice Zhang	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb
Nicholas Ge	Elena Cholakova	Metro Atlanta
Lin Jay Zeng	Anne Sun	Greater Marietta

Award: Honorable Mention

Jessie Zhu	David Watkins, NCTM	Cobb County
Eric Wang	Huu Mai	Cobb County
Alex Oh	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens
Kaylee Fang	Keiko Ransom	Decatur
Tina Le	Catherine Thacker, NCTM	Gwinnett County
Kevin Zhang	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens
Anna Hu	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb

## Grade 9 | Pamela Asberry, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Julia Li	Elena Cholakova	South Metro Atlanta
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Award: Master Class #1

Mako Ishikawa	Momoko Yamamoto	Cobb County
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Award: Master Class #2

Kevin Chen	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Jenny Chen	Miao-Fen Lin	North DeKalb
Catherine Shih	Elena Cholakova	South Metro Atlanta
Amanda Bateman	Jonathan Klein	Athens
Eric Yao	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
Amy Xu	Keiko Ransom	Decatur

Award: Award of Excellence

Michelle Wang	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Caroline Zhang	Inna Satunovsky, NCTM	Coweta-Fayette
Ryan Yang	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens
Reanna Rafiq	Rwei Hao, NCTM	North Fulton
Annabel Shue	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb
Bryan Zhou	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Asena Anderson	Laura Gordy	Atlanta
Gabriella Kogan	Elena Cholakova	South Metro Atlanta

Award: Honorable Mention

Austin Nguyen	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
Qilin Tong	Robert Henry	Cobb County
Alvin Adjei	Mary McKee	Savannah
Noel Smith	Susan Thomson	Savannah
Eileen Liu	Frances Yao	North DeKalb
Max Khanmamedov	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb
Celina Zhao	Jonathan Klein	Athens
Grace Pan	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens

## Grade 10 | Diane Boyd, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Helen Bryant	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
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Award: Master Class #1

Yannie Tan	Alexander Kobrin	Columbus
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Award: Master Class #2

Nicholas Hong	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
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**Award: Outstanding Performer**

Albert Ting	Momoko Yamamoto	Cobb County
Renee Lu	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb
Grace Xu	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Jackson Wildes	N Conklin, NCTM	Cherokee

**Award: Award of Excellence**

Moses Wang	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens
Bona Kim	Joanna Kim, NCTM	Northeast GA
Charmaine Hur	Elena Cholakova	South Metro Atlanta
Isabella Pu	Nancy Elton	Atlanta
Felix Pei	Sue Moncrief	Augusta

**Award: Honorable Mention**

Grace Yu	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Lennox Xu	Elena Cholakova	South Metro Atlanta
Grace Li	Soohyun Yun, NCTM	Cobb County
Rex DiPietro	Marissa Woodall, NCTM	Cherokee

**Grade 11 | Diane Boyd, NCTM, Chair**

**Award: Conference Recitalist**

Joshua Li	Ping Xu	North Fulton
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**Award: Master Class #1**

Kelsey Yao	Elena Cholakova	South Metro Atlanta
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**Award: Master Class #2**

Sarah Jin	Elena Cholakova	South Metro Atlanta
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**Award: Outstanding Performer**

Liam McBane	Frances Thrailkill, NCTM	Decatur
Melody Wang	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
Benjamin Chin	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County

**Award: Award of Excellence**

Shannon Chen	Elena Cholakova	South Metro Atlanta
Daisy Zhou	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Christine Yang	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Ansley Tiarn	Anne Sun	Greater Marietta
Stephanie Zhang	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta

Award: Honorable Mention

Sammy Mishkin	Robert Henry	Cobb County
Loren Tsang	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb
Emily Mitchell	Ipek Brooks, NCTM	North Fulton
Beverly Sylvester	Junghee Lee	Gwinnett County
Meekah Howell	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens
Hsin Ling Chen	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
Grace Wei	Ping Xu	North DeKalb

## Grade 12 | Joseph Hokayem, NCTM, Chair

Award: Senior Cash Award

Nathan Wu	Robert Henry	Cobb County
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Award: 1st Alternate

Sarah Cox	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb
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Award: 2nd Alternate

Laura Zhang	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Ethan Shen	Keli Xu	North Fulton
Jiaxing Liu	Inna Satunovsky, NCTM	Coweta-Fayette
Dajung Lee	Joanna Kim, NCTM	Northeast GA
Eric Park	Jean Mann, NCTM	Gwinnett County

Award: Award of Excellence

Ava Wei	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Anna Levine	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb
Teagan Mathur	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb
Anthony Zhang	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Christine Sit	George Mann, NCTM	Western GA
Joanna McGalliard	Jeannie Scarboro	Macon
Caroline Li	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb

Award: Honorable Mention

Joseph Mullen	Richard Zimdars	Athens
Kevin Tao	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Yasheen Gao	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Erin Woo	Ellen Feibish, NCTM	Decatur
Timothy Tiegreen	Mary Hinely	Decatur
Evan Mi	Anne Sun	Atlanta

## Piano Concerto | Joseph Hokayem, NCTM, Chair

Award: Concerto Winner

Benjamin Chin

Alexander Wasserman

Cobb County

Award: 1st Alternate

Liam McBane

Frances Thrailkill, NCTM

Decatur

Award: 2nd Alternate

Ruby Lee

Elena Cholakova

Atlanta

Award: Award of Excellence

Lauren Claerbout

Lois Finlay, NCTM

North DeKalb

Alex Kim

Gayle Vann

North DeKalb

Award: Honorable Mention

Grace Lee

Gayle Vann

North DeKalb

Annabel Shue

Lois Finlay, NCTM

North DeKalb

## College Piano | Dr. Joanna Kim, NCTM, Chair

### LOWER COLLEGE PIANO

Alexandre Tchaykov

Dr. Liza Stepanova

OP – Conference Recitalist

Campbell Cona

Dr. Martha Thomas, NCTM

OP – 1st Alternate

Valentina Qishan Huang

Dr. Chenny Gan

OP – 2nd Alternate

Imsun Lee

Dr. Evgeny Rivkin

Outstanding Performer

Ashlyn Dewberry

Dr. Carol Gingerich

Outstanding Performer

Hannah Ramanou

Dr. Chenny Gan

Award of Excellence

### MIDDLE COLLEGE PIANO

Forest Kirkland

Dr. Martin Jones

OP – Conference Recitalist

Aaron Olinger

Dr. Carol Gingerich

OP – 1st Alternate

Justin Tarver

Dr. Carol Gingerich

Outstanding Performer

Joyce Yuxuan Zhou

Dr. Chenny Gan

Award of Excellence

### UPPER COLLEGE PIANO

Siyu Li

Dr. Geoffrey Haydon

OP – Conference Recitalist

Yan Kou

Dr. Martha Thomas

OP – 1st Alternate

Qin Ling

Dr. Martha Thomas

OP – 2nd Alternate

Yuxin Ni

Dr. Liza Stepanova

Outstanding Performer

Soyeon Lee

Dr. Liza Stepanova

Outstanding Performer

## COLLEGE PIANO CONCERTO

Valentina Qishan Huang

Dr. Chenny Gan

OP – Conference Recitalist

## Voice | Dr. Pat Callaway, NCTM, Chair

### VOICE – 9th GRADE

Elijah Shaw

Debra Murphy

OP – Conference Recitalist

Alyssa Cornelius

Debra Murphy

OP – 1st Alternate

Kaylyn Manlove-Simmons

Debra Hughes, NCTM

Award of Excellence

Remahlia Kormalos

Debra Hughes, NCTM

Honorable Mention

### VOICE – 10th GRADE

Scott Johnson

Dr. Pat Callaway, NCTM

OP – Conference Recitalist

Kristen Johansen

Dr. Stephanie Tingler

OP – 1st Alternate

Erika Johnson

Dr. Carole Roach, NCTM

Award of Excellence

Anaston Ragsdale

Dr. Carole Roach, NCTM

Award of Excellence

Madison Ricci

Leigh Anne Bleichner

Honorable Mention

### VOICE – 11th GRADE

Haesun Oh

Huu Mai

OP – Conference Recitalist

Claire Strelvel

Dr. Stephanie Tingler

OP – 1st Alternate

Alexandra Backfisch

Jennifer Langley

OP – 2nd Alternate

Elizabeth Burgess

Wanda Hughes

Award of Excellence

Jenny Tryon

Wanda Hughes

Award of Excellence

Maggie Finkel

Leigh Anne Bleichner

Honorable Mention

### VOICE – 12th GRADE

Alissa Benkoski

Dr. Stephanie Tingler

OP – Senior Cash Prize

Caroline Dorr

Debra Murphy

Award of Excellence

Rebekah Sims

Debra Murphy

Honorable Mention

### VOICE – LOWER COLLEGE

Tarryn Ballard

Dr. Stephanie Tingler

OP – Conference Recitalist

Eric Dowler

Dr. Stephanie Tingler

OP – 1st Alternate

### VOICE - UPPER COLLEGE

Kaitlyn Gilmore

Dr. Stephanie Tingler

OP – Conference Recitalist

## Instrumental Concerto | Mirna Dinovic, Chair

Rebekah Willard

Sonja Foster

OP – Conference Recitalist

John Kang

Justin Dougherty

OP – 1st Alternate

Joo Young Kang

Stephen Majeske

OP – 2nd Alternate

## INSTRUMENTAL CONCERTO, continued

Adam Wang	Martin Gueorguiev	Outstanding Performer
Sophia Ho	Que Yang	Outstanding Performer
Evan Nicholson	Martin Gueorguiev	Award of Excellence
Zoe Lo	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Zach Tseng	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Claire Hong	Mirna Dinovic	Award of Excellence
Brandon Lee	Mirna Dinovic	Award of Excellence
Brian Ji	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
Ariel Najarian	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
Jason Zhuang	Que Yang	Honorable Mention
Yiren Hou	Mirna Dinovic	Honorable Mention
Sung-Lin Hsieh	Que Yang	Honorable Mention

## Strings | Mirna Dinovic, Chair

### STRINGS: GRADES K/1

Alison Ho	Que Yang	OP – Conference Recitalist
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### STRINGS: GRADES 2/3

Lucas Liu	Que Yang	OP – Conference Recitalist
Ethan Lo	Hsin-Lan Chien	Award of Excellence
Mahalia Mason	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention

### STRINGS: GRADES 4/5

Eugenie Lim	Sonja Foster	OP – Conference Recitalist
Claire Cho	Nadir Khashimov	OP – 1st Alternate
Ella Grace Malcom	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Anna Willard	Martha Gerschefski	Award of Excellence
Hyunbin Moon	Mirna Dinovic	Honorable Mention
Alex Ko	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention

### STRINGS: GRADES 6/7

Claire Hong	Mirna Dinovic	OP – Conference Recitalist
Sophia Ho	Que Yang	OP – 1st Alternate
Zach Tseng	Sonja Foster	OP – 2nd Alternate
Tobias Liu	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Brandon Lee	Mirna Dinovic	Award of Excellence
John Mark Willard	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Danielle Najarian	William Pu	Honorable Mention
Ellie Park	William Pu	Honorable Mention
Elly Kim	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention

## STRINGS: GRADES 8/9

Evan Nicholson	Martin Gueorguiev	OP – Conference Recitalist
Rebekah Willard	Sonja Foster	OP – 1st Alternate
Jason Zhuang	Que Yang	OP – 2nd Alternate
Rachel Seong	Justin Dougherty	Award of Excellence
Erin Cho	Nadir Khashimov	Award of Excellence
Sung-Lin Hsieh	Que Yang	Award of Excellence
Emma Surbrook	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
Thea Fernandes	Justin Dougherty	Honorable Mention
Jun-ha Jung	Justin Dougherty	Honorable Mention

## STRINGS: GRADES 10/11

Joo Young Kang	Stephen Majeske	OP – Conference Recitalist
John Kang	Justin Dougherty	OP – 1st Alternate
Hwanwook Seong	Justin Dougherty	OP – 2nd Alternate
Claire Traylor	Justin Dougherty	Award of Excellence
Joe Billips	Martin Gueorguiev	Award of Excellence
Zoe Lo	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Adam Wang	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
William Kim	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
Ariel Najarian	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention

## Woodwinds/Brass | Cathy Thacker, NCTM, Chair

### WOODWINDS/BRASS: GRADES 9-11

Wesley Rains	Dr. Jean Martin-Williams	OP – Conference Recitalist
Shawn Zhu	Debra Hughes, NCTM	Award of Excellence

### WOODWINDS/BRASS: LOWER COLLEGE

Nathan Dial	Dr. Jean Martin-Williams	OP – Conference Recitalist
Carine Cerny	Dr. Jean Martin-Williams	OP – 1st Alternate
Sarah Willoughby	Dr. Jean Martin-Williams	OP – 2nd Alternate
Dominic Aquila	Dr. Jean Martin-Williams	Award of Excellence
Anna Zurawski	Dr. Jean Martin-Williams	Award of Excellence
Jordan Lockridge	Dr. Jean Martin-Williams	Award of Excellence

### WOODWINDS/BRASS: MIDDLE COLLEGE

Anna Carter	Dr. Jean Martin-Williams	OP – Conference Recitalist
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**Atlanta MTA****Carol Payne, president**

Our chapter's biggest project is the Romantic and Impressionistic Piano Competition, which awards cash prizes to the winners. This annual event is for pre-college students and is open to all teachers and students in Georgia. Applications and information for this fall's competition will be available soon on our website.

The AMTA's outstanding programs and presenters for 2016-2017 included

- FSU's Alice-Ann Darrow, Music Therapy: "Invisible Disabilities: Demystifying Autism Spectrum Disorder and ADHD."
- A master class with Liza Stepanova from UGA.
- A program about contemporary use of traditional composition genres by Kris Carlisle from Berry College.
- The University of South Carolina's duo-pianists Marina Lomazov and Joseph Rackers in a presentation and recital.

All of our meetings and programs are open to our teaching colleagues from around the area. Please consult our webpage calendar for dates and locations. [www.atlmta.org](http://www.atlmta.org)

**North DeKalb MTA****Laurel Humber Harrell, president**

2016/17 was a year of wonderful opportunities for NDMTA teachers and their students. Each month, teachers met for informative lectures and masterclasses taught by respected pedagogues and performers. We enjoyed programs by Dr. Timothy Albrecht, "How to Teach Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier;" Huu Mai, "The Art of Practice;" George Mann, "Auditions – From an Adjudicator's Perspective;" Carol Gingrich, "Having Fun with Modern Music," as well as a Masterclass with Dr. Sergio Gallo and an Improvisation Workshop with Stephen Barnes.

Our Bach Competition in October 2016 offered numerous cash prizes and a Winners' Recital. Open to NDMTA members and non-members, over 250 students participated! In January, NDMTA sponsored our Ensemble Olympics. This series of recitals featuring student duets, duos, trios and chamber music is a favorite among students and parents.

We are excited to be a co-sponsor, along with North Fulton MTA, of the 2017 Piano Symposium on September 9, 2017. The Symposium will offer a full day of top-notch workshops and masterclasses as well as a recital by Liza Stepanova. Plan to be a part!

Be sure to check our website at [ndmta.org](http://ndmta.org) for information on the Sonatina/Sonata Competition set for October 14, 2017. As I finish my term as President of NDMTA I want to thank all the dedicated officers and committee chairs for their service and commitment to excellence. You made my job so much easier!



**Gwinnett County MTA****Mary Ann McTier, president**

Gwinnett County MTA reports a very successful year filled with inspiring monthly programs and meaningful events for our students. We added two special features to our monthly meetings this year. First, each meeting began with a teacher performance. Some of our artists were Cathy Thacker, Eva Bone, Brooke Dunn and Deb Hughes. This was a treat we all enjoyed! Secondly, at the end of each meeting, we drew for a door prize, given to one excited member! Awards included a keyboard calculator, Lang Lang method books, Panera gift card and colorful music mug.

Our president elect, Eva Bone, planned variety of outstanding programs. In September, Martha Thomas presented, "Motivational Student level Concertos", giving us many ideas for new music ideas to motivate our students. For the October meeting, we had a panel of our own teachers, Susan Andrews, Jean Mann and Yumi Patterson, who answered questions we had submitted. This type program is always rich, and there are always more questions than we have time to cover. November brought member, Pam Asberry, who introduced us to the life and music of Zdenek Fibich. Returning in January, we gathered for our annual brunch. As we feasted on everyone's culinary masterpieces, we also did a music swap of our favorite teaching pieces, complete with tips. Kristi Helfen joined us in February to share, "Stephen Heller- Beyond the Avalanche", opening our eyes to repertoire which many of us heard for the first time. Four students, three piano and one voice, performed for our March Master class clinician, Nancy Elton, who provided us with many helpful teaching tips. We appreciate teachers, students and Nancy for sharing their talents to enrich our teaching.

GCMTA started its student events with Music Day, November 12. Proceeds from student registration allowed us to present \$30 cash awards to over 50 winning students (grades 4-12). We also had 50 students take the GMTA theory test! Performance Day, held December 3 at Gwinnett Extended Care Facility, gave students an opportunity to share Christmas and other music with the residents. The three Gwinnett Federated Festivals were held in February with over 900 students participating in eight events: piano solo, duet, strings, voice, woodwinds, theory, hymn playing and concerto. 28 GCMTA students progressed to Regional Auditions level with 13 receiving recognition at the state level. Our last event of the year was Jr.Sr. Scholarship, an event specifically for our high school juniors and seniors. This was held in March as an open audition, and 1st-4th place winners were selected.

The year culminated with our May 17 Luncheon when we installed 2017-2019 officers and announced our 4th annual GCMTA Teacher of the Year, Debra Murphy. We enjoyed Italian food together as we celebrated a wonderful year, honored an esteemed colleague, and fellowshiped with each other one last time before summer break. We look forward to gathering again in September.

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**June 2017**

30 Individual Membership Renewal Deadline. Individual membership year runs from July 1 thru June 30.

**July 2017**

29 GMTA FAC Meeting

**August 2017**

1 Deadline for articles to be included in the GMTA Fall Newsletter. Articles should be submitted to Nancy Riley at [nancy.riley@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.riley@gmail.com).

14 Officer reports due to Secretary for upcoming Executive Board Meeting

19 GMTA Council of Local Association Presidents Meeting and GMTA Executive Board Meeting, Clayton State University, Morrow

**September 2017**

11 Application deadline for GMTA Teacher of the Year, Steinway Teacher Awards, GMTA Teacher Grants (Deadline always on second Monday of September)

13 Online application deadline (3:00 p.m. Eastern Time) for MTNA Competitions

30 Student Membership Renewal Deadline. Student membership year runs from October 1 thru September 30

**October 2017**

1 GMTA Theory Achievement Tests (not GATE) mailed to Local Associations

9 Pre-registration Deadline for GMTA Conference

20-21 MTNA Competitions, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, GA

**November 2017**

2 - 4 GMTA State Conference, Berry College, Rome, GA

**December 2017**

1 Deadline for articles to be included in the GMTA Winter Newsletter. Articles should be submitted to Nancy Riley at [nancy.riley@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.riley@gmail.com).

**February 2018**

- 26 Registration Deadline for GMTA Regional Auditions
- 26 Deadline for Regional Coordinators to submit Judge information to VP of Auditions

**March 2018**

- 15 Deadline for completed GMTA Theory Tests to be mailed to Diane Boyd
- 17 GMTA Regional Auditions
- 17-21 MTNA Conference, Orlando, Florida
- 21 Registration Deadline for GMTA State Auditions

**April 2018**

- 2 Officer reports due to Secretary for upcoming Executive Board Meeting
- 7 GMTA Council of Local Association Presidents Meeting and GMTA Executive Board Meeting, Location TBA
- 7 GMTA State Auditions for College Piano, Instrumental, Voice and Instrumental Concerto, College Piano Concerto, Location TBA
- 21 GMTA State Auditions for Pre-College Piano and Piano Concerto, Location TBA

**May 2018**

- 1 Graded GMTA Theory Achievement Tests (not GATE) & certificates mailed to participating teachers
- 1 Deadline for articles to be included in the GMTA Summer Newsletter. Articles should be submitted to Nancy Riley at [nancy.riley@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.riley@gmail.com).

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