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November 1-3, 2018

Athens, GA



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Featuring:



Dr. Peter Mack
Recitalist and Pedagogy Headliner



Lauren McCall
Composer

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

REBEKAH HEALAN BOLES, GMTA PRESIDENT

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Since our last meeting, I have attended the Southern Division Competitions and Meeting at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. Our Division continues to prove its strength through the volume of talent that continues to compete at the Division and National level.

From the MTNA-GA Competitions: nine solo winners, one piano duet representative, one chamber ensemble winner and one representative, two composition winners and one representative represented GMTA at the MTNA Southern Division Competitions in January at Liberty University in Lynchburg.

Ten of our students received recognition at the Southern Division Competitions. A Senior Piano Performance Alternate, Chamber Music Wind Ensemble and Young Artist Woodwind as Honorable Mentions, and Winners in Senior Performance Voice, Young Artist Brass, Young Artist String and Young Artist Composition.

Congratulations to our National Winners: Melodie Spencer, Senior Voice and Natalya Kelnovskaya,

Young Artist String, and to James Bryant, who received second place in Young Artist Brass.

As of March 19, 2018, GMTA has 670 members; of those 33 are student members; number of certified members is 98.

In March, I attended the MTNA National Conference in Lake Buena Vista, FL. It was a wonderful time of renewal and inspiration. We were fortunate to have a GMTA dinner out together at Chevys. A great time was had by all!

Congratulations to all of our participants and winners at the GMTA Auditions which were held at UGA in April. We are thrilled to consistently have such a high level of teaching and performing within our state!

I want to thank each of you for your service as Board Members, Committee Chairs and Local Association Presidents. GMTA is a success because of your efforts.

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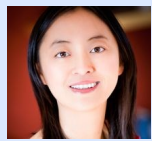
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Conference Highlights:

- 20 presentations by member experts from around the state
- The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will perform at UGA during our conference on Friday evening—GMTA members will receive special discount on tickets
- UGA Kaleidoscope Concert will take place during our conference on Thursday evening



Our Recitalist and Pedagogy Headliner will be Dr. Peter Mack. Peter Mack was born in Ireland, where he had his early training with Frank Heneghan at the Dublin College of Music. Subsequent study was at Trinity College, Dublin, and with Bela Siki at the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music and at the University of Washington where he earned his doctorate in piano performance. Mack has performed throughout the United States and Europe, as well as in Australia and the former Soviet Union. He is the winner of the New Orleans, Young Keyboard Artists and Pacific International Piano Competitions. His prize in the Sherman-Clay competition included a Steinway grand piano. Mack is well known for his extensive repertoire, having performed twenty-five concertos with orchestras. He is equally in demand as a performer, clinician, convention artist, and teacher, and his pupils are frequent winners of local, national, and international competitions.

Commissioned Composer: Lauren McCall is a composer and musician from Atlanta, Georgia. She studied music and science receiving her master's degrees from the University of Georgia in 2010. She has had compositions performed around the world including her piano piece *Shake the Earth*, which was performed in Morehead, Kentucky at Morehead State University's Contemporary Piano Festival and in Eugene, Oregon at the Oregon Bach Festival Composers' Symposium. Lauren has also had an arrangement of the spiritual *I'm Troubled* performed Lakeland Florida at Florida Southern College for the Grady Rayam Prize in Sacred Music; her graphic score *The Fish Wife* performed in Montreal, Canada by the ensemble Amis Orgue Montreal; and her art song cycle *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock* performed in Munich, Germany, in addition to other compositions. Currently Lauren is a music theory-teaching artist for the Atlanta Music Project. Lauren actively participates in the Atlanta 24 hour Opera Project as a composer and librettist, and recently was a composer in residence for the Grady Rayam Prize in Sacred Music. She enjoys collaborating, writing chamber music, electronic music, and music for vocal ensembles and soloist. Along with composing, Lauren also enjoys playing classical and jazz music on the clarinet, saxophone, and piano.

We have reserved two options for Conference Lodging this year:

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Group rates are guaranteed until October 3, 2018.

Make reservations by calling (706) 542-2134 or through the Georgia Center Website (www.UGAHotel.com) using Group code 90516

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More than 30 GMTA members traveled to Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, FL to attend the 2018 MTNA National Conference this past March 17-21. As published by MTNA, nearly 2,000 music teachers, students and industry experts come together for this annual celebration of the music teaching profession.

The 2018 Conference was an inspiring time with something for everyone. There were wonderful performances by Jeremy Denk, Time for Three and the first and second place duos from the newly established MTNA–Stecher and Horowitz Two Piano Competition. Inspiring master classes were conducted by pedagogues Fei Xu and Pavlina Dokovska. Also, numerous sessions and exhibits were available for you to learn more about new teaching ideas, products and instruments.

Attendees can also sit in and watch the MTNA competitions which are also occurring at the conference venue. Congratulations to our National Winners Melodie Spencer, Senior Voice and Natalya Kelnovskaya, Young Artist String, and to James Bryant, who received second place in Young Artist Brass.

Begin making your plans now to attend next year’s Conference in Spokane, Washington March 16-20, 2019. We want to encourage you that this is a enriching experience that is well worth the trip! For more photos, see page 6.



Seated L-R: Leslie Kennedy, Renee Holliman, Dr. Emma Pettyjohn, Beth Chitwood, Robin Engleman
 Standing L-R: Rebekah Healan Boles, Julie Soh Harbin, Serene Lee, Jane Lester, Heather Turner, Kathy Morris, Marlowe Carruth (NC) , Pam Asberry and John Hord (CA)

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Georgia teachers with pedagogue William Westney after his session; From L-R: Rebekah Healan Boles, Sarah Abushakra, Martha Thomas, Jane Lester



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



2018 GMTA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

JOY POOLE, 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 10, 2018.

The winner will be acknowledged at the 2018 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 Nolting 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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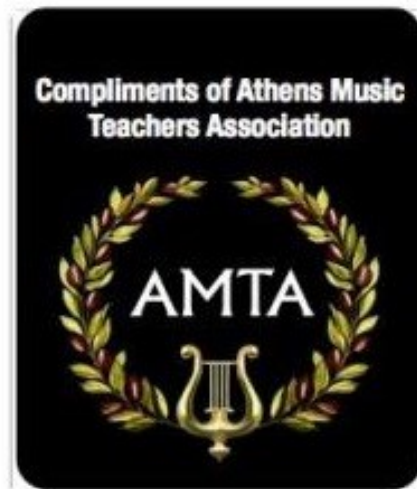
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Any GMTA active or collegiate member is eligible to apply for a GMTA Grant. Grants are awarded each year at the November GMTA State Conference. GMTA members can be awarded a GMTA Grant only once in a five-year period. The application deadline for a GMTA Grant is the 2nd Monday in September at 11:59 PM.

GMTA Active Member Grant Information and Application

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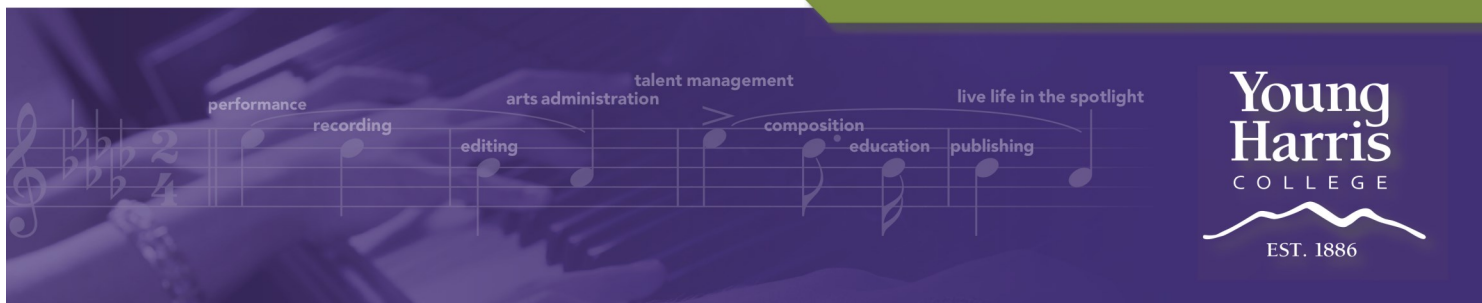
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As of May 2018, our membership stands at 674 members. I would like to acknowledge our new members:

Mirna Dinovic
Lauren Greene
Bill Grimmett
Karolyn Guy
Robert Haley

Kesha Lake
Benjamin Mason
Yulia Soboleva
Sabine Walsh
William Hancock

Welcome to the GMTA family!

By now, everyone should have gotten their membership renewal notices in the mail. If you have not received one, I encourage you to contact the MTNA headquarter or go online to renew your membership.

Of course, I personally cannot express enough the value of my membership with MTNA. I'm sure many of you can attest to the countless professional and personal benefits you have received as members of this fine organization. So, I thought this would be a great time to hear from some of our members on what this organization has meant to them.

One thing that certainly comes forth is the rubbing of elbows with all the wonderful University Music Professionals over these years and how much knowledge has been gleaned from all those wonderful individuals. How enriching to attend National and State Meetings and hear and see such profound presentations and sessions and all those exceptional live concerts. I don't know how anyone can stay current with all the knowledge unless you stay engaged with all the latest research and methodology. Learning is a life-long process, and if we ever stop, we become very stale and stagnant.

Probably one of the most lasting impressions is all the wonderful teachers that I have come to know and consider life-long friends throughout my tenure with both GMTA and MTNA. One could say that I probably would not have lasted all these years without the support of both organizations.

Sandy Yeargan, member since 1965

I arrived in Atlanta in the summer of 1982 with my husband who had accepted a teaching position at Georgia Tech. I was still in the throes of finishing my Dissertation in order to complete my DMA from the University of Texas, and though I was doing a fair amount of teaching in Texas, I had never joined the Texas MTA. Graduate school was too hectic for me to even think about it. As a student in a big university with an amazing music school, I was surrounded constantly by friends who loved music as much as I did, and who were dedicating their lives to their passion. All of that changed when I moved to Atlanta. All of a sudden, I was in a huge city, (I missed my Austin college town so much) and I don't think I knew one musician here. I felt so alone and isolated. For a while I was doing a lot singing.... But I had not gotten my piano studio off the ground yet. Finally, one piano friend whom I knew from Texas days said to me, Nancy, you HAVE to join GMTA!"And so, I did! I so well remember those first few meetings with the Atlanta Chapter, with Betty Nolting, Beverly Bradley, Beverley Beren, Joan Broadhurst, and many others who made me feel so at home. They put me to work right away if I remember correctly. And my piano studio soon began to flourish.



Joining GMTA/MTNA is like a life line. I learned very quickly that it is vital to be connected to fellow teachers and musicians after we leave the protected environment of our school days. It has also been a source of inspiration for my students over the years who are always ready to meet the challenge of making it to coveted State Auditions. I could not imagine being in the teaching profession without the constant interaction, networking, and comradery that I experienced with fellow teachers at meetings, at State and National Conferences as well as other gatherings. GMTA is a vital part of my musical life.

Nancy Elton, member since 1984

I was first introduced to MTNA/GMTA during college (over 30 years ago) and encouraged to become a member of MTNA/GMTA by my college professors. Over the years, I have been inspired and motivated by conference presentations, concerts and teacher workshops. Networking with fellow peers, sharing experiences and the friendships gained have proved invaluable during my teaching career. I have also had the privilege to serve alongside other members who are dedicated to promoting music education and give freely of their time and expertise to provide opportunities for both the teacher and the student. Music professionals in all stages of their career can benefit from all MTNA/GMTA has to offer. Becoming a member was certainly a good choice.

Joy Poole, member since 1991

Membership in GMTA and MTNA has had a profound influence on my music teaching career. Participation in the activities of the local, state and national associations has enhanced my teaching skills and strengthened my connections within the music profession. The organization provides a variety of worthwhile opportunities for my students. Festivals, auditions and competitions have challenged my students, broadened their horizons and stimulated their interest. Local association programs and state and national conferences offer excellent opportunities for continuing education. I've been inspired by stunning performances, explored new teaching strategies, gained new pedagogical insight from sessions and from dialogue with colleagues. As a result, my teaching has been infused with renewed motivation, enthusiasm and inspiration.

The GMTA and Steinway Grants, as well as grants made available by the MTNA Foundation, MTNA webinars, the American Music Teacher journal, the national certification program, and the group insurance programs are just a few of the many additional benefits of membership. Music teaching associations are vital to the future of the music teaching profession. Not only do they support the professional growth and development of the members, but they also keep music education visible in the community.

Susan Andrews, members since 1978

I joined GMTA/MTNA in the fall of 1974 shortly after moving to Georgia to take a position at the University of West Georgia. Over the years, my membership in GMTA has been a source of inspiration to me as a teacher and a great benefit to my students who have participated in auditions and other GMTA sponsored events.

Presentations at the local and state levels have been informative and interesting. As teachers, we are constantly giving out information to our students. I think it is vitally important that we continue to take in new information ourselves to replenish our own resources and perhaps prevent burn-out.

I have found the auditions to be a wonderful motivator for many students. Whether a student received any sort of honor or not, the important benefits were the student's preparation for the event and the judges' comments. I also found the latter to often be a useful evaluation of my own teaching.

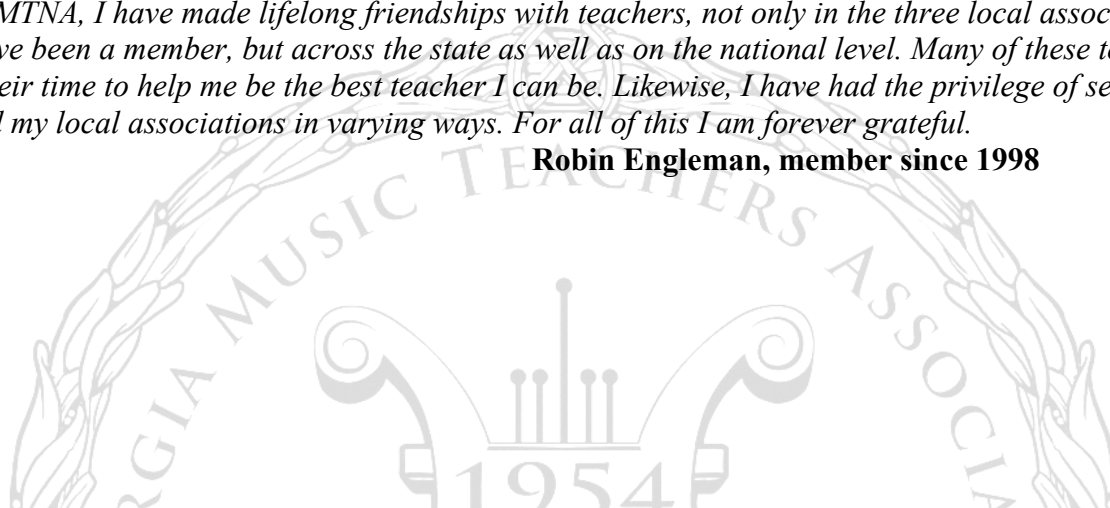
George Mann, member since 1974



Twenty years ago, I was working for a credit union. Shortly after Independence Day, 1998, I found myself asking, "Self, if you could do anything, what would you really want to do?" My answer was to go back to teaching piano. Once I answered that question, the first thing I did was to contact and join MTNA. I continued to hold down my "day job" (actually changed jobs two more times), but gradually took on some piano students in the evenings. By 2000/2001, I had about 15 students and in 2002, when I had 25 students, I made the decision to quit my "day job" and teach full-time. I've never regretted that decision.

Thanks to MTNA, I have made lifelong friendships with teachers, not only in the three local associations of which I have been a member, but across the state as well as on the national level. Many of these teachers have invested their time to help me be the best teacher I can be. Likewise, I have had the privilege of serving MTNA, GMTA and my local associations in varying ways. For all of this I am forever grateful.

Robin Engleman, member since 1998



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Dr. Gan holds degrees from Wesleyan College, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and the Doctor of Music Arts in Piano Performance from the University of Southern California.



GMTA AUDITIONS

CATHY THACKER, NCTM, VICE PRESIDENT OF AUDITIONS

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The 2018 GMTA State Auditions were held on April 7 and April 21 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 –385 Region Participants; 222 State Participants
- 12th Grade Piano – 23 Participants
- High School Piano Concerto – 7 Participants
- College Piano – 21 Participants
- College Piano Concerto – 1 Participant
- High School and College Voice – 14 Participants
- Strings/Guitar, K-College – 37 Participants
- Brass and Woodwinds –5 Participants
- Instrumental Concerto – 17 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

Ethan Nie

Ping Xu

Atlanta

Award: 1st Alternate

Ethan Palmer

Laura Lozier

Cherokee

Award: 2nd Alternate

Hailey Culp

Ping Xu

North DeKalb

Award: Outstanding Performer

Harry Kim

Yoonmi Choi

Gwinnett County

Michelle Feng

Ping Xu

Atlanta

Mia Lu

Ping Xu

North DeKalb

Alicia Wang

Hwee Boon Ng

Atlanta

Award: Award of Excellence

Claramae Parish	Clara Park	Augusta
Yining Tang	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Joey Pak	Young Choi	North DeKalb
Samantha Lee	Ian Altman	Macon
Jae Ren Yee	Seonhee Cho	North Fulton
Brady Zhang	Miao-Fen Lin	North DeKalb
Edwin Tang	Ping Xu	North DeKalb

Award: Honorable Mention

Zoe Liu	Eric Clay	Coweta Fayette
Ethan Lo	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
April Zhang	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
James Sun	Clara Park	Augusta
Anika Lee	Seonhee Cho	North Fulton
Scarlett Liu	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
Jessica Han	Aza Boguslavskiy	Gwinnett County

Grade 5 | Dr. Elena Cholakova, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Joanna Catherine Wang	Tracy Xian	Columbus
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Award: 1st Alternate

Nathan Liu	Joanna Kim	Northeast Georgia
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Award: 2nd Alternate

Hanze Zhang	Miao-Fen Lin	North DeKalb
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Abigail Marley	Jean Mann, NCTM	Gwinnett County
Ellie Yin	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Kevin Chen	Yien Wang	Columbus
Elizabeth Perry	Diane Boyd, NCTM	Savannah

Award: Award of Excellence

Claire Jing	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Sophia Li	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Fredrick Wu	Ping-Yun Hsu	Cobb County
Kaitlyn Chang	Ping-Yun Hsu	Cobb County
Zeke Loper	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens
Jieun Lee	Tracy Xian	Columbus
Bochen Shen	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens
Sean Powell	Tracy Xian	Columbus

Award: Honorable Mention

Albert Zhang	Keli Xu	North Fulton
Aidan Pabis	Derek Vann	North DeKalb
Ashley Si	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Andrew Zhang	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens
Leia Lankford	Wanda Hughes	Cherokee
Caroline Chang	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Rachel Oh	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Lauren Kim	Anne Sun	Atlanta

Grade 6 | Robin Engleman, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Julia Pearson	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
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Award: 1st Alternate

Luke Xu	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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Award: 2nd Alternate

Ethan Liu	Joanna Kim	Northeast Georgia
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Eric Xu	Miao-Fen Lin	North DeKalb
Zhikai Huang	Robert Henry	Cobb County
Rayna Chang	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Alison Wang	Hwee Boon Ng	Atlanta
Alex Wa	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Erin Li	Ping-Yun Hsu	Cobb County

Award: Award of Excellence

Xinyu Su	Hyanbin Choi	Augusta
Yuchen Guo	Hyanbin Choi	Augusta
Anna Nguyen	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Alisa Lee	Tracy Xian	Columbus
Kevin Xiang	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Sophie Fang	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
Will Yin	Nancy Riley	Athens

Award: Honorable Mention

Jennifer He	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
Nichols Parish	Clara Park	Augusta
Aaron Wang	Keli Xu	North Fulton
Hanny Wu	Miao-Fen Lin	North DeKalb
Gavin Lee	Junghee Lee	Gwinnett County
Aaron Yang	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens
Yuna Lim	Jee Eun Wada	North Fulton

Grade 7 | Robin Engleman, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Ethan Liu	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
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Award: 1st Alternate

Caroline Malcom	Anne Sun	Atlanta
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Award: 2nd Alternate

Joline Tran	Hwee Boon Ng	Atlanta
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Christie Peng	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Jonathan Xue	Robert Henry	Cobb County
Nico Brett	Joe Seidel	Cherokee

Award: Award of Excellence

Sampan Ray Bhattacharyya	Yien Wang	Columbus
Spencer McKee	Mary McKee	Savannah
Ilya Bryantsev	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Ananya Shetty	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Yangyang Shen	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Kelley Lu	Ping Xu	North DeKalb

Award: Honorable Mention

Claire Wu	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Joey Dagostino	Laura Lozier	Cherokee
Faith Huang	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
Selena Wang	Frances Yao	North DeKalb
Jane Lee	Gayle Vann	North DeKalb
Jeffery Li	Hiroko Hogarth	Augusta

Grade 8 | Anne Sun, 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

Leonora Parish	Clara Park	Augusta
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Daniel Pan	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Michelle Ho	Joanna Kim	Northeast Georgia
Ethan Bernhard	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
Daniel Kim	Joanna Kim	Northeast Georgia

Award: Award of Excellence

Daniel Noelle	Marcia Rygh	Gwinnett County
Margaret Wei	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Susanna Huang	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
Tara Kim	Min Kim	Decatur
Veronica Kogan	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Amy Huang	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Anna Kim	Anne Sun	Atlanta

Award: Honorable Mention

James DeOcampo	Hwa Pyeong Kim	Coweta Fayette
Gavin Carr	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb
Susan Jiang	Yien Wang	Columbus
Ava Springer	F. Joseph Lozier	Cherokee
Paul Yi	Hwa Pyeong Kim	Coweta Fayette
Fiona Guo	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Jayden Chong	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb

Grade 9 | Anne Sun, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Charlie Li	Elena Cholakova	Augusta
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Award: Master Class #1

Robert Jeon	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
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Award: Master Class #2

Ayano Tsunoda	Keiko Ransom	Decatur
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Nicholas Ge	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Rajath Prabhakar	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
Anna Hu	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb
Sarah Lao	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Skyler Feng	Ping Xu	Atlanta

Award: Award of Excellence

Jessie Zhu	Huu Mai, NCTM	Cobb County
Eric Wang	Huu Mai, NCTM	Cobb County
Aaron Wei	Miao-Fen Lin	North DeKalb
Jessica Tang	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Daniel Shen	Keli Xu	North Fulton
Ellen Daugherty	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
Michelle Pi	Clara Park	Augusta

Award: Honorable Mention

Kevin Zhang	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens
Marisa Woo	You Ju Lee, NCTM	Northeast Georgia
Christine Lee	Song Ha	Augusta
Michelle Wu	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Aidan Dealy	Gayle Vann	North DeKalb
Michelle Heo	Jee Eun Wada	North Fulton
Christian Lee	Ian Altman	Macon
Tina Le	Cathy Thacker, NCTM	Gwinnett County
Madison Park	Andrew Harry	Columbus

Grade 10 | Diane Boyd, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

Jason Guo	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
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Award: Master Class #1

Annabel Shue	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb
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Award: Master Class #2

Julia Li	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Gabriella Kogan	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Charlie Liu	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Celina Zhao	Jonathan Klein	Athens

Award: Award of Excellence

Amy Xu	Keiko Ransom	Decatur
Eric Yao	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
Grace Pan	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens
Andrew Lin	Mary McKee	Savannah
Catherine Shih	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Vicky Yu	Gloria Park	Gwinnett County

Award: Honorable Mention

David Han	Nancy Riley	Athens
Vivia Lung	Anne Sun	Atlanta
Caroline Zhang	Inna Satunovsky, NCTM	Coweta Fayette
Austin Nguyen	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
Camille Jennings	Jan Adams, NCTM	Western Georgia
Elle Guse	Davide Palmer	Cherokee

Grade 11 | Diane Boyd, NCTM, Chair

Award: Conference Recitalist

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

Nicholas Hong	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
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Award: Master Class #2

Sylvia Tang	Shirley Irek	Atlanta
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Grace Xu	Ping Xu	North DeKalb
Ethan Tang	Jody Parrish, NCTM	Decatur
Lillian Glushka	Jonathan Klein	Athens
Anna Mbiad	Robert Henry	Cobb County

Award: Award of Excellence

Grace Yu	Ping Xu	Atlanta
Grace Li	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
Luke Bell	Grace Huang	Athens
Lennox Xu	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Matthew Tzou	Kathryn Dawal	Gwinnett County
Tessa Paul	Renee Holliman, NCTM	North Fulton
William Smith	Clara Park	Augusta

Award: Honorable Mention

Moses Wang	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens
Kevin Park	David Watkins, NCTM	Cobb County
Victoria Lin	Jody Parrish, NCTM	Decatur
Ricky Yoo	Mijung Jin	Gwinnett County
Marie Blackmar	Lily Bowman	Cherokee
Edward Hayashi	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
Isaiah McCrina	Judy Hayes	Western Georgia

Grade 12 | Joseph Hokayem, NCTM, Chair

Award: Senior Cash Award

Benjamin Chin	Alexander Wasserman	Cobb County
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Award: 1st Alternate

Sarah Jin	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
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Award: 2nd Alternate

Joshua Li	Ping Xu	Atlanta
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Award: Outstanding Performer

Lauren Claerbout	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb
Sophia Han	You Ju Lee	Northeast Georgia

Award: Award of Excellence

Meekah Howell	Joseph Hokayem, NCTM	Athens
Hsin Ling Chen	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Cobb County
James Kim	Jonathan Klein	Athens
Kelsey Yao	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
Jenny Kang	Joanna Kim	Northeast Georgia

Award: Honorable Mention

Emily Mitchell	Ipek Brooks, NCTM	North Fulton
Riley Hinson	Debra Hughes, NCTM	Gwinnett County
Alyssa Cagle	Marissa Woodall, NCTM	Cherokee
Patrick Li	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb
Daisy Zhou	Ping Xu	Atlanta



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Piano Concerto | Joseph Hokayem, NCTM, Chair

Award: Concerto Winner

Jason Guo	Elena Cholakova	Atlanta
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Award: 1st Alternate

Annabel Shue	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb
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Award: 2nd Alternate

William Smith	Clara Park	Augusta
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Award: Award of Excellence

Max Khanmamedov	Lois Finlay, NCTM	North DeKalb
Grace Lee	Gayle Vann	North DeKalb

Award: Honorable Mention

Nimita Deshpande	Meg Delucia	Atlanta
Kaitlyn Kotake	Gayle Vann	North DeKalb

College Piano - Cathy Thacker, NCTM, Chair

LOWER COLLEGE PIANO

Naomi Meadows	Dr. You Ju Lee, NCTM	OP – Conference Recitalist
Christian Poppell	Dr. Liza Stepanova	OP – 1st Alternate
Vivian Huang	Kristi Helfen	Award of Excellence
Sydney Chung	Kristi Helfen	Award of Excellence
Campbell Cona	Dr. Martha Thomas, NCTM	Honorable Mention
Jefferson Tsai	Kristi Helfen	Honorable Mention

MIDDLE COLLEGE PIANO

Alexandre Tchaykov	Dr. Liza Stepanova	OP – Conference Recitalist
Valentina Qishan Huang	Dr. Chenny Gan	OP – 1st Alternate
Aaron Olinger	Dr. Carol Gingerich	Honorable Mention
Christina Pham	Dr. Carol Gingerich	Honorable Mention

UPPER COLLEGE PIANO

Nikita Krylov	Tatiana Muzanova	OP – Conference Recitalist
Weilu Liu	Tatiana Muzanova	OP – 1st Alternate
Juan Collazos	Tatiana Muzanova	OP – 2nd Alternate
Caroline Owen	Dr. Liza Stepanova	Award of Excellence
Justin Han	Dr. Raffi Besalyan	Award of Excellence
Minsil Choo	Dr. Evgeny Rivkin	Honorable Mention
Qin Ling	Dr. Martha Thomas, NCTM	Honorable Mention

COLLEGE PIANO CONCERTO

Dajung Lee	Dr. Evgeny Rivkin	OP – Cash Prize
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VOICE - Dr. Pat Callaway, NCTM, Chair

VOICE – 10th GRADE

Gilliane Conklin	Leigh Anne Bleichner	OP – Conference Recitalist
Vivian Hilyard	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – 1st Alternate

VOICE – 11th GRADE

Kristen Johansen	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – Conference Recitalist
Madison Ricci	Leigh Anne Bleichner	Award of Excellence

VOICE – 12th GRADE

Jessica Jacobs	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – Cash Prize
Chloe Cantrell	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	Outstanding Performer
Maggie Finkel	Leigh Anne Bleichner	Award of Excellence

VOICE – LOWER COLLEGE

Emma O’Neal	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – Conference Recitalist
Alissa Benkoski	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – 1 st Alternate
Faith Powell	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	Award of Excellence

VOICE - MIDDLE COLLEGE

Eric Dowler	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – Conference Recitalist
Tarryn Ballard	Dr. Stephanie Tingler	OP – 1 st Alternate

INSTRUMENTAL CONCERTO Cathy Thacker, NCTM, Chair

Jennifer Deng	Sonja Foster	OP – Conference Recitalist
Kirsten Jiwon Lee	William Pu	OP – 1 st Alternate
Sunglin Hsieh	Sonja Foster	OP – 2 nd Alternate
Evan Nicholson	Martin Gueorguiev	Outstanding Performer
Zhimei Xu	William Pu	Outstanding Performer
John Kang	Justin Dougherty	Award of Excellence
Zoe Lo	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Adam Wang	Martin Gueorguiev	Award of Excellence
Bradley Hu	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Serena Gao	William Pu	Honorable Mention
Danielle Najarian	Sonja Foster	Honorable Mention
Jason Zhuang	Sonja Foster	Honorable Mention
Claire Hong	Mirna Dinovic	Honorable Mention
Brandon Lee	Mirna Dinovic	Honorable Mention

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STRINGS/GUITAR

Cathy Thacker, NCTM, Chair

STRINGS/GUITAR: GRADES 2/3

Seunghoon (Ryan) Pi	Elaine Shin	OP – Conference Recitalist
Hajune Shin	Elaine Shin	Award of Excellence
Elizabeth Englhardt	Kathryn Dawal	Honorable Mention

STRINGS: GRADES 4/5

Hyunbin Moon	Mirna Dinovic	OP – Conference Recitalist
Ethan Lo	Hsin-Lan Chien, NCTM	Award of Excellence
Jayden Lee	Martin Gueorguiev	Award of Excellence
Mahalia Mason	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention

STRINGS: GRADES 6/7

Anna Willard	Martha Gerschefski	OP – Conference Recitalist
Brandon Lee	Mirna Dinovic	OP – 1 st Alternate
Kate “Sunny” Kim	William Pu	Award of Excellence
Kristen Song	Martin Gueorguiev	Award of Excellence
Alex Ko	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
Elly Kim	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention

STRINGS/GUITAR: GRADES 8/9

Raunak Kumar	Sonja Foster	OP – Conference Recitalist
Sunglin Hsieh	Sonja Foster	OP – 1 st Alternate
Pranav Aluru	Lyster Bass	OP – 2 nd Alternate
Evan Nicholson	Martin Gueorguiev	Outstanding Performer
Danielle Najarian	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Jason Zhuang	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Matthew Kim	Justin Dougherty	Award of Excellence
Dean Kim	Elaine Shin	Award of Excellence
Emma Surbrook	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
Alexander Lee	Justin Dougherty	Honorable Mention
Suraj Mysore	Justin Dougherty	Honorable Mention
Hilary Chen	Que Yang	Honorable Mention

STRINGS: GRADES 10/11

Kirsten Jiwon Lee	William Pu	OP – Conference Recitalist
Zoe Lo	Sonja Foster	OP – 1 st Alternate
Adam Wang	Martin Gueorguiev	Award of Excellence
Jennifer Deng	Sonja Foster	Award of Excellence
Zhimei Xu	William Pu	Honorable Mention
Bradley Hu	Sonja Foster	Honorable Mention

STRINGS: GRADE 12

Joe Billips	Martin Gueorguiev	Honorable Mention
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WOODWINDS/BRASS Cathy Thacker, NCTM, Chair

WOODWINDS/BRASS: GRADE 12

Mitchell Gacuzana	Robert Haley	OP – Cash Prize
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WOODWINDS/BRASS: LOWER COLLEGE

Adeline DeBella	Dr. Andree Martin	OP – Conference Recitalist
Rylee Carfer	Dr. Jean Martin-Williams	OP – 1 st Alternate
Jennifer Aplin	Dr. Jean Martin-Williams	Award of Excellence
Emma Dickinson	Dr. Jean Martin-Williams	Award of Excellence



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Athens MTA**Sharon Reid, president**

Athens Music Teachers Association began its year last August with a potluck dinner and business meeting and wrapped up its last activity in May, with an Adult Recital, our first in a number of years. In April we held our first Spring Luncheon. The Luncheon capped off our last business meeting of the year with an engaging talk interspersed by wonderful pieces presented by Portia Hawkins on African American Repertoire.

Programs in January and September were, respectively, by Pam Asberry on "Taking Care of the Teacher" and Priscilla and Keith Jefcoat performing a number of classical duets. In the fall we inaugurated a quarterly online newsletter. In it we become better acquainted with various members of our organization as well as the statistics of that quarter's events. Local Auditions saw 20 of our 22 participants advance to Regional Auditions. Master Class, adjudicated by Dr. Pete Jutras, was of great benefit to the nine middle and high school students who performed. Seventeen students performed at Fall Recital in November, and 86 participated in Festival in March. Sonatina/Sonata Festival in October continues to be one of our most popular events, this year with 19 teachers entering 118 students. Our Executive Board hopes to modify a number of areas in the coming year: upgrading our website, dividing Master Class into two events, and expanding Honors Recital to include Local Audition students as well as high scorers at Festival.

Atlanta MTA**Carol Payne, president**

The Atlanta MTA has had another eventful year including competitions, master classes, expert pedagogical presentations, and "yoga for musicians!" Looking ahead, we are excited that the wonderful pianist/teacher Ian Hobson will give a Masterclass for students and teachers on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at the Steinway Piano Galleries in Alpharetta, GA. We are inviting other chapters who would like to participate to donate toward sharing the cost of Mr. Hobson's fee (contact Shirley Irek, Program Chair, for details: sirek88@yahoo.com).

Cherokee MTA**Amy Quackenbush, president**

Cherokee Music Teachers Association had a great finish to the 2017-2018 year. Reinhardt University hosted our solo festival and local auditions in early February. In March, teachers benefited from a program led by Dr. Geoffrey Haydon of Georgia State University. He gave a presentation titled "Teaching Versatility at the Keyboard Using Music Theory." We wrapped up the year with our Awards Ceremony on May 6. At our awards ceremony, we recognized two music camp scholarship winners as well as 15, 30, and 45 point trophies for students who have participated in our local solo festival and auditions. Dr. Owen Lovell of Georgia College served as guest artist, playing a selection by Isaac Albeniz and also collaborated with one of our senior students on a piece for two pianos by Astor Piazzolla. We are looking forward to another wonderful year for 2018-2019.

Coweta-Fayette MTA**Eric Clay, president**

This has been a very strong year for CFMTA. Fall Festival, our annual CFMTA fundraiser, was a huge success with SEVENTY TWO students participating. Phyllis LaFon administered an absolutely beautiful Honors Recital on March 18, eighteen students (from eight participating teachers) performed at Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. Mary Jane Server facilitated and hosted a Masterclass taught by Dr. Sergio Gallo which was instrumental to our collective success at Local Auditions through to the State Auditions.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following CFMTA students who received ratings at GMTA State Auditions:

Zoe Liu, student of Eric Clay, received Honorable Mention for 4th grade.

Vedita Sawhney, student of Inna Satunovsky, received Outstanding Performer for 5th grade!

Paul Yi, student of Hannah Kim, received Honorable Mention for 8th grade.

Caroline Zhang, student of Inna Satunovsky, received Honorable Mention for 10th grade.

CONGRATULATIONS to CFMTA members who gave birth this year -

Beatrice Carlson gave birth to Maeve Carlson in January.

Hannah Kim gave birth to Joy Kim in February.

Lacy Yates gave birth to Maximus Griffin Yates in March.

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to our great success this year! Onward and upward!

Decatur MTA**Charles Hutton, president**

The Decatur Music Teachers Association held their final meeting of 2017-18 on May 7th at the home of member Pamela Martin. Several important changes were voted on and approved by members. First, our Fall Music Fest event will now allow students to play arrangements and sightreading was made optional. Second, DMTA's Jo Evans scholarship has been moved from every spring to every fall and prize money has been changed from several smaller prizes to a single grand prize for each age category. The next Jo Evans Scholarship auditions will take place in the fall of 2019.

DMTA is also considering program ideas for next year. We have presenters six times a year (October, November, and January through April).

Our business meeting was followed by a program including marvelous performances by two of our Jo Evans scholarship prize winners: 2nd place Ayano Tsunoda (student of Keiko Ransom) and 1st place Jason Guo (student of Elena Cholakova). Membership also enjoyed some Mozart-Busoni performed by Pam Asberry and Kristi Helfen.

Information about DMTA can be found at DecaturMusicTeachers.com

We hope that your local association has had a successful year and wish all GMTA members a good summer.

June 2018

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

August 2018

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

1 Officer reports due to Secretary for upcoming Board meeting

4 FAC Meeting

18 GMTA Council of Local Association Presidents Meeting and GMTA Executive Board Meeting; Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia

September 2018

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

12 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 2018

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

15 Pre-Registration Deadline for GMTA Conference

25 to 27 MTNA Competitions, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, GA

November 2018

1 to 3 GMTA State Conference, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

December 2018

1 Deadline for articles to be included in the GMTA Winter Newsletter.

February 2019

25 Registration Deadline for GMTA Regional Auditions

25 Deadline for Regional Coordinators to submit Judge information to VP of Auditions

March 2019

15 Deadline for completed GMTA Theory Tests to be mailed to Diane Boyd

- 16 GMTA Regional Auditions
- 16 to 20 MTNA Conference, Spokane, Washington
- 18 Registration Deadline for GMTA State Auditions

April 2019

- 6 GMTA State Auditions for College Piano, Instrumental, Voice and Instrumental Concerto, College Piano Concerto, Location TBA (tentative)
- 6 GMTA Council of Local Association Presidents Meeting and GMTA Executive Board Meeting; Location TBD
- 20 GMTA State Auditions for Pre-College Piano and Piano Concerto, Location TBA (tentative)

May 2019

- 1 Deadline for articles to be included in the GMTA Summer Newsletter.
- 1 Graded GMTA Theory Achievement Tests (not GATE) & certificates mailed to participating teachers

June 2019

- 30 Membership Renewal Deadline: Membership year runs July 1-June 30

August 2019

- 1 Officer reports due to Secretary for upcoming Board meeting
- 1 Deadline for articles to be included in the GMTA Fall Newsletter.
- 17 GMTA Council of Local Association Presidents Meeting and GMTA Executive Board Meeting; Location TBD

September 2019

- 9 Application deadline for GMTA Teacher of the Year, Steinway Teacher Awards, GMTA Teacher Grants (Deadline is always on the second Monday of September)
- 30 Student Membership Renewal Deadline. Student membership year runs from October 1 thru September 30

November 2019

- 7 to 9 GMTA State Conference, location TBD

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